



Kirwan State High School Newsletter

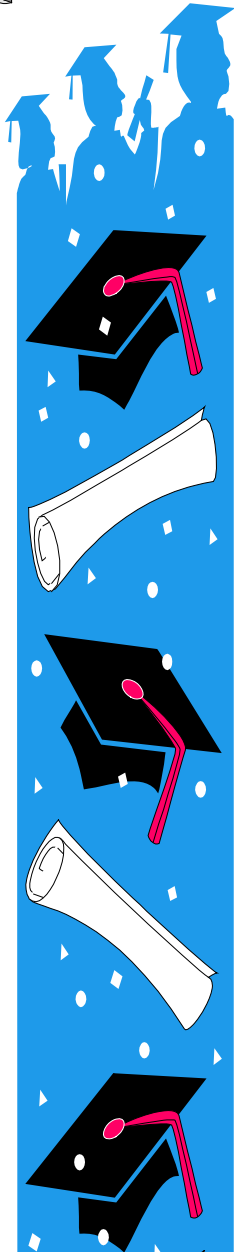


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Invitation

GRADUATION AND AWARDS NIGHT 2012

Our twenty-fifth annual Graduation and Awards Night will be held on Wednesday 31st October commencing at 7.30pm at Ignatius Park Hall.

It will be a great night where we honour prize winners and graduating Seniors. As well, we will announce and welcome our leaders for 2013. Guest performer this year will be past student Simon Self.

We have had a long, terrific association with Ignatius Park who make their hall available to us. This will continue. However, due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations we are limited to 1300 seats. Other venues have been investigated but are not feasible.

The Parents and Citizens' Association and the school Administration have introduced a ticketing process which involves a small administration fee.

The cost will be \$2.00 per student or \$5.00 per family i.e. mum, dad and school age or younger siblings. Older brothers and sisters, other relations or friends will be charged \$5.00 per person.

There will be 1300 tickets available on a first in first served basis.

They are now available from the school cashier in the Administration Block.

John Livingston
Executive Principal

Date Claimers:

Pupil Free Day: Monday 22nd October
Sports Awards Night: Monday 22nd October
VET Awards Night: Wednesday 24th October

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KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL
invites you to the
2012 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS
to be held at the
KIRWAN HIGH PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
on
Wednesday 24th October from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m.
where we will

- ⇒ Celebrate our graduating Year 12 VET students.
- ⇒ Celebrate our School Based Apprentices and Trainees.
- ⇒ Celebrate our Excellence and Industry students in each vocational area.
- ⇒ Celebrate our VET staff.



NAPLAN

In May this year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all state and non-state schools across Australia took part in the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. The tests assessed students' abilities in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy.

In September, ACARA released the 2012 NAPLAN Summary Report, which provides an overview of the nation's literacy and numeracy results for these tests.



Queensland's performance trend remains positive, with 9 out of 10 students on average achieving the national standards across all NAPLAN domains and year levels.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN results represent achievements in tests conducted in May and should be considered along with performance in other school-based assessments. There are some useful resources on the national website at www.naplan.edu.au to help you understand your child's NAPLAN report.

The Queensland Studies Authority makes a summary of the results for every school in Queensland available on its website— www.qsa.qld.edu.au. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

TERM 4 STUDENT FREE DAY—MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2012

THANKS TO KIRWAN HIGH LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Kirwan High has four wonderful volunteers in the School Library. They have made a significant difference to the smooth running of our Library, and their support and commitment over the years have made a real impact on the services we provide.

Di Watkinson has been volunteering for twenty-one years in the Library, ever since Nancy her daughter was here at Kirwan;

Marci Leite is the mum of one of our past Science teachers;

Jacqui Armstrong is the mum of one of our students, Chelsea Armstrong; and

Sue Griffiths, who has a huge talent and ability in creating awesome displays. Her son, Stuart Griffiths, finished Year 12 last year.



The Kirwan High community would like to express their sincere thanks to these ladies for all they have done for the school.



Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
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Mr John Livingston
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Dear Mr Livingston

I am pleased to inform you that your application to become an Independent Public School in 2013 has been successful.

The Independent Public Schools initiative is part of the Government's commitment to improving outcomes for all Queensland state school students.

The initiative recognises that the best decision-making often happens at the local level.

By taking this step, we will strengthen autonomy in decision-making, cut red tape and remove unnecessary layers of management in our schools to improve outcomes for students.

As one of 26 Independent Public Schools, your school will be among the first Queensland state schools to benefit from:

- enhanced local governance;
- opportunities for innovation;
- locally tailored workforce; and
- increased financial flexibility.

It is a condition of the program that each Independent Public School has an established school council comprising staff, parents and representatives of the wider community.

To ensure your school has the best chance of success, you will receive a one-off \$50,000 grant to assist with your transition and the establishment of your school council.

You will also be eligible to receive a further \$50,000 in funding each year to cover administration costs.

Further information about the initiative, including material to help you communicate the changes to your school community, will be provided to you shortly.

Please convey my congratulations and best wishes to your school community. I look forward to working with you, your teachers, parents and wider school community to deliver the very best education for your students.

Yours sincerely

JOHN-PAUL LANGBROEK MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment



2012 SPORTS AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENING

Parents, students and friends are invited to Kirwan High's Annual Sports Awards and Presentation Evening which celebrates the many achievements of individual students and sporting teams throughout the year.

This gala event will be held on Monday 22nd October at the Kirwan High Performing Arts Centre.

Entertainment will be available from 6.30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now from the School Cashier (47738104, 47738107) \$10 adults and \$5 students. Refreshments will be available after the formal program is concluded.

The guest speaker this year will be Andrew Meads, past student and Australian Schoolboys Rugby League player who had a successful career at NRL level and currently works in business at Dalle Cort. Andrew also continues his interest in Rugby League through his association with the North Queensland Cowboys as wrestling coach.



KIRWAN HIGH DOMINATE NORTH QUEENSLAND ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH CARNIVAL

Teams from Cairns, Mackay, Charters Towers and Ingham travelled to Townsville to compete against local teams as part of the North Queensland All Schools Touch Football Carnival. Kirwan High dominated the carnival winning four of the five divisions. We won the Year 8 Mixed, 15 Years Girls, 15 Years Boys and the Open Boys divisions but were knocked out of the semi-finals of the Open Girls division by eventual winners, St Margaret Mary's.

Results from the Carnival were:-

Year 8 Mixed	-	Kirwan 3 defeated Ignatius Park/St Margaret Mary's 0
15 Years Girls	-	Kirwan 4 defeated St Margaret Mary's 3
15 Years Boys	-	Kirwan 4 defeated Ignatius Park 3 (drop-off)
Open Girls	-	St Margaret Mary's 4 defeated Tully 2
Open Boys	-	Kirwan 7 defeated Ignatius Park 4



Player of the finals were:-

Year 8 Mixed	-	Emmanuel Baru (Kirwan)
15 Years Girls	-	Julie Douglas (St Margaret Mary's)
15 Years Boys	-	Marshall Hudson (Kirwan)
Open Girls	-	Jodi Spicer (Tully)
Open Boys	-	Luke Howell (Kirwan)

We will now send our 5 teams to Brisbane next month to compete in the Queensland All Schools Touch Football Carnival. Good luck to all of our teams!

QUEENSLAND SELECTION FOR KIRWAN HIGH TOUCH STUDENTS

Over the weekend of 8th and 9th September, we had seventeen Kirwan State High School students represent North Queensland Cyclones Touch at the Junior State Championships in Brisbane. The following students have been selected in Queensland Representative teams to travel to Canberra in December to compete.

Jamie Savage (Under 14 Boys)
 Cyra Burns (Under 16 Girls)
 Tiffany Woodall (Under 16 Girls)
 Nathan Soong (Under 16 Boys)
 Andrew Searle (Under 16 Boys)
 Joshua Hogan (Under 16 Boys)



Ivan Lynch was selected as a Shadow Player.

Congratulations to all of these students on their selection and good luck in Canberra.

TRACK AND FIELD SUCCESS AT THE NORTH QUEENSLAND TRIALS

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent North Queensland at the State Athletics Championships to be held in Brisbane from the 25th – 28th October.

13 YEARS

- Raymark ARCEBUCHE - 100m, 100m Relay, 200m, High Jump
- Jaiden HARVEY - 400m, 800m

14 YEARS

- Frankie DAISY - 100m, 100m Relay, 200m, Triple Jump
- Marshall HUDSON - 100m, 100m Relay, 200m
- Joseph NEWSHAM - 800m
- Nicholea PRICE - 1500m

15 YEARS

- Madison BENNETT - Discus
- Jermaine CHONG - 200m
- Hayden DIXON - 100m, 100m Relay, 200m
- Tiffany WOODALL - High Jump

16 YEARS

- Liam BLYTH - Discus, Shot Put
- Cyra BURNS - 100m, 100m Relay, 200m, Triple Jump
- Dorothy HENDERSON - Discus

17 YEARS / OPEN

- Jonathan BAN - 100m, 100m Relay, 200m, Long Jump
- Tyler HELM - 100m, 100m Relay, 200m, Shot Put
- Michael HENDERSON - Discus, AWD Discus

Good luck to all of these students at state championships.



NORTH QUEENSLAND INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

On Friday 7th September, Year 10 Kirwan High student Olivia Kendal competed in the North Queensland Interschool Equestrian competition. On her horse Nutmeg, Olivia competed in three events, placing 2nd in the Bend Bar Arft and 4th in the Cowboy Classic. Olivia also competed on her horse Yankee in the Show Jumping event but finished outside the ribbons. Congratulations to Olivia on her success. She was the only student to compete from Kirwan High.



INLINE HOCKEY QUEENSLAND SELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following Kirwan High students who were selected for Queensland and who travelled to Adelaide to compete in the National Inline Hockey competition last month.

- Jon Simeon
- Stephanie Wooster
- Ashley Izod
- Emily Simeon



SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4

22/10/12	Ministerial Pupil Free Day
22/10/12	Sports Awards Night
24/10/12	Vocational Education Awards Night
31/10/12	Graduation and Awards Night
02/11/12	Rugby League Awards and Reunion
13/11/12	Parents and Citizens' Association meeting
15-16/11/12	Immunisations—Year 8 (HPV & HEP B)
17/11/12	Year 12 Formal
26-29/11/12	QCS workshops and practice for Year 11
13/12/12	Year 8 and 9 Awards morning

YEAR 12 COMPLETION DATE

For 2012 - 16 November

YEARS 10/11 COMPLETION DATE

For 2012 - 30 November

YEARS 8 and 9 COMPLETION DATE

For 2012 - 14 December

KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL TO BENEFIT FROM MAINTENANCE BOOST

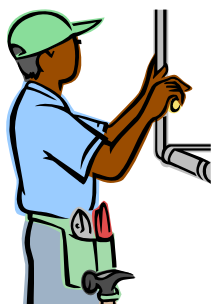
Kirwan State High School will get more power to decide how to fix urgent maintenance issues through a new multi-million dollar State Government initiative.

The \$200 million Advancing Our Schools Maintenance Fund was unveiled in the State Government's Budget.

Member for Thuringowa, Sam Cox, said state school Parents and Citizens organisations will be able to apply for up to \$160,000 per school to fix existing priority maintenance issues under the two-year program.

"This will allow school communities to attend to priority maintenance, from peeling paint, broken glass to guttering that is falling down."

"The Government's new fund is about making our schools safer and ensuring our children have access to the best school facilities."



To qualify for the funding Parents and Citizens organisations will be asked to obtain three quotes from professionals to submit with their application.

Parents and Citizens organisations and schools will also be asked to contribute to the maintenance task if they have funds to do so.

\$100 million would be made available in 2012-13 and a further \$100 million would be made available in 2013-14.

EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

Wednesday 12th September

Instrumental Trio Section: Brass Trio – Brandon Arthur, Jordan Lomman, Melanie Kaliyev – Highly Commended

Small Ensemble Section: Senior Clarinet Ensemble – 3rd Place, Senior Strings—Highly Commended

Thursday 13th September

Stage Band Section: Big Band – 1st Place



Instrumental Duet Section: Melissa Fazel and Aydin Hammond (Trumpets) – Highly Commended

Friday 14th September

Band/Orchestra Section: Wind Symphony – 1st Place

Instrumental Quartet Section: Senior Saxophone Quartet – 1st Place – Flute Quartet – 3rd Place

Saturday 15th September

Modern Pop Vocal Section: Bonnie Zaghini – Highly Commended

Sacred Brass Solo – Jordyn Zahner – 2nd Place

Brass Solo Section – Aiden Barker – 1st Place, Jordyn Zahner – Highly Commended

Sunday 16th September

Novelty Chorus Section – Boys Choir 1st Place with 95 Points

Modern Chorus Section – Kirwan High Choir – 1st Place

Folk Chorus Section – Kirwan High Choir – 2nd Place

16-18 Years Woodwind Solo – Scott Simmons – 2nd Place

16 Years Classical Piano Solo – Michelle Liu – 2nd Place

Monday 17th September

Instrumental Championship Night

Wind Symphony was again awarded the Sister Valerie Huston Prize for Most Outstanding Instrumental Item of the Eisteddfod.



Also, this year, the Adjudicator being a former Townsville musician, has started a bursary for the most promising Brass Student of the Eisteddfod. It was awarded to Aiden Barker this year.

The Kirwan High Choir was awarded the Bishop Benjamin Award for Most Outstanding Vocal Performance and the Boys Choir was awarded the Catholic Education Award for Highest Points Awarded at the Eisteddfod.