Principal’s comments…

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Tuesday, our school underwent a Teaching, Learning and Discipline Audit. The audits are usually carried out every four years or following the appointment of a new school principal. During the routine audit, an independent, experienced school principal visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school practices, programs and procedures in the area of teaching, learning and discipline. Interviews were conducted with staff, students, parents and the P&C President to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices.

This was an extremely positive experience for all of our staff, largely due to the outstanding progress our school has made. We have improved in 7 out of the 8 domains (the eighth domain was already ‘high’). All domains were in the ‘high’ to ‘outstanding’ levels. There has been significant improvement since our last audit. The ‘executive summary’ and eight-page profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site once it has been provided to the school. We will then work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning.

We are all very proud of our school and it is fantastic to officially get such great feedback on our progress.

D. Broadfoot
12th June 2014

SMOKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

We are requesting all parents and caregivers to please refrain from smoking outside the school, including along the fence line. Queensland law states that there must be no smoking within 4 metres of a school entrance and 10 metres from play equipment (i.e. our prep play area and our junior playground). Whilst some people may be smoking outside this zone, there is still unwanted smoke around our students. Furthermore, students are taught of the risks of smoking through the school curriculum and we would appreciate it if our school community would help us to reinforce these messages by refraining from smoking along our fence line.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

We are continuing to be made aware of issues with parents and caregivers illegally parking around the school during drop off and pick up times. Parking around crossing areas and bus stops is particularly endangering the lives of our children. The last thing we want is for an accident to occur, so please refrain from parking illegally.

Athletics

Our Inter-house Athletics Carnival will run over the last two Thursdays of the term. The field events will be held on Thursday 19th June for 10 to 13 year olds. The track events for all students will be held on Thursday 26th June. This is usually the day that we get many families attending. As always, we welcome all families and friends to attend this event.

Railway Rewards Day

Railway Rewards Day will be held on Tuesday 24th June. This is a time when we recognise and celebrate the great effort and behaviour of students in our school. However, students that have had three ‘time-outs’ will not participate in this session and will have work provided for them to complete with another class/teacher. This day is organised by the Student Council and the theme for this day is ‘Movie Madness’. More details will be sent home early next week.

Free Dress Day

Next week on Wednesday we will be having a Free Dress Day to raise money for mirrors in the girls and boys toilets. The optional theme is ‘Twin Day’, like a reflection of a mirror. Dress up as one of your friends and they dress up as you. To participate in Twin Day bring along a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards the $484 cost of the mirrors. The mirrors will be installed on Tuesday morning, so we can all admire our twin selves on Wednesday!

Written by Lelu,
Journalist Shadow
Student Council

RESS Student Council & P&C Present:
Beauty and the Geek Glow disco
Friday 13th June
Prep to year 2 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm
All students – 6.00pm to 9.00pm
Prizes for ‘best beauty’ and ‘best geek’
Glow in the dark tunnel and face painting
The Railway Café will be open for dinner
Entry by gold coin donation

SCHOOL RESOURCE CONTRIBUTION

Please note that the school resource contribution can be paid at the school office. We strongly encourage your commitment to this important scheme. This contribution helps to provide important resources for the students’ curriculum needs, particularly as we do not use textbooks. The contribution is $70 for all year levels. Thank you to those that have paid this already. Please note that the office does not have EFTPOS facilities.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Strict new procedures have been developed by the Queensland Government regarding prescription and over-the-counter medications in schools. If your child requires medication at school you are required to:
- complete a ‘Request to Administer Medication at School’ form which is held at the school office
- ensure the medication has an original pharmacy label with the student’s name, dosage and time to be taken
- collect the medication when it is no longer required.

Under no circumstances are office staff allowed to administer medications to students unless the correct procedure is followed.
**Citizen of the Week**

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**THINK GREEN ACT PURPLE**
A reminder about our School Battery Recycling Program. Place all your dead batteries in our purple recycling bin to help us win the "Battery Weigh In". It's part of our program to help educate Australia about proper and responsible battery recycling.

**BATTERY WORLD**
245 Ingham Rd, Garbutt TOWNSVILLE PH: 13 17 60

**RESS ON FACEBOOK**
Have you ‘Liked’ our new Facebook page? [https://www.facebook.com/RailwayEstate](https://www.facebook.com/RailwayEstate) This page will be updated with school events and information throughout the year.

**KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL**
**YEAR 7 AND 8 INFORMATION NIGHTS 2015**
Year 7 into 8 Monday 21st July 2014
Year 6 into 7 Tuesday 22nd July 2014
Performing Arts Block
Commencing at 7.00pm

**School Holiday Program**
Dates: 30th June to 3rd July ages 8-11 years.
7th July to 10th July ages 12-16 years.
Cost: $75 per day
Fully supervised 9am-4pm care in an active learning environment Participation in 4 days completes Discover Sailings “Better Sailing” accreditation.
What to bring: hat, sunscreen, lunch., stinger suit.

**Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?**
Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and textbooks
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Nikki Storey, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 4728 6786 / 0418 201 533
or nikki.storey@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Lawrence and is delivered in Townsville by the Smith Family.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

**LOSS PROPERTY:** There is currently a large amount of items in lost property. Please check with office staff if your child has lost something at school. All items not collected by the end of term 2 will be donated to charity.

**Milk Donations**
The Breakfast Program is asking for donations of milk. If you are able to donate please drop it off at the tuckshop any weekday.