Welcome back to Term 2. It’s great to see students, parents and staff refreshed and ready to tackle the next 10 weeks. For information on what’s coming up this term please read our newsletter, check our calendar and like our facebook page.

Over this term, we continue our focus on the big 3:

1. **Attendance- 95%**
   
   Over the first part of the term, we will be reviewing the attendance rates of all students, and contacting families who may need some assistance in getting students to school every day. Working together, if we can help to get these students attending regularly, they will produce better outcomes. Remember- “empty chairs don’t learn”. If you think your child needs assistance in this area- please contact your sector Deputy Principal.

2. **Attitude- Positive Behaviour enhancing learning**
   
   Our You Can Do It! Program is progressing well. The students are directly taught a positive learning or working skill each week, and teachers reward these behaviours as they observe them. Our newsletter is a great way parents can reinforce the focus behaviour, helping our students to succeed more often. Check out our Bazza Rules! Section below.

3. **Achievement- Numeracy, Reading, Writing**

   Your child’s attention to learning here is of paramount importance. Support them to complete homework, to get help if it is needed, and to ensure that they meet their learning goals in this area. As always, class teachers are ready to help. Together we will get the job done!

Last term, Year 2 students were asked to design a lunchbox for Mr Neilson to put his orange and stinky cheese sandwich in. They came up with some fantastic ideas. Below is some examples of what they came up with.

**Skateboard and scooter safety**

It’s wonderful to see many Kin Kora students being active riding skateboards and scooters to school although students need to remember our Bazza Be Safe rule and walk with this equipment when inside the school grounds. Skateboards and scooters that are ridden inside the school grounds will be confiscated and returned to the student at 3pm.

**Year 6 Shirts**

The Year 6’s received their Senior shirts yesterday and they look fantastic!
Whole School Attendance
Semester 1 to date: 94.3%

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Kin Kora’s attendance goal is 95% for every year level. Congratulations to 6B for achieving 94.7% in Week 9 of last term and 3C for achieving 98.7% in Week 1 of this term.

NAPLAN
A message from Cathy Mennie.
This term year 3 & 5 students will sit the Naplan tests. The tests will occur on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12 May.

If you feel your child will have difficulties in being able to sit the test with their class could you please make an appointment to see Cathy Mennie (HOSES) by Friday the 22/4/16 to discuss your child’s support needs. Here at Kin Kora we have a variety of support provisions which we can make use of to ensure your child is fully supported and able to complete the testing cycle comfortably and to the best of their ability.

Obviously our priority is to have maximum student participation as the data we collect helps to inform our practice and assist teaches to target specifically to student needs. Ensuring all students have access to participate fully and to the best of their ability is why we put additional support measure in place for our students with additional needs. For more information, please see attached fact sheet.


Anzac Day
The KKSS School Captains and Vice Captains will be placing wreaths at the Dawn Service at 5.30am and again, at the 10.30am service on Anzac Day on Monday 25 April. Kin Kora State School students are also invited to march at the 10.30am service. Children who wish to march need to:

- Go to the starting point outside the council chambers with their parents by 10.15am
- Line up behind the Kin Kora banner with their parents by 10.30am
- March WITH their parents
- Wear their Kin Kora uniforms and hats

*Parents will be responsible for their own children at all times during and after the march.

Please see the following attachment for more information.

Bazza Rules
The key to successful School Wide Positive Behaviour is not to assume that children already know how to behave appropriately, but to TEACH children how to behave appropriately.

Encouraging the use of similar language at home, when teaching your own children appropriate behaviour, helps to reinforce the meaning of our school rules – Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be A Learner.

In each newsletter, we will provide a focus note, identifying the rule that is being taught for that particular week.
Cybersafety Tips

Cyberbullying
Advise your child not to reply to any messages from a bully. Often if bullies don’t receive a response they will give up.

Social Networking
Advise children to set their accounts to private so that only people they want to see it can view their information.

The PEACH Program

Get your whole family active and eating well

The PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program is NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS for groups running in school term 2.

Enrolments closing soon - Groups commencing the week of 18 April.

The program is FREE for families with a primary-school aged child and is run in the local community within a school term and after school hours.

The program covers:

- **Nutrition** – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters, making healthier takeaway choices, making healthy eating affordable and tips on planning ahead.

- **Physical activity** – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children, how to reduce screen time and help with setting goals.

- **Parenting** – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.

- **Family focus** – the program recognises that each family is different and so our facilitators work with individuals to come up with a plan that suits them.

Kids love the PEACH™ program as it helps build their confidence and make new friends. It is run by trained PEACH™ facilitators and aims to help the whole family lead healthier lives.

The PEACH™ program is run by the Queensland University of Technology and funded by the Queensland Government.

The program will only be available in term 2, 2016 so register now.

**LAST OPPORTUNITY to access the FREE program - don’t delay! Ask us about PEACH™ Online.**

Free call 1800 263 519 or view the website below

Maths Extended Learning Program Year 6

On Monday 14th March, four year 6 students represented Kin Kora at the Gladstone area Mathematics Extended Learning Program at Calliope SS. The day was a competition between 8 schools. The students spent the day doing 6 different challenging activities. Our Kin Kora team was awarded 3rd for one of the activities. The Kin Kora team consisted of Peyton Craig, Jaden Chetty, Jacelyn Davidson and Abby Noy.

Mathletics

Mathletics is continuing again this year at Kin Kora. Students' logins and passwords are the same as last year. If a student has forgotten theirs or is new to the school, they are to see their teacher for these details. Congratulations to Year 3A, 6A & 6B and 5D for achieving the highest points last week.

Students earn a Bronze Certificate when they complete 1 000 points in a week. The bronze certificates can be viewed in the student’s ‘My Awards’ section on their Mathletics account and can be printed at home. A Silver Certificate is presented to the student on parade after they have achieved 5 Bronze Certificates. A Gold Certificate is awarded to students once they have achieved 4 Silver Certificates.

Well done to the following students who have achieved a Silver Certificate: Max Charalambous, Cohen Beach, Ayden Bye, Samuel Brady, Ava Hovey, Sarah Smith, Mackenzie McCann, Kody Kent-Ford, Alexandra Watt, Lilee Jetson, Alexander Davis, Luca Taylor, Archer Ord, Reef Large, Aishwarya Gupta, Jarred Enciso, Allyra Peters, Oliver Ord, Ethan Brady, Blake Whalan, Jinrex Enciso, Tori Beutel, Jordan Phillips-Powell, Sherwin Charles, Susan Bloomfield, Tyler Dobson, Ryan Neville, Shriyanshi Sharma, Sahara Arroyo Serrano, Haylee Causton, Caitlin Motenava, Micah Saumalu-Johnson, Annie Thorogood.

A big congratulations to Aidyin Cannon, Harry Allen, Dylan Rogers and Riley Thomas for achieving a Gold Certificate.

Date Claimer: Mothers’ Day Stall

On Friday 6th May our Kin Kora Mother’s Day Stall will be open to purchase gifts for Mum or Grandma. Gifts range in price from $1 to $15. Now is the time to encourage your child to do those extra little jobs around home to buy a special gift. Donations of ‘ready to sell’ items and craft items are appreciated and
can be dropped off to the blue P&C bin located at the office. Donations of wrapped chocolates, lollies or home baking (with a list of ingredients) are also most welcome. Please drop these donations the morning of the stall. A note asking for helpers on the day will be coming home soon. Please contact the office with any further enquiries.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Kin Kora State School's Monster Book Fair - Tuesday May 24 until Thursday June 2.

More information to come.

**Classroom Gossip**

**Prep**

The preppies have come back from a well deserved rest after holidays ready to learn! We had a fantastic time at the fun run and dressing up like superheros, thanks to all the parents for fundraising. In literacy, we are continuing with our phonemic awareness and sounds and this term we’re also learning letter names. We’ll be making sentences and building CVC words.

In maths we’re focusing on counting to 20 and identifying number words to 10. We’re investigating 2D and 3D shapes and measurement through lots of hands on lessons.

**Year 1**

Welcome back! Term 2 is off to a great start! Thank you to all the parents who attended interviews. It was wonderful being able to speak about your child’s progress and goals.

As the weather starts to cool down and students begin to bring jumpers, please ensure your child’s clothing and property are properly labelled. As a reminder, lost property is found at the end of B Block next to the senior toilets.

Homework has been sent home. Please ensure your child is reading and practising sight words every day. Sentences are to be written using the sight words and spelling words requiring extra practise. Math this term will continue to focus on counting forwards and backwards from 100 along with beginning counting patterns (2s, 5s, and 10s). Students are to work on their doubles facts helping them to become automatic. If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework, please speak with your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

In week 2, students will begin their English assessment. Students will be writing a character description describing Rainbow Fish. Students will write about his appearance, actions and feelings. We have been focusing on extending their sentences to include more descriptive vocabulary.

**Year 2**

Hi all and welcome back to term 2. We hope that you all had a relaxing break and are ready to for a wonderful term 2. Over the last few weeks of term 1 2C had been very busy in preparation for holidays, finishing off various tasks including making bonnets for the Easter Parade! The children had lots of fun decorating their Easter bunny and parading in front of their peers at assembly. In Maths we had been exploring the use of picture graphs, collecting data and thinking of questions to collect data. During Maths rotations, we were all very excited to have Elizabeth’s Mum, Miss Carla come in to help with an m&m’s graphing activity. We are very grateful for Miss Carla’s help in term 1, especially in helping us make our Bonnets for the Easter Parade. In Science last term we were looking at materials and their properties. For our final experiment we designed lunchboxes for Mr Neilson and made them from recyclable Materials. We had to ensure they were water proof and strong enough to carry an orange and a sandwich. Below are some pictures of 2C testing out their lunchboxes! In term 2 we are continuing our work on narrative writing and can’t wait for you to come in and read our work! Have a great week!

**Year 3**

**What’s on in the next 2 weeks?**

Class Captains will be presented with their badges during our Whole School Parade and Enviro Captains will be presented with their badges during our Upper School Parade. Well done to all recipients. On the 19th of April we are going blue for Autism. Students wear their school shirt and are encouraged to wear something blue (socks, shorts, shoes, ribbon etc.) and bring a gold coin to participate.

**Special Information**

NAPLAN is on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May. It assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning about through the school curriculum. The best way you can help your child prepare is to tell them to do their best and remind them that it is just one part of their school program for the year.

**Highlights**

It was great to see so many parents during parent/teacher meetings. Thanks very much for giving up your time. Please let your child’s teacher know if you missed out and would like to meet. Last Friday, we had our school fun run. It was awesome to see the kids dressing up, having fun and participating.
Reminders

Upper School (3-6) parade is on a Friday.
NAPLAN is on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May.

Year 4

Welcome back everyone and we hope you had a fun and relaxing Easter break. Our term has started with a bang, and students seem fresh and ready to get back into learning mode, which is fantastic, as we have a full term of exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Year 4 are excited to introduce a new games-based program focusing on friendship, team building and resilience. This will be run in conjunction with the You Can Do It program and will be conducted twice a week. We are looking forward to celebrating positive behaviour with a fun day at the end of the term.

In Literacy groups, we have all started our new English unit focusing on Traditional Tales. Traditional Tales are very old stories that have been passed down orally through the generations, and comprise stories such as folk tales, fairy tales, fables and stories from the Dreaming. The children have really been enjoying reading the various folk tales we have been exploring this week, and are learning to identify the important elements contained in these stories. There will be two assessment pieces resulting from this unit. The first is a reading comprehension piece and the unit will culminate with students writing their own traditional tale set in China. This should be a lot of fun.

In Maths, this week we have been focusing on learning multiplication and division strategies for 10’s, 2’s, 4’s and 5’s. Throughout this term we will continue to focus on the development of automaticity of times tables, as instant recall of these is one of the basic requirements for Maths in later years.

We have also started our Science unit this week focusing on the life cycle of plants and animals.

Year 5

Welcome back from the school holidays and Easter break. Grade 5 have started back straight into learning and are excited to find out what new and interesting things they will be learning about.

English news: It’s all about the mysterious land of fantasy. Students will be able to let their imaginations run wild when they begin writing their very own fantasy story. These first draft stories will begin next week. This work will be marked to provide valuable feedback to each child on areas they are succeeding in and areas for improvement. This process gives all students the opportunity to improve before submitting their final graded fantasy story.

This term is our first look at Geography. We will be investigating the human and natural characteristics of the plant. Each lesson will involve answering an enquiry question. Students will be actively involved in mapping, location and viewing primary and secondary sources of information. The assessment will be a body of work that is assessed at three intervals during the term.

Science news: Spectacular Space. Studies will involve the characteristics of our universe including planets and other space objects. We will be researching space inventions and how these inventions help us in everyday life here on Earth. We will also investigate the role of astronauts and NASA. Students will be roving reporters compiling information throughout the lessons to present their findings in a report format.

General messages: Tuesday 19th is Go Blue for Autism. With a gold coin donation students can wear a blue accessory to school. This could be a blue hair item, blue socks or hat. The full Kin Kora school uniform is required to be worn. Captain badges will be presented to class and enviro captains next week at Tuesday and Friday’s parades.

Year 6

What a terrific term the grade 6’s have in store this term. Today is the fun run! It is great to see so many students dressed up as their favourite super heroes. I can see a Batman, a superman, an ironman even an Illawarra Man (well done Peyton). The students are looking forward to the big run this afternoon. Even I am excited. You never know, you might see me running out there... the excitement is so infectious!

Onto more serious developments, information concerning camp will be distributed very soon. With the change in venue and time, staff are making sure all aspect are accounted for.

Students are still working on narrative assessments. They are enjoying their writing and in some instances they are writing too much! It is terrific to see so much enthusiasm and creativity in literacy. Also, the grade 6 classes have just begun a new literacy program which is called ‘Reading to Learn’. This a terrific program where the students are basically required to write in a similar style to well-known authors. When the students realised they were going to write like Roald Dahl, you could imagine what the reception was!

Medical Issues

Over-the-counter medications

The Education Department guideline regarding over-the-counter medications indicates schools are required to receive medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist, optometrist, but not a pharmacist) to administer any medication to students, including those bought over-the-counter (e.g. Panadol, nurofen, cough syrup and allergy medication including creams).

Tuckshop

On Monday 22nd February 2016, the Tuckshop started offering late orders via Flexischools.

You can order from this menu from 8:40am to 9am. The menu includes: ham, chicken or cheese sandwich, a piece of fruit and water for $6.50.

Sports News

Cross Country & Fun Run

This year Kin Kora State School students will be participating in a fun run which will run in
conjunction with the school cross country taking place on the 15th April this year.

Sports Days

Our sports days will be held on the following dates:

  Lower school (Prep – Yr2) – Wednesday 1 June
  Upper field events (discus, high jump, 800m) – Thursday 2 June
  Upper school (Yr 3-6) – Friday 3 June

Soccer

Declan Corke won age 9/10 division in the Australian Junior Age Golf Championships. Congratulations Declan!

Golf

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Music

Congratulations to our 2016 Band captain - Keira Gibson and String Orchestra captain Kaileigh Rayner. These two students are both responsible musicians, always attend their rehearsals and lessons, help set up and pack up the room, motivate other students and will be great ambassadors for our school in up-coming concerts and competitions. Well done girls.

Choir is off and running once again this term although due to timetable changes we now have Grade 5 / 6 choir rehearsing on Wednesday 2nd break.

Prep grade 1 and 2 are still good to go on Tuesday mornings - first break, and 3 and 4 interested students please come along to Wednesday first break rehearsals...we need many more Grade 4 students!!!

All rehearsals take place in the Music room and don’t forget to bring your water!

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