Term 1 Week 7 – Wednesday 16 March 2016

Principal News

Hi all, and welcome to the 2nd edition of our new newsletter. First, thing’s first-

PARENTS- WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE!! Can I ask that you scroll down to the Survey Section of this newsletter, to answer a few short questions on what you would like to see coming to you each fortnight. We have used Survey Monkey to drive this, so all responses are completely anonymous.

Attitude- In focus

This week at Parade, I reinforced the message to the students that they control their learning, and that great learning does not happen without great effort. The challenge I set for the children was to identify their biggest learning challenge, and to start climbing! Parents could follow up with their children by discussing the idea of CONFIDENCE and PERSISTENCE and effort- 2 of our 5 Keys to Success, from the You Can Do It! Program.

Whole School Attendance

Term 1 to date: 95.4%

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Kin Kora’s attendance goal is 95% for every year level. Congratulations to 3D for achieving 99.5% in Week 5 and 5D for achieving 98.8% in Week 6.

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.

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Go Blue for Autism Day

On Tuesday 19 April, we are going blue for Autism. Students are requested to wear their Kin Kora shirt but are encouraged to wear something blue (socks, hat, shorts, shoes, ribbon etc.) and must bring a gold coin donation to participate.

Cybersafety Tips

Cyberbullying

Talk to your child about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address any potential issues and reassure your child that you will be there to support them.

Mobile Phone Safety

Stay involved in your child’s use of their mobile phone. If you don’t have a good understanding of how their phone works and what they use it for, ask them to show you.

Survey

We have recently created our first survey – to gather feedback on the newsletter, and would be happy if you would have a look at it and participate in it. By participating in the survey, you are helping us to understand what you, as a parent, would like us to better keep you informed on. Please click on the link below to start.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XJB37JV

Classroom Gossip

Rainbow Room News

Hello! My name is Cathy Mennie and as of week 5 this term I have started in the role of Acting Head of Special Education Services while Ms Kirby Polglase is away on leave. Kirby’s departure has left me with big shoes to fill and we wish her all the best as she continues to prepare for her new little addition. I have hit the ground running trying to meet as many children, teachers and parents as possible and I want to thank the students and staff who have been so very welcoming. Thankyou also to the many parents who have popped in to say a quick hello to introduce themselves and their children. A little about me: My husband and I have two boys, a preppie and a big grade 3’er. This will be my first time being on the parent side of the NAPLAN process! Before starting at KKSS I worked in the Students With Additional Needs Department at Toolooa State High School. I have had many years of experience in supporting students with additional needs as well as supporting staff and parents. I am passionate about ensuring our students with different needs receive the best and most inclusive education possible regardless of their level of need. I am so very excited to have this year to work towards achieving wonderful outcomes for the Kin Kora students with the incredible Rainbow Room team.

Prep

We have settled further into our classroom routines, rules and behaviour expectations. We have continued to build friendships with our classmates and make friends with students in other classes. We have been using the introduction of our social-emotional program – “You Can Do It” to assist students to ‘get along’ during both learning and play times. We have continued our focus on learning sounds and we have begun to apply our sound knowledge to listening for individual sounds in simple words. In maths we have continued our big focus on numbers 1-10 and sorting. We have also begun to start working on identifying and creating patterns. In English we have been practising our book talks, identifying titles, story sequence, favourite parts and favourite characters. We have been building strength and control in our hands for drawing and writing through our fine motor program.

Year 1

The year one cohort has finished their first English unit with a bang! Students have made connections to the story “Just Jack” and retold the orientation, complication and resolution of “Big Rain Coming”. We now have moved into a unit about character traits looking at the adjectives and verbs that help make the stories come alive. This week students enjoyed reading about “The Very Blue Thingamajig.”

In Maths, students are beginning to learn about chance and probability. They are identifying situations that will, won’t or might happen. Students have enjoyed illustrating and acting out these chance situations.

In Science students are wrapping up a unit about healthy and unhealthy environments. Students have enjoyed finding different habitats and environments around the school. They have discussed ways to keep the environment healthy as well as how we can better look after our school.

Homework for the remaining weeks of term one will consist of sight word practise, reading and maths. Please remember to keep sight word practise quick and fun. Students can use flashcards, play memory matching or write their words outside with chalk. Reading should be done nightly. Please continue working on counting with your student. Students should be counting forwards and backwards from any chosen number. You may also challenge your child by writing out number tracks for them to finish. Ex: 27, 28, ____ , 30, 31, ______...

There are a number of great resources on our Kin Kora website in the student support and resources section. Students have access to both Mathletics and Soundwaves. Encourage your student to explore the Soundwaves website as there are many great games and activities to work on their letters and sounds. The Soundwaves log in for year one is: Path366
Parent interviews are approaching in the coming weeks. Keep a look out for the times and dates offered by your child’s teacher. This is a great time to catch up in regards to your child’s progress, their strengths and any needs that your child may have.

**Year 2**

What a busy fortnight in Year 2! We have learnt lots of new things!

We have finished learning about procedures and are now focusing on writing Narratives in English. We are looking at the structure of a Narrative: Title, Orientation (who, when and where), Complication (the problem) and Resolution (solution to the problem). We are working on writing our own Orientations based on pictures.

In reading, we are practising retelling the story. We are also looking at what we know about the topic before reading, what the author tells us during reading and then using this knowledge to make an inference.

In Maths, we are continuing to practise our counting, rainbow facts, doubles and near doubles. We are learning how to add two digit to two digit numbers using different strategies such as jump strategy (using a hundreds board and number line) and split strategy (using MABs).

**Year 3**

What’s on in the next 2 weeks?

The next two weeks are going to be very busy in year three as we finish term 1. Voting for Term 2 Class Captains and Enviro Captains will occur. We will also be completing a number of different assessment items including a research task around ANZAC Day for History; an art piece using colour to express a feeling for Art and an information report about a living, non-living or once-living thing for Science. Preparation to help your child complete these assessment tasks began in the very first week of term. All assessment items are completed in class time and no further research is required at home.

**Special Information**

Parent/teacher interviews are scheduled for the last week of Term 1 and the first week of Term 2. We hope to see as many parents as possible. It is a great opportunity for you to hear how your child is tracking academically and socially and for you to discuss any concerns or questions you might have. Please complete the form sent home and return to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

**Highlights**

Last Friday, we had our school photos. The kids looked great and we can’t wait to see the end product. Thanks for your efforts around this.

**Reminders**

Thursday the 24th March is the last day of Term 1. Term 2 starts on the 11th of April.

Nude food is on Tuesday. Please pack your child’s lunch in containers using no packages if possible.

**Year 4**

This term has been flying by.

We have been very busy completing the reading comprehension assessment which looks at how well students understand the purpose of various language features. The next focus has been on students writing their own chapter of the Roald Dahl book, ‘The Twits.’ This is a hilarious book full of pranks being played by Mr and Mrs Twit. The student’s have really enjoyed reading this text, and have been looking forward to the opportunity to write their own chapter in the same vein as Roald Dahl’s writing. Some of the tricks they have plotted are very imaginative and well thought out. We’re looking forward to reading their amazing ideas.

The first maths unit is winding up. The focus for this unit has been place value and fractions. Students have just done their first maths assessment on these concepts. The next topics that we are teaching are time and measurement.

Students are close to finishing writing their history assessments. Once these are completed, they will be marked and given back to students so that they can use this information to create a project about their convict. The project will be completed as homework.

**Year 5**

The last two weeks for Year 5 have been busy, busy, busy! We are wrapping up our first unit of Maths and English and completing the assessment. In Unit 2 for English we continue to read ‘The Forests of Silence’, focusing on the structure of a fantasy narrative as the children will have to write their own. In comprehension, the three strategies we are focusing on this term are: Finding Information, Understanding Words and Finding the Main Idea. In History we have been learning about convicts and secondary colonies in Australia. We are looking at changes made to Moreton Bay, designing a poster to encourage free settlers and writing a historical narrative. In Maths we have been looking at different strategies to use when solving multiplication and division problems. You can help your child at home by encouraging to get onto Mathletics as part of their homework. Let’s see how many bronze, silver and gold certificates we can get!

This week your child should have brought home a preference sheet for Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 9 this term and Week 1 of Term 2. Please provide us with three different times that suit you so we can accommodate everyone. When we
receive your preference we will return a letter with your designated 20 minute timeslot.

Year 6

Wow! What a tremendously busy fortnight the grade 6s have had! From gruelling team interschool sports to incredible broadway performances, from insightful data analysis in numeracy to insightful and informative political science in geography, it really does feel like the students have done everything. Unfortunately, the Kin Kora football team lost the Toyworld Cup final due to goal difference. The result was inevitably disappointing but I can’t stress the gallant effort the boys kicked into the games leading up to the final. Some strikingly notable performances came from 6C’s Ryan Young, 6D’s Jett King and 6B’s William Yeoman. The Kin Kora Rugby League team has also reached the final for their particular interschool competition. With the rain, their initial scheduled time to compete had been cancelled, though their game has been rightfully rescheduled to next week. Good luck boys! Bring that silver home to where it belongs!

The students attended the gracefully choreographed Adam’s Family at the start of the week. I must say… we were all a bit taken back by the majestically elusive tone of the programme. It was a sight to behold. Some actors present in the performance were Jadon Chetty from 6C and Robbie Smith from 6D. We are all very proud of some of the cultural pursuits our marvellous are engaging in.

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

Twilight Netball

On Thursday 3rd March our school netball teams competed in Twilight Netball competition at the Dennis Park Sports Complex, Boyne Island. It was a great afternoon of fun, laughter, participation and sportsmanship.

Girls Rugby League Gala Day

Congratulations to Sophie Davison, Kaliyah McGrath, Ciana Williams and Ella McCrackan on their selection in the Port Curtis Girls Rugby League Team.

Hockey

Boden Jinnette, Zac Pender and Keira Gibson were selected for the Port Curtis Hockey team. Well done!

Rugby League

Our Kin Kora team finished third in the PJ Marsh Cup. Tyanh Keepa-Tamati was named player of the carnival and was also selected in the Port Curtis U10 Rugby League Team.

Congratulations to Diesel Costigan and Khodi Docherty for being selected in the Port Curtis Rugby League team for their age group.

Kin Kora 1 finished second, winning 3 out of our 4 games with some very convincing wins. Congratulations to Sophie Davison and Lanaaee Walker who were selected to attend the Port Curtis trials. Kin Kora 2 finished third winning 2 out of their 4 games.

A big thank you to Miss Shannon, Miss McMullin, Miss Johnson and Miss Stevens for taking the teams on the night.
AFL

Kai Chappell was selected in the Port Curtis AFL Team. Well done Kai!

Toyworld Cup

Our Kin Kora boys soccer team finished second in the Toyworld Cup Soccer Competition. The boys played great games and are to be congratulated for their sportsmanship.

Good Luck………..

To our Rugby League team who will play St Johns in the grand final on Wednesday night at Marley Brown oval.

To our 6 a side hockey and soccer teams in their tournaments on Friday.

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. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and we would appreciate your support! Our target is to raise $15,000. All monies raised will be of tremendous assistance for further improvements and additional resources for our school. Money is due back by Friday 18 March.

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

Running club will continue every Tuesday and Thursday morning 8am. Please make sure you have a water bottle with you!

ICAS Competitions

Again this year our students have the opportunity to enter a number of academic competitions run by the University of N.S.W for year level three to six.

Students from Kin Kora have frequently scored very well in these competitions and the challenges involved can provide a very worthwhile experience. All students who enter receive detailed feedback on their performance and a certificate recognising their efforts.

The competition is an initiative of the Educational Testing Centre of the University of New South Wales and will be held on the following dates:

- Science - Tuesday 31 May
- English – Tuesday 2 August
- Maths – Tuesday 16 August

If you would like your child to enter any of these competitions please get a form from your teacher or the office and return to the office (Mr Zadeh) with payment by 23rd March, 2016.

Music

Instrumental Music Notes

Parade performance - on Wednesday 23rd March the Kin Kora Concert Band will be performing for all prep, year 1, year 2 and year 3 students on the lower school parade.

Students are to wear their normal school uniform for this performance.

Band shirts - ALL continuing students are obliged to be in the Concert Band. ALL continuing students need a Band shirt, so if you don’t have one, please contact the school office ASAP. Band shirts are $32 each and are to be ordered through the school office.

Fanfare - Kin Kora Concert Band will be performing at Fanfare on Thursday 9th June. Full performance uniform will be required for this event ie. Band shirt, long black pants, black shoes, black socks.

Concert Band Rehearsals - each and every Wednesday, from 7:45am.

Lessons - in small groups, for 30 minutes once a week, during school time. A rotating timetable is used so students are not missing the same school lesson each week.

Home practice - please encourage all students to practice at home. Regular home practice, to reinforce and polish what has been covered in lessons and rehearsals is the best way to achieve positive results. All students are encouraged to make use at home of the recorded accompaniments on the DVD in the back of their book.

Beginners - Congratulations to all of our beginning students! They can all successfully (and independently) assemble their instrument correctly ready for playing, hold the instrument correctly, produce a characteristic sound, and read and play tunes with first three notes!

Carol Slape
Instrumental Music Teacher

Mathletics

Mathletics is continuing again this year at Kin Kora. Students’ log ins 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:


A big congratulations goes to Candice Teggin for achieving a Gold Certificate.

Join the ant hunt! Check your yard today and report your findings online at www.anthunt.daf.qld.gov.au or call Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

On Monday 21 March, from 2pm, the van will be at Kin Kora State School inside the school grounds at the bottom of the Hibiscus Avenue driveway if you are wishing to speak to them or looking for more information.

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No late payments will be accepted after the due date.

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### Photos

#### Nude Food

Gladstone is on the verge of complete fire ant eradication

Throughout March and April this year, the Fire Ant Program will be conducting the largest fire ant surveillance campaign that has been undertaken in Gladstone, calling on all residents and businesses to be on the lookout for fire ants.

It is important that all Gladstone residents get involved in the coming months. It’s as simple as having a look around your yard for suspicious ants and then letting Biosecurity Queensland know what you find.

It is just as important that you report to us if you haven’t found fire ants as this information is needed to verify that Gladstone is in fact fire ant free.

We aim to declare that fire ants have been eradicated from Gladstone in July 2016, which will be a world record in pest eradication and will be due to the combined efforts of the Gladstone community and the Fire Ant Program.
Sports