Principal News

NAPLAN- Done and Dusted

NAPLAN has come and gone..... again. In schools the week of NAPLAN usually comes with disruptions to routine, so we embraced the disruptions and took the opportunity to do some internal monitoring of the literacy and numeracy levels of all students from Year 2-6. I would like to congratulate all the students on the way they handled themselves this week, and to thank the teachers for their flexibility. Thanks also to the P&C who provided some much appreciated breakfast for the Year 3 and 5 students.

Our number one education priority is improving our students' literacy and numeracy skills, because these are the building blocks for a lifetime of learning. NAPLAN is an important tool to help us understand how students are performing and allow us as a school to best meet the needs of our young people.

That said, it’s not the be all and end all. It’s just a point-in-time test over a couple of hours each May and in reality our students spend more than 1000 hours — the equivalent of nearly 200 days — learning in the classroom each school year. All of that time is in some way devoted towards improving literacy or numeracy.

We are very proud of our students’ achievements- every day, not just the 3 days in May.

Grandparents Day

Grandparent’s day is 24 May, which has seen an unavoidable clash with the Year 6 Camp. To ensure that our Year 6 Students are able to showcase their learning to Grandparents, the Year 6 teachers will advertise a Year 6 Grandparent’s day in the latter stages of Term 3 this year. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes, we just thought that it was better to host a belated event, rather than see the Year 6’s miss out in their last year at Kin Kora.

Whole School Attendance

Semester 1 to date: 94.1%

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Kin Kora’s attendance goal is 95% for every year level. Congratulations to 2E for achieving 98% in Week 4 and 5B for achieving 97.7% in Week 5 of this term.

Jorgen Neilson
Principal

Cybersafety Tips

Offensive or Illegal Content

Help your child use search engines to locate websites. Consider developing a list of favourites for younger children. Make sure you enable safe search options.

Social Networking

Encourage children to think before they put anything online. Information posted can be difficult or impossible to remove. An
inappropriate image posted today can have a long term impact on their digital reputation.

**Scooters and Bike Safety**

It is great to see our students using environmentally friendly transportations. Periodically we need to remind our students (with your help) about how to ride their scooters and bikes safely, especially around school. Could you please keep reminding your child that riding around school perimeter and inside school is not allowed as it can cause collusion with other students and parents. Students need to lock their scooters and bikes in the designated area upon their arrival to school.

*Majeed Zadeh*

*Upper School Deputy Principal*

**NAPLAN**

To our Year Three and Year Five students,

This week you completed your NAPLAN tests. The tests will assess what you know and can do on the given day. It does not assess all the things that make you exceptional and unique. The result does not reflect how amazing and special you are in every way. Your teachers will use the result and tailor their teaching to improve your literacy and numeracy abilities. Well done, by doing your best and helping us to do our job better! Remember, there is no one way to test all of the wonderful attributes that make you, YOU!

*Majeed Zadeh*

*Upper School Deputy Principal*

Did you know that out of the 478 newsletters that are emailed out every fortnight, 207 are opened?

Talk to your friends and encourage them to read and stay up to date with our news.

**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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**Week 5**

- Encourage your child to:
  - Leave work area neat and tidy.
  - Keep belongings in own workspace.
  - Use designated computer.
  - Care for books.
  - Return books to library on time.

**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, 5D and 6A & 6B 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.

Amelia Maunders, Sienna Maunders, Jocelyn Wilson, Sharlet-Rose Ward, Jack Young, Kayya Gupta, Ryan Young, Aston Fortier, Amalia Kalantary, Velandra Burger, Cooper Young and Jack Bramall.

*Andrew Shonhan*

*Master Teacher*
Puberty Clues Workshop

A puberty clues workshop for mothers and their daughters (Grades 5 to 7) will be held on 7 June, 9 August, 11 October and 29 November at the Women’s Health Centre in Derby Street, South Gladstone from 5.30pm – 8.00pm. Cost will be $10 and please bring a plate. Phone 4979 1456

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH LITERACY

Beginning to Read Students

One of the cutest things at school at this time of year is the five-year-olds with their bed hair, hilarious questions, and huge eyes, hats and bags. They follow teachers in wonky lines along school corridors like downy ducklings, learning to be school kids.

They all know one of the main things they’re at school to do is learn to read. I’ve never actually heard a child answer, “How was your first day at school?” with the apocryphal, “It was OK, but I can’t read yet”, but I wouldn’t be at all surprised.

A few lucky kids can already read before they start school, and most have grasped the basics by the end of their first year, but about one in five still currently struggle and need extra help.

One in five is a lot. If one in five aeroplanes failed to take off or crashed, that would be the end of aeroplanes!

How do you make sure your child gets off the ground in reading, and then keeps going up?

What do beginning readers need to know?

- How to listen and speak,
- Lots of words (vocabulary),
- How written materials work e.g. what a book is for, that we start reading at the top of the page, we work left to right along each line and top to bottom, turn the page etc (reading behaviours and concepts of print).
- That spoken words are made of sounds.
- That letters are how we write speech sounds down.
- How to recognise letters, regardless of case or writing style

Aa – upper and lower case matching

- How to pull words apart into sounds, and smoosh them back together into words
- That we have more sounds (44) than letters, so sometimes we combine 2, 3 or even 4 letters to spell a sound, for example:
  - The “ch” in “chip” or the “ou” in “out”,
  - The “dge” in “ridge” or the “igh” in “fight”,
  - The “eigh” in “weigh” or the “ough” in “drought”.
- That English is a mishmash of many languages (see the Open University’s hilarious History of English in 10 minutes), so most sounds are spelt in more than one way (e.g. the vowel sound in “hear”, “beer”, “here” and “pier”) and many spellings represent more than one sound (e.g. the “ear” in “hear”, “learn”, “bear” and “heart”).
- How to hold a pencil correctly (one pointer finger on top, thumb at the side and other fingers curled underneath for resting)
- How to formulate letters correctly – right shape, direction, starting places and movement pattern.


WELLBEING and “You Can Do It!” Information and TIPS

Our vision at Kin Kora SS is to develop the full potential of children of all ages to become highly successful, engaged and happy people. This year we have introduced the You Can Do IT! Education program for all year levels with specific weekly lessons and daily references to the following five foundational Keys to Success for personal, academic, social, behavioural and emotional achievement and life-long wellbeing:

- Resilience
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Persistence
- Getting Along

Over the coming weeks, we will unpack the program and give families tips to assist your child/ren with these keys and positive habits of mind, so stay tuned!

Leanne Burke
Deputy Principal Lower School
**Library News**

**Book Fair**

Tuesday, May 24 will mark the official start to the Monster Book Fair! The Library hours will change for the Book Fair weeks to accommodate the purchasing of books from the Fair. The Resource Centre is only open during the times outlined below for purchasing books from the Book Fair. The Resource Centre is a very busy place during the day with many lessons taking place, therefore purchasing books is not possible outside of these times. The Book Fair will officially end on Thursday, June 2.

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As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature.

Students wishing to take part in this year’s challenge can register by returning the permission slip below to Mrs Naomi Hughes, our school’s Premier’s Reading Challenge coordinator. Then, from the Monday, May 16, participants start reading and recording their books on the School Reader Record Form that they can pick up from the school office or Library or downloaded from the website below (once they have registered). Completed forms need to be then returned to Mrs Hughes by Friday, August 26.

http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

**Naomi Hughes**

Teacher/Librarian

**Classroom Gossip**

**Prep**

Our Prep children have been very busy over the last few weeks. In Geography we have been mapping our playgrounds and constructing a 3D model of it. In Science, we have been experimenting with movement and how different objects can move and what we can do/build to alter those movements. In Maths we have been counting, counting, counting as well as measuring and grouping using the words “less than”, “more than” or “equal too.” We read every day and are retelling our favourite stories. But our most exciting time was spoiling our Mums for Mothers’ Day. We all shopped at the Kin Kora Mother’s Day Stall to buy Mum that special something. Each class celebrated their Mums in different ways, some made her a card, some made her a gift and some shared the Friday afternoon with her, but we all made our Mums feel special and loved.

On Tuesday, May 31, Monster Dress Day will be held for Prep to Year 6 students. Please note this is not a Free Dress Day. It is Monster Dress Day where students are to come dressed in anything related to monsters. Please make sure your costume is appropriate for school and is sun safe.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

We are delighted to invite all Kin Kora State School students to join in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

**Year 1**

This week we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and their properties in maths as well as place value of numbers to 100.
and addition. The children enjoy many hands-On activities to consolidate these concepts.

In our literacy program we have been very busy writing about and drawing characters for the Willy the Wimp series of books. The students are remembering to write correct sentences and use “interesting” words in these. We are also focusing on segmenting (breaking down) words into their individual sounds (Eg. S-u-n) and learning about Word Ladders. This is when we change letters in a word to create a new word. (Eg. C-a-t becomes b-a-t Did the beginning, middle or end sound change?)

Please try to label all cold weather clothes and any other items that come to school so we can find their owner. A reminder also that the school rule is; No toys at school, please do not allow your child to bring along their toys. As per school policy jewellery should not be worn to school either.

A huge THANK YOU to all those wonderful volunteers who come into the classroom and help out with reading groups. Your help is appreciated.

Year 2

We are learning about the text type RECOUNT. A RECOUNT has a title, orientation, sequence of events and a personal comment. We have been exploring lots of emotive language and can use better words than ‘happy’ and ‘sad’ in our recounts.

Time has been our challenge in Maths! Telling quarter past and quarter to on analogue and digital clocks has taken some practice. Learning about FRACTIONS has been fun as we cut play dough to show halves, quarters and eighths.

REMinDEr - The Brainstorm Production promoting responsible use of technology and positive relationships is on Wednesday 8th June. The cost of the show is $5 and money is due to the office by Monday 6th June.

Year 3

What’s on in the next 2 weeks?

Tuesday the 24th of May is Grandparent’s Day. We are very much looking forward to meeting all the grandparents and letting them see what happens inside our classrooms. Book Fair is also starting on the 24th of May and will run until Thursday the 4th of June. There will be plenty of great books available to purchase.

Special Information

Notes were sent home last week regarding the Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre excursion in Term 3. If your child is unable to participate, please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Thanks to the parents who have already returned payment and forms.

Highlights

We are extremely proud of the effort and behaviour of the kids during NAPLAN. Well done to all involved A report will be sent home with your child in August outlining your child’s performance in relation to the average performance of all children in Australia. More information regarding the results and report will be available closer to the date.

Reminders

Upper School (3-6) parade is on a Friday.
Brainstorm Production money due Friday 6th June.
BIEEC Excursion money due Friday 17th June.

Year 4

A big focus for grade 4 students last week was the NAPLAN practice tests. We were very impressed by the positive attitude our students displayed towards these tests, and how they took on board our advice not to stress about them, but just to do their best. These practice tests will be an important tool to guide our teaching focus throughout the year, as we will be better informed as to the specific areas our students are struggling with.

In literacy groups, our students have completed the reading comprehension assessment for the traditional tales unit and they are now working on their own traditional tales. These traditional tales need to be set in China, have a narrative structure and conform to the characteristics of a traditional tale. The students’ stories must contain a clear message or moral, and can have magical themes, so the children are really enjoying writing these stories as they can let their imagination run wild.

Our science unit has now been completed. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about this topic. In class, they have been writing their responses to the assessment task, which was all about endangered animals: their features, habitat, lifecycles, and the things that assist and hinder their survival. Students are now expected to create a poster or powerpoint presenting their information. This task will be completed as homework, so students should now have their science books at home and have commenced working on this. We are looking forward to seeing these presentations, as the quality of their work in class has been excellent from most students.

Year 5

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 5 on successfully completing NAPLAN, WELL DONE!!! Over the second half of term 2, Year 5 students will be focusing on completing their assessments across all subject areas. For English, students will be exploring and creating persuasive texts. Throughout Maths they will undertake an exam based on decimals and for Science they will continue to explore the solar system. Towards the end of term Year 5 students will also have the opportunity to attend a production entitled “Saving Lil and Archie”. This performance is about child-protection, values, bullying, self-esteem and building friendships.

Year 6

This will be the last time we have a cohort roundup before camp so we thought we would touch base and give a bit of information on the revised trip.

Some of the objectives of going on this camp are:

- To provide experiences beyond the school environment
- To develop social competencies
• To develop independence and self confidence
• To reinforce learning outcomes
• To provide links to the real world
• To build relationships

This camp will have the potential to enhance educational programs offered to students by providing experiences beyond those of the immediate school environment.

Students will also get an insight on Indigenous culture on the Monday night with the program, called Gubbi Gubbi. Lyndon Davies presents the Gubbi Gubbi cultural program. Lyndon is the keeper of the knowledge for the Gubbi Gubbi people of this area. His work in cultural heritage is extensive. You’ll hear stories, learn language and see and hold artefacts.

We hope the students will explore their experience as much as the teachers will.

Grandparents Day for Year 6 students will be held in Term 3. Letters will be sent home later this term.

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**Tuckshop**

As you can appreciate the tuckshop has always had low pricing for their items and we haven’t had a price rise on items for over 12 months. Therefore we have had to increase prices on the following items. Their prices are now: Chicken Melt (Mayo or BBQ) $3.50, Sausage Roll $4.00, Hotdog $3.00, Cheesy Dog $3.50.

In 2017 there will be some changes to Smart Choices Healthy Food & Drink Supply Strategy, so the tuckshop had decided to start to get on top of these changes. One of the changes is to take off the Quench Mineral Waters. To replace this for over the counter purchases we have obtained a Naturals Slush Puppie machine. It is 99% pear juice based with no added colours or flavours and no added sugar. They are a 250ml size and sell for $2.00.

Last week was National Volunteers Week and we would just like to thank the volunteers that help in our tuckshop, they give there time so generously! If you would like to join as a volunteer with the Tuckshop, please call in to the tuckshop to see Sam – all help is greatly appreciated.

Flexischools – our online ordering cut-off time is 8.30am EVERY morning, after this time there is a late order selection of a sandwich, fruit & water ONLY. With Flexischools you can order up to a few weeks before – please don’t leave your ordering to the last minute or you might just miss the cut-off time and you won’t be able to order what you are after. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Sam Smith**
**Managing Tuckshop Convenor**

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**Sports News**

What a busy term in HPE with all students working really hard to get ready to compete on Sports Day. A reminder for some important dates:

**Wednesday 1 June – Junior Sports Carnival (Prep – 2)**
**Thursday 2 June – Senior Field Events (Discus, High Jump, 800m)**
**Friday 3 June – Senior Sports Carnival (3 – 6)**

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**CONGRATULATIONS....**

Peyton Craig, Jo Bebendorf, Keanna Birch and Brady Blake on your selection in the Port Curtis Cross Country Team. These Students will travel to Mackay to compete for a place in the Capricornia Team.

Diesel Costigan who was selected in the Capricornia Under 11 Rugby league Team, Diesel will compete in the Vic Jensen State Carnival in the June/July Holidays. Good Luck Diesel.

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**Helpers Needed For Sport’s Day**

Kin Kora P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle at both the lower and upper school sports days. Sausage in bread will be available from the barbeque in the eating sheds at both lunch breaks. Cost $2 per sausage.

If you could spare sometime between watching your child’s events to help out with the cooking or serving of the sausages it would be greatly appreciated.

**Robbie Peters**
**PE Teacher**

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**Music**

**Instrumental Music Notes: Woodwind/Brass/Percussion**

**Concert Band** – our students are busy preparing for their performance at Fanfare.

Information packages including payment envelopes, medical forms and project consent forms were sent home with students last week. Please ensure all forms are completed and returned by Wednesday 1st June, 2016. Fanfare performances are open to the general public and parents are welcome to come and watch our Concert Band perform on stage at the GECC at 9:30am on Thursday 9th June.

**Day change** - Concert Band rehearsal and Lessons – a reminder that in week 7 (25-26 May) our Concert Band rehearsal will be on Thursday morning instead of Wednesday, and Wednesday lessons will also change to Thursday. This change is for one week only and is a result of Mrs Slape’s involvement in workshops at the high schools with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

**Combined Band** – The nomination process for Combined Band will begin soon. Instrumental Music teachers have been asked to recommend their most promising and dedicated young musicians for nomination to be considered for selection into this prestigious, elite level district band.

**CHOIR**

A wonderful initiative sponsored by Australia Pacific LNG and the Queensland Symphony Orchestra will see selected students from all Gladstone schools take part and perform in the 2016 GEM choir. GEM, or Gladstone Enrichment through
Music participants will be working with other talented and passionate singers under the direction of Australian composer and conductor – Dan Walker. We have chosen 12 budding young singers to take part in this wonderful opportunity….Aisling Potts, Kyla Seage, Annie Thorogood, Sahara Arroyo Serrano, Emily Heymer, Angela Hanna, Paige Rayner, Chya Petersen, Sheridan Frost, Haley Richards, Kavya Gupta and Kelsey Raphael.

All selected students will be rehearsing at Clinton State School Wednesday 25th May 12.15 – 3.30, then Wednesday 20th July all day, culminating in the GEM concert at 7pm.

STRING SESSIONS

It is time for our Annual Strings Workshop! This is a fantastic chance for our string students to consolidate on their skills they have been taught this year, and study for a day with renowned conductor David Maddick and perform in the GALA CONCERT. Workshop sessions will be held at Clinton State School Hall, Harvey Road. Cost will be $30.00. Please keep the following dates free and more information will be available as we near these dates.

Continuing Students: Thursday 14 July – 8.30am – 3.05pm
Beginning Students: Friday 15 July – 8.30am – 3.05pm

Maree Maitland
Music Co-ordinator

Carol Slape (B,W,P), Carmen Smith (Strings Friday), Mandy Ruge (Strings Monday)

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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).

Photos

Nude Food

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