Term 3 Week 6 - Tuesday 16 August 2016

Principal News

NAPLAN and Student Performance

Last Week, results for this year’s NAPLAN were released. Results for our school were very pleasing, with a clear indication of focused effort, achievement and improvement. Of particular note was our school’s overall achievement in 8 out of 10 NAPLAN tests, where we are now close to the Australian Mean Scores. This year the focus on Maths has also provided some excellent results in both increasing Upper 2 Band (A and B) students, and reducing the number of students beneath National Minimum Standard. This performance is also aligned closely with the schools A to E data which shows a strong improvement in English, Maths and Science.

Well done and congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students, our hardworking staff who have been part of the student’s learning journey since their arrival at Kin Kora and supportive parents. These results reinforce that a clear and explicit improvement agenda and an unrelenting focus of high expectations will see improved outcomes for every student.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests reflect a point-in-time testing each May. As you are all well aware, they are only one of the many pieces of information that we will use to improve learning outcomes for our students.

Refreshed Advancing Education Action Plan available

We’ve listened to Queenslanders who said we’re on the right track. The refreshed Advancing education action plan emphasises partnerships with families, the community, industry and tertiary providers.

The consultation report and supporting plans — A strategy for STEM and icodingcounts — are available, with additional plans to be released throughout 2016.

http://www.advancingeducation.qld.gov.au

Enrolment 2017

Our enrolments for 2017 are now open. Families that live within and outside our catchment area are invited to enrol for 2017. Our Enrolment Management Plan is still in place so those families outside of our catchment area will be placed on a waiting list and advised if they have been accepted in Term 4— for parents outside of our catchment, we have space available in most year levels. Please contact the office if you require additional information.

School Security

Recently, there have been an increase in acts of vandalism committed out of hours and on weekends. This thoughtless behaviour only results in student resource funds being depleted, and time of facilities staff in repair and clean up. I have been in contact with State Government Security, asking them to increase patrols and with Gladstone Police to do likewise as we try to move unwanted visitors back to parks and sporting facilities. Parents can assist by actively discouraging their children from being on school grounds outside of hours. Thanks for your assistance.

Important cyber safety tips

The department has recently been alerted to random users contacting children using the social media app ‘Instagram’. The following tips are provided to parents on how their children can avoid random contact on social media:

1. Know which social media your child uses.
2. Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are. Only be friends with people online who you know and trust in the real world.
3. Take a proactive approach and establish clear and agreed rules for your child’s internet use.

http://www.behaviour.education.qld.gov.au

**Whole School Attendance**

Kin Kora’s attendance goal is 95% for every year level.

Semester 2 to date: 90.8% - might be the onset of Cold and Flu Season! Please make sure you have your students at school every day they are well.

**Jorgen Neilson**
**Principal**

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**Toolooa State High School Information Night**

The year 7 info night and school tour will be on Wednesday 7th Sept (week 9). The school tour will run from 5.15pm until 6pm. The night will finish at 6:30pm.

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**GPC’s Botanic to Bridge 21 August**

Registration closes at 8pm this Wednesday 17 August.

The GPC’s fabulous annual event, the Botanic to Bridge is on again on Sunday 21 August. It encourages families to embrace healthy and active lifestyles and provides an opportunity to invest back into local schools. The event is a 3km or 8 km family fun run (or walk) starting at the Duck Ponds or the Botanical Gardens respectively. Each child’s registration fee all goes directly back to their school. Kin Kora has received over $11,000 since the start of the race some years ago, which has bought sport and recreation equipment for our children to use at school.

This is a valuable fundraiser for Kin Kora SS, that only requires an hour or so of the family’s time walking or running on a beautiful Sunday morning.

Please support this fundraiser for us and register your family members online at:


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**Cybersafety Tips**

**Offensive or Illegal Content**

Remind them not to respond if they are sent something inappropriate and that they should leave a website immediately if they feel uncomfortable or worried.

**Social Networking**

Remind children to be careful when making new friends online; people may not be who they say they are. Never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them.

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**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 notes, identifying the rules that are being taught for that particular week.

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• Sometimes games in the playground get more competitive than they need to be. Remember it is really important not to get rough when playing games.
• Games like Rugby League and never-ending tag are banned from being played.
• If you have a problem, always speak to the person on duty.

Set Goals
• It is really important to keep learning everyday.
• Set goals (with the help of your teacher) to keep improving and learning.

Organisation
• Make sure you have all your belongings before you leave home. (e.g. your homework and lunch box is in your bag)
• Make sure you get all your belongings out of your bag before you enter your classroom (e.g. take your homework and pencil case out of your bag.)
• Make sure you take any notes or payments to the office or your teacher before the due date.

Be A Learner

Be Responsible

• Make sure you are sitting, quietly and eating your lunch.
• Make sure all rubbish goes in the bin.
• Make sure you close your lunch box and put it in the correct spot before you go to play.
• Do not leave the eating area until you have been given permission to leave by the person on duty.

Gladstone State High School Enrolments

Year 7 enrolments for 2017 are now open at Gladstone State High School. Enrolment packs can now be collected from the Gladstone SHS Administration building. Upon collection of an enrolment pack, all students are required to provide proof of residence in their catchment before a pack can be distributed (rates notices, electricity bill, etc). Upon enrolment, students will be required to have an interview with a member of Gladstone State High Schools leadership team. Opportunities for these interviews at our primary school will be made available and advertised soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Chantelle Carmady (Primary Transition Officer) 4976 6196

Mathletics

Kin Kora students have achieved 20 gold certificates, 241 silver certificates and 1384 bronze certificates so far this year! Congratulations to 6D, 3A and 5D for achieving the highest points for last week.

Well done to the following students who have achieved a Silver Certificate.


A big congratulations goes to Sahara Arroyo Serrano for achieving a Gold Certificate.

Science Week 2016

Joseph Bebendorf, Nate Crosica and Oliver Van Someren represented Kin Kora at the CQ University Drone Races as part of Science Week celebrations. The day involved the students working together as a team to use their drone to complete various challenges. The students had to calculate speed, timing and angles to code their drone to fly over different obstacle courses. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and through persistence and teamwork, their drone successfully navigated the hardest obstacle course right at the end of the day.

Andrew Shonhan
Master Teacher
**Puberty Clues Workshop**

A puberty clues workshop for mothers and their daughters (Grades 5 to 7) on 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

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

**Focus Key: Confidence**

Confident children are not afraid to make mistakes when learning something new. They believe they will be successful if they try hard. They ask for help when they have already tried their best. They do not give up straight away or keep saying “I can’t do it”. Confident children are not afraid to meet new classmates, introduce themselves to new people. They expect to be liked and make friends. When someone wants them to do something they do not want to do, children who are confident tell them politely what they want to do. Such children stand tall, sit with straight backs, make eye contact and speak in a voice everyone can hear, but is not too loud.

**Some things that you could discuss with and reinforce your child/ren at home are:-**

- I am likeable and good at many things
- It is ok to make mistakes (especially when learning something new/hard)
- It is good for me to try new activities/tasks by myself
- It is ok to ask for help if I need it, after I have tried

**When you catch your child/ren being confident, give them descriptive praise and feedback:-**

- “You are becoming more confident and having a go. Great effort.”
- “Good for you, you were not afraid to try that yourself.”
- “You see we all make mistakes sometimes. Learning new things takes time.”

*Leanne Burke*
*Deputy Principal Lower School*

**P&C News**

**Uniforms**

The KKSS P&C members are pleased to announce that we will be opening a uniform shop located within the school grounds. The KKSS uniform is not changing, we will just be supplying it directly to you. We will be taking pre-orders soon to be packaged for collection just prior to the start of the 2017 school year. Stay tuned for additional information on this exciting new venture in the months to come… We look forward to your support.

**Fathers’ Day Stall**

This year’s Father Day Stall is being held on Friday 2 September, with items available for sale from $2 to $10. We need your help to make our Fathers’ Day stall a success. We need help with wrapping, donating items ready to sell, donating wrapped lollies/chocolates to add to the presents, home cooking (eg. Confectionary, nibbles, slices), and/or manning the stall on the day. Letters will be coming out this week for you to fill out and return to the office if you are able to help out in any way.

**Library News**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge reading period closes on Friday 26 August. Please return your completed forms to the school office or Library.

*Naomi Hughes*
*Kin Kora State School Library Teacher*

**Picture Products**

Prep is once again organising Picture products. They are a unique way to preserve and remember this time in your child’s life. These items make wonderful Christmas presents for Grandparents or treasured mementos to keep. **Orders must be received at the office by Monday 22nd August. Please include payment with the order. All drawings/photo collages will be done at home on special paper to be given out on our receipt from the manufacturer. Drawings/Photo Collages must be returned within the week of receiving the paper. The production time takes 10-12 weeks. This means the final product is due back in December.**

Please see attached form for product listing and prices.

**Classroom Gossip**

**Prep**

We’ve had a busy 2 weeks in Prep! We got the giggles with a visit from Pirate Pete and the kids sang along with Pete and played pirate games. We even dressed up like real pirates for the day. A visit from Old MacDonals farm tied into our science unit for the term. We’re learning all about living and non-living things, farms, plants and animals. We got to hold a chicken, pat an alpaca and feed goats and lambs. We pulled out our dance moves at the lower school disco and laughed the night away!

Every day we’re learning a little more. We’ve been continuing sentence writing including all the rhyming words we’ve learnt. In maths we’re learning addition stories and days of the week.

**Year 1**

In the coming weeks, students will begin their next English Unit focusing retelling cultural stories. Students will be focusing on the orientation, complication and resolution. Students will be creating their own retell book to share and present to their class. You can support your child at home by working on
retelling the main events in the books they are reading at home. Students should also be able to write complete sentences about these events using capital letters and full stops.

In Maths, students will be looking into telling time and writing and identifying both o’clock and half past times. Students will also be looking at activities and events that can occur at varying lengths of time. These times include, one hour, one day, one week and one month. You can support your child at home by working on counting on their 100s boards, writing their numbers correctly and speaking about how long activities you are doing around the home will take. Students can also practise telling time to the hour and half past. There are great activities on Mathletics to support these skills.

Our dude food numbers have been dropping recently. Please help Kin Kora reduce its rubble by helping your child pack a rubbish free lunch on Tuesdays. Every little bit helps! Students who have dude food on Tuesdays are then entered into a lucky dip for prizes during our p-2 parades.

Students should be reading and working on their sight words every night. By the end of the year students are expected to know the first 200 sight words. Learning these words are vital to your child’s reading success.

Year 2

What an awesome week. The disco was fabulous. We loved dancing up a storm. The public holiday is just what we needed to recharge our batteries.

**English:** next week we are completing our summative assessment piece of writing. We are going to write a fractured fairy-tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Look out Goldilocks!

**Maths:** Water, rice, blocks and rulers. We have been busy measuring the length, area and volume of items within our classrooms for our assessment.

**Science and Technology:** Designing, creating and reflecting have been the main focus for the last two weeks. We are given very few materials and need to design an item for a particular purpose. Last week, we had to make an item that floated with only alfoil, cling wrap, baking paper and plasticine. It was great.

**History:** The excursion to the Gladstone Museum is next week and we can’t wait to learn about our town’s history.

**You Can Do It:** Confidence is our focus this week. Confidence in ‘having a go’. Confidence in saying, ‘I don’t understand.’ Confidence to speak in front of a group and or the class.

**NED Show** was awesome. We all want yo-yos so we can do tricks like Gary and Ned.

Year 3

**What’s on in the next 2 weeks?**

6 students from each class, 3 boys and 3 girls, will continue to compete in a mini Olympics competition. The events include Badminton, a 100m sprint, an Academic Challenge, Thong Throwing and NERF Blasting.

The ICAS Maths test is on Tuesday the 16th of August. Teachers will inform students participating of where they need to go, when they need to go and what they need to bring.

**Special Information**

NAPLAN reports were sent home on the 12th of August. Please see your child’s teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes on the 26th of August. Please return forms as soon as possible to Mrs Hughes in the Library or to your child’s teacher. Certificates of participation will be issued on parade in Term 4.

**Highlights**

The disco was definitely a highlight for many on Tuesday the 9th of August. It was great to see so many year 3 students having fun and dancing the night away.

The NED show was also another highlight. The show was about a cartoon character called NED whose name is an acronym for Never giving up, Encouraging others and Doing your best.

**Reminders**

- **ICAS Maths Tuesday 16th August**
- **Term 3 finishes Friday 16th September**
- **Upper School Parade (Year 3-6) every Friday**

**Year 4**

In English, all year 4 classes have now completed the reading comprehension assessment for our Historical Recount unit, and have now started on writing our own. Last week, teachers and students worked together to write a class Historical Recount, so this process has now been modeled for students. This week they will be writing their own Historical Recount from the perspective of a female or male child convict. The kids are all really excited about this, and were full of fantastic facts and opinions to include in the class story. It’s good to see so much of their knowledge from our previous History unit has been retained.

Our latest Maths unit is a big one, with three main concepts being focused on – Fractions, Symmetry and Money. Both fractions and symmetry components have been taught and assessed, and all classes have been focusing on money last week and this week. This can be quite a challenging unit for students, as there are a lot of multi-step problems that need to be solved. We use a lot of real life money situations, such as purchasing items using pocket money and working out how much change will be received, so this is a really practical unit.

Classes are finalising Science assessments over the next week or two, after which we will be commencing with the next History unit.

**Year 5**

Wow already the term is halfway over and Year 5 students have been busy!

Last week we enjoyed our very important Leadership Day where in mixed class groups we rotated around doing different leadership challenges. This gave all students the opportunity to demonstrate any leadership qualities they possess and understand the expectations for their positions next year. A big
thank you to the P & C for the delicious sausage sizzle on the day which was enjoyed by all. Stay tuned for photos of the day on Kin Kora State School’s Facebook page.

English – This term we have been evaluating poetry and all its components which is wrapping up next week. In our next unit we are exploring different Australian poems and using multimedia to present them as narratives.

Maths – We have just completed our money problem solving unit. This week we begin Unit 6 where we are exploring different number patterns including ones with decimals. We are also looking at measurement problem solving activities. As always please encourage your student to undertake Mathletics homework on their home computer. 1000 points in a week will guarantee a bronze. However, silver requires 5 consecutive weeks of 1000 points and GOLD requires an important commitment of 20 weeks of 1000 points.

Friendly Reminders – Yo-yos are now to remain at home. Please sign and return any unexplained absence forms as soon as possible.

Music

Instrumental Music Notes from Mrs Slape: Woodwind/Brass/Percussion

Recruiting for 2017 – Mrs Slape has been visiting Mrs Maitland’s year 3 music lessons to demonstrate and discuss woodwind, brass and percussion instruments which students might like to apply to learn in 2017. So far the year 3 students have seen and heard a flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto saxophone and tenor saxophone. In the coming weeks year 3 students will also get to see and hear a trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and percussion instruments.

Letters and application forms to join the Instrumental Music – Woodwind/Brass/Percussion program will be sent home in week 7; there will be a parent information evening in week 8, and applications to join the program in 2017 will be due back by the end of week 9.

To build and maintain balance in the program, we would like to recruit 5 Flutes; 8 Clarinets; 2 Bass Clarinets; 3 Alto Saxophones; 2 Tenor Saxophones; 5 Trumpets; 3 Trombones; 1 Euphonium; 1 Tuba; and 4 Percussion.

Students currently in year 3 or above may apply. Application forms will be available from late August.

CHOIR PIANIST

We have 3 choirs who all have been busy rehearsing for this year’s Annual Eisteddfod. However to really be at our utmost best, we are looking for ANYONE who could help play the piano for these budding groups! The Eisteddfod will be held next Term in week 2 and 3.

Rehearsal times are currently during school hours Tuesday and Wednesday. Each group rehearse for about half an hour!

Please contact Mrs Maitland in the Music room if you are interested.

RECRUITING

This is the time of the year when you might be considering to learn a musical instrument. Most Grade 3 classes have been talking about instruments of the Orchestra in class, and are now hearing and seeing them in the Instrumental Room with Mrs Slape. Similarly, Miss Smith will be talking with Grade 2 classes regarding learning a string instrument.

Application forms will be out to these students by week 6/7 of this term. If you would like your child to be considered for an instrument next year and they are not in these grades, please contact Mrs Maitland in the Music Room for the relevant forms.
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## Medical Issues

### Chicken Pox

We have been informed of a suspected case of chicken pox at our school. If you have any concerns please read the attached fact sheet or click on the link.


### 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

### Captains

![Captains](image1)

### Nude Food

![Nude Food](image2)

### The NED Show

![The NED Show](image3)