Term 3 Week 8 – Tuesday 30 August 2016

Principal News

Buddy Benches

Great News! Over the past week, the Junior and Upper School Parades unveiled the new “Buddy Benches” for use in our school. These benches were donated to schools by the Graduating Classes from all Gladstone High Schools – Class 1996.

The benches will be installed professionally in the coming weeks, and will be a great way to help students manage play, support one another and to connect with new friends. Parents are asked to reinforce the following messages with students.

- The Buddy Bench is not just about when things go “wrong”- sometimes we all need a break from our friends.
- Students who use buddy bench, when their friends are away, or they want a change in the game, or if they feel like some down time need to be congratulated for managing their feelings.
- Students who identify other students and welcome them into their activity or game- are the BEST TYPE OF KIN KORA KIDS! These kids are what we refer to as “community kind”.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Student Absence Notification

As you are aware, all state schools now require same day notification for absence of some specific student groups. At Kin Kora, we will move to a SMS based notification program for all families, to ensure that every family has the best line of communication to and from the school in the event of student absence.

To do this, we need to ensure that ALL FAMILIES HAVE UP TO DATE CONTACT DETAILS. Please ensure that you return the Student Personal Details forms that were sent home last week. These forms can be delivered to the office.

2017 Enrolments (including Prep)

We are currently taking enrolments for Prep, and other year levels in 2017 and have a number of enrolments so far. If you have not done so and you intend to enrol your child, do this as soon as possible please. Early enrolments allow us to better consider how many classes we will have next year, and then organise staffing the teachers we will require. If you have children joining us here next year, or you have friends coming to town or looking for school options, enrolment forms are available through our office. Please note: Kin Kora has an Enrolment Management Plan- this does not mean that out of catchment enrolments are not allowed. While there is space, we can provide our service to students regardless of their address!

Attendance Support

Kin Kora’s overall attendance has dropped slightly over the past couple of weeks, which you will see in the table below. While there are clearly reasons for this, I would take this opportunity to remind the school community of the following evidence based research into student attendance.
Did you know?
Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
- Won’t get out of bed in the morning
- Won’t go to bed at night
- Can’t find their uniform, books, school bag…
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Haven’t done their homework
- Watching TV
- Have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- It’s their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Staff Car Parking
Parents are reminded that on site car parking is available only to staff. Currently we have several parents parking in this area, making it difficult for staff to get in and prepare for the day. Please make use of the on street parking.

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

Stay safe from swooping magpies
Protect yourself from swooping magpies this spring.
August to October is peak magpie nesting season. During this time, magpies often display territorial behaviour to protect their young including swooping at passers-by.

There are a few techniques that can be used to avoid or minimise the chance of a magpie attack. The best is to simply avoid the area where magpies are known to be swooping.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management also suggest the following safety tips:

- wear a hat, helmet or sunglasses
- get off your bike and walk
- walk in a group
- never approach a baby magpie
- keep an eye on the magpie, as they don’t tend to swoop when being watched.

If you are swooped, don’t stop or run, just walk away. Most importantly, never deliberately provoke or harass a magpie.

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.
Child Safety

As part of the Daniel Morcombe child safety unit, please remind your child about being safe when traveling to and from school, always get in the car if they know the driver well (parents/close relatives), walk in pairs and be aware of any approaching cars, report to parents/school if any stranger approaches them.

Valuables at school

Just a reminder that the school is not responsible for the safe keeping of your child’s electronic devices (mobile phones) and valuables at school. Therefore, the school strongly encourages that these valuable items stay at home. Please remind your child to avoid wearing dangly earrings, necklaces, bracelets and rings as they are not part of our school uniform.

2017 Year 6 Camp

2017 Year 6 Camp will be held during Term 1, Week 6. The cost of this camp including transport will be approximately $450 which will be payable in the first 4 weeks of Term 1 next year.

Majeed Zadeh
Deputy Principal

Cybersafety Tips

Cyberbullying

Remember that if your child has been involved in cyberbullying and seems distressed or shows changes in behaviour or mood it may be advisable to seek professional support, including through the Cybersmart Online Helpline at http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx

Mobile Phone Safety

Check the automatic download settings and in-app purchase settings on your child’s mobile phone, as these can incur extra costs or use up credit quickly.

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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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

Reef Guardian

On Thursday 25th August four Year 5 students went to Quoin Island with Mr Shonhan to participate in a Reef Guardian Eco Challenge day with other students from schools across the region. The students were involved in activities that included; Marine Park zoning, turtle rehabilitation centre tour, mangrove study, making a reusable bag from an old t-shirt and a litter source reduction plan. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were very well behaved. Even waiting an extra hour for the boat trip back after a mechanical failure did not ruin the smiles of the Kin Kora kids. The students involved were: Jewel Kenny, Keira Soper-Fields, Bradley Donnelly and Nathaniel Edgar.

Mathletics

Kin Kora students have achieved 21 gold certificates, 268 silver certificates and 1 516 bronze certificates so far this year! Congratulations to 5D, 3A and 2E 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 Ava Hovey for achieving a Gold Certificate.

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: Resilience

Children who are emotionally resilient can calm down soon after being extremely upset (sad, worried, angry …) without needing the immediate help of an adult. They can control their behaviour by not fighting when upset, and returning to work or play within a reasonable time. Children can be helped to calm down by learning three important skills:

1. Find something fun to do.
2. Find a grown-up to talk with.
3. Say “Calm down!” to themselves and take three big breaths (and blow the candles out for each). Resilient children can learn not to dwell on and let go of negative things that happen and move on with their best attitude and positive outlook for their future.

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

- When I have a problem, it is good to find someone to talk to.
- When I am upset, I can find something fun or I enjoy doing to help me calm and refocus
- When I am upset, it is smart to think – “Calm down” and take three big slow breaths
- It is ok to have negative feelings eg. be worried/ angry/ feel hurt, but it is good to learn how to calm myself down so I can think clearly about things

When you catch your child/ren out being resilient, please give plenty of descriptive praise and feedback, such as:

“You kept calm. Good for you being so resilient.”
“I can see that even though you are nervous, you are going to try it anyway. Top effort!”

“Even though you were angry then, you didn’t scream or fight. You are becoming really responsible and resilient.”

_Leanne Burke_  
Deputy Principal Lower School

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## 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. We urgently need helpers for the day.

### 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. Please go to our website to download a uniform pre-order form.

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## Classroom Gossip

### Prep

Another term is coming to an end. Prep will be busy wrapping up the term with different assessment pieces. Literacy will see the students responding to a Mr Mc Gee story and writing a four line rhyme. We are still continuing with our SSP focus doing many hands on games and learning all about the sound clouds. Maths has the preps asking each other YES and NO questions after they designed a pizza. We will wrap up the term with the Father’s Day Stall and making various gifts for Dad in the classroom.

### Year 1

The year 1s have begun learning about retelling cultural stories. We have already read a number of wonderful Dreamtime stories. Students are retelling the orientation, complication and resolution using key words such as, first, next, then, after, finally. Students can practise this skill with any picture book they are reading at home. This can be done orally or written with pencil and paper. By the time of the year we expect complete sentences with capital letters and full stops.

In Maths students have been working hard to read and write half past times. Students will also be focusing on the Australia coins and their values. To support your student please continue working on these skills at home. Students should also be counting to and from 100 by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s. By this time of the year we are expecting numbers to be written neatly and correctly. If you notice any numbers written incorrectly, please ask your child to fix the mistake and practise proper number formation.

Reminder: Homework should be completed weekly and returned to the classroom teacher. Homework is:

1. Reading
2. Sentence writing
3. Sight word practise
4. Maths- counting, addition and subtraction facts

If you need support completing these weekly tasks, please make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

### Year 2

Wow! What a great last few weeks! We all had a fantastic time visiting the Gladstone Art Gallery and Museum and learnt so much about the history of the building! Did you know that the building is 83 years old? We were all impressed by the statue of Mr Gladstone which is 121 years old and lives inside the Art Gallery. It was a fascinating trip and we can’t wait to write a historical narrative about the Art Gallery.

In English, we have just begun our new unit focusing on persuasive texts. We have learnt that a persuasive text must have a title, statement of position, series of arguments and a concluding statement. We have been looking at a range of topics and deciding whether we agree or disagree and why. We read an interesting example of a persuasive text entitled: "No More Playtimes for Primary School Children". It was safe to say lots of children disagreed with this viewpoint!

In math over the past weeks we have been exploring money collections, through counting collections of coins and looking at their value. It would be excellent to extend this skill at home through counting collections of notes and coins that might be available, or helping to pay for various items at the supermarket.

Recently, we constructed and tested our own floating objects that could be pushed and pulled through the water. Photos of our experience have been placed below.
Year 3

What's on in the next 2 weeks?

Father’s Day Stall is on Friday the 2nd September. P&C need donations and helpers. Please see your child’s teacher if you are able to assist.

Special Information

Instrumental Music forms are due on the 9th of September. Please see your child’s teacher if you missed out on the information letter and are interested in your child learning an instrument next year. There is an information evening on Tuesday the 30th of August for parents of those students considering learning Woodwind, Brass or Percussion.

Highlights

We were lucky enough to see the Concert Band perform at the lower school parade on Wednesday the 24th of August. Well done to all year 3 students for their excellent behaviour during the performance.

Fantastic effort to all the year 3 students that competed in the Botanic to Bridge! It was great to see you exercising and having fun.

Reminders

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 Historical Recount unit, with both the reading comprehension assessment and the student’s own Historical Recount about a child convict being finalised. We are now all working on the new unit which focuses on the Emily Rodda novel, ‘Rowan of Rin’. This is a fantasy quest novel, with the main character being a young boy about the same age as the students, so the children are really enjoying this story. There has been a lot of discussion about how the author is developing the various characters in the book, using language features such as noun groups, verb groups, dialogue etc.

In Maths, we have all completed Money assessment now, and have moved on to Unit 6. This unit focuses predominantly on measurement. The students have really been enjoying doing concrete activities with measurement, using scales, rulers and thermometers, which is helping them to understand what type of instrument is used for measuring various things, eg a thermometer is used to measure the temperature, a ruler is used to measure length and a scale is used to measure mass.

The Science unit has now been finalised in all classes, and we are all now working on the new History unit. This unit focuses on the impact of European settlement of Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Year 5

Year 5’s have been busy again this week.

English - This week we began looking at narrative poems and identifying their features. We’re continuing to prepare for when we make our own multi-modal narrative from a provided poem.

Maths – We have been looking at geometry this week in regards to measurement. We have been using different equipment to measure the length, area, perimeter, mass, volume and capacity. 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.

History - The Gold Rush is proved to be a very interesting topic for our history this term. We are learning about the opposing sides of the conflict that led to the Eureka Stockade. Peter Lalor and Governor La Trobe are two of the people who made a significant impact.

Technology - Over the next few weeks, we will be beginning our technology unit which links in closely with our History unit. We are looking forward to see what inventive ideas students come up with when making their own gold rush 3D artefacts.

Year 6

All systems are go in Year 6 at the moment. We are finishing off our English Unit around the book My Place, by Nadia Wheatley and Donna Rawlins. We have been writing some very entertaining journal entries based on the life of a character from the story and the experiences they had.

It is coming to the time of the year when our teachers are busily organising information for the high schools to start the planning process for next year. Last week Mr O’Connor from Toolooa State High School visited with some past students to discuss some of the important things we needed to know. Next week we will have teachers from Gladstone State High School visit to talk to our students about what they have available there. It is important if parents haven’t yet been in contact with the high school they intend to send their child to that they contact the school to find out what is required for their enrolment. This will ensure that we are able to give the high schools any information they need to ensure a smooth transition for every child.

Sporting News

HPE

Congratulations Peyton Craig who has come home from the National Cross Country titles in Canberra with 2 silver medals. Peyton placed 8th overall in the 3km run and finished with silver in the overall teams and also the relay. This continues what has been an outstanding sporting year for Peyton. Well done!
Capricornia Athletics

Congratulations to Jack Tremellen and Peyton Craig who have been selected in the Capricornia Athletics team. These boys will now compete at the State Championships in Brisbane this October. Good Luck!

Important Dates

02/09 – 5 a side Touch (Benaraby)
09/09 – Milo T/20 Blast (Clinton Park)
14/09 – SpikeZone Volleyball (State High)
14/09 – Rugby 7s (Marley Brown Oval)

Robbie Peters
PE Teacher

Music

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITING for 2017

Applications forms for students to join the Instrumental Music program in 2017 have been sent home with students from years 2 and 3.

STRINGS is open to current year 2 students and above.
WOODWIND/BRASS/PERCUSION is open to current year 3 students and above.

Please note: If a student joins the Strings program they cannot then change to the Woodwind/Brass/Percussion program while still at primary school.

There will be an information evening for Woodwind, Brass and Percussion at 6:30pm tonight (Tuesday 30th August) in the Kin Kora music room.

The information evening for Strings will be at 7:00pm on Friday 2nd August in the Kin Kora music room.

If you wish your child to be considered for enrolment in the Instrumental Music program for 2017, please come along to the information evening, then complete the Instrumental Music Recruitment Form and return it to either Mrs Maitland or to Mrs Slape (via the school office) by no later than FRIDAY 9th September.

Students CAN NOT be tested for instrument suitability without the signed permission slip.
(This is a LEGAL requirement!)

Applicants are asked to rank order ALL instruments they might like to play, with number 1 being their first preference. Students may number as many, or as few instruments as they like. All applicants will be tested on all instruments. There may be an instrument which a student hasn’t considered, but they may have ideal physical attributes (e.g. hand size, arm length, height, lip shape etc.). Please choose instruments which you are interested in, but be prepared for an offer on an instrument which you may not have considered.

Applications for both the Woodwind/Brass/Percussion program and Strings program are due back by no later than Friday 9th September.

The final decision on selection into the Instrumental Music program is made by the principal. Any students who miss out during this round of recruiting will be put on a waiting list, or can re-apply next year.

Carol Slape (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion)
Carmen Smith (Strings)

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.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop changes

Please note that from Week 10 (12 September), the tuckshop will be operating on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The tuckshop will be closed on Tuesdays.

Smart Choices

Remember with the changes to Smart Choices, we are always updating our menu. You can check this out online by clicking on the link below.


Sam Smith
Managing Tuckshop Convenor
kinkorasstuckshop@yahoo.com.au

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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

[Images of children]