Term 1 Week 4 – Tuesday 14 February 2017

Principal News

Hello everyone, welcome to Week 4.

Remember the focus for the year

Attitude - Wellbeing and High Levels of On-Task Behaviour
Attendance - Committing to impeccable attendance levels
Achievement - High Academic Performance, particularly in Mathematics

Class Changes

This week we welcome Mr Matt Eun to the new class we were able to form after some increased enrolments at Day 8. Matt will be a fifth class in our Year 3 Team. In other good news, the additional class has also meant that we have straight classes across the whole school, so Mrs Ray now has 1E and Mrs Graham has 2E.

A big thanks to all the students, parents and teachers involved in managing this change so smoothly.

Attendance Counts!

Whole school attendance – Weeks 2 and 3

Term 1 to date: 96.5%

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Kin Kora’s attendance goal is 95% for every year level. Well done to the Preps who are above this, and the Year 1’s who were close.

Term 1 Class Captains

Congratulations to the following students on their Class Captain positions for Term 1:

- **Year 3** – Nate Barber, Ayden Bye, Yukie Sorrensen, Cole Dickenson, Zavier Burns
- **Year 4** – Mia Bye, Justin Callow, Declan Bobart, Oscar Penno, Taya Prise
- **Year 5** – Zoe McDonald, Tegan Houghton, Amanda Evans, Phoebe Shewan
- **Year 6** – Jack Bramall, Diesel Costigan, Ashtyn Schultz, Jenna Lester, Zykalee Hood

Term 1 Enviro Captains

Kin Kora State School has an Environmental Management Plan with a focus on sustainability and waste management. Two aspects of this program include Nude Food Tuesdays and the election of Enviro Captains. We congratulate the following Term 1 Enviro Captains:

- **Prep** – Ronan Sandland, Charlotte Rolli, Scarlett Young, Allaria Dowdle, Mason Darcy
- **Year 1** – Connor Silvester, Luke McLeod, Robbie Fleming, Heitana Maki, Jaiden McCurdy
- **Year 2** – Lochi Absalom, Maeli Cook, Niamh Noonan, Jordan Darcy, Charlie Lockwood
- **Year 3** – Alexander Davis, Jack Long, Logan Vanderwolf, Angus Waller
- **Year 4** – James Carter, James Hanna, Thalia Cole,
Ella-Jayde Green, Leah Latham

**Year 5** – Jake Grooby, Collin Munro, Toby Simmons, Lotha Letchford


### 2017 Year 6 Camp

2017 Year 6 Camp is being held on 27 February – 3 March. This is very early in the schooling year. Camp scheduled early in the year allows the whole Year 6 cohort to make the most out of the team building benefits of camp for the remainder of the year. The cost of this camp including transport will be $440 and will need to be paid by tomorrow.

### Cybersafety Tips

Ensure your child knows how to use reporting tools, and what to do if someone says something that upsets them online.

### Parenting help: Triple P positive parenting

Triple P has lots of different ways parents and carers of kids and teenagers can get free support. All families are different, so if you’re looking for a little bit of help or a lot, or something in between, you can register for seminars and groups or arrange one-on-one support.

Cheers! And have a great week.

**Jorgen Neilson**
Principal

### Absences

As you can understand, our office is extremely busy in the mornings. To help us out if your child is absent, please email us on absent@kinkorass.eq.edu.au

### 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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### Mathletics

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 Jayce Jinnette, Mason Young, Oliver Ord, Lilee Jetson, Sophie Slack, Dylan Rogers and Sahara Arroyo Serrano for achieving a Gold Certificate.

A reminder that to continue using Mathletics this year, students will need to return the note that was sent out earlier this week. Please see your child’s teacher if you didn’t receive the note.

Andrew Shonhan
Master Teacher

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?

To get going at reading and writing, a child needs 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 “weight” 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.

Reference: Nicole Avery – Helping Beginning Readers – Tips for Parents
http://www.planningforkids.com/

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

How do I know my child is being persistent and sticking at his/her tasks?

Your child is being persistent when he or she:-

- cleans up after playing a game/activity even though he/she doesn’t want to
- finishes a puzzle even if he/she asks for help
- keeps trying to learn new things eg cutting with scissors/ riding a bike
- keeps trying when learning to write his/her name, do cursive writing or typing on the keyboard and it is hard at first
- keeps colouring when a drawing is not finished
- tries to draw something that is hard to do without giving up
- keeps trying even when he/she is tired
- does not get distracted when learning something new
- does not give up too quickly when playing a difficult game
- does not give up when they do not win/go first eg a card game
Leanne Burke
Deputy Principal Lower School

Tuckshop Talk

We’ve had a tremendous start to the new school year at the Tuckshop and we would like to thank all the children who have been using their manners when ordering over the counter.

We would like to remind parents that Preps do not receive Tuckshop at 2nd break so please do not use the Flexischools ordering system for 2nd break.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who have so generously given up their time to assist us, we would not be able to run a successful Tuckshop without you!

Thank you to all the parents of 1A and 1B who have volunteered to help in the Tuckshop and to the parents of 1C and 1D, please keep a watch out for your volunteer letters. Reply slips can be dropped off at the office.

Volunteer Roster – Term 1

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If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis, please feel free to pop in anytime for a chat, our door is always open.

Thank you for your continued support,

Brenda Raw
Managing Tuckshop Convenor
kinkorasstuckshop@yahoo.com.au

P&C Meeting

Our P&C Meeting is being held tonight instead of tomorrow night for this month only. It will still be held on the third Wednesday of every month after this.

Larissa Mylonas
P&C President
Kin Kora State School

Sports News

Futsal/Soccer

Please check the noticeboard outside the office for more information.

HPE

Look out for the School Fun Run forms which will be coming home with your child this week. This year we will be hosting a colour run full of obstacles for our students to complete! The fun run will take place on Friday 31st March

Robbie Peters
HPE Teacher

Music

The following photo is the String Ensemble rehearsal held on Thursday 9 February with Miss Smith

Maree Maitland
Music Teacher

Instrumental Music Notes

PARKING

Please use the Sun Valley Street car park to drop and collect your students on the day of their lesson/Band/ String Orchestra rehearsals.
This applies to Kin Kora students who are currently learning a large instrument - eg. Cello, Trombone, Bass Clarinet, Tuba, Euphonium, Tenor Saxophone and Alto Saxophone.

Kin Kora Instrumental Music for 2017 is back in full swing.

**Concert Band**

All continuing Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students are automatically members of the Kin Kora school Concert Band and are obliged to attend rehearsals each **Tuesday** morning at 7:45am in Mrs Maitland’s music room.

**Lessons**

All students are now operating on a weekly basis. All Instrumental Music lesson timetables are displayed in the window of Mrs Maitland’s music room. Students need to be in the routine of bringing their instrument and their tutor book to school each week on their lesson day. Instruments should not be left at school overnight.

**Practice**

All instrumental music students, regardless of how long they have been playing, need to play their instrument at home for at least 10 minutes each and every day. The 10 minutes of music practice each day should be considered as part of the normal homework routine, and was a foundation commitment made (which parents signed off on) when students first applied to enrol in the Instrumental Music program. Daily practice will assist the strengthening of the students’ muscles in their fingers, hands, arms, shoulders, back, lips and cheeks; and aid the development of finger dexterity and coordination. Not only playing the instrument, but reading music on a daily basis is also required to develop fluency and musical literacy.

Your support and encouragement at home will reap enormous benefits for your child’s development as a musician.

**Many thanks,**

Carol Slape

**Instrumental Music Teacher (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion)**

**Toolooa SHS (Base school - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)**

**Kin Kora SS (Tuesday)**

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**Classroom Gossip**

**Prep**

Our Prep students have been busy settling into the “big school life” these last few weeks and they have been doing a wonderful job. A couple of classes have visited Harold in the Life Education van and he taught us lots of great things about being happy and healthy. Harold will be sticking around Kin Kora for a few more weeks and can’t wait to meet the rest of the Prep cohort. We have been listening to lots of wonderful stories, learning about our SSP monsters along with learning how to recognise and count lots of big numbers. Prep have also been doing lots of hands on activities to help build our Gross and Fine motor skills, these skills help us to perform everyday tasks even better!

**Year 1**

Year One classes are currently learning to co-operate together in our Guided Reading Groups, in the morning. Any parents wishing to volunteer to help out at this time, please feel free to offer to your classroom teacher. In our Literacy learning the teachers are all implementing a new sounds program called ssp, which has been very successful for the children helping their de-coding skills needed for reading and writing. We are also focusing on the beginning, middle and end of stories and writing about these. The children are working hard and producing nice bookwork.

In Mathematics we are exploring many topics such as Number, Addition, Measurement and time concepts. There is a display in the office currently from 1A and 1B showing the maths we have been doing. It is up for the next two weeks please check it out!

In Science our focus is on the external features of animals, classifying these and learning about their habitats.

Our history lessons are based around milestones the children have celebrated in their lives (such as first day of school, learning to walk etc.) A note will be sent home about this.

Great start to the term, great to see all the children here daily.

**Year 2**

What a busy fortnight in Year 2! We have all been doing lots of great things!

We have been continuing our work on procedures in English by deconstructing the text as well as having a go at writing a procedure as a class. We are all really enjoying reading the book George’s Marvelous Medicine. In Maths over the next two weeks, we are looking at place value, in particular two digit numbers and their representation. As well as using a range of strategies to solve a variety of addition and subtraction number facts.

**Year 3**

**What’s on in the next 2 weeks?**

There are so many exciting things happening in year 3 in the next 2 weeks. Swimming has already started for 3A, 3C and 3F and will start for 3B and 3D on the 15th. We are looking forward to meeting all our parents during our Parent Information Sessions on the 14th or 15th. Remember you don’t need to attend both sessions. Choose a day and time that suits you.

**Special Information**

Please provide your child’s teacher with your email address if you haven’t already. Thanks so much for returning the endless amount of forms, permission notes and payments. It is greatly appreciated.

**Highlights**

Over the past 2 weeks students have participated in Life Education lessons. These lessons focused on being healthy and safe and have been enjoyed by all. We have also elected our Class and Enviro Captains for Term 1. These positions were voted by class members and are highly sought after so well done to all recipients.
Reminders
Third Party Website Permission Form due Monday 13th February.

Year 4
The year 4s have had a busy start to the year! Swimming started in week 3 for 4A, 4C and 4E. 4B and 4D will start their swimming lessons in week 4. This will alternate each week with Music and swimming lessons. Life Education was also on this week for some of classes. They enjoyed learning all about healthy eating, physical exercise and dealing with emotions. 4C are going to the Life Education van on the 15th Feb and 4E will be attending on the 24th Feb. In English, we have been reading the Roald Dahl classic, The Twits. We have been analysing the characters and identifying the different language features. In Maths, we are focusing on place value, multiplication and division facts. Just a reminder to return the third party web based service provider form and the parent information night sheet if you haven’t done so already.

Year 5
The grade 5 classes are settling very well into our new routines and lessons. Thank you to those parents who were able to make the recent parent information session. If you were unable to attend a letter covering the topics we discussed was sent home with your child. Please contact the classroom teacher if you did not receive this note.

All year 5 classes have begun our first of two Life Education lessons. Visiting Harold in the van is always a fun and different way to get a health message across. We are covering Cyber Safety. These Life Ed lessons are followed up with classroom teachers. Being Cyber aware is a very important skill for all internet users.

Maths News: Open ended tasks are keeping the students engaged in problem solving. Students are enjoying the opportunity to challenge themselves by taking risks in a supportive and encouraging way.

History News: We will be creating before and after models of how Moreton Bay (Brisbane) looked as colonisation of the states began.

Science News: Create a creature is beginning this week. If you have a computer at home students are free to bring home the PowerPoint to practise their ‘digital creations’.

Year 6
Hi parents and community,

A very busy start to the year. From leadership responsibilities to new sporting teams taking the field, the Kin Kora kids won’t have time to blink.

It was also terrific to see so many parents turn up for the general info night and camp info night. We just want to stress that camp monies are due next Wednesday 15th. If your child doesn’t intend on attending the camp, ensure the teacher is informed so we can make the necessary room and group allocations. With camp just around the corner, we just want to make sure everything is taken care of. If you have any queries, don’t hesitate to contact the teachers or ladies in the office.

Onto the sports. The soccer boys had a good start to the Toyworld Cup season winning 4-0. A hat trick from Nate Beach and a good goal from Declan Corke finished the game off. The girls lost unfortunately but it was a close game, going down 3-2. Our next game will be at 5:40 Monday. The girls are playing at BITS whereas the boys are playing at Boyne Island State School. Rugby League starts next week on Wednesday. The draw will be out shortly.

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No late payments will be accepted after the due date.

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Medical Issues

If your child has an Epipen, Asthma, or any other medical condition Action Plan, please ensure school has an updated version for the beginning of 2017. All children taking any medication also need to renew medication forms annually. Forms are to be filled in and handed in to the office prior to starting school. The office will be open from Monday 16 January 2017 between 8am and 3pm for parents wishing to drop off these medical plans. All existing medication for this year is required to be picked up by the last day of the school year. Medical forms can be downloaded from our website.

Photos

Nude Food

Nude Food will be running on Tuesday and Thursday each week which means there is now double the chance to earn a ticket for the nude food raffle each term! Please remember that nude food means that all food is packed in plastic containers to help reduce the amount of waste in our school.

Class Captains Term 1