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Term 1 Week 10 – Tuesday 2 April 2019

Principal News

End of Term

It has been a very busy term. I would like to thank:

- Our parents for the support they give to their children and our staff, and for the many and varied ways they add to the quality of our great school.
- Our staff for the commitment to excellence they show in making learning and fun the key to every school day for every student; and most importantly
- Our students whose hard work is paying off, as they learn and play.

School Review

On the 7 -9 May (Term 2 week 3) Kin Kora SS will undergo a three day School Review as part of the department's monitoring and support of Queensland schools. It is conducted by the School Improvement Unit with a team of three trained educational professionals, who use the School Improvement Tool to observe and gather information about the school. It occurs every 4 years and provides the school with independent feedback tailored to our school context around nine key domains.

The reviewers look closely at the school's performance data and processes and speak with a wide range of school community – teachers, parents, students, admin, supporting staff and community members to get an accurate picture of the school.

The principal receives a comprehensive report outlining key findings and recommendations for improvement strategies to maximise student outcomes. Consideration and review of the

findings will happen with the school team, community and Assistant Regional Director, Mrs Kay Kirkman, to determine clear actions for moving the school forward.

More information will be coming out early next term. Further general information on School Reviews is available at:

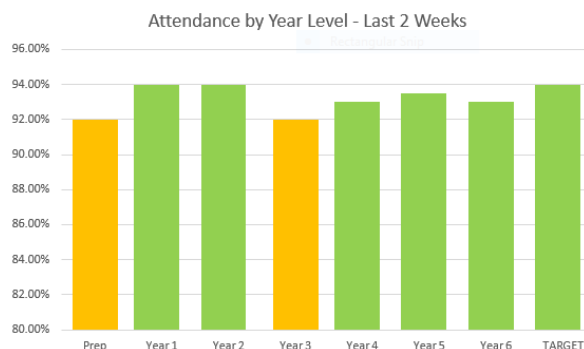
<http://www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au>

Attendance Counts!

Students achieve more when they are at school every day learning. Our school goal for attendance is 95%. The graph below shows the performance of each cohort in the last fortnight.

Every Day Counts Website is a helpful too:

<https://everydaycounts.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>



Sports Days

This Friday is the Yr 3-6 sports day and I hope you will join with me in coming to school to cheer our students on in their track events. Field events are on Thursday before this. The Prep to Yr 2 sports day will be on the first Friday back next term. Let's join together and celebrate our students having fun, competing and showing their multi - talents.

Get Set for Prep 2020

Enrolments are open for Prep 2020. Children born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015 are eligible to enrol now for next year. Our **first Get Set for Prep event is on Tuesday 30 April at 9:00am** for a tour and activities in prep classrooms. If you have a child or know someone with a child ready to start Prep in 2020, please come along and/or contact the office for enrolment information.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the Police or State Government Security Service deal with the matter.

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter and a safe and harmonious holiday break.

School resumes for Term 2 on Tuesday 23 April.

Leanne Burke (Acting Principal)

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted from 14–16 May as per the timetable below.

	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May
Year 3	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

Prior to the testing program, all Principals must have finalised student participation in the NAPLAN tests.

All students in Years 3 & 5 are required to sit for the tests unless they are withdrawn by parents/carers. Where parents/carers do not want students to participate in the test, they must discuss their wishes with their class teacher or Belinda O'Sullivan, Deputy Principal. Students who are withdrawn from the tests will have no result recorded and no report will be provided.

Adjustments may be permitted for students with a disability to support their access to the tests and facilitate maximum participation. Teachers and parents will identify students who qualify for adjustment. Parents of students who have been identified as requiring adjustments will be contacted prior to the test.

If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests please contact Belinda O'Sullivan on 49715111.

ANZAC Day

Our School's ANZAC Day service will be held on Wednesday 24th April.

This service will commence at 2.15 p.m. in our Covered Games Area.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Kin Kora State School will also be participating in the town Services.

Details are as follows:

Dawn Service meet Mr Neilson at 5.15 a.m. in the carpark, Woolworths in the Valley Shopping Centre.

Anzac Parade and Service meet Mrs O'Sullivan and other staff outside the Commonwealth Bank, Goondoon Street at 10.15 a.m.

All students are to wear school uniform including school hat.

Belinda O'Sullivan (Deputy Principal)

Meet Asha

This year we have a new prep student named Asha and she has a very rare disability. You have probably seen her zooming around the school in her hot pink electric wheelchair. Asha has 2 siblings at the school Nate in grade 6, he is the Vice School Captain and Isla who is in grade 3. Asha's mum Mel also works in our Tuckshop.

Asha's disability is called Nemaline Rod Myopathy, it is a muscle weakness disability. Asha is highly intelligent. She can't walk independently just yet, but she is slowly gaining enough strength to walk with support, which is AMAZING! Asha can sit independently, draw, write, and play!

Asha also has a secondary diagnosis of restrictive lung disease and she will often be wearing a mask/ventilator to help her inflate her lungs properly. You may see her with a mask on her face, this is just to help Asha breathe.

Because of her muscle weakness and lung weakness a normal cold makes Asha very unwell. In the past Asha has unfortunately ended up in hospital in Brisbane.

Asha is a happy little girl and has a great sense of humour. Her parents Mel and Dave are more than happy to answer any questions you might have in regards to anything to do with Asha or her disability, Asha is also more than capable of answering most things, so please don't be afraid to say hello or ask any questions.

Asha is just like everyone else! She does things a little differently that's all. Being at school is really hard work for her, but Asha is a super determined little girl who is loving her first year at Kin Kora and enjoying all the activities school life brings including new friends. So if you see Asha around, feel free to say Hi to Asha and have a chat!

Cathy Holmes (HOSES)

2019 Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition

The Gallery & Museum is excited to host the touring entries of the 2019 Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition, until Thursday April 18, featuring around 300 works including paintings, drawings and collages.

Families who may like to visit during their holiday break, the Gallery & Museum is open from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

123 Magic Parenting Program

The 123 Magic Parenting program is run by an experienced facilitator and sponsored by GAPDL Communities for Children in partnership with Welcoming Intercultural Neighbours Inc. Parents and carers will gain an understanding on how to resolve difficult behaviour in children and manage difficult parenting situations.

DATES: Wednesday 24th April, 1st May & 8th May 2019
Participants need to attend ALL 3 sessions

TIME: 10:00am - 12:30pm

LOCATION: Boyne Tannum Community Centre, Castletower Room


COST: FREE

TO REGISTER: Email Dana on admin@win-australia.org.au OR phone 0487 422 142 / 4903 1931.

Registration is REQUIRED as spaces are LIMITED and spots tend to fill up fast

Child minding is available for free upon request for parents/carers who are unable to find alternative child minding arrangements. Child minding needs to be booked when registering as there will be limited places available. If you require child minding, please advise your child's full name, age and if he/she has any special needs when booking.

Positive Behaviour

Week 10	Term 2 Week 1
Be A Learner	Be A Learner
<p><u>Kin Kora Kids:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn from mistakes. • Persistence means that we keep trying, even if we make mistakes. • Always try their best and keep trying. 	<p><u>Students who are Learners:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are organised. • Concentrate. • Focus on their work. • Persist to stay on task.
	

Week 10	Term 2 Week 1
Follow the four school Expectations	Be Safe
<p><u>Kin Kora Students:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Safe. • Be Responsible. • Be Respectful. • Be a Learner. 	<p><u>Walkways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always walk on pathways. • Walk in 1 or 2 neat lines. • Always walk up or down the stairs. • Stay to the left hand side of the path to allow other people to pass.

School Calendar

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Wed 3 Apr	Chelsea Baker Cup Girls RL Girls Day Mathletics Live Competition P – 2 Easter Hat Parade at morning parade	Thu 25 Apr	ANZAC Day
Thu 4 Apr	Upper School Field Events PC Tennis	Fri 26 Apr	Lower School Sports Day
Fri 5 Apr	Upper School Sports Day Last Day Term 1	Tues 30 April	Get Set for Prep 2020 Open invitation for next year's prep visit and tour
Tue 23 Apr	Term 2 Starts	Fri 10 May	Saiki Children's Day LOTE Excursion (Selected students)
Wed 24 Apr	ANZAC Day Parade	Tues 21 May	Grandparents Day