Term 3 - Week 6 Tuesday 19 August 2014

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

ICAS Science Results
Congratulations to the following students who achieved brilliant results on their ICAS Science tests:
Distinction: Jacelyn Davidson, Tai Scott, Jack Small

NAPLAN Results
Year 3, 5 and 7 students will receive their 2015 NAPLAN results this week. These results will be used to determine future academic goals and programs for your children.

Extended Learning Project - Science
Students from all over Gladstone attended Kin Kora State School last Friday to take part in a Science extended learning project. Please read Mrs Semple’s report in this newsletter.

Kin Kora Chess Success
Congratulations to Gareth Meikle, Kushika Alahakoon, Archer Boyes and Krishna Naik. This exceptional team managed second place at last week’s Interschool Chess Tournament. Well done to all participants.

Queensland Symphony Orchestra Concert
Last Friday, many of our instrumental music students had the privilege of attending a concert performed by the QSO at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre. We commend these students on their behaviour and attitude throughout.

PREP 2015 Information Night
THIS Thursday 21 August from 6pm-7pm.
You and your child can also attend PREP Open Days on EITHER:
Wednesday 12 November or Thursday 13 November from 9.30-10.30
Thanks to the many families who participated in Sunday’s Botanic to Bridge. With fantastic weather and great community spirit, this was a very enjoyable event. Congratulations in particular to Lachlan Blake (2nd in the 8km primary school division in a time of 33 minutes) and also Brady Blake and Joseph Bebendorf who finished a very credible 4th and 8th respectfully in the 3km primary school division.

2015 Enrolments
2015 planning is already in progress and we ask that you contact the office as soon as possible if you intend leaving Gladstone at the end of the year or if you wish to enrol a student for next year. We need this information to determine class structures and staffing requirements.

I feel fortunate indeed to be a part of a school where the parents, students and staff speak and act in a positive manner, thus creating the exceptional culture of our school. I thank you for your reinforcement of our school rules and your continued communication and support. It is only when we work together for our students/ your children, that success can be achieved.

In closing, I would like to thank the person who anonymously had gifts and cards delivered to myself and the Deputy Principals last week. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

Skip-a-thon
Skip-a-thon money is due this Friday. Prizes will be given out for the six highest fundraisers plus two random draws. All money raised goes back into classrooms in the form of resources eg ipads, books and maths equipment.

Relief Cleaners
If you would like to put your name down to do relief cleaning, please hand in your details to the office.

Maths Invaders
Ed Alive is giving our parents the opportunity to download Maths Invaders 2 for free. Maths Invaders builds students skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, division tables and much more. Visit www.edalive.com to download the program.

P & C News
Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! We need helpers to run upcoming events.
Our Fathers’ Day Stall helper notes went home this week. Please return those to the office asap.
Our major fundraiser is the Cent Sale. We need 5 interested people to canvas local businesses seeking prizes for our 2014 Cent Sale (Cent Sale is early term 4 but prizes need to be sought now). You would be given a list of business (in one area of town), letters to give to businesses seeking a donation and thank you certificates to give out when businesses donate. Without helpers these events will not be able to run.
Please contact me on lfall14@eq.edu or phone me Liz Fallon (Prep A) on 49715111 or leave your name at the office for the opportunity to help the school or for any more information about these events.

Fathers’ Day Stall
On Friday 5th September, our Kin Kora Fathers’ Day Shop will be open to purchase gifts for Dad or Granddad. Gifts range in price from $1 to $10. Notes are going out soon asking for your help to make our Fathers’ Day Stall a success. Please return your notes as soon as possible or leave your name at the office and we can contact you. Donations of ‘ready to sell’ items, home cooking and wrapped lollies/chocolates for the stall are most welcome. We are still seeking a raffle prize for the day so please contact the office if you can help. Liz Fallon P&C

Payment Reminders

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Science Extended Learning Program at Kin Kora State School

Students delved into the scientific world of vitamin C and completed two science experiments. The first experiment solved the mystery of what foods contain vitamin C and how much vitamin C each food contained. Students used a vitamin C test indicator solution, which allowed students to rank the vitamin C content of food because vitamin C causes the indicator solution to lose its colour: the lighter the solution, the higher the vitamin C content of each food. The students found that kiwifruit, tomatoes and grapes contain vitamin C but capsicum had very little.

The second experiment students completed answered the questions: Do different varieties of the same fruit or beverage have the same levels of vitamin C?; What brands of orange juice have the highest amount of vitamin C?; Does fresh juice have more or less vitamin C than concentrate juice or Tetra pack juice?; Does the way a fruit is stored, heated or how long it is stored change the level of vitamin C? Students can now recommend which brand of juice has the highest content of vitamin C and ways to store and cook fruits and vegetables to retain the vitamin C.

The Kin Kora students examined the heating effects on vitamin C tablets. They found that heating the tablets destroyed the vitamin C but placing the vitamin C tablet in 50°C water didn’t affect vitamin C levels.

Students also learnt about the importance of vitamin C. They were horrified to learn that lack of vitamin C can cause loss of appetite, bleeding gums, loose teeth, swollen ankles and tiny haemorrhages in the skin. Students have now vowed to eat more fruits and vegetables and steam or stir fry their vegetables to retain the Vitamin C content.

Skoolbo Success

Our students are achieving excellent results in Skoolbo. 2A is currently in first place for the most correct answers with 7664. 2nd place goes to 5B with 2966 correct answers and in 3rd place is 3A with 2454 correct answers.

Special mention goes to Dillon in 5B with 2000 correct answers. Congratulations also to Kavya in 3A and Mollie in 2A with 1000 correct answers. Congratulations on your achievement and to all students who are learning with Skoolbo.

To enrol your child, we will need to give Skoolbo their first name and the first letter of their last name e.g. Mary S. You can view Skoolbo’s privacy policy at http://skoolbo.com.au/privacy. If you’d like your child to be enrolled in Skoolbo, please complete the permission form on our website (www.kinkorass.eq.edu.au) and return to the office. Once we’ve uploaded your child’s information, they’ll receive a logon and password.

To play at home, you’ll need to download the program at www.skoolbo.com.au/downloads.

To view information about Skoolbo, please visit their website at www.skoolbo.com.au or please contact Lezah Semple, Head of Curriculum.

Tuckshop

Please go to www.flexischools.com.au to order your child’s tuckshop requirements. Please drop in and see Sam or phone her on 0417 101605 if you need assistance with this process. All volunteers MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies.

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Bazza Awards

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Extension Science

Chess
ICAS Science

Toyworld Soccer Team

Kilometre Klub
Book Fair

Dear Parent/Guardian,

August and September are both very exciting months in the Library. We are celebrating Book Week and Book Fair! From August 18th we are celebrating everything to do with BOOKS in the Library! Our theme is Book Fair Garden. This book celebration will see our Library transformed into a beautiful flowering garden and will host our Book Fair. This celebration will run until September 12, with the official end of the Book Fair on Wednesday, September 3, we are having a Book Week Parade/Dress Up Day for Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students. Students are to come dressed in anything related to books and gardens. For example a fairy, gnomes, bugs, trolls or even your favourite flower. Take inspiration from children’s books incorporating garden themes like The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

A Book Fair Garden dress up day will be held for Year 3, 4 and 5 students on Thursday, September 4 and for Year 6 and 7 students on Friday, September 5. Please note this is not a Free Dress Day. It is a Book/Garden Dress Up Day. Please make sure your costume is appropriate for school and sun safe.

Monday, September 8 will mark the official start to the Book Fair! This Book Fair will run very similarly to Term 2’s Book Fair. Again, the Library hours will change for the Book Fair week 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.

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Purchasing books can be done using a credit card, online or by phone. These payments can be made online at [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment) or by calling 1800 557 908. Please record the receipt number and ensure that your child presents this at the Fair to collect their book. If a receipt number is not provided, your child will be unable to purchase a book. Cash payments can be made for books during purchasing times, but please ensure the correct amount is paid, as change will not be available.

I look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair Garden. This fair will be held from Monday September 8 until Friday September 12. The Fair provides a wonderful opportunity for children to find exciting new books to read!

Kind Regards,

Naomi Hughes                           Suzanne Morgan
Year 3 – 7 Librarian                    Prep – Year 2 Librarian