Term 3 - Week 6 Tuesday 14 August 2012

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

**PREP info evening**
Our PREP information evening will take place THIS Thursday from 6pm-7pm in the Resource Centre. Enrolment forms and information packs will be made available on the night; however enrolment forms can also be obtained from the office or our website [www.kinkorass.eq.edu.au](http://www.kinkorass.eq.edu.au). Birth certificates are essential.

**Kin Kora Kids**
Our students received high praise from several recent visitors to our school. We received positive feedback about our manners and behaviour from B2B representatives, Tristan Miller (and Curtis the Turtle) as well as the Intercultural workshop presenters who delivered workshops to our students last week. Students' efforts were reinforced through the coverage of these events in the local media.

It was pleasing to see the number of students who assisted at last week's Disco. Several students remained behind with their parents at the end of the night to assist with the clean up. It was even more pleasing to hear these students volunteering their assistance rather than waiting to be asked. Students who attended were very well behaved and a credit to their parents.

Many students from PREP to Year 7 arrived at the office with examples of excellent work during the past week. We are extremely proud of the work these students are producing.

**Eisteddfod**
This week sees the commencement of the Gladstone Eisteddfod. If rehearsals are anything to go by, our students will do very well. Regardless of the outcome, I'm sure the students have thoroughly enjoyed their practices and they will gain valuable experience from performing in front of an audience. We wish them all the best.
**Parent induction**

Parent volunteers are required to have a blue card and take part in the Kin Kora Induction program. The next induction program will take place from 9.15-10.15 next Monday 20 August. Thanks to the many parents who volunteer to assist all Kin Kora Kids.

**Disco Thanks**

The Disco was a great success. We thank the many volunteers who made the evening possible, many of whom spent the entire day preparing and then stayed until close to clean up. We also thank those who showed great patience whilst we sorted out the electrical problem that tested us at the commencement of the evening.

**Yr 7 Camp**

Yr 7 parents can obtain information about the Year 7 Camp by going to our website and clicking on the ‘parent’ tab. Attendance is by invitation only and those students who meet the required criteria will receive invitations by the end of term 3.

**Olympics**

Congratulations to our Year 5 ‘Olympians’ who competed in a number of events last week. 5A team 2 won the basketball, 5C team 1 won the soccer and there were multiple winners of gold, silver and bronze for the vortex throwing.

**School Opinion Surveys**

Each year, the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) distribute surveys to parents, staff and students to gauge their satisfaction with certain aspects of their particular school. Kin Kora’s results will be compared to all other state schools in Queensland. If you were randomly selected via the computer generated list, you would have received an envelope, survey and letter yesterday. Your responses are confidential. We would appreciate the return of these surveys by next Monday 20 August.

**Uniforms**

We really appreciate your support with regards the wearing of school uniforms. The majority of students look smart every single day and show great pride in wearing the Kin Kora colours. Please remind your children that black shorts are the required uniform. A reminder that the Kin Kora black jackets can be purchased at Everything Uniform.

**Kin Kora Kids – and Proud of It!**

We are always proud of our Kin Kora Kids and they continue to impress visitors with their behaviour and manners. Visits to classrooms also show that all classes are highly engaged and well behaved. Please continue to reinforce our Bazza expectations of being safe, responsible and respectful. Children succeed when schools and parents work together. Fortunately, at Kin Kora, we have a highly supportive parent body and we thank you for that support.

Yours in Education
Mrs Kay Kirkman
Principal

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**Eisteddfod Dates**

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ICAS Maths

ICAS Maths will take place tomorrow.

Sports News

Congratulations to Ben Maynard and Ryan Molloy who competed in the U13 division of the Port Curtis Track and Field competition last week. Both boys put in a great effort in a wide range of events and earned some pleasing results.

Toyworld Cup Soccer commences next Monday 20 August at the Boyne Island fields.

Gladstone State High School Laptop Program 2013

The Gladstone State High School Year 8 Laptop Program will open for application on Monday 20th August at 8.15am. Applications are to be made online. You will need to log onto the GSHS website and follow the links www.gladstonshs@edu.eq.au.

The laptop program has been running for 12 years and will cater for two classes (a total of 56 students) in 2013. The laptops will be hired from the school, with technical support also provided by the school as part of the package.

Successful applicants will need to attend a compulsory information session at a future date to be determined.

For more information about the program, please contact Dannie Player – HOD IT dplay1@eq.edu.au or Jo Dahl – HOD of Middle School jdahl14@eq.edu.au.

Classroom Roundup

Prep F has been busy learning about strategies to use when reading. We were rewarded with gold medals last week because we had been working hard learning how to count in 2’s.

Prep E has been learning how to do addition sums and count by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. We have been learning a lot about rhyming and reading. We have also been little weather reporters in Science.

Prep D has enjoyed many exciting things over the past few weeks. We went to the Botanical Gardens and had a visit from Pirate Pete. We have been learning about the weather with Wilma the Weather Wombat and we made our own rhyming story.

Tuckshop Roster

| Wed 15 Aug - NEED HELPERS PLEASE | Wed 22 Aug – Peta N. NEED HELPERS PLEASE |
| Thu 16 Aug - Leanne R. NEED HELPERS PLEASE | Thu 23 Aug - NEED HELPERS PLEASE |
| Fri 17 Aug - Katrina D. NEED HELPERS PLEASE | Fri 24 Aug - NEED HELPERS PLEASE |

*Please note that party pies are $1.20 and lasagne is $3.50 as per the new menu. The menu can be viewed and printed from our website.*

BOOKFAIR IS COMING!!

Where? The School’s Resource Centre
Which days? Monday to Friday, August 27 to 31.
What times? Before school - from 8:00 am. until Bell Time.
After school - from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

P&C News

Fathers’ Day Stall
On Friday 31st August our Kin Kora Fathers’ Day Shop will be open to purchase gifts for Dad. Gifts range in price from $1 to $8. Now is the time to encourage your child to do those extra little jobs around home to earn pocket money to purchase Dad a really nice present. Notes are going out this week 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 if you can help please contact the office. We are also still seeking a coordinator for the stall. That person needs to be able to volunteer all morning at the stall, assisting in the set up & pull down of the stall as well as coordinating the helpers on the day. Please contact the office if you are available to assist the school on this day.

P&C

Bazza Awards

Nude Food Winners