Term 4 - Week 7 Tuesday 20 November 2012

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Chicken Pox**

We have had two confirmed cases of chicken pox in our school this week. Please seek medical advice if concerned.

**Kin Kora Cultural Activities - Choir**

Congratulations to Mrs Maitland and our fantastic school choir who were asked to perform at the launch of the Kmart Wishing Tree campaign. We received a great deal of positive feedback about their performance and behaviour. The students also enjoyed Santa's arrival in a fire engine. Our Choir will next perform at an Aged Care facility and Hibiscus Gardens. I know the residents thoroughly enjoy these visits and it is also a very rewarding experience for our students. Our final performance of the year will be at the Mayoral Carols Night at the Marina on 7 December. I am very impressed with the amount of time and effort Mrs Maitland and these students have expended to enable polished performances at all venues.

**Kin Kora Sporting Success**

Miss Shannon and Mr Trickett accompanied our Kin Kora Girls' Netball Team and Kin Kora Mixed Netball Team to the 5-a-side District Netball Competition last Friday. BOTH teams won their Grand Finals and also displayed excellent sportsmanship, supreme skills and outstanding behaviour. Our sporting teams have experienced a great deal of success this year taking out the District Soccer Girls' and Boys' Championships, the 6-a-side District Soccer Finals, the Aggregate Gladstone Athletics Trophy and the Central Queensland Shield for Netball and Rugby.

**Kin Kora Leaders for 2013**

We had some excellent candidates for next year's prime leadership positions. The voting has now been finalised and our 2013 Captains will be Lachlan Christie, Nicholas Versic, Abbey Downie and Holly Bebendorf. These students will find out whether they are School or Vice-Captains at the Year 7 Graduation Dinner. House Captain results will be published in next week's newsletter.
Thanks to our P&C
I am very fortunate to have an amazing P&C Committee and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them not only for giving up their time to attend meetings and organise numerous fund raising ventures but also for their absolute commitment to Kin Kora Kids. Their work behind the scenes has been nothing short of outstanding.

2013 PREPS
Last Wednesday and Thursday, we had the privilege of meeting our 2013 PREPS and their parents. From all accounts, we have another group of STARS on the way. Thank you to all who attended the morning and provided us with such positive feedback. We look forward to working with you all next year. Just a reminder that 'House Colour Hats' can be purchased from 9am-2pm from Wednesday 23 January.

Year 7 Graduation
A letter was sent home last week with regards arrangements for this special event. A reminder to all that initial ticket purchases will close TOMORROW ie left over tickets will be put on sale after tomorrow, so please ensure you have obtained your required tickets.

Kin Kora Kids
We are very impressed with the learning engagement and behaviour of our Kin Kora students at present. Truly outstanding! Let’s continue to reinforce attendance, attitude and achievement as we move towards the final stages of the school year.

Yours in Education
Mrs Kay Kirkman
PRINCIPAL

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Tuckshop Roster

| Thu 22 Nov - Elena J, NEED HELPERS PLEASE | Thu 29 Nov - Elena J, NEED HELPERS PLEASE |
| Fri 23 Nov - NEED HELPERS PLEASE | Fri 30 Nov - NEED HELPERS PLEASE |

SCHOOL CALENDAR

| Tue 20 Nov | Toadbusting at Botanic Gardens 7pm |
| Tue 27 Nov | Toadbusting at Beaumont Park 7pm |
| Fri 30 Nov | Yr 6 Orientation Toolooa High |
| Mon 3 Dec  | Yr 7 Orientation Toolooa High |
| Tue 4 Dec  | GSHS Orientation |
| Wed 5 Dec  | GSHS Orientation Year 7 Graduation at Marina marquee |
| Thur 6 Dec | Volunteers Afternoon Tea |
| Fri 7 Dec  | Christmas Stall Choir - Carols at the Marina |
| Tuesday 11 Dec | Choir to Eden Vale and Hibiscus Gardens IM Concert at 9am |
| Wed 12 Dec | Final Parade Report cards & Class lists issued |
| Friday 14 Dec | Last day of 2012 school year |

Kin Kora Christmas Stall
Kin Kora Christmas Stall is back by popular demand. On Friday 7th December the undercover area will be transformed into a Christmas shopping Mecca. Each class will have time to come to the Kin Kora Christmas Shop to purchase gifts for Mum, Dad, Grandma or Grandad. Gifts range in price from $2 to $10. Now is the time to encourage your child to do those extra little jobs around home to earn pocket money to purchase you a really nice present. Anyone available to help wrap items on Friday 30th November or Thursday 6th December or available to help on the day or wanting to donate can leave a message at the office or return their helper note to the silver box. This will be our last Fundraiser for the year.
Gladstone State High School Orientation.

As Year 7 fast draws to a close we look forward to our Year 7 Orientation Days. Our Year 10 students look forward to working with the Year 7 students and will follow them through to next year as their Peer Mentors. We have two days to enable the students to experience High School, have their questions answered and begin to make connections.

Where: Meet at the Hall at Gladstone State High. Staff will be on duty to greet the students.

When: Tue 4th and Wed 5th December 8.45 through to 3.05.

What to wear: School uniform (sports if at a school with a formal uniform)

What to bring: Hat, water bottle, writing materials, positive attitude.

Enrolment forms: Please hand in enrolment forms prior to Orientation (if you have not already done so) as we will be placing the students in their proposed House Groups for these days. It can make it unsettling if we need to make too many changes after this day for students. Thanks to those who have met this requirement.

Booklists and other organisational details for next year will be provided at the orientation. There will be a sausage sizzle provided for the students on the Tuesday and the tuckshop will be open to the students on the Wednesday. Students can bring their lunch if they wish.

At this stage Trials for the Volleyball School of Excellence will take place on the Wednesday morning (5th Dec) starting at approximately 7.00am. This time will be confirmed on the Tuesday Afternoon.

Performing Arts- Information regarding the Performing Arts Class will be provided on the Orientation days.

Parents will have to check with Bus companies regarding travelling to and from if you wish to use their service.

For the parents. There will be a Question & Answer session on the Tuesday afternoon, 4th of December, from 5.00pm for anyone who may have any queries about next year in the F Block lecture theatre.

Please direct any queries to Jo Dahl. jdahl14@eq.edu.au or 49766155

Thanks

Jo Dahl

Toadbusters

Toadbusting will be held at Tondoon Botanic Gardens on the 20 Nov at 7pm and at Beaumont Park at Clinton on the 27 Nov at 7pm. Please bring and wear covered shoes, long pants, long sleeves, torch or head lamp and a water bottle.

Classroom Roundup- by Class Captains

In English this term, Yr 5 students have been reading Storm Boy as well as viewing the movie. We then wrote a comparison of the two. Our teachers are really proud of our hard work and enthusiastic effort in completing this assessment task. We have also been learning about our local waterways in SOSE and enjoying all of the fun science experiments like the balloon balance to see if gas has mass.

Bazza Awards
2013 School Captains

Nude Food

Christmas Choir