Term 1 - Week 5 Tuesday 26 February 2013

From the Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Individual Learning Plans**
We are currently in the process of writing individual learning plans for all Years 1-7 students. We call these documents **OMGS** (ongoing monitoring of goals and strategies). These plans are prepopulated with your child’s results in English, Maths and Science from the previous three semesters and then aspirational targets are set and strategies established to assist your child in achieving these goals. Through this process, teachers determine how to move your child forward regardless of their ability level.

These plans will form the basis of discussions at this year’s parent/teacher interviews which will be held in the last two weeks of this term. In previous years, interviews have been held at the end of term two. We have made this change to ensure that the discussion is centred on your child’s learning journey as opposed to their final results. Parents are welcome to request interviews at the end of term 2 also.

**Parent Info Nights**
We received a great deal of positive feedback following last week’s parent nights. Thank you so much for your attendance and support. This was an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to get to know each other a little better and to exchange important information which will assist our children with their learning. Please don’t hesitate to contact administration members or your child’s teacher if you have any further concerns or questions regarding your child’s learning.

**Kin Kora Kids**
We have had a number of visitors during the last two weeks and all have commented on the friendly and polite nature of our students as well as the level of learning and engagement occurring in our classrooms. They were also impressed with the fact that EVERY student was in uniform. Well done to parents and staff for continuing to reinforce these expectations.
**Teacher PD**
Last Tuesday night, all Kin Kora teachers participated in a two hour professional development workshop run by our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Whitfield and our CQ Pedagogy Coach, Mrs Cathie Waterhouse. These workshops centred on our explicit instruction agenda which is the core strategy we are using to enhance teaching and learning at Kin Kora. Your children's teachers demonstrated high levels of professionalism and engagement and certainly demonstrated their desire to commit to providing the best possible learning environment for your children.

**Leaders - Rockhampton**
Last Wednesday, I accompanied our School Captains, House Captains and Prefects to Rockhampton for a Leadership Workshop. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and learnt valuable skills to assist them to carry out their leadership roles.

**Central Queensland South Interschool Chess Tournament**
Last Friday, Kaushika Alahakoon, Kithmini Alahakoon, Nicholas Versic and Lachlan Christie competed in the first round of the CQ South Interschool Chess Tournament at CQ University. Our Kin Kora team placed first out of all primary schools. Kithmini Alahakoon also placed third in the individual competition. For more information visit: www.gardinerchess.com or visit the Gladstone Chess Club website: www.gladstonechessclub.webs.com. These students demonstrated excellent skills, behaviour and manners, proving them to be tremendous ambassadors for our school.

**Correction to ICAS Test Dates**
- **Science** - Wednesday 5 June
- **English** - Wednesday 31 July
- **Maths** - Tuesday 13 August

Yours in Education
Mrs Kay Kirkman
Principal

**BUSES**
Please check the attachment for important bus timetable changes.

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

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**Emergency Contacts**
We have had a few incidents lately where we’ve had to ring emergency contacts for children and have either been unable to make contact or found them to no longer be an emergency contact for that child. If your emergency contacts have changed, please notify the school by email or by contacting the office.

**Kin Kora School Dental Van**
For parents wanting to get in touch with the Dental Van, the phone number is: 0407634375.

**Chaplaincy Bike Ride**
Date: Saturday 2nd March   Venue: Gladstone Showgrounds   Contact: Shelley Harvie 0411 813859
Port Curtis Trial Dates for 2013

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Sports News

Soccer: The Kin Kora Soccer girls won 9 nil against West State School yesterday. They played an excellent game.

Tuckshop Roster - Tuckshop operates each Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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Please, if you have any time available, we are looking for volunteers for 2013.

The Tuckshop is looking for an assistant to do a shift on Fridays. We are looking for someone who loves to work at a fast and efficient pace as Fridays are very busy. The applicant must have a Working With Children Blue Card (or be in the process of obtaining.) Please drop your resume into the Tuckshop on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday or alternatively you can email the Managing Convenor, Sam, at bicsam@bigpond.net.au. Applications close Thursday 7th March 2013. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to pop in and have a chat.

We are now selling Potato Bake $3.50 - this is a ‘Green’ item which will now be on the menu
Thank you Samantha Smith - Managing Tuckshop Convenor.

Classroom Roundups

2A and 2B have been "going back in time" to look at how people lived, communicated, travelled and played in the past.

2C have been exploring poetry. We have been on a journey with a "Boy who went Walking" and jumping with "One Giant Cow in the Deep Blue Sea". We have been reading and listening to a vast range of different poems. We will be reconstructing one of the poems that we have been listening to and presenting our poem to the class.

2D are in the process of reconstructing a poem of their own. They are doing a fantastic job at making them sound interesting. Next week, they will start presenting their reconstructed poem to the class.

2E are enjoying reading and performing poetry. Mrs Noy was very proud of our presentation at the junior parade last week. Our favourite poetry feature is alliteration. This week, we are writing our own poems.

GYMC Meeting

Date: Wednesday 6th March   Venue: McDonalds Meeting Room   Time: 7.15pm

Clean Up Day at Kin Kora

As part of Clean Up Australia Day, Kin Kora SS will be participating in Schools Clean Up Day this Friday 1 March. Our efforts in organising this site clean up forms a vital part of the national effort that is Clean Up Australia Day.

With over 2,000 Schools Clean Up Sites registered nationally, Kin Kora State School and students will be counted among the thousands of volunteers who will take part in this annual event on Friday and across the weekend.

To make our clean up day successful, we ask parents to send along a pair of gloves for their child. This will ensure safety and hygiene and make for a successful day, when we can all help to clean up the rubbish around the school grounds.
**Triple P Seminars**

Kin Kora State School is offering parents and caregivers the opportunity to attend Triple P Parenting Seminars. These seminars are being presented by our Guidance Officer, Rosemarie Jensen and Katrina Dalton another guidance officer who services other local Gladstone schools (also a registered psychologist). Both Rosemarie and Katrina are trained Triple P presenters and have presented many of these seminars.

These are three 60 - 90 minute seminars that focus on the use of Positive Parenting to encourage children to learn the skills and competencies they need to promote their healthy development and well-being.

These are ADULT ONLY sessions. Please make alternate arrangements for your children at these times.

Send your Expression of Interest to Kin Kora State School before Friday 01 March and you will be contacted with session times.

**Expression of Interest**

We are interested in attending the Triple P Seminars.

Student's Name:_____________________________

Parents Name:________________________________

Address_____________________________________

Phone Numbers_______________________________

Preferred Time:

___Morning  ____Afternoon  ___Evening

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**Bazza Photos**

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**PREP Enviro Capts**
Nude Food

GRIP Leadership

Interschool Chess