Term 1 - Week 8 Tuesday 19 March 2013

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We commenced parent/teacher interviews yesterday and it was wonderful to see so many of you taking the opportunity to discuss your child’s learning and attendance goals for 2013. We look forward to meeting many more of you over the next fortnight.

Instrumental Band Leaders

On this morning’s parade, we presented badges to our newly elected Instrumental Band Leaders. Congratulations to Emma Donohoe-Dix (Strings Captain), Kithmini Alahakoon (Band Captain), Kael Brennan (Section Leader) and Lara Humadi (Section Leader). I know these students will do an outstanding job.

Foot and Mouth Virus

We were notified yesterday of two cases of foot and mouth disease. Notes have been issued to affected classes. Please consult your medical practitioner if concerned.

Attendance

Did you know?

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

• they learn better
• they make friends
• they are happier
• they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.
**Reading**

Improved student achievement and outcomes in reading secures success across all the learning areas and beyond. Switching students onto reading and developing fluent, competent, independent problem solvers who willingly read widely for different purposes are the goals. Please continue to read to and with your children and be reading role models for them.

**School Photos**

School photos will be taken TOMORROW and Thursday. Full school uniform is required. Students are looking fantastic in their school uniforms. We appreciate your support in this area.

**Sporting Accolades**

Congratulations to our Girls’ Soccer Team who won the Interschool 5-a-side Competition at Benaraby State School on Friday. Well done also to both the boys’ team and the mixed side who put in a great effort on the day.

We received news last week that four of our students have made Port Curtis sides for netball, AFL and Rugby League. Please see our sports news for further details.

We thank Mr Leong who has been coaching both the Kin Kora Rugby League team and the U10 Kin Kora Rugby League team. Both of these teams have shown a great deal of spirit and commitment.

Mr Teefy and Mr Z have also spent a great deal of time coaching our girls’ soccer team. The girls have been playing very well and yesterday defeated Tannum Sands State School 3 - 1 in the semi-final.

**Year 7 Camp**

An information letter was sent home with students last week. We remind students that camp is by invitation only and that only those demonstrating responsible and respectful behaviour will be invited to attend.

The Easter holidays will shortly be upon us. The last day of this term is NEXT Thursday, 28 March with students required to return on MONDAY 15 APRIL.

Yours in Education  
Mrs Kay Kirkman  
Principal

**Triple P Parenting Seminar**

Seminar 2, Raising Confident, Competent Children, will be on Wednesday 20 March at 6pm at Gladstone West State School. Our Guidance Officer, Rosemarie Jensen, will co-present.

**Internet Safety Program for Parents**

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety program tailored to parents/caregivers developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft. Using the content from the program, the session will outline the popular applications used by students, the risks they may be exposed to and how to minimise these risks, and finally where to report them. The session includes short videos and real life case studies and is for an adult audience only. See attached document for instructions on how to log on.

Sessions:
- Thursday 21 March 2013, 6:30pm  
  https://staff.learningplace.eq.edu.au/OneChannel/Pages/Program.aspx?cid=1&eid=8361
- Thursday 18 April 2013, 6:30pm  
  https://staff.learningplace.eq.edu.au/OneChannel/Pages/Program.aspx?cid=1&eid=8361

**Tuckshop Roster** - Tuckshop operates each Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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P & C Annual General Meeting

Kin Kora State School P&C Annual General Meeting is being held THIS Wednesday 20 March 2013 at 6.00pm in the Resource Centre. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretaries and Treasurer will be declared “open”. Interested parents and caregivers are more than welcome to attend and join this worthwhile association. General Meeting will follow AGM. For your Application for Membership to be approved, you must attend a meeting as stated in the P&C Constitution.

CALENDAR ITEMS

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Port Curtis Trial Dates for 2013

- Thursday 21st March: 12yo Rugby League
- Friday 22nd March: Tennis
- Thursday 18th April: Softball (Girls)
- Thursday 18 April: Hockey
- Thurs 18 & 19 Apr (New date): Football Soccer (B)
- Thursday 2nd /Fri 3rd May: Football Soccer (G)
- Tuesday 7th May: Hockey
- Thursday 9th May: Cross Country
- Wednesday 29th May: Rugby League Gala Day (G)
- Sunday 13th July: Rugby League (G)
- Friday 26th July: Athletics
- Thursday 1st August: Cricket (Girls)
- Thursday 8th August: Cricket (Boys)

Sports News

Softball: Chelsea Fanning has just been selected into the CQ U15 side. Great work, Chelsea.
Rugby League: Congratulations to Kade Porter on his selection in the Port Curtis Rugby League team.
AFL: Kade was also selected in the Port Curtis AFL team along with our Lotus Sports Captain, Matthew Hitchcock.
Netball: Shanae Sirriss and Ella McIvor were both selected in the Port Curtis Netball team, a fantastic effort. Well done, Shanae and Ella.
Soccer: Our Kin Kora girls competed in the interschool soccer semi-finals yesterday and defeated Tannum Sands State School 3 - 1. They will now compete against Boyne Island State School next Monday in the finals.
**Classroom Roundups**

5A & 5C have been studying the history of early settlement in Australia and the development of settlement in other states. In IT studies, we have been using spreadsheets to make graphs.

In maths 5B have been learning about fractions, multiples and how to problem solve. Do you know what a unit fraction is? For writing, we have been studying the fantasy genre and analysing characters from our novel study, ‘The Forests of Silence’. Our history unit focuses on British Colonisation in Australia. So far, we have learnt why the British established a colony in Australia, who were the groups of people living in Australia and what were the significant events experienced. In Science, we have been looking at plant and animal adaptations and in Art, different shading techniques, as well as recreating Vincent Van Gogh’s famous work ‘Starry Night’. In technology, we have been focusing on the design process. We are currently constructing our ‘All Ages Playground’.

![Image of students with certificates]

**Nude Food**

![Image of students holding food]

**Bazza Photos**

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Interschool Soccer Champions    Instrumental Band Leaders