Term 1 - Week 9 Tuesday 26 March 2013

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

IMPORTANT SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE - NO ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING THE HOLIDAY BREAK

Please note that the school grounds will be off limits to the community, staff and students during the school holiday break as QBuild and other contractors will be carrying out some dangerous maintenance work on the grounds.

The P&C has also donated funds to allow us to erect shades over the playground equipment as well as a large area of the PREP playground. This work is also being carried out over the holiday break and the work will require the use of cranes.

Please adhere to this safety request to ensure the safety of yourselves and your children.

ACHIEVEMENT & ATTITUDE - MATHS CHAMPIONS

Last Thursday, Nicholas Versic, Lachlan Christie, Keeley Davidson and Lara Humadi competed in an interschool extended learning program. These students performed exceptionally well, taking out the Mathematics section. The coordinator informed me that she was very impressed with the knowledge, enthusiasm and behaviour of our students. Congratulations to these outstanding students.

ATTENDANCE - Every day counts

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

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Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
• won’t get out of bed in the morning; won’t go to bed at night; can’t find their uniform, books, school bag ...; slow to eat breakfast; haven’t done their homework; watching TV; have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in; it’s their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help
• have a set time to go to bed; have a set time to get out of bed; have uniform and school bag ready the night before; have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast; set a time for daily homework activities; speak about school positively; be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Staffing
Mr Leong and Mrs Homann will be on leave next term. Mrs Hargreaves and Ms Jessica Pitt will replace these teachers.

Building Fund / shades
A big thank you to the P&C for donating two large shades for our PREP and lower school playgrounds.

P&C Executive Officers for 2013
At last week’s AGM, the following people were appointed as executive members of our P&C:
• Mr David Orgill – President
• Liz Fallon - Vice President
• Jenny Morris - Vice President
• VACANT - Treasurer
• Sanath Alakahoon - Minutes Secretary
• Leanne Richter - Correspondence Secretary

We thank these people for accepting executive roles for 2013 and we also appreciate the support of all who attend our meetings.

Once again we thank you for your tremendous support throughout the term. We thoroughly enjoy working with your children. We wish all of you a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Yours in Education
Mrs Kay Kirkman
Principal

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Sports News

Little Athletics: Congratulations to Jaidyn Tibbits who competed in the State Championships over the weekend. He did a great job and ranked 4th in QLD overall for 70m sprints and 10th in Qld overall in 100m. Well done Jaidyn.

Soccer: Congratulations to our Kin Kora girls’ soccer team who won the Interschool Sportspower Girls Soccer Challenge Grand Final last night. They played exceptionally well and are to be commended on their teamwork, sportsmanship and behaviour. Thanks to Mr Zadeh, Mr Teefy and Ainsley for coaching/managing the team.

Classroom Roundups

This term 6A and 6B have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes during science. Did you know that the recycling process can involve both? Our English focus has been analysing short stories. We read some very entertaining stories for our analysis. We have learnt a lot about fractions and 3D shapes for maths and have now started learning about formulas to calculate the perimeter and area of 2D shapes. Our art focus has been colour. We learnt about the colour wheel, colour mixing, monochromatic scales and complimentary colours. For history we are looking at life before federation and why Australia decided to become one colony.

Nude Food
Maths Champions

Bazza Photos

Toyworld Cup Champions