Term 3 - Week 3 Tuesday 23 July 2013

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last week I shared about the learning support and intervention and extension programs that are implemented at Kin Kora. Over many years of teaching, analysing student learning difficulties and consulting with specialists and parents, one area of development and concern that commonly crops up is working memory. Improving memory is like physical exercise: the more you exercise it the better the conditioning. Also the more you practise, the better you become at identifying tricks, strategies and techniques that will aid working through multi step tasks and problems, recalling information and remembering facts and what is learnt for long term.

Some tips to assist your child in improving their memory are:-

- Concentration Game- paired picture cards or word or letter cards are placed face down on a table and turn over two at a time to find a matching pair and try to remember locations, start with 12 cards (6 pairs) and build up the number.
- Oral Memory games like list building that you can play in the car such as: I went shopping and I bought... a bottle of milk, choc chip cookies and a carton of eggs. (Each person repeats what has been said already and then adds their own new item to build the shopping list) Check in 5 mins after playing how many can be remembered. Try we went to the marina and saw.../ For Christmas/birthday I got ...
- Picture, advertisement or objects study- have 1 minute to study a picture or set of items. Cover it up and then name all the items or things in the picture and/or details. See how many you can get.
- Have child/ren repeat sentences after you, starting with 4 words then 6 to 10 or more words-use phrases and chunks of information to aid remembering the whole sentence
- Have child/ren repeat your questions or instructions immediately after you say them (a good tool especially for getting organised before school in the morning) starting with one step, then two steps and work up to 3-5 things. Eg Get your hat, library bag, school bag and bring them to the kitchen table. What do you have to get/do? A visual schedule helps, too.

Visit www.exploratorium.edu/memory For more information and activity ideas.
School Opinion Surveys 2013
Mr Brandis will be assisting year 5 and 6 students this week to complete the student opinion surveys at school. All our staff are completing Opinion Surveys. Randomly selected parents will have received information for completing the Parent Opinion Survey online. Please complete them this week. All information is confidential and reports are generated for the school later in the year, which give us key feedback and assist us in continuing to review and improve standards in many areas.

School Entry from Hibiscus Avenue
The main entry gates are closed and locked between 8:30 and 9:00am each morning and again at 2:50 to 3:10pm, as these are the busiest times for children and families using the paths and crossings within the school. The safety of our precious children is our priority. Please do not ask for the gates to be opened, rather avoid entering with vehicles around these times, and use zoned parking and the pick-up and drop-off zone on the street to meet your children. Please do not take offence when access in or out is denied. The crossing supervisors are not permitted to leave the zebra crossings at all during their duty time.

Nhulundu Health Services Screening
Parent letters will have arrived home for our Prep and indigenous students with information regarding free screening being offered at school on Thursdays and Fridays from early August. Checks will be all or any of: Vision, Hearing and Body Mass Index; parents may nominate. Feedback and recommendations will be given to parents. Please return consent forms to your class teacher/office as soon as possible. As hearing and vision problems often impact on children's learning, early detection is paramount. May I encourage parents to take advantage of this opportunity for information about their children's health and development?

Student Safety and Protection Program
The three key messages of Student Safety and Protection in the Daniel Morcombe program are:
Recognise, React and Report. Over the next few weeks I will include information from this program on each of these points.

RECOGNISE
Recognise is about being aware of your environment. Children, young people and adults can all learn to take notice of what is happening around them to help keep themselves safe. Everyone can use clues, such as the things we see, hear, smell or feel to help protect us from harm and keep ourselves safe. Clues can be simple things that warn us about a danger, e.g. hearing a fire alarm or seeing smoke, that prompt us to react. We can also use clues to prepare for potentially unsafe situations, e.g. if we are walking alone at night, then we try to use a well-lit route and avoid secluded lanes or parks.

When we recognise that there might be a safety problem we can take steps to move away or reduce the risk or develop strategies that can help keep us safe. For instance, if you are in a busy environment such as the Harbour Festival or at the Show where there are big crowds, you might consider what you and your child could do if you became separated. Strategies could include: going to a highly visible predetermined meeting spot; writing your phone number on a card and placing it in your child's pocket; identifying who your child could approach if they become lost, e.g. police, staff at a booth.

Key information about this program is available online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum. May I continue to encourage you to take a look at these messages for yourselves and involve your child in discussions at home around this crucial issue?

Parent information sessions are being held at the school's Resource Centre by our Guidance Officer, Rosemarie Jensen and myself, to show the program messages and answer any questions on:-
Thursday 1 August 5:30-6:00 pm

Rail Safety
Please reinforce with your child/ren the need to use the pathways and follow the signals at the Whitney and Murcury Street rail crossings. Students on bikes and scooters need to use the pedestrian path and not the roadway to cross.
**Gladstone Combined Band and Combined String Ensemble**

After the Gladstone Instrumental Music Workshops in week one, three Kin Kora students have been selected to join the two combined instrumental groups to perform for the rest of the year: Well done Paris Fallon, Chelsea Fanning and Kithmini Alahakoon, may you enjoy many new musical challenges.

**Growth and Development Talks for Year 7**

Year 7 students will be able to participate in talks by the School Based Nurse from Toolooa High School, Lani Clements, regarding puberty development and changes and will have their questions and concerns answered on Monday the 3 August. Yr 7 parents have received letters with further information.

**Plant a Tree Day – Fri 26 July**

Enviro captains will be helping Mrs Homann and Prep B to plant out vegetable seedlings donated by Bunnings and plant seeds into pots from the Conservation Council. We thank these two sponsors of Kin Kora SS.

**Skip- A- Thon**

The Skip-a-thon is well underway, with students participating in skipping activities twice a week for the next three weeks to do a total of 10 sessions. When completed the validated recording sheet will be sent home at the end of Week 5. Please assist your child/ren in collecting the pledged sponsorship money. All forms and money are due back at school by Friday 16 August.

**QSchools APP has arrived to receive latest Kin Kora school information**

A free app is available for I-phone, I-pad or tablets and most Smart phones that will allow you to receive Kin Kora State School news and events quickly and conveniently. It is a good way of checking if there are any urgent matters (eg cancellation of sports day due to wet weather etc) that need your attention.

Download your APP Store and Type in search: QSchools
Add Kin Kora State School as your favourite
When you open this app a grid will come up with the following headings: News, Events, Newsletters and Favourites (list of other schools you have added). Click on any of the previous three headings to check latest information that has been updated on our school website.

**Botanic to Bridge**

Please continue to register for the B2B at the following website: www.botanictobridge.com.au
Last year we had 125 registrations and so far we have 43 entries. Donations are made to Gladstone schools from this event, based on registrations.

**Yours in Education**

**Mrs Leanne Burke**

for Kay Kirkman (Principal)

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**Port Curtis Trial Dates for 2013**

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<td>Thursday 8th August: Boys Cricket Trial</td>
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**Scoliosis Check**

National Self Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP) have identified scoliosis as an important health problem for adolescent girls with 25 per 1000 at risk of developing significant curves in the spine. Screening of girls between the ages 11-13 is a preventative measure. Parents may download a Self Detection Brochure from www.scoliosis-australia.org
Classroom Round-Up
Prep C and Prep D have had an exciting start to the term. We have started growing grassheads, had a visit from some very friendly farm animals and are getting excited about our visit from Pirate Pete on Friday. Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Schumacher and Miss Carissa have lots of fun things planned for this term and we are very excited about our learning!

Sports News
Toyworld Cup Boys Soccer: Congratulations to the boys who had a 2:0 win against Benaraby last week. There were some great tackles, passes and terrific team spirit on the field by our players. This week’s game is Wednesday, 5:40pm at Central Football Fields.
CQ Softball: Congratulations to Chelsea Fanning and Tiana Watkins for making the Capricornia Team in Softball and as they head to the state competition at Noosa in late August.
Gladstone District Athletics Carnival: Well done to our athletes who represented Kin Kora last Wednesday at Benaraby. Most students had personal best times and were reported to be the best behaved students all day. Congratulations to Jack Neum, Ella Craig, Lachlan Blake, Ainsley Downie, Tiana Watkins, Jayden Tibbits, Greer Sherriff, David Lockwood, James Fanning and Teagan van Vegchel, who will all go on to compete this Friday at the Port Curtis Athletics Competition held at Chanel College. They will be joined by Phoebe Walker Woodrow, who will compete in the AWD division.

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Tuckshop
The new online ordering system called Flexischools is up and running. Thanks to all those parents who have started to use this system. The new menu is available on our KKSS website, note there have been some price rises. Here are the steps to take for the new ordering system:-

Easy online registration for Flexischools
- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each child and their class/es
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred

Note: From Term 4 (October) all pre-orders will need to be made online through this system. Children will still be able to line up and purchase over the counter.
**Tuckshop Helpers Roster**

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**P&C News,**

**Urgent! Urgent! Urgent!**

**SCHOOL DISCO**

Our annual school disco is being held on Tuesday 6 August. P-3 is on at 5pm - 6.30pm and Yrs 4 - 7 is on at 7pm - 8.30pm. There will be pre-ordering of meals for the night, but children will still be able to purchase other snacks and drinks over the counter. We urgently need volunteers to assist in the canteen and supervision for both sessions. Notes will be going out in the next couple of days for pre-ordering of meals and asking for volunteers. Please contact Wendy on 0459 785580 or wendygreg21@bigpond.com for the times you are able to help.

**CENT SALE**

Our major fundraiser is the Cent Sale. We need 5 interested people to canvas local businesses seeking prizes for our 2013 Cent Sale (Cent Sale is early term 4 but prizes need to be sought now). You would be given a list of businesses (in one area of town), letters to give to businesses seeking a donation and thank you certificates to give out when businesses donate. Without coordinators, this event will not be able to run. Please contact me on lfall14@eq.edu or phone me Liz Fallon (Prep A) on 49715131.

**Fathers Day Stall**

On Friday 30th August our Kin Kora Fathers’ Day Shop will be open to purchase gifts for Dad or Grandad. Gifts range in price from $1 to $10. Now is 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 soon 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.

With the annual Disco and Cent Sale coming up we ask that you volunteer a little tiny bit of your time - an hour or two - to help up organise and hold these events. The annual disco and cent sale are organised and run purely by volunteers - our tuckshop and school staff are not paid - they do this as volunteers. Please contact Mrs Liz (from prep) or Wendy to let us know when you are able to help.

lfall14@eq.edu.au or wendygreg21@bigpond.com

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**Bazza Awards**

[Images of children receiving awards]
Nude Food

Enviro Captains - Term 3

Regional Shield: Netball

Regional Shield: Rugby League