OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Farewell Mrs Whitfield
We farewelled our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Whitfield, on parade this morning. Mrs Whitfield has been at Kin Kora for many years and has certainly made a great contribution to the teaching and learning occurring at Kin Kora. One of her greatest joys has been providing English and Maths extension opportunities for students. She is a Maths tragic and has exceptional IT and artistic skills. Jan will be greatly missed, however, we know that husband Al, and children Keegan and Trish, will appreciate having her all to themselves. Jan is most likely to pursue her music, art and golfing interests during her retirement. This morning, I left her with this quote from Gene Perret: ‘Retirement means no pressure, no stress, no heartache...unless you play golf.’

Thank You
In addition to our amazing P&C members, we had 28 parent volunteers at the lower school disco and 18 at the upper school disco. We also had 16 teachers and many of our school leaders in attendance. YOU ensured that our students had a safe and enjoyable night and we very much appreciate your support. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.
We would also like to congratulate our Kin Kora Kids on their excellent behaviour.

Partners:
Milan Versic
Chris Carroll

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ICAS Science Results

Congratulations to the following students who achieved brilliant results on their ICAS Science tests: Kade Porter, Lachlan Christie, Gracie Moore, Rebecca Battye, Jacelyn Davidson, Annika Messervy, Khushi Patel, Daniel Benson, Emma Donohoe-Dix, Jenna Peterson, Paris Fallon, Liam Tawharu, Kael Brennan, Tai Scott, Jack Small, Quinn Brennan, Lucy Hudson and Nick Versic. An outstanding effort.

Report

This week we are starting to implement the final key message of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum report. This means that when children or young people have been in a situation that is unsafe that they are taught to report what has happened to an adult. Even if a child has been able to make themselves safe, it is vital that they still report what has happened. Adults need to know about unsafe situations so that some action can be taken to help the child be safe again or ensure it doesn't happen again.

Students involved in the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum will be encouraged to make a list of adult safety helpers. These are adults the children and young people nominate whom they can talk to when they are feeling unsafe or have experienced an unsafe situation or feel they are at risk of something that may cause them harm. This list will include a selection of adults who live in and outside the home.

Report also includes telling an adult about unsafe or inappropriate incidents which may occur when children or young people are online. This might occur when surfing the net or using social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, and can include cyberbullying, viewing or receiving inappropriate images or messages or communicating with unknown contacts.

It is important that the key safety messages of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum: Recognise, React and Report are reinforced, both at school and home. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

Kin Kora Chess Success

Congratulations to Kithmini Alahakoon, Nicholas Versic, Lachlan Christie and Kaushika Alahakoon. This exceptional team of chess players managed equal first at last week's Interschool Chess Tournament but were relegated to second based on the handicap system. Nicholas also received a merit ribbon in the individual section.

Attendance

A reminder to encourage your children to attend school every day. We are currently sitting on 93.6% attendance for the year to date, but believe we can achieve upwards of 95%. Please support us (and your children) in this endeavour. Congratulations to our Year 4's who have the highest rate of attendance. Every day is a learning day at Kin Kora.

2014 Enrolments

2014 planning is already in progress and we ask that you contact the office as soon as possible if you intend leaving Gladstone at the end of the year OR if you wish to enrol a student for next year. We need this information to determine class structures and staffing requirements.

PREP Enrolments

Our PREP information night is on NEXT Thursday 22 August from 6pm-7pm in the Resource Centre at the rear of the school.

Enrolling your child in PREP for 2014

You can do this by:
- Going to our website www.kinkorass.eq.edu.au and downloading an enrolment form.
- Coming into the school and requesting an enrolment form from the front desk.
- Collecting one when you come to the information night NEXT Thursday.

Some dates to remember:
- You can attend our PREP Open Days on EITHER Wed 13 Nov or Thurs 14 Nov from 9.30am-10.30am

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal
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**Sports News**

Congratulations to Matthew Hitchcock, Ainsley Downie and Chelsea Fanning who have been selected in the Port Curtis Cricket teams.

**Classroom Round-Up**

2A have been busy writing a procedure to make George’s Grandma happy. We hope she will like our Crunchy, Munchy Caterpillar Sandwiches and Slimy Slug Milkshakes! Mmmm

2B have been busy drafting, proofreading and writing procedures. I wonder if any of you have eaten a “big fat juicy caterpillar sandwich”! We have also starting learning about the 4 keys to success, at the moment we are increasing our CONFIDENCE.

2E have been writing truly marvellous procedures. They have all written a very detailed and descriptive procedure for making a yummy, scrummy, buggy sandwich. We enjoyed presenting them to our classmates. 2E are also terrific little mathematicians and are very skilled in measuring capacity.

**TUCKSHOP**

The new online ordering system called Flexischools is up and running. The new menu is available on our KKSS website, note there have been some price rises.

**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

**Tuckshop Helpers Roster**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

| Wed 14 Aug | Puberty Clues Workshop (WHC 5:30pm) | Thu 24 Oct | Art Auction 6pm-6.30pm |
| Thurs 22 Aug | Prep Information Evening 6-7pm | 4B & 4C Canoeing Excursion | |
| Fri 23 Aug | 3/4E & 4A Canoeing Excursion | Sun 3 Nov | Yr 7 Camp departs |
| Fri 30 Aug | FATHERS DAY STALL | Fri 8 Nov | Yr 7 Camp returns |
| Wed 4 Sept | Puberty Clues Workshop (WHC5.30pm) | Wed 13 Nov | PREP Orientation Day 9.30am-10.30am |
| Wed 18 Sept | P and C Meeting 6pm | Thu 14 Nov | PREP Orientation Day 9.30am-10.30am |
| Fri 20 Sept | LAST DAY Term 3 | Wed 4 Dec | GRADUATION Yr 7 |
| Mon 7 Oct | Labour Day Holiday | Thu 5 Dec | Volunteers Afternoon Tea |
| Tue 8 Oct | FIRST DAY Term 4 | Fri 6 Dec | Christmas Stall |
| Class Captain badges on parade | 2014 Class Preference Forms distributed |
| Thurs 10 Oct | Yr 7 Camp meeting for Parents 6pm - 7pm | Thu 12 Dec | Final Parade 9am |
| Tue 15 Oct | Enviro Captain badges on parade | Fri 13 Dec | LAST DAY Term 4 |
| Sat 19 Oct | CENT SALE |

**P&C News**

**CENT SALE**

We still need 5 people to canvas local businesses to seek prizes. 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 Ifall14@eq.edu or phone me Liz Fallon (Prep A) on 49715131.
DISCO THANKS
A HUGE thank-you to everyone who volunteered to help with the disco on Tuesday night. Every event the P & C holds needs volunteers to be able to successfully pull it off and the number of people who offered help with the disco this time was the largest I’ve seen since I started helping organise the discos. Lots of you told me how much fun you had, and I’m pretty sure the kids had a ball. The cent sale is coming up soon and it is just as much fun (but much less noisy) so we’d love to have an hour or so of your help with this event if you can spare it.

A special thanks goes to Mrs Liz (Liz Fallon) one of our incredible Prep teachers, who has been coordinating P & C fundraising events for many years. She does all of this in her own time - this is not part of her paid job. Her dedication to Kin Kora State School is exceptional, highlighted by the fact that this year, instead of having a nice meal at home or out with her family for her Birthday, she volunteered her evening at the disco. Please show your thanks for all that Liz does and volunteer an hour of your time when she next asks for volunteers. Thanks again, Wendy.

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. 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.

The annual cent sale is 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

Bazza Awards

Nude Food

Flec Students
ICAS Science Awards

Farewell Mrs Whitfield