OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

PREP Orientation Days

WHEN: Tomorrow OR Thursday
TIME: 9.30am-10.30am
MAP/CLASSES/HOUSE COLOURS: On noticeboard (Administration building)

TEACHERS:
A - Mrs Liz Fallon/ Mrs Helena Little (Fri);
B – Mrs Lynn Homann/ Mrs Helena Little (Mon);
C - Mrs Heidi Schumacher;
D – Mrs Kahlee McCarthy;
E – Mrs Sue Norwood;
F – Mrs Renee O’Sullivan

*Kin Kora hats may be purchased from the office on Wednesday or Thursday. These hats are black on one side and feature the school logo whilst the reverse side is your child's house colour.

Kin Kora Action

Last week was another event filled week at Kin Kora. On Friday alone, we had all PREP to Year 4 students attend Road Safety Awareness workshops, our Year 1s (including their teachers) dressed up for their Book Day and of course, our very well behaved 7s return from camp. Add in all the usual parade and award ceremonies, Chess Club, Gardening Club, Nude Food day and extension activities and we have a busy and exciting learning environment for our students.

This week, the Year 2s will have their Book Day, our leadership aspirants will present their leadership speeches, our 2014 PREP students will attend Orientation days on Wednesday and Thursday and students will continue to work hard to achieve their best results for this semester's report cards. As you are aware, all students have individual learning plans which encompass English, Maths, Science, NAPLAN and attendance goals and it will be interesting to view their progress towards these goals on their end of year reports.

Partners:
Milan Versic
Chris Carroll

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**Attendance - our goal 95% and above**

Please endeavour to have your child/children at school every day as every day is a learning day at Kin Kora. In Term 1, our average was 94.5%, Term 2, 93%, Term 3, 92.2% and this term so far, 94.7%. PREP, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 have the highest rates of attendance this term. Over the year, 13.1% of students have 100% attendance and 60% have attended more than 90% of the time. Attending 90% of the time, means that a child misses 10 days/semester ie 20 days/year, which is equivalent to 4 school weeks of learning. Education data indicates that high attendance has a direct correlation to high achievement.

We have received a great deal of positive feedback from our new enrolments with regards our staff, our students and the culture of our school. We thank all members of our Kin Kora community for supporting the school and your children to work towards an environment we all wish to be a part of.

**Measles Health Alert**

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.


Yours in Education

Kay Kirkman

Principal

**Payment Reminders**

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**Sports News**

Softball: Congratulations to Chelsea Fanning. Her QLD girls’ team won the silver medal at the National Primary School Girls’ Titles last week. They won 7 out of their 10 games.

**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop is now open 5 days a week.

Go to www.flexischools.com.au. Congratulations to Prep A on winning the tuckshop flexischools competition. Tuckshop will be closed on Friday 13 December.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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Bazza Awards

Nude Food

Road Aware

Book Day Prep & Yr 1
Enviro Captain

Softball