From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Staffing

David Teefy and Jessie McNeale will be departing Gladstone in 2014.

We thank David for his enormous contribution to Kin Kora State School. David was originally our PE teacher, before moving to Year 7 and Year 5. He has also coached and managed a number of sporting sides and provided programs for our students requiring extension activities. We wish the entire family all the very best for the future. David’s new posting is Childers State School.

Jessie has decided to take a year’s leave from teaching. We thank her sincerely for her dedication to her profession and Kin Kora. We know how hard Jessie works and many students have benefited from her expert teaching. Jessie is moving back to the Sunshine Coast.

Amy Llewellyn and Danielle Johnson are heading overseas for 2014 and we look forward to their return in 2015.

Reports and Classes

Reports will be issued and classes will be displayed on notice boards from 2pm next Wednesday. NO changes will be made to these grades unless Day 8 2014 enrolment numbers dictate otherwise ie if new enrolments change our staffing allocation or impact on our class sizes.

If you know of anyone who intends to enrol at Kin Kora for next year, please ask them to let us know this week as we are currently finalising class placements for 2014.
Year 7 Graduation
When: Tomorrow Night - Wednesday 4 December
Time: Student Dinner: 6pm-7pm & Ceremony: 7.30pm (sharp)-9.15pm
Where: Gladstone Entertainment Centre
Drop Off: Parents are to deliver students to the GEC at approximately 5.45pm.
Tickets: Tickets cannot be purchased on the night and tickets must be presented to gain entry

Final Parade
This parade will be held next Thursday at 9am. We will farewell staff, our Year 7 students, and some Year 6 students. Instrumental awards and trophies will also be presented.

Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea
This event will be held on Thursday at 2pm at the Resource Centre. We sincerely thank all of our tuckshop helpers, our P & C and the volunteers who certainly provide an enormous amount of assistance to our school and greatly enhance the lives of our students.

Other News
A huge thank you to Liz Fallon and her wonderful band of helpers for all their work in preparing for this week’s Christmas stall.

We have had an amazing year at Kin Kora and your children have been outstanding. Even as the year draws to a close, visits to their classrooms reveal hard working and well behaved students. Kin Kora parents and staff, take a bow.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

Gladstone State High Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Last week of school 2013
Monday Dec 9\textsuperscript{th} to Friday Dec 14\textsuperscript{th} 8.15am – 3.30pm

Start of School 2014
Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} Jan to Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} Jan 8.15am to 4.00pm

Medical Issues
If your child has an Epipen, Asthma, or any other medical condition Action Plan, please ensure school has an updated version for the beginning of 2014. All children taking any medication also need to renew medication forms annually. Forms are to be filled in and handed in to the office prior to starting school. The office will be open from Monday 20 January 2014 between 9am and 2pm for parents wishing to drop off these medical plans.

Sports News
Congratulations to Ella Craig, who placed 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Lachlan Blake who placed 9th at last week’s Aquathon event. They have both been selected in the CQ Team and will compete in the State Titles in February 2014.

Lego League Challenge
Well done to the following students who won the Core Values Award on Friday in the Lego League Challenge: Lachlan Christie, Nick Versic, Huilin Dong, Zakira Williams, Tai Scott, Paris Fallon, Jack Small and Kyron Kirkpatrick.
**Kin Kora Christmas Stall**

Thank you to those who have replied to help with the Christmas stall. **We urgently need helpers in all time slots.** At time of printing, we have 1 person helping at each time slot. **We need 6 per timeslot to effectively run the stall.** If you can help, please return your orange note as soon as possible or leave your name at the office.

We will be wrapping this Thursday 5th December in the bottom undercover area. All welcome to come along to lend a hand. On Friday 6th our Kin Kora Christmas Shop will be open to purchase gifts for Mum, Dad, Grandma or Grandad. Gifts range in price from $1-$10. Donations of ‘ready to sell’ items, home baking or chocolates for the stall are most welcome. Liz Fallon P&C

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**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop is now open 5 days a week. As of Term 1 2014, tuckshop will only accept pre-orders if they are ordered through flexischools.


**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**Bazza Awards**
Nude Food

Book Day – Yr 5 & 6

Lego League Challenge

Softball