Term 4 - Week 10 Tuesday 10 December 2013

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Year 7 Graduation & 2014 Captains

Congratulations to our Year 7’s who officially graduated at last week’s ceremony at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre. I was pleased with the maturity, behaviour and peer support demonstrated by these students on the evening. We had numerous emails and calls commending our students and rightly so. We wish all our Year 7 students every success as they enter their High School years.

Congratulations also to all award and trophy recipients and, in particular, Matthew Hitchcock (Paul Kelly PE Trophy), Holly Bebendorf (Michael Memory Leadership Trophy) and Nick Versic (KKSS DUX).

At this event, we also announced our Year 6 and 7 School Captain positions for next year. Congratulations to School Captains, Ella Craig, Paris Fallon, Jayden Wroe and Tai Scott, and Vice-Captains, Sarah Dunn, Quinn Brennan, Jacob Lumsden and Baillie Elliott.

2014 Prefects

| Year 5 | Tia Crosisca, Alana Dwyer, Samaya Dodd, Claire Richter, Madison Bruce, Annika Messervy, Jasmine Gibson, Tyrone Barlow, Lachlan Smith, Damian Pershouse, Lachie Cosgrove, Reilly Allen, Fergus Hargreaves, Kyle McCrackan |
| Year 6 | Grace Anderson, Nolette Aplaon, Teah Daley, Alicia Jobling, Chloee Morrison, Chloe Slade |

Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea

Our 2014 Captains officiated at this event last Thursday. We thank our many volunteers who attended and those who couldn’t, for the countless hours you devote in the interests of our Kin Kora Kids. We value your support enormously.

Staff Updates and Farewells

We will farewell Belinda Waterston this week. Belinda has been our librarian for this term. The students (and teacher) have certainly enjoyed her Book Days. We wish Belinda all the best for the future.

New staff members include Jane Perkins, Carissa Burkins, William Sutton and Talia McCarthy.

Returning teachers include Elicia Harvey, Rebecca Ord and Helena Little.
High School Scholarship Winners
Congratulations to Cody Petry, Holly Bebendorf, Ainsley Downie and Kithmini Alahakoon. These students are proud recipients of a GSHS scholarship. Nicholas Versic, Kael Brennan and Lachlan Christie are our worthy Toolooa State High School scholarship winners.

Choir Success
The KKSS Choir was outstanding with their ‘Rock and Roll Christmas’ performance at the Mayor’s Carols by Candlelight evening at the Gladstone Marina stage. Congratulations to our wonderful Music teacher and the choir for the many hours of work they have put into preparing for this and other events this term.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

DANCE FEVER
Riley Allen and Sophia Ross won 3rd place, Keeley McCann and Levi Latham placed 2nd and Mannie Ngatai and Grace Hodson Gilmore also came 2nd in last week’s interschool Dance Fever Competition. It was a fantastic night and it was wonderful to see the tremendous support from our parents both at this event and also at last Thursday’s class demonstrations in the COLA.

NO ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD AS MAJOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE WORK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN DURING THIS TIME. THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AS THE WORKS ARE QUITE EXTENSIVE AND DANGEROUS.

I wish all of you a safe, happy and relaxing holiday period and look forward to working with you and our wonderful Kin Kora Kids in 2014.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

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.

Christmas Stall Raffle Results
Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and of course, Mrs Liz.
Christmas raffle winners: Mrs Maitland and Shaylah Turnbull.

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.

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Bazza Awards

Maths Olympiads Award

Nude Food

Dancefever Showcase
The Staff and Students of Kin Kora State School would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.