From the Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to all Kin Kora Kids, parents and staff and welcome to our many new families. We're certain that you'll enjoy being a part of the wonderful Kin Kora community.

Staffing
Welcome to the following teachers who are new to Kin Kora in 2014: Suzanne Morgan, Carissa Burkins, Jane Perkins, Corinne Warnick, Michelle Holden, William Sutton, Talia McCarthy and Mrs Lezah Semple, who has been appointed as our permanent Head of Curriculum.
We are also pleased to announce the return of Mrs Elicia Harvey, Mrs Helena Little and Mrs Rebecca Ord.

PREP News
We are fortunate to have very experienced and highly capable PREP teachers who have an excellent reputation in the Gladstone community. Together with them, we extend a special welcome to our PREP students who are beginning their school journey with us. This is a very exciting time for these new Kin Kora Kids and their families.

Uniforms
All Kin Kora Kids wear their uniforms every day, reflecting the pride they have in themselves and their school. We certainly appreciate the efforts you have made to ensure that your children arrived in uniform and well equipped for their first week at school.

Class Placements/ Teacher Allocations
We have had our usual busy start to the year with many new enrolments. As is always the case, class placements and teacher allocations cannot be confirmed until we supply the Education Department with the exact number of students we have in attendance by the eighth day of the school year ie Thursday 6 February. There are also set limits to class sizes that need to be adhered to. We ask for your patience and understanding whilst this process is occurring. A letter will be sent home or phone contact made if changes are to occur to your child’s teacher/ placement. At this stage, it is highly likely that another Year 3 class will be formed.
**Parent Information Nights**
Each year we conduct brief meetings with parents to enable us to provide class specific information and answer any questions you may have. These sessions run concurrently to enable parents to visit all their children’s information sessions. The schedule is as follows:

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*All sessions will be conducted in your children’s classrooms.*

**Electronic Newsletters**
It is preferable to send our newsletters electronically. If you haven’t already provided us with your email address, please do so via the email address at the top of the newsletter.

**Important Information for Classroom Volunteers**
The safety of your children is paramount. Therefore, at Kin Kora, we are extra vigilant regarding our classroom workers and volunteers. To this end, we request that classroom volunteers obtain a blue card and attend our Kin Kora Induction Program (approx. 1 hour) before commencing work in our classrooms.

- All blue card application information can be found online.
- Our first Induction Program will take place **tomorrow at 2.15pm in the Resource Centre**. The next one will be held on Monday 10 February from 9.15am-10am. Please book by phoning the office.

**School Departures Arrangements**
Please ensure that your child knows collection arrangements each day. It is helpful for younger students to have a ‘bag tag’ indicating daily collection arrangements, particularly if these arrangements vary from day to day or week to week. This means less distress for littlies and also makes it easier for us if we cannot make contact with you quickly. PLEASE REINFORCE WITH YOUR CHILDREN THAT THEY ARE TO GO TO THE OFFICE IF THEY ARE WORRIED OR HAVE NOT BEEN COLLECTED FOR SOME REASON.

In a large school such as ours, it is very difficult for office staff to take and relay a large volume of messages if parents ring each day to get messages to their children prior to the 3pm bell. We would ask that parents refrain from this practice if at all possible. However, we do understand that emergencies arise and we are more than happy to help when such circumstances arise.

**School Leadership Induction Event**
Parents of our Year 6 and 7 leaders are invited to attend an induction ceremony next Tuesday 4 February at 8.50am in the parade area.

**Kin Kora Teachers**
At Kin Kora State School, we are dedicated to the academic and social success of your child/children. To this end, Kin Kora teachers undertook three days of professional development to address topics related to this commitment. As Principal of this school, I was very proud to witness the dedication, genuine effort and professionalism on display.

Our children learn best when the school and parents work together to ensure that our Kin Kora Kids become the best that they can be. I look forward to another exciting year at Kin Kora and invite you to make contact with your class teachers or administration members if you have any concerns or commendations regarding your child’s wellbeing or progress.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

**Medical**
Students requiring epipens and ventolin inhalers must have these items on them at all times. Therefore, students who use this form of medication must have a bum bag at school each day. Please ensure that the medication has not expired.
**Tuckshop**

* Please remember that the Tuckshop is only taking online pre-ordering now through Flexischools.
* There is a new menu with new prices!
* You can still line up to order over the counter at the Tuckshop.
* The Tuckshop is also open 5 days a week!
* We are in desperate need of volunteers! So if you have an hour or more to help any day please come in and see Sam at the Tuckshop.

**Puberty Clues**

Do you have a daughter in years 5, 6 or 7? If so, the Puberty Clues workshop might interest you. Please contact the Women’s Health Centre on 49791456 or info@gladstonewomenshealth.org.au to book a place.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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<td>9.15am: Induction for Classroom Volunteers</td>
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<td>Leadership Program - Yr 6 &amp; 7 Leaders (Boyne I)</td>
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<td>Enviro Captain badges presented on parade</td>
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| Wed 19 Feb | PREP Enviro badges presented on P-2 Parade
Parent Info Night (PREP, 1,2,3)
P&C Meeting at 6pm (General) | Tue 22 Apr | FIRST DAY Term 2 |
| Thur 20 Feb | Parent Info Night (4,5,6,7) | Thur 24 Apr | Anzac Ceremony at 2.30pm |
| Fri 21 Feb | National Day Against Bullying | Fri 25 Apr | Public Holiday – ANZAC DAY |

*PORT CURTIS SPORTS CALENDAR ATTACHED*

**Bazza Awards – Final Week 2013**

**Instrumental Winners**
AWARDS – FINAL PARADE 2013

Instrumental Trophy

Citizenship Award

Encouragement Award

Encouragement Award Nominees

Student of the Year

Student of the Year Nominees