Term 1 - Week 5 Tuesday 25 February 2014

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Focus:

At Kin Kora State School, we focus on Attendance, Achievement and Attitude every day. You can support our endeavours by:

- Ensuring that your child attends schools on a regular basis. Every day is a learning day at Kin Kora and research indicates that higher student attendance equals higher student achievement.
- Reinforcing the 'Bazza' rules at home ie being respectful, responsible, safe and a learner.
- Discussing with your child the work they have been undertaking at school, the learning goals they have for this semester and of course, insisting that homework is completed and that reading is undertaken on a regular basis.

We thank you for your continued support in these areas.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will take place in the last two weeks of this term. Please return your preferences and avail yourself of this opportunity to share in your child's learning journey.

Kin Kora Kids Support a World Vision Child

For quite a number of years, Kin Kora Kids have sponsored a World Vision child named Yamkela. Each month, a designated group of students completes fundraising to ensure that Yamkela has a brighter future. We thank you for your support of this very important part of our students' learning.

Kin Kora Kids Clean Up Day

The Environmental Committee has organised a competition for Clean Up Day this Friday, with all classes being judged on the area surrounding their classrooms. If possible, please send along some gloves for your child. The Committee is also purchasing buckets and tongs for every classroom to assist with keeping our whole school free of rubbish at all times.

Chess Champions

Congratulations to Krishna, Kaushika and Gareth on their efforts at last week's interschool Chess Challenge. The team managed a credible second place.
Parking
Please do not park across the driveways of our neighbours.

Swimming
A reminder to all Year 2 parents that swimming commences next Monday. Year 6 swimming commences the following week.

More Enviro Captains
PREP: Cole Dickenson, Tanith Guillonta, Cooper Keenan, Nate Barber, Taedyn Keepa-Tamati, Damon West
Year 1: Grace Cavanagh, Susan Bloomfield
Year 2: James Russell

Staffing
We welcome our new PE Teacher, Mr Robert Peters who commences tomorrow. We also welcome Mrs Sandra Turner to our Special Education Unit.

Sport
Congratulations to our Rugby League team who showed great determination and team spirit in their loss last week. They play again tomorrow night at 4.30pm.
Our soccer girls played their first game yesterday and won 9 nil against Benaraby.
Mrs Perkins has offered to take Cross Country training each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.10am-8.30am. All students who have nominated for Port Curtis selection must attend training to be eligible for selection. If your child has nominated, please ensure they bring a hat and water bottle to training. This training is for Port Curtis nominees only.

Cybersafety
Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.

Attendance Goal >95%

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It is hard to believe that this is the fifth week of the school term already. I commend the KKSS staff and students on the wonderful start they have made to the year.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

TUCKSHOP
• 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.
**Parenting (Triple P) Seminars**

Education Queensland is providing Triple P seminars for parents and care providers of all Gladstone schools at Gladstone South State School Library. Triple P - Positive Parenting Program aims to promote positive, caring relationships between parents and their children, and to help parents develop effective management strategies for promoting children's health, development and wellbeing, and for dealing with a variety of childhood behavioural and emotional problems and common developmental issues.

The three seminars cover:
- The Power of Positive Parenting
- Raising Confident Competent Children
- Raising Resilient Children

When: Seminar 1 - Friday 28 February;
Seminar 2 - Friday 7 March;
Seminar 3 - Friday 14 March.
All sessions are 9.30 - 10.30am.

**Payment Reminders**

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

| Fri 28 Feb | Triple P-Power of Positive Parenting 9.30am-10.30am Clean Up Day | Thu 20 Mar Fri 21 Mar | School Photos |
| Mon 3 Mar-Fri 7 Mar | Year 2 Swimming | Fri 28 Mar | Combined Schools Musical Wk - Peter Pan |
| Fri 7 Mar | Triple P-Raising Confident Competent Children 9.30am-10.30am | Wed 2 Apr | PREP, 1, 2 Easter Bonnet Parade |
| Mon 10 Mar | Classroom Helpers Parent Induction 2pm - 3pm | Mon 7 April-Mon 21 April | Term 1 Holiday Period |
| Mon 10 Mar-Fri 14 Mar | Year 6 Swimming | Mon 21 April | Public Holiday - Easter |
| Thu 13 Mar | Old McD's Farm (Preps) | Tue 22 Apr | FIRST DAY Term 2 |
| Fri 14 Mar | Triple P-Raising Resilient Children 9.30am-10.30am | Thur 24 Apr | Anzac Ceremony at 2.30pm |
|              |                      | Fri 25 Apr | Public Holiday - ANZAC DAY |

**Term 1 Enviro Captains**

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**Chess Champions**

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