Term 1 - Week 6 Tuesday 4 March 2014

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a Difference a Day Makes

• Missing one day a week for a Term = 2 learning weeks
• Missing one day a week for a Year = 8 learning weeks
• Missing one day a week for 10 Years = 400 days = 2 years of school!

We aim to have students attend over 95% of the time. Even if attending 95% of the time, students would still miss 10 school days or 2 learning weeks per year. Please reinforce with your children that every day is a learning day at Kin Kora.

Congratulations to our Year 2 and Year 3 students who met our target last week.

Staffing
We welcome Mrs Michelle Cute to our Special Education Unit. Mrs Cute will work at Kin Kora every Thursday.
Congratulations to Miss Jessica Pitt who became Mrs Lane Loi on Saturday.

Differentiation Programs and Individual Learning Plans at Kin Kora
We currently provide both intervention and extension programs for our students from PREP to Year 7. In addition, all PREP, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classes have a literacy coach who assists both teachers and students in all aspects of literacy and in particular, reading.

All students from Year 1 to Year 7 have individual learning plans in English and Maths. These individual learning plans will be the focus of the upcoming parent/teacher interviews. PREP students will have individual learning plans from next semester.

Swimming
Thanks to our Year 2 parents for your support of this week’s swimming program. Our Year 6 students will attend swimming classes at the John Dahl pool every day next week.
Parent/ Teacher Interviews
A reminder that parent/teacher interviews will take place during the two weeks commencing 24 March. Please return your preference sheet as soon as possible to enable teachers to schedule appointments. The main focus of these interviews for Years 1 - 7 will be your child’s individual learning plan and for PREP students, their rate of progress and plans for future learning.

Parade Protocols
We have a few requests for parents attending our school parades:
• Please don’t speak whilst parade is in progress
• Please ensure younger brothers and sisters of students are with you and not running around
• Please stand when the anthem is playing
• Please don’t sit on the seats to the side of the stage nearest the flagpole.
This will ensure that our parades run smoothly and that students can hear the messages as well as the names and commendations of students receiving awards. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Volunteers
We thank the many parents who assist in our classrooms and tuckshop on a regular basis. We really appreciate your generosity. We also thank all parents who speak positively about our school in the public forum. Kin Kora is the sum of its staff, parents and students and together I believe we can truly make a difference in the lives of all Kin Kora students.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

Parenting (Triple P) Seminars
Education Queensland is providing Triple P seminars for parents and care providers 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 2 - Friday 7 March;
Seminar 3 - Friday 14 March.
All sessions are 9.30 – 10.30am.

Payment Reminders
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Please be advised that when paying by Eftpos or Credit Card the payment amount must be $10 or over. We cannot process any payments by card for under this amount.

TUCKSHOP
• We are in desperate need of volunteers! If you have an hour or more to help any day, please come in and see Sam at the Tuckshop.
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**Bazza Awards**

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**Nude Food**

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**KKSS Cleanup Enviro Award 3E & 1F**

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