Term 1 - Week 9 Tuesday 25 March 2014

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We commenced parent/ teacher interviews yesterday and it was wonderful to see so many of you taking the opportunity to discuss your child’s learning and attendance goals for 2014. We look forward to meeting many more of you over the next fortnight.

Kin Kora Kids

- The school photographers commented on the fantastic behaviour and manners of our students.
- Mrs Coward reported that our soccer teams showed great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour at the 6-a-side Soccer Competition last Friday.
- Mr Peters was super impressed with the effort, commitment and behaviour of our Rugby League side. He is also very impressed with the behaviour of all PE classes.
- The admin team has had the pleasure of visiting all classrooms and viewing students in action. All classes (teachers and students) are working extremely hard. Teachers are also sending many students to the office with examples of excellent work.

P&C Executive

Congratulations to the following people who are our 2014 office bearers:

President: Mr David Orgill
Vice President: Mrs Liz Fallon
Secretary: Mr Sanath Alahakoon
Treasurer: Mrs Sandy Suter

We thank these people and all other P&C members for their generous donation of time and energy to our school. Your efforts provide much needed support and resourcing.

Whooping Cough

We have been notified of a case of whooping cough in our school. Please read the document attached to this email/ newsletter and seek medical advice if you have any concerns.

Drought Dollars

Our silly sock day was very successful and we managed to raise $700, enough money to buy 35 bales of hay. Hopefully, the bales and this week’s rain will bring much needed relief to our farmers.
**Reading**
Improved student achievement and outcomes in reading secures success across all the learning areas and beyond. Switching students onto reading and developing fluent, competent, independent problem solvers who willingly read widely for different purposes are the goals. Please continue to read to and with your children and be reading role models for them.

**Closing of School Gate**
The school gate is locked from 8.30am–9am each morning and 2.50pm–3.10pm every day. This is to ensure the safety of your children. Please do not ask the crossing supervisors to open the gate as their priority is ensuring that your children cross the road safely and we do not want them to be distracted from their duty. They are Transport Department employees, not Education Queensland employees.

**Attendance**
*Did you know?*
Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

*Why is regular attendance at school important?*
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day. They will learn better, feel happier, make friends and have a brighter future.

*Why must I send my child to school?*
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as haircuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Our KKSS goal is 95%. So far this year, our attendance rate is 94%. Thank you for supporting the school and your child by sending them to school as often as possible. Every day is a learning day at Kin Kora.

**Year 6 & 7 Camp**
A letter was sent home with students last week. Please return the slip on the bottom of the letter this week. We remind students that camp is by invitation only and that only those demonstrating responsible and respectful behaviour will be invited to attend.

**ANZAC March**
The KKSS School Captains and Vice Captains will be placing wreaths at the Dawn Service at 5.45am and again, at the 10.30am service on Anzac Day on Friday 25 April. Kin Kora State School students are also invited to march at the 10.30 service.

Children who wish to march need to:
- Go the starting point outside the council chambers with their parents by 10.15am
- Line up behind the Kin Kora banner with their parents by 10.30am
- March WITH their parents.
- Wear their Kin Kora uniforms and hats

*Parents will be responsible for their own children at all times during and after the march.*

The Easter holidays will shortly be upon us. The last day of this term is NEXT FRIDAY 4 APRIL with students required to return on TUESDAY 22 APRIL.

**Yours in Education**
Kay Kirkman
Principal
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 and can be paid in the mornings before 11.30am.

TUCKSHOP

Go to www.flexischools.com.au. We are in desperate need of volunteers! If you have an hour or more to spare, please come in and see Sam at the Tuckshop.

Sports News

Congratulations to our Girls’ Soccer Team who won the Interschool 6-a-side Competition at Benaraby State School on Friday. Well done to the boys’ team also, who put in a superb effort on the day. Both teams demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the day and Bailie Elliott and Gracie Moore were named Best and Fairest for the Carnival. Thanks must go to Mrs Coward and Mrs Van Vegchel for their help on the day.

Girls’ Soccer Semi Final Result: Our KKSS Girls’ Soccer team won 2-0 against Boyne Island and will now play the GRAND FINAL against Tannum Sands next Monday at 4.50pm. Good luck, girls.

Boys’ Rugby League Result: The boys fought hard for a 26-24 loss against the Barbarians. That was their last game for the season. We are very proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to Jack Neucom who was selected in the Gladstone Touch Football Team and Dillon Atwell who made the Port Curtis Basketball team.

KKSS will be holding a Year 4-7 Cross Country event NEXT Friday 4 April ie the last day of school, from 2pm-3pm. All students who have been attending Cross Country trainings before school will compete in a full cross country event. All other students will do ‘laps’ of the oval. They will earn a point for their house for each lap they complete.

Mothers’ Day Stall

On Friday 9 May, our Kin Kora Mothers’ Day Shop will be open to purchase gifts for Mum or Grandma. Gifts range in price from $1 to $10. Now is the time to encourage your child to do those extra little jobs around home to earn pocket money to purchase a really nice present for you. Donations of ‘ready to sell’ items, craft items, wrapped chocolates or lollies and home baking for the stall are most welcome. Donations can be dropped off to the blue P&C bin located at the office. A note asking for helpers on the day will be coming home soon. Please contact the office with any further enquiries.

P&C Lamington Drive

Kin Kora State School is holding a lamington drive. Orders and money will need to be in by next Friday ie the last day of school for Term 1. Delivery dates are 6 May (P, 1, 2) and 7 May (3-7). We thank you for your support of our P&C who work tirelessly to provide resources for our school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Bazza Awards

Nude Food
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Following the success of the recent Positive Parenting Seminars, we are looking at holding further sessions in term two. Please indicate if you are interested in attending these seminars and the best time for you.

I am interested in attending the Positive Parenting Seminars:

Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________

Best time: 9.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m. (Please circle)

Best Day: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (please circle)

Forms to be returned to the school before Friday, 4 April

Thanking you,
Rosemarie Jensen (Guidance Officer)