Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of Term 1. The term has had many highlights but it is the everyday behaviour and presentation of our students that is to be particularly commended. We continually focus on our students being RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE and LEARNERS and this is clearly evident in our daily interactions and in the feedback we receive from staff, visitors and relief teachers. We also expect children to focus on their ATTITUDE, ATTENDANCE and ACHIEVEMENT and so many of them are working hard to do this and thus become the very best that they can be.

Besides the focus on academic achievements through individual learning plans and our extension, intervention and differentiation programs, we also endeavour to focus on your child as an individual. As well as their academic, sporting, cultural and musical talents, we understand the importance of nurturing the things that make your child special eg their sense of humour, their diplomacy, their kindness etc. It is important to strengthen these qualities, build their resilience and prepare them for 'life'.

We thank you for supporting all of our endeavours, ensuring your child is in their uniform every day and for reinforcing the school values and expectations. By working with us, you enable us to provide the best possible learning environment for all Kin Kora Kids.

Staffing

Ms Rogers commences maternity leave this Friday and Mrs Danielle Dau will teach 5A for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Daley will take long service leave for all of Term 2. Mrs Angela Craze will be teaching 3C.

Mr Robbie Peters received word last week that he has been appointed as our PE teacher.

Reading

Reading continues to be a major focus in 2014. I have attached an interesting article by Sunday Mail columnist Francis Whiting on this topic.

PREP, 1, 2 Easter Bonnet Parade

An Easter Bonnet parade will replace our usual P-2 Parade tomorrow. Enjoy!
Term 2 Class Captains
The Term 2 Class Captain badges will be presented on parade on the FIRST DAY of school next term ie TUESDAY 22 APRIL. Enviro Captains will be presented with their badges the following week.

GPC Presentation
On this morning’s parade, Mrs Stewart from the GPC presented the School Captains with the third in a series of History books about the Port of Gladstone. This will be an invaluable resource.

Peter Pan
Congratulations to Mrs Maitland, Quinn, Sophia and Kyron for their fantastic efforts in the Combined Schools Musical, Peter Pan. I'm sure we'll be seeing them on the red carpet in the near future.

Dance Champ
Congratulations to Katrina Perkins who won ten dance events on the weekend. She also took out the overall trophy.

We wish all members of our Kin Kora community a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable break. We thank our wonderful staff for their efforts this term and we look forward to welcoming all Kin Kora Kids back to school 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
Please go to www.flexischools.com.au to order your child's tuckshop requirements. Please drop in and see Sam or phone her on 0417 101605 if you need assistance with this process. All volunteers MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies.

Sports News

GIRLS' SOCCER GRAND FINAL
Yesterday the KKSS soccer girls played in the interschool Grand Final. They played brilliantly, but unfortunately lost 1 – 0.

Congratulations to Dillon Atwell (Port Curtis Basketball), Gracie Moore and Greer Sherriff (Port Curtis Netball) and Molly Tolan, Tia Crosisca, Tori Eddy, Jasmine Gibson and Riley Bobart (Port Curtis Hockey).

Last Friday, we were presented with brand new AFL Jerseys, sponsored by Matt Jones from Homeground Villages Pty Ltd. We are very grateful to Homeground for their support. *PHOTO: back cover

P&C Lamington Drive
Kin Kora State School is holding a lamington drive. The lamingtons are supplied by Craig’s Bakery, so please support our local business. Orders and money will need to be in by this 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.
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.

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New AFL Jerseys

(PE Teacher, Mr Peters, Organiser, Mr Matt Burnett, House Captains and Principal, Mrs Kirkman. Absent: Sponsor – Mr Matt Jones from HOME GROUND VILLAGES PTY LTD)

Peter Pan Stars
Best and Fairest - Interschool Soccer

Soccer Grand Finalists

GPC Presentation of History Books