Term 2 - Week 5 Tuesday 20 May 2014

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Grandparents Day

This morning we welcomed nearly 300 Grandparents to Kin Kora State School. This is a very special day on our calendar and students and staff thoroughly enjoyed this precious time. During parade, we were entertained by Mrs Helen Nichols and we listened to a poem presented by School Vice Captain, Quinn Brennan.

Grandparents then spent time in the classrooms of their Grandchildren before being treated to morning tea which was served by our School Captains and Vice Captains in the parade area. Prizes were awarded for the oldest and youngest Grandparent, and our oldest Grandparent had the honour of cutting the Grandparents’ Day cake.

Special Visitors to Kin Kora

Last week, Mr Paul Wood, Regional Director of Education, and Mr David Roach, Assistant Regional Director of Education, visited Kin Kora. Both were extremely impressed with the work being carried out by staff and students. They particularly noted our strong focus on teaching and learning and the exceptional culture of our school. Once again, we thank our staff and students, but also, you, our parents, for supporting us in making attendance, attitude and achievement the key focus of our work.
**Report Cards**
Teachers are finalising assessment, moderating across their cohorts and preparing report cards. These report cards will go home on Friday 20 June. Parent/teacher interviews were carried out in Term 1. However, if you wish to discuss your child’s report, then please make an appointment with your child’s teacher for the last week of term.

**PREP Enrolments for 2015**
Parents can now commence enrolling students for the 2015 PREP year. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or Enrolment packages can be collected from the office. A PREP information evening will be held on Thursday 21 August.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

**Maths Extended Learning Program at Kin Kora State School**
On Friday 9 May, students from the Gladstone cluster of schools visited Kin Kora State School to participate in a Maths Extended Learning Day Program.

The students were challenged to recreate a tessellated image 5 times larger than the original image and transform 2D shapes into 3D shapes. After measuring, calculating, cutting, pasting and engineering, students created 2D and 3D tessellated images that were reminiscent of artwork by famous mathematical artist, M. C. Escher.

Students found the challenge enjoyable and challenging. “I thought it was fun because we had to increase the scale of the picture,” said Jack S. “I liked creating and designing the object,” stated Dillon A. Kaushi P stated, “I liked building the 3D shape with paper.”

**Kin Kora Jackets**
For parents enquiring about the school jacket, they are available at Everything Uniform in Auckland Street.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
On Wednesday, 11 June, we are holding our P, 1, 2 Sports Day. We desperately need some parents to assist with the cooking and serving of sausages in bread for morning tea. If you can help, please contact the school office on 49715111.

**Sports News**
The Year 3 and 4 students are certainly enjoying our CQ Sporty Schools Program in the lunch breaks. Students can play team competitions in both soccer and basketball. Mr Peters and the House Captains are giving up their time to referee these matches.
**Cybersafety News**

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness Parent presentation is thorough, FREE and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness Parent presentation will be held on: **Tuesday, June 17 at 5.30pm**. This presentation will run for approximately 90 minutes and will be held in the Kin Kora State School Resource Centre. To register your attendance, please contact the Kin Kora State School office. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

**Payment Reminders**

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**TUCKSHOP**

Please go to www.flexischools.com.au to order your child’s tuckshop requirements. All volunteers MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies.

**Staying Safe around Bats**

Children need to be aware that bats, including flying foxes, are protected species and pose minimal risk to humans provided they are left alone and not touched. Children should not try to hurt or help sick or injured bats as they are putting themselves and the animal at risk. If you see a hurt bat or flying fox call:

- RSPCA—1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection—1300 130 372
- Your local wildlife care group/rescuer/carer for assistance.

If a child is bitten or scratched by any bat, they should tell their parents, teacher or responsible adult straight away, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and visit their local doctor immediately.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**Bazza Awards**
Nude Food