Term 3 - Week 1 Tuesday 15 July 2014

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I trust that you had an enjoyable and relaxing break. We look forward to another term of working with you to ensure the best possible learning environment for your children.

Class Captains for Term 3

Congratulations to our outgoing Term 2 Captains and our incoming Term 3 Captains who were presented with their badges this morning. These students have been selected by their peers and teachers as being good role models for others and having a high standard of behaviour. (Enviro Captains will be presented with their badges on next Tuesday’s parade for Yrs 1-7 and next Wednesday’s parade for PREP.)

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Skip-a-thon

We will commence our annual skip-a-thon this week. An information letter was sent home today. All students will take part in two skipping sessions per week at school in order to meet sponsorship requirements. Teachers will sign off on each student’s card when the mandated ten sessions are complete. We thank you in anticipation of your support and request that the safety messages in the information letter are adhered to.
Technology Update
All classrooms have sets of computers and we have two designated computer rooms. Teachers and students also have access to class sets of notebooks and handheld devices for interactive whiteboards and Ipad. All rooms including music, learning support, extension and library have interactive whiteboards which are invaluable to both teachers and learners.
We recently purchased thirty new computers for our lower school technology room and thirty laptops for the upper school tech room. In addition, students now have access to recently acquired Ipad, ebooks and interactive writing programs.
We know that nothing replaces expert teaching, however, we wish to ensure that our students are using the most up to date equipment and have the required access to enhance their learning.

Youth Music Council Workshops
The majority of our instrumental students are involved in music workshops for the remainder of the week. These workshops will conclude with a public performance on Friday night. We wish our students and teachers all the best and know that they will acquit themselves well.

Regional Shield
We also look forward to hearing the results of this week’s Central Queensland Netball and Rugby League Championships. Miss Shannon’s netball team and Mr Sutton’s rugby side will take on sides from all over Central Queensland. We commend these teachers and students on their efforts in preparation for this event. We also thank Mr Peters and Mrs Coward for their assistance with coaching and managing.

Botanic 2 Bridge
Prior to the holidays, the students were very excited to receive a visit from Curtis the Turtle. Curtis was here to promote B2B, a FunD raising event which raises money for local causes as well as schools. For every Kin Kora student or parent who registers, the school receives a percentage. Not only does this raise much needed funds for our school, B2B is also a fun and healthy family outing. You can register for either a 3km or 8km walk/ run. Prize money is available in a range of age categories.

Kin Kora enjoys an excellent reputation because we have amazing staff, students and parents who work hard to maintain our culture of respect, support, friendliness and cooperation. Our school opinion surveys indicating that 100% of parents think this is a good school and 100% of our staff enjoy working here reflects that. As is our recent discipline audit which puts us in the top 3% of the state. I thank you for your ongoing support and your positive attitude towards our efforts. Together, we can do anything.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

Enrolling your Child in PREP for 2015
You can do this by:
• Going to our website www.kinkorass.eq.edu.au and downloading an enrolment form.
• Coming into the school and requesting an enrolment form from the front desk.
• Collecting one when you come to the information night on Thursday 21 August from 6pm-7pm.

You and your child can attend PREP Open Days on EITHER:
Wednesday 12 November or Thursday 13 November from 9.30-10.30

NAPLAN Trial Tests
Kin Kora State School has been chosen by ACARA to participate in the NAPLAN Trialling Tests. These tests are important for the development of the final NAPLAN test items and are an integral part of the NAPLAN testing program.
Students in 3E, 5D and 7B will sit a NAPLAN Reading Trial Test on the 1st August. The tests range from 60 minutes to 75 minutes, depending on the year-level.
Student or class results will not be published to the school nor parents.
If you have further questions please contact Lezah Semple, Head of Curriculum.
Skoolbo

All students at Kin Kora SS have been offered a free subscription to Skoolbo. Skoolbo is an English and Maths educational website for students between 4-12 years old. Once enrolled, students will complete activities at their ability level and activities will steadily increase in difficulty as the student improves. Students can play on PC, Mac, iPad and Android.

To enrol your child, we will need to give Skoolbo their first name and the first letter of their last name e.g. Mary S. You can view Skoolbo’s privacy policy at http://skoolbo.com.au/privacy. If you’d like your child to be enrolled in Skoolbo, please complete the permission form attached to this newsletter and return to the office. Once we’ve uploaded the students’ information, they’ll receive a logon and password. To play at home, you’ll need to download the program at www.skoolbo.com.au/downloads.

You can view information about Skoolbo please visit their website at www.skoolbo.com.au or please contact Lezah Semple, Head of Curriculum.

Sports News

Congratulations to Tegan Van Vegchel, Yasmin Andrews, Kaitlyn Jackson and Shanelle Bowler for being selected for the Port Curtis and Central Highlands Girls Rugby League teams.

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.

Payment Reminders

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<td>Alice &amp; Wonderland Musical (Yr 4 &amp; 5)</td>
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Bazza Awards
Nude Food

NAIDOC and Under 8’s Day
Term 3 Class Captains