Term 3 - Week 3 Tuesday 29 July 2014

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Teaching and Learning at Kin Kora**
In the eight areas of our last state teaching and learning audit, Kin Kora was rated as outstanding (world class) in one area and high (the second highest rating) in seven areas. This result placed us in the top 50 schools in the state.

**Teachers:**
We have consistent practices to ensure that our teachers are up to date with both curriculum and pedagogy. Each teacher regularly undergoes direct observation from either myself or one of the Deputy Principals. We also video lessons and provide feedback.
Mrs Lezah Semple (Head of Curriculum), Mrs Greer and Mrs Bannah (Literacy Coaches) also model lessons and provide advice, coaching and feedback.
Professional development workshops are a regular occurrence.

**Learners:**
All Kin Kora students have individual learning plans in English and Maths. Mrs Semple, Mrs Wiles and Mrs Boyd also provide extension and intervention lessons on a weekly basis in these subjects. In addition, extension students are provided opportunities to take part in advanced projects.
Additional intervention is undertaken by our learning support teachers, Mrs Jinnette and Mrs Donohoe, and our special needs teachers, Mrs Flint, Mrs Giles, Mrs Lennon, Mrs Turner and Mrs Hall. We also have a school based Guidance Officer, Mrs Jensen, and a school based Speech Pathologist, Mrs Henderson.
Approximately twenty teacher aides are employed to assist in all classrooms.

**Kin Kora Kids**
Congratulations to our Year 2 students on their excellent behaviour during last week's excursion. They certainly followed our four rules by being respectful, responsible, safe and learners throughout their time away from the school.
Every single Kin Kora student proudly wears their uniform every day. Thank you, parents. We really appreciate your continued support.

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Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Combined Schools Band and Ensemble: Alicia Jobling, Isaiah Riley, Daniel Benson, Grace Hodson, Quinn Brennan and Paris Fallon.

Staff Changes
On this morning's parade, we farewelled one of our dedicated Kin Kora teachers, Mrs Merilyn Daley. Mrs Daley has been at Kin Kora for twenty years and will certainly be missed. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

It is with great sadness that I announce that Mrs Reinbach is returning to her home country and will finish her time at Kin Kora this Friday. Ria has been a devoted and caring teacher and she too will be greatly missed. We will say goodbye to Ria on Friday's parade.

Mrs McCarthy commences maternity leave this Friday and we share her excitement as she awaits the arrival of her little bundle. We thank Kahlee for her fabulous work in PREP D. The wonderful Mrs Radloff is returning from maternity leave and will take over PREP D in conjunction with Ms Sarah Tibble.

School Opinion Surveys Due
Thanks to the many parents who have already completed these. The link www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey will close this Sunday and we would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to undertake this survey before then. Your personal codes are in the envelopes sent home last Tuesday. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require computer access at school.

Student Safety and Protection Program
The three key messages of Student Safety and Protection in the Daniel Morcombe program are: Recognise, React and Report. Over the next few weeks, I will include information on each of these.

RECOGNISE
Recognise is about being aware of your environment. Children, young people and adults can all learn to take notice of what is happening around them to help keep themselves safe. Everyone can use clues, such as the things we see, hear, smell or feel to help protect us from harm and keep ourselves safe.

Clues can be simple things that warn us about a danger, e.g. hearing a fire alarm or seeing smoke, that prompt us to react. We can also use clues to prepare for potentially unsafe situations, e.g. if we are walking alone at night, then we try to use a well-lit route and avoid secluded lanes or parks.

When we recognise that there might be a safety problem, we can take steps to move away or reduce the risk or develop strategies that can help keep us safe. For instance, if you are in a busy environment such as the Harbour Festival or at the Show where there are big crowds, you might consider what you and your child could do if you became separated. Strategies could include: going to a highly visible predetermined meeting spot; writing your phone number on a card and placing it in your child's pocket; identifying who your child could approach if they become lost, e.g. police, staff at a booth.

Key information about this program is available online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safetycurriculum.

May I continue to encourage you to take a look at these messages for yourselves and involve your child in discussions at home around this crucial issue?

Parent information sessions are being held at the school's Resource Centre by our Guidance Officer, Rosemarie Jensen and Deputy Principal, Leanne Burke on: THIS Thursday 1 August 5:30pm-6:00 pm

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

PREP 2015 Information Night
Thursday 21 August from 6pm-7pm.

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

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

**Dental Van**

The dental van will be leaving soon, so if you are wanting your child to see them, please pick up a form from the dental van.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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<td>Skip-a-thon finishes</td>
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<td>Class captain badges on parade</td>
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**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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**Farewell Mrs Daley**
Bazza Awards

Nude Food

Term 3 PREP Enviro Captains