Term 3 - Week 5 Tuesday 12 August 2014

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attendance, Achievement and Attitude

Our focus on these three aspects continues. In terms of achievement and attitude, your children are a credit to you. The school is humming and I am extremely proud of the work being carried out in our classrooms. Attendance is very good and hovers around 94%. However, we are aiming to reach between 95% and 100% and we ask you to continue to support us in emphasising to your children the importance of attending school every day. We provide constant reminders to our students that every day is a learning day at Kin Kora.

Thanks to Staff, Parents and Students

Last Tuesday night’s disco was a tremendous success. In addition to our amazing P&C members, we had a record number of parent volunteers and supporters, over thirty staff members and many of our school leaders in attendance. YOU ensured that our students had a safe and enjoyable night and we very much appreciate your support. THANK YOU.

I would also like to congratulate all Kin Kora Kids on their excellent behaviour on the night.

Skip- A- Thon

The Skip-a-thon finishes this Friday! When children have completed their ten sessions, a validated recording sheet will be sent home. Please assist your child/ren in collecting the pledged sponsorship money. All forms and money are due back at school by Friday 22 August. Thanks for supporting this P&C project.

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

Our Team specialising in:

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A reminder that Botanic to Bridge is on THIS Sunday.

**Student Safety and Protection Program**

Report

This week we are starting to implement the final key message of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum: **report**. This means that when children or young people have been in a situation that is unsafe that they are taught to **report** what has happened to an adult. Even if a child has been able to make themselves safe, it is vital that they still **report** what has happened. Adults need to know about unsafe situations so that some action can be taken to help the child be safe again or ensure it doesn’t happen again. Students involved in the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum will be encouraged to make a list of adult safety helpers. These are adults the children and young people nominate whom they can talk to when they are feeling unsafe or have experienced an unsafe situation or feel they are at risk of something that may cause them harm. This list will include a selection of adults who live in and outside the home.

**Report** also includes telling an adult about unsafe or inappropriate incidents which may occur when children or young people are online. This might occur when surfing the net or using social media sites like Facebook and twitter, and can include cyberbullying, viewing or receiving inappropriate images or messages or communicating with unknown contacts.

It is important that the key safety messages of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum: **Recognise**, **React** and **Report** are reinforced, both at school and home. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

Yours in Education
Kay Kirkman
Principal

**Relief Cleaners**

If you would like to put your name down to do relief cleaning, please hand in your details to the office.

**Foot and Mouth Virus**

We were notified of one case of hand, foot and mouth disease. Notes have been issued to the relevant class. Please consult your medical practitioner if concerned.

**Car Parking**

A number of parents have been parking across our neighbours’ driveways. We ask that parents be considerate when dropping off / collecting students.

Staff car parks are for staff use only.

**P&C News**

A huge thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who helped make our 2014 fundraising so successful. P&C has been busy using money raised during the past year to purchase new reading books, ipads and maths resources for every child to use in their classrooms.

**Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! We need helpers to run upcoming events.**

Our **Fathers’ Day Stall** helper notes have gone home this week. Please return those to the office asap. Our **major fundraiser** is the Cent Sale. We need **5 interested people** to canvas local businesses seeking prizes for our 2014 Cent Sale (Cent Sale is early term 4 but prizes need to be sought now). You would be given a list of business (in one area of town), letters to give to businesses seeking a donation and thank you certificates to give out when businesses donate. Without helpers these events will not be able to run.

Please contact me on lfall14@eq.edu or phone me Liz Fallon (Prep A) on 49715111 or leave your name at the office for the opportunity to help the school or for any more information about these events.

Liz Fallon  P&C
**Fathers’ Day Stall**

On Friday 5th September, our Kin Kora Fathers’ Day Shop will be open to purchase gifts for Dad or Granddad. Gifts range in price from $1 to $10. Notes are going out soon asking for your help to make our Fathers’ Day Stall a success. Please return your notes as soon as possible or leave your name at the office and we can contact you. Donations of ‘ready to sell’ items, home cooking and wrapped lollies/chocolates for the stall are most welcome. We are still seeking a raffle prize for the day so if you can help, please contact the office. Liz Fallon P&C

**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.

**Payment Reminders**

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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.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**Bazza Awards**
Nude Food

Capricornia Rugby League