



# KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**Term 4 - Week 5 Tuesday 4 November 2014**

## **OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement**

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to 2C whose attendance for week 4 was at 100%. I would also like to acknowledge 3C, 6B, 4A, 2A, 2B and 3F for their percentage attendance which was above the school's target of 94%.

If you are having problems getting your child to school, a set routine can help. Examples include:

- Have a set time to go and get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

### **WHY READING STORIES MATTERS**

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics. If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning. Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books will make them more comfortable reading at school. Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child. Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable skill and an excellent way to spend free time.

Remember, it is never too late to start.

### **Cybersafety**

As you are aware, there are many dangers that social networking presents for children. Primary students should not be engaging in social networking as most mainstream sites such as Facebook and Instagram state that users should be thirteen and over. Other common sites such as KIK state that users must be 17 years or older. I strongly advise parents to visit the following website to access some very important issue-focussed and up to date information about the dangers of social networking for children of all ages.

[www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

### Camp

Welcome back to all Year 7 students and teachers who attended camp last week. From all reports, not only did all students have a fantastic time and enthusiastically engaged in all activities, the behaviour of our students was exemplary. On many occasions, members of the public commented on the exceptional behaviour our students displayed. Finally, I would like to thank the Kin Kora staff who gave up their time to allow students this fantastic opportunity to learn outside the classroom and experience something new.

### Leadership

It gives me great pleasure to announce the following Year Five students who have been selected as suitable applicants for the position of School Captain/Vice-Captain for 2015. These students will be presenting a two minute speech on Tuesday 18 November to our Year 5, 6 and 7 students, stating why they are deserving of the position. Students and staff will then vote to decide on the positions. I wish everyone the best.

**BOYS:** Haizyn Mellars, Daniel Benson, Jack Small, Gareth Meikle, Archer Boyes.

**GIRLS:** Summah-Angel Ward, Vannah Townsend, Ally Bryce, Maddyson Graham, Jenna Patersen, Lillian Awee, Anna Price, Lily Orgill, KC Wright-Ramsay, Georgia Donohoe, Holly Dodd, Jordan Eiby-Quinn, Khushi Patel.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

### Year 2A & B Scientists

We have some budding young scientists in our two classes. Last term the students were given a project they could undertake in their own time. Tasks such as representing animal and plant life stages, producing story boards and investigating the needs of living things were completed. Five of these students excelled and produced projects of a very high standard. These projects will be displayed in the office for people to view. Congratulations to Taylor, Janeske, Jack, Maha and Mollie.

### 2015 Newsletter

As of 2015, Kin Kora's weekly newsletter will only be sent out electronically. I would also like to remind all parents that the newsletter can be viewed via the "Q Schools" app.

### Payment Reminders

Event	Due date	Amount
Year 4 & 5 End of year cinemas	5 Dec	\$10

### Tuckshop

Please go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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 are MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies. **If you have pre-ordered your child's tuckshop and they are not attending school that day, please advise the Tuckshop on the morning of ASAP so we can credit back your flexischool pre-order. Thank you.**

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wed 12 Nov	PREP Orientation 9.30-10.30	Thu 4 Dec	Yr 7 GSHS Orientation day Yr 7 TSHS Orientation day Year 6 Graduation at GECC
Thu 13 Nov	PREP Orientation 9.30-10.30	Fri 5 Dec	Yr 8 TSHS Orientation day Christmas Stall
Tue 18 Nov	School Captain speeches at 9am	Wed 10 Dec	Report Cards and 2015 Classes Finalised
Tue 25 Nov	House Captain elections	Thu 11 Dec	Final Parade
Tue 2 Dec	Yr 8 GSHS Orientation day	Fri 12 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Wed 3 Dec	Yr 7 GSHS Orientation day Yr 8 GSHS Orientation day Year 7 Graduation at GECC		

## **Music**

**DATE CLAIMER:** Information Evening for NEW students to the Instrumental Music Program in 2015  
Letters of offer will be forwarded home shortly to students (and families) advising them of their child's inclusion in the Instrumental Music Program for 2015. Waiting list letters will also be sent home at the same time.

Please mark in your diaries the following date for the 2015 Information Evening for new students to the program.

**When:** Thursday, 27 November, 2014

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Where:** Clinton State School Hall

We look forward to welcoming and meeting our new students and families to the program in 2015.

Leanne Ibell

Principal | Instrumental Music Co-Ordinator | Area Contact Dare to Lead

## **Toolooa State High School Orientation**

The Toolooa SHS Year 6 to 7 and Year 7 to 8 orientations days are as follows:

Year 6 to 7 - Thursday 4 December (Full Day)

Year 7 to 8 - Friday 5 December (Full Day)

Please remember to:

- Wear full primary school uniform
- Bring a hat, water bottle and lunch (limited tuckshop service on the day)
- Bring a notebook and pens/pencils to write
- Bring any paperwork and enrolment packs not yet handed in

Parents are welcome to attend school tours on both days from 9-10AM.

## **Gladstone State High School Orientation**

**When:** Term 4, Week 9

- Year 7 into 8 Tuesday 2.12.14 and Wednesday 3.12.14
- Year 6 into 7 Wednesday 3.12.14 and Thursday 4.12.14

**Where:** Meet at the hall on your first day

**What to wear:** Your school uniform

**What to bring:** Hat, water bottle, writing materials and a happy disposition along with a positive attitude

**Enrolment forms:** Please hand in your enrolment forms prior to orientation days (if you have not already done so). This is necessary so that students can already be placed into house groups and participate in activities during orientation days.

**Lunch:** A sausage sizzle will be provided on one of the orientation days (year 7s on the Tuesday and the year 6s on the Thursday). On the alternative day you may either bring your own lunch or purchase from the tuckshop.

Please contact the relevant schools if you have any questions with regards to the orientation days.

## Bazza Awards



## Nude Food



## Attendance Award



## Year 2 Scientists

