



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attendance

Congratulations to 5A whose attendance for week 5 was at 99.17%. I would also like to acknowledge 3C, 6B, 4A, 3F, 2B and PC for their percentage attendance which was well above the school's target of 94%.

I encourage all families not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child.

Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

How you can help your child with reading?

To get your child interested in reading, it's important to vary the books you read together and to talk about the types of material you read each day.

Our school encourages parents to work with us to develop children's reading skills. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- play number plate games in the car by looking at different number plates and making sentences starting with the same letters
- encourage children to re-tell stories they have read and to share these stories with other family members
- when reading to your child, stop and ask "what do you think will happen next?" and occasionally ask "why do you think the author included that part in the story?" to ensure they understand what they are reading
- if your child makes a mistake when they read aloud, give them time to correct the mistake themselves.

Year 6 Camp

Welcome back to all Year 6 students and teachers who attended camp last week. Like the Year 7s, 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. 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. It truly is a big effort from all staff to leave their love ones for that period of time.

Remembrance Day

Today we recognised Remembrance Day on parade. I would like to congratulate Sarah Dunn and Ella Craig for their moving tribute in memory of the men and women in Australia and around the world who have made sacrifices to ensure that the things we hold dear as Australians would endure for future generations. I would also like to thank the student body for the level of respect that they showed during the parade.

With five weeks of school left for 2014, there is still lots to be done in our learning agenda - every day is a learning day so please assist by ensuring that your child is ready for learning every day; we will be ready to teach every day.

Yours in Education
Justin Harrison
Principal

Change of details

For parents who have changed their address or contact details recently, there is a new form available on our website for you to complete and return. It is important that the school has up to date information for each of our students.

Back to school 2015 ordering

Back to school lists are welcome at Office National Gladstone. Parents can purchase online via their website. Special pricing starts in December. Order now, receive and pay later.

Medical

If there are any changes to your child's medication, please let the office know as soon as possible. Students requiring Epipens and Ventolin inhalers must have these items on them at all times. Students who use this form of medication must have it placed in a bum bag at school each day. Please ensure that the medication has not expired.

News from the Library

The year is quickly coming to a close, and apart from Book Fair, this is the busiest time of the year in the Library. Lots of books and resources need to be returned and shelved and this needs to be done before the end of the school term. Therefore, there will be no borrowing from the start of Week 7 (17 November 2014) for the rest of the year. During this time, we would love you and your child/children to check for all borrowed or overdue books that may be hiding in your house, your car, children's classrooms, Nana's house etc. We would appreciate these books to be returned as soon as possible.

Kind Regards
Naomi Hughes and Suzanne Morgan, Library Teachers

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 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.**

Sports

Congratulations to Peyton Craig for taking 2nd place in Kids Aquathlon at Qld All Schools Champs at Kawana on the weekend.

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.

Bazza Awards





Nude Food



Attendance Award



Aquathlon

