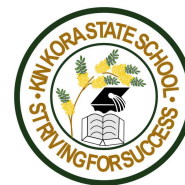




KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Opinion Survey Results

We have received the results of our School Opinion Survey 2014 and I would like to thank staff, students and parents who completed these surveys. I would like to take this opportunity to share the results of the survey as this will form the basis of conversations with staff, students, P&C and any interested parents on our direction for 2015 and beyond. We received overwhelmingly responses of 90% or above with quite a number above 95% satisfaction in things we as a school community do and undertake around teaching and learning, behaviour, and school operations/processes.

Over 95% of parents said:

- My child likes being at this school
- My child feels safe at this school
- I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns
- This school looks for ways to improve
- Teachers at this school are interested in my child's wellbeing
- Staff at this school are approachable
- This school is well organised
- This school has a strong sense of community
- This school celebrates student achievements
- I would recommend this school to others
- This is a good school

Over 95% of students in Years 5 and 6 said:

- My teachers motivate me to learn
- My teachers expect me to do my best
- My school looks for ways to improve
- I would recommend my school to others

100% of staff (teaching and non-teaching) said:

- I enjoy working at this school
- I feel this school is a safe place in which to work
- Students are encouraged to do their best at school
- Students are treated fairly at this school
- This school takes staff opinions seriously

- I feel that social, cultural and racial diversity are respected at this school
- Staff at this school are approachable
- This school keeps me well informed about things that are important to my work
- This school encourages me to participate in professional development activities
- This school has a strong sense of community
- I would recommend this school to others
- This is a good school

Compared to like schools, schools in our region and across Queensland, Kin Kora is performing above other schools in the majority of areas surveyed. However, there is always room for improvement and we at Kin Kora in partnership with our students and the wider community will continue to look for ways to improve. Like I mentioned in my first newsletter as Principal, I am very honoured to be at a great school. The results mentioned above, justify this.

Yours in Education
Justin Harrison
Principal

Opportunity Knocks - Gladstone Literacy Centre

Exciting news - it's our school's turn to take part in the excellent literacy programme offered at the Gladstone Literacy Centre (Exodus Tutorial Centre). The Centre is run by the Department of Education in partnership with the Gladstone community. The aim of the programme is to help the selected students from Grade 4 and 5 bridge any gaps in their literacy so they become independent readers able to successfully cope with high school.

During the last intake, students from Kin Kora SS improved their reading accuracy and comprehension by an average of **22 months in just 18 weeks!**

A parent information session will be held in week 8, early week 9 at a time that has yet to be decided. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

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.

Gladstone State High School 2015 Year 8 Laptop Classes - position vacant

We have a limited number of spaces available for our 2015 Year 8 Laptop Class. The cost of the program over 3 years is \$1410. Students and parents should discuss the program with our Deputy Principal, Narelle Madden before choosing to apply. If your child is selected, your acceptance form and payment of \$800 must be received by Friday 28 November. Further information is available on inquiry.

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.

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
Year 6 & & End of year pool	5 Dec	\$10
Year 7 Graduation dinner	26 Nov	\$20

Christmas Stall

Christmas stall is on Friday 5 December and red helper notes have been handed out so please return them to the office as soon as possible.

Tuckshop

The Tuckshop will be closed on Friday December 12th (last day of term 4).

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.**

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tue 25 Nov	House Captain elections	Wed 10 Dec	Report Cards and 2015 Classes Finalised
Tue 2 Dec	Yr 8 GSHS Orientation day	Thu 11 Dec	Final Parade
Wed 3 Dec	Yr 7 GSHS Orientation day Yr 8 GSHS Orientation day Year 7 Graduation at GECC	Fri 12 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Thu 4 Dec	Yr 7 GSHS Orientation day Yr 7 TSHS Orientation day Year 6 Graduation at GECC	Tue 27 Jan 2015	First day of Term 1 2015
Fri 5 Dec	Yr 8 TSHS Orientation day Christmas Stall		

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



Instrumental Music



Attendance Award

