



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

2015 Leaders

Last Tuesday, we held our School Captain and Vice-Captain elections. The outstanding calibre of all students and the excellent speeches presented, made voting a most difficult job indeed. We thank all the courageous students who nominated and presented speeches and congratulate them for their amazing efforts. We also thank them for the manner in which they conducted themselves once the results were announced. They showed excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the following students who will be either Vice Captains or Captains. They will not find out which until they receive their badges at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.

Year 6 2015: Jack Small, Haizyn Mellars, Maddyson Graham and Jordan Eiby-Quinn.

Today we held our House Captain elections and we will announce those results on Friday. Once these positions are finalised, we will move to our Prefect selections. We wish all candidates the best of luck.

Year 6 and 7 Graduation

A letter was sent home last week with regards to arrangements for this special event. A reminder to all that tickets are on sale and can be purchased through the Gladstone Entertainment Centre.

2015 PREPS

On Wednesday and Thursday the 12 and 13 November, we had the privilege of meeting our 2015 PREPS and their parents. From all accounts, we have another group of STARS on the way. Thank you to all who attended the morning and provided us with such positive feedback. We look forward to working with you all next year.

Kin Kora Kids

We are very impressed with the learning engagement and behaviour of our Kin Kora students at present. Truly outstanding! Let's continue to reinforce attendance, attitude and achievement as we move towards the final stages of the school year. Remember, every day counts.

Attendance

As I have mentioned previously, students who have high attendance at school, on average, will have high student achievement. Even though there is only three weeks to go before the holidays, I need parents to be mindful of the mantra 'Every Day Counts at Kin Kora'. As of late, the percentage attendance at Kin Kora has dropped slightly to 92%, with our target being 95%. Consequently, I want every student to attend the last three weeks of school. For those 20 students who have attended every day this year, I congratulate you and you will be recognised for your efforts.

Hot Weather

As the weather begins to move into the usual summer conditions, please ensure that your child has their school hat and water bottle for school each day. Can I also ask parents to discuss with your loved ones the importance of being well hydrated and getting into a good routine of drinking plenty of water. Staff at Kin Kora are doing the same.

Final Parade

The final parade for the year will be held on Thursday 11 December. On this parade, we will farewell staff and our Year 6 and 7 students going to High School next year. Instrumental Music medallions and trophies will also be presented on this parade.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

GSHS Orientation Days

As the year quickly draws to a close we look forward to our **Orientation Days**. We have two days to enable the students to experience high school and get to know their peer mentors. We hope this is a time where questions can be answered, connections can be made and concerns can be addressed.

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.

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 this Thursday at 3.30pm in the resource centre. For those students who have been identified, a letter was sent home yesterday. 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.

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

Christmas Stall

Kin Kora's annual Christmas stall is on Friday 5 December. 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 2 Dec	Yr 8 GSHS Orientation day	Wed 10 Dec	Report Cards and 2015 Classes Finalised Volunteers' Afternoon Tea
Wed 3 Dec	Yr 7 GSHS Orientation day Yr 8 GSHS Orientation day Year 7 Graduation at GECC	Thu 11 Dec	Final Parade
Thu 4 Dec	Yr 7 GSHS Orientation day Yr 7 TSHS Orientation day Year 6 Graduation at GECC	Fri 12 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Fri 5 Dec	Yr 8 TSHS Orientation day Christmas Stall	Tue 27 Jan 2015	First day of Term 1 2015

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Reminder: the **Instrumental Music information evening** is this coming **Thursday, 27 November**, beginning at **6:30pm** in the hall at **Clinton State School**, Harvey Road, Clinton.

The evening will begin with a short general information session, followed by instrument specific discussion groups (each led by one of the instrumental music teaching team) where detailed advice will be given regarding the requirements for each instrument.

The evening will also include a number of opportunities to investigate instruments and accessories, including trade displays by:

- Anthony Breed's College of Music (Gladstone)
- Green Brothers Music (Rockhampton)
- Brass Music Specialists (Brisbane)
- Brisbane Brass & Woodwind (Brisbane)
- Mick Morgan's Mobile Music (Brisbane)
- Simply For Strings (Brisbane)

all of whom will have instruments and accessories on display, and most of whom offer instrument hire/rental schemes.

I encourage everyone to come along, investigate all of the options available, and then see what works best for you and for your beginning musician.

The evening is specifically geared for parents, but students are also welcome to attend.

Bazza Awards



Nude Food



Attendance Award



School Captains 2015

