



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thanks Mrs Kirkman

On behalf of the Kin Kora community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kirkman for her 17 years of service at Kin Kora. Through her leadership, commitment to learning, passion, dedication to every student, love and support, she has shaped the hearts and minds of a large number of students and has transformed Kin Kora into the school it is today - the best school, with the best teachers and the best students. We truly appreciate everything you have done and wish you all the best in your future role as Assistant Regional Director.

Year 6 and 7 Graduation and 2015 Captains

Congratulations to our Year 6 and 7 students who officially graduated last week at the ceremonies held at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre. Not only was I impressed with the professionalism of the night, I was pleased with the maturity, behaviour and peer support demonstrated by the students on both evenings. We wish all of our Year 6 and 7 students every success as they enter their High School years.

Congratulations to all award and trophy recipients, in particular, Ella Craig and Lachlan Blake (Paul Kelly PE Trophy), Jayden Wroe and Baillie Elliott (Michael Memory Leadership Trophy) and Tia Warry and Tai Scott (KKSS Dux). At the Year 6 evening, we also announced our School Captain positions for 2015.

Congratulations to School Captains, Haizyn Mellars and Maddyson Graham, and Vice-Captains, Jack Small and Jordan Eiby-Quinn.

Volunteers' Afternoon Tea

Tomorrow, we will be thanking our many volunteers for the countless hours they devote in the interests of our Kin Kora Kids. We value your support enormously. This event will be the first opportunity for our 2015 Captains to officiate at.

Attendance

As mentioned previously, there is a strong correlation between attendance at school and academic performance. In 2014, we had a number of students who attended Kin Kora every day of the school year, a fantastic effort. Congratulations goes to: Alexis Cox, Sophie Stephenson, Kobi Young, Tyson Cox, Jordan Caletti, Kyan Dwyer, Paul Jones, Bianca Van Bergen, Dwane Mendiola, Kaelea Born, Emma Jensen, Vanessa Ndabanengi, Izayah Taringa-Tuiasau, Summah-Angel Ward, Aleyah Born, Alana Dwyer, Claire Richter and Leteisha Emerson. I would also like to congratulate 5C whose attendance for Week 9 was 99%.

Prep Christmas Activity Morning

Last Thursday, Kin Kora held a Christmas activity morning for all Prep students. The day started in the parade area with classes all dressed up singing their favourite Christmas songs. Upon completion of the fabulous singing, all students moved into the Christmas activities. From my observations, all students and parents had a fantastic time and a special mention must go to all teachers who organised the morning.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local Police or State Government Security Service deal with the matter.

Final Parade

This parade will be held on Thursday at 9am. We will farewell staff, including Mrs Kirkman and our Year 6 and 7 students. On parade today, we presented our Instrumental Music awards and trophies and certificates to those students who have attended every day this year. Congratulations goes to:

Combined Band - Isaiah Riley, Alicia Jobling and Daniel Benson

Combined Strings - Grace Hodson, Paris Fallon and Quinn Brennan

Instrumental Music Excellence Trophies - Annika Messervy, Zakira Williams, Damien Pershouse, Sarah Riley, Ryan Shanahan, Quinn Brennan, Paris Fallon, Sophia Ross, Alicia Jubling, Jacob Lumsden, Isaiah Riley, Grace Hodson and Arlette Aplaon.

Amanda Welsh Trophy for Strings - Quinn Brennan

Michael Memory Encouragement Award - Jacob Lumsden

I wish our Kin Kora community a safe, happy and relaxing holiday period and look forward to working with you and our wonderful Kin Kora Kids in 2015.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

A message from Mrs Kirkman

As we approach the end of yet another year at Kin Kora, we can once again look back with pride on the accomplishments of your children and our staff.

On Thursday, I will be attending the final parade and speaking about my time at Kin Kora however, at this point, I just wish to express my gratitude for your support over the past seventeen years.

My new role as Assistant Regional Director, Central Queensland, will take me to forty schools as far as Longreach in the west, Mount Perry in the south and Marmor to the north. I will also be responsible for a number of schools, including Kin Kora, in the local area.

Kin Kora is an exceptional school with a professional and dedicated staff, supportive parents and amazing students. With the foundations established, the current body of work in progress and under Mr Harrison's leadership, I have no doubt that Kin Kora will remain a school of choice in the Gladstone area.

Thank you so much for entrusting your precious children to us. Thank you for your support and loyalty. Thank you for the privilege of being your Principal.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy, safe and relaxing Christmas. I look forward to seeing many of you on my school visits and around the local area.

Kin Kora Christmas Stall and Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who donated items or gave their time to help with the Christmas Stall. At this time we do not have a money raised value but if success is measured by the smiles on children's faces than the day was a huge success. Congratulations to Kaliyah McGrath and Alex Paul for winning the Christmas stall raffles.

Liz Fallon P&C

Medical Issues

If your child has an Epipen, Asthma, or any other medical condition Action Plan, please ensure school has an updated version for the beginning of 2015. All children taking any medication also need to renew medication forms annually. Forms are to be filled in and handed in to the office prior to starting school. The office will be open from Monday 19 January 2014 between 9am and 2pm for parents wishing to drop off these medical plans.

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.

Tuckshop

The Tuckshop will be closed on Friday 12 December (last day of term 4) and Tuesday 27 January (first day of term 1) but will be open as per normal on Wednesday 28 January 2015.

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wed 10 Dec	2015 Classes Finalised Volunteers' Afternoon Tea	Fri 12 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Thu 11 Dec	Final Parade	Tue 27 Jan 2015	First day of Term 1 2015

Bazza Awards



Attendance



100% Attendance



Nude Food



Instrumental Music Awards



Maths Olympiads

