



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our focus at Kin Kora is to ensure that all students have the attitude, achievement level and attendance rate to ensure success. Our aim as a school is to have over 95% attendance. 95% attendance sounds positive, however, this equates to a child missing 10 days a year i.e. two learning weeks. If this pattern continues for their seven years of primary schooling, they will lose fourteen weeks of learning which certainly makes it difficult for them to make the most of their learning ability. Not only is high attendance associated with high student achievement, attending school every day also helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Please support us in reinforcing with your children that every day is a learning day at Kin Kora and endeavour to minimise any time away from school. Congratulations to the following classes who had 100% attendance for the week: Prep B, 1A, 1C, 1D, 2D, 2F, 4C, 5B, 5D and 6C. Outstanding effort!

PREP Stars

Congratulations to our new PREP students, their teachers, aides and parents. Our newest Kin Kora Kids have certainly impressed with their behaviour and their ability to adapt so readily to their first venture in to formal schooling. They also look fantastic in their brand new uniforms. Our PREPs are absolute stars.

Kin Kora Kids

All students and classes have settled quickly. Many of our new teachers and parents have commented on the behaviour, manners and general presentation of our students. Well done, parents and teachers.

School Leadership Induction

Congratulations to our 2015 School Leaders who were inducted at this morning's parade. I'm certain they will be outstanding Kin Kora leaders and role models.

School Captains: Haizyn Mellars and Maddyson Graham

School Vice-Captains: Jack Small and Jordan Eiby-Quinn

House Captains: Brodie Hunt and T'Lia Sirris (Lotus), Tahere Keepa-Tamati and Gikayla Jarrow (Hibiscus), Ryley Bobart and Anna Price (Illawarra)

Prefects: Summah-Angel Ward, Khushi Patel, Ally Bryce, Lily Orgill, KC Wright-Ramsay, Georgia Donohoe, Holly Dodd, Paige King, Daniel Benson, Liam Price, Gareth Meikle and Archer Boyes.

Parent Information Nights

Each year we conduct brief meetings with parents to enable us to provide class specific information and answer any questions you may have. These sessions run concurrently to enable parents to visit all their children's information sessions. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday 18 Feb
5 - 5.15pm PREP
5.20 - 5.35pm Year 1
5.40 - 5.55pm Year 2

Thursday 19 Feb
5 - 5.15pm Year 3
5.20 - 5.35pm Year 4
5.40 - 5.55 pm Year 5
6 - 6.15pm Year 6

All sessions will be conducted in your child's classroom.

Important Information for Classroom Volunteers

The safety of your children is paramount. Therefore, at Kin Kora, we are extra vigilant regarding our classroom workers and volunteers. To this end, we request that classroom volunteers obtain a blue card and attend our Kin Kora Induction Program (1 hour) before commencing work in our classrooms. The office ladies can assist you with your enquiries and you can simply go online to access the necessary blue card application documentation.

Our first Kin Kora Induction Program will take place on Monday 16 February from 9.15am-10.15am in the Resource Centre. Please book by phoning the Kin Kora office. We will organise repeat workshops throughout the year. All participants will receive an induction card which includes your photograph.

Electronic Newsletters

I would like to remind everyone that hard copy newsletters will not be distributed in 2015, they will only be sent out electronically. Consequently, I would like to remind all parents that the newsletter can be viewed via the "QSchools" app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Kin Kora State School and other Queensland state schools.

How do I download the QSchools app?

To download the app visit the application store for your device:

- iPhone/iPad
- Android
- Windows phone
- Windows PC

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison
Principal

Uniforms

All Kin Kora Kids wear their uniforms every day, reflecting the pride they have in themselves and their school. We certainly appreciate the efforts you have made to ensure that your children arrived in uniform and well equipped for their first week at school. We would also like to inform you that Kin Kora State School bucket hats are available from the school office for \$10. These hats are reversible with the reverse side being your child's sports house colour.

Tuesday Parades

To optimise curriculum time for our students, our weekly Year 1 - 6 parades will only happen on the even weeks for Term 1. Lower and Upper school parades will continue as per normal on the Wednesday and Friday.

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.

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.

Smoking - New legislation

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times - during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

School land is defined as land on which a:

- state school provides education programs under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
- non-state school provides primary education, secondary education or special education under the Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2011
- state or non-state school provides other educational facilities, instruction or activities, for example, sports grounds, and including land that is owned or leased by the school.

Five metre buffer

The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

Enforcement

If you see someone smoking within the 5 metre buffer, tell them that it is illegal for them to smoke in this area.

If you wish to report a breach of these tobacco laws, contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

P & C News

Volunteers needed!! Kin Kora State School needs volunteers to assist with supporting our fundraising activities and working with teachers and school administration. No skills required, just a bit of your time.
Dave Orgill, P & C

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Wed 4 Feb	GYCM Meeting	Wed 18 Mar	P & C AGM
Fri 13 Feb	Class Captains Yr 3-6 on parade	Mon 23 Mar	School photos
Mon 16 Feb	Volunteer induction 9.15am - 10.15am	Tue 24 Mar	School photos
Tue 17 Feb	Enviro Captains badges on parade	Thu 2 Apr	LAST DAY TERM 1
Wed 18 Feb	Prep Enviro Captains badges on parade P & C General Meeting 6pm Parent Info night P - 2	Fri 3 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY
Thu 19 Feb	Parent Info night Yr 3 - 6	Mon 20 Apr	FIRST DAY TERM 2
Fri 13 Mar	Old McDonald Farm PREP		

School Captains



Vice Captains



House Captains



Prefects

