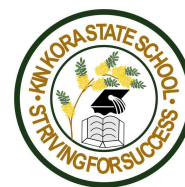




KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whole School Attendance (term 1 to date): 96.2%.

| Class | Term 1 to date | Class | Term 1 to date |
|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| P | 95.4% | 4 | 97.2% |
| 1 | 96.2% | 5 | 95.1% |
| 2 | 97.4% | 6 | 96.3% |
| 3 | 95.6% | | |

**Every day is a learning day at Kin Kora.*

Congratulations goes to Prep C, 1E, 2B, 2F, 3/4F, 4D, 4E, 5A, & 6B whose attendance was greater than 97% for week 3. Keep up the great effort.

Our Core Priorities

Teacher Accountable Learning: We have high expectations that our teachers are skilled and confident and that your child's academic data will be collected and analysed regularly.

High Expectations: We believe in the potential for all students to learn and achieve and we set specific and measurable targets for improvement.

Explicit Instruction: We expect quality and explicit teaching which is aligned to the Kin Kora State School Pedagogical Framework. All teachers are supported in this endeavour through coaching and feedback conducted by the Principal, the Deputies, our Head of Curriculum, and our Pedagogy Coaches.

Effective Relationships Between Teachers and Students: A focus on EVERY student ie academically and socially.

Staff News

Stephanie Hawkins, our valued cleaner, leaves us this Friday and we would like to wish her all the very best in her endeavours.

Leadership Workshop

Congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders who demonstrated exemplary behaviour at yesterday's leadership conference at the Boyne Island Community Centre. These students proved to be excellent ambassadors for Kin Kora.

Environmental Issues and Kin Kora's Enviro Captains for Term 1, 2015

Kin Kora State School has an Environmental Management Plan with a focus on sustainability and waste management. Two aspects of this program include Nude Food Tuesdays and the election of Enviro Captains. On this morning's parade, we presented Enviro Captain badges to our Term 1 Enviro Captains. We congratulate the following students:

Prep - Ethan Haack, Tatiana Brock, Isaac Slack, Reef Large, Sanuli Dolamune

Yr 1 - Kyehain Mackenzie-Green, Alisha Van Den Bosch, Evie Coy, Tully Patman, Jorjah Tuileutu-voi

Yr 2 - Sophie Slack, Sienna Soper Fields, Grace Cavanagh, Tyson Cox, Ella-Jayde Green, Riley Broderick

Yr 3 - James Russell, Kody Robinson, Connor Wallace, Cohen Payne, Charlie Bycroft, Dekotah Greasley

Yr 4 - Sabina Messervy, Nate Beach, Aidan Muller, Aria Heiland, Ashton Williams

Yr 5 - Sophie Langhans, Tiarna Mammone, Cooper Hart, Abby Dunn

Yr 6 - Laith Maslen, Emity Cannon, Alana Sailor, Samantha Bawden

PREPS will be presented with their badges on parade on Wednesday.

On NUDE FOOD TUESDAYS, we encourage all students to bring food without wrapping and if they do bring wrapping, they are required to take it home with them. Thanks to the support of parents, we halved our wheelie bin usage last year.

Year 6 Shirts

Order forms and payments need to be at the office no later than Friday 20 February. **This is the last day for money and orders to be processed. No late payments can be accepted.**

Sports News

Best of luck to Mr Peters, Mr Sutton and the Kin Kora Rugby League team who have their first game this Wednesday. We look forward to hearing how they go in the upcoming weeks. Good luck.

Boys Soccer - Kin Kora boys played Calliope yesterday and defeated them 2-0.

Girls Soccer - Our Kin Kora girls team played Calliope yesterday and won their game 2-1.

Swimming - Congratulations to Peyton Craig who made the Capricornia team for swimming and will now go to Brisbane to compete in the State Titles at the end of March.

Being Cybersmart Tip

Social Networking

Check the age restrictions for the social networking service or game. Some social networking sites (such as Club Penguin) are created especially for children under the age of 13, but most mainstream sites like Facebook, Instagram and others require the user to be 13 or older.

Parent Information Nights

These sessions are designed to provide information with regards curriculum content, classroom routines, homework etc and also to answer any questions you may have regarding your child's education. You will receive succinct information within a short timeframe to allow you to attend a session for each of your children. All sessions will be conducted in your child's classrooms.

| Wednesday 18 Feb | Thursday 19 Feb |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5 - 5.15pm PREP | 5 - 5.15pm Year 3 |
| 5.20 - 5.35pm Year 1 | 5.20 - 5.35pm Year 4 |
| 5.40 - 5.55pm Year 2 | 5.40 - 5.55 pm Year 5 |
| | 6 - 6.15pm Year 6 |

Year 6 Camp

A reminder to all students that attendance at camp is by invitation only. Only those students demonstrating safe and responsible behaviour throughout the year will be invited. Class teachers and/or administration team members will be contacting parents this term if they have concerns in this regard. All sessions will be conducted in your child's classroom.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

Payments Due

| Event | Amount | Due | Event | Amount | Due |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|
| Year 6 Shirt | \$31 | 20 Feb | Swag of Tales | \$4 | 11 Mar |

Please remember that we can't accept credit card payments for amounts under \$10.

Electronic Newsletters

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.

Healthy Lifestyle Program

Get your family active and eating well

The healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health - is taking registrations now for a group to start in Gladstone in term 2.

The **FREE** program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call **1800 263 519** or visit www.peachqld.com.au

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.

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. The first P & C meeting for 2015 is Wednesday 18 February at 6pm in the Resource Centre.
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 | | | |
|-----------------|---|------------|----------------------------------|
| Tue 17 Feb | Enviro Captains badges on parade | Wed 18 Mar | P & C AGM |
| Wed 18 Feb | Prep Enviro Captains badges on parade P & C General Meeting 6pm Parent Info night P - 2 | Mon 23 Mar | School photos |
| Thu 19 Feb | Parent Info night Yr 3 - 6 | Tue 24 Mar | No parade today School photos |
| Thu 5 Mar | Parent Induction 9.15am - 10.15am | Thu 2 Apr | LAST DAY TERM 1 |
| Fri 6 Mar | PJ Marsh Cup | Fri 3 Apr | GOOD FRIDAY |
| Fri 13 Mar | Old McDonald Farm PREP | Mon 20 Apr | FIRST DAY TERM 2 |

Bazza Awards





Nude Food

Attendance Award



Class Captains



Being a Parent- An Introduction

It is extremely rewarding and enjoyable to be a parent, but it is not always easy and it can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. It is important to understand that there is no single right way to be a parent. Ultimately it is up to you as a parent to decide which values, skills and behaviours you want to encourage in your child and to develop your own approach to parenting.

Dealing with behaviour problems is a challenge for most parents. Our expectations are important here. Some misbehaviour is normal and some discipline problems are inevitable....But if we effectively manage the common everyday behaviour problems (such as disobedience, fighting and refusing to go to bed) when children are young, we can prevent more serious problems (such as lying, stealing, getting into trouble at school). Simply wishing and hoping that children will grow out of all their behaviour problems will not make it happen.

The Positive Parenting Approach to raising children aims to promote children's development and manage children's behaviour and emotions in a positive and non-hurtful way. The Four Key principles are:

- Create a safe, interesting environment where there are plenty of interesting things for children to do and which also involves supervision of children and knowing where they are at all times
- Create a positive learning environment where children's efforts are acknowledge and they receive plenty of praise, attention and encouragement
- Be assertive in discipline. This means being fair, consistent, establishing rules and having confidence to enforce them by backing up what you say. This works best when parents have realistic expectations of themselves and their children
- Look after ourselves. Our ability to be positive fair, patient, calm and consistent is increased when we look after our own needs for privacy, support and having a break from our children.

In the coming weeks we will investigate these key principles further.

Summarised from Triple P

Rosemarie Jensen

Kin Kora State School Guidance Officer