OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As many of you are aware, the Kin Kora Community has tragically experienced the loss of one of our students this week. Our condolences and thoughts remain with the family. If you would like to express your support, there will be a condolence book for messages and a box for drawings/cards available at the office from 8.00 – 8.30am each morning.

The school has and will continue to provide support to students, family and staff. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact your class teacher who will arrange appropriate contact. We hope everyone is coping during this difficult time.

Whole School Attendance (term 1 to date): 94.8%.

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

Congratulations goes to 2A, 2C, 2D, 3B, 4C and 5B whose attendance is greater than 97% for week 5. Keep up the great effort.

School photos

School photos’ will be taken on Monday 23 March and Tuesday 24 March. Envelopes have been sent home. Can I stress the importance of every student being in full school uniform for their photo.

Sports News

Rugby League - Our team played a fantastic game against Clinton last week and won 18 - 14.

Boys Soccer - The boys played a great game yesterday but lost to Callide Valley 5 nil.

Girls Soccer - The girls played St Francis at Boyne yesterday but unfortunately went down 3-1. All the girls played really well and were unlucky to not come away with the win.
ICAS Tests
The first ICAS test will be coming up in June for Years 3-6. Letters are attached regarding payment.

Year 6 Camp
Invoices for Year 6 Camp have now been calculated and payments can be made at your convenience. The cost of the Camp is $450.00 and the deposit of $50.00 needs to be paid by 26 June 2015 and is non-refundable. Camp is a privilege, not a right and is by invitation from the Principal dependent upon behaviour.

Parent/Teacher Interview
Interviews will take place in the last two weeks of this term. More information regarding the schedule will be sent home with your child at a later date. Please utilise this time with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress and support options.

Swimming
At this present stage, we are trying to organise for all Year 2 students to attend swimming in week 7. Notes have been sent home.

Being Cybersmart Tip
Social Networking
Stay involved in your child’s use of new technology. Set up your own account and learn about privacy settings so you can understand how you can best protect your child. It can be fun for you too!

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Cybersafety Workshops
As part of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on 20 March 2015, the Department of Education and Training is offering a series of interactive online cybersafety workshops for parents, teachers and students entitled “Mind your step”.

Brett Lee, creator of Internet Education and Safety Services (INESS) and the department’s Cybersafety team will facilitate six interactive online safety workshops from 10 – 20 March 2015.

Register now for the online workshops.

Yours in Education
Justin Harrison
Principal

Payments Due

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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.
**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.

**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

**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 everyday 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

**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.

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Attendance Award

Chess