



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New email address

Just a note to the wider Kin Kora community that the Principals email address has changed to principal@kinkorass.eq.edu.au

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.

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day/

www.behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/bullying-and-violence/Pages/Mind-your-step.aspx

Mobile Phone Safety

Stay involved in your child's use of their mobile phone. If you don't have a good understanding of how their phone works and what they use it for, ask them to show you.

Whole School Attendance (Term 1 to date): 94.7%.

Class	Term 1 to date	Class	Term 1 to date
P	94.4%	4	95.6%
1	92.9%	5	94.1%
2	95.6%	6	94.9%
3	94.7%		

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

Congratulations goes to Prep A, Prep C, 2D, 3A and 4D whose attendance is greater than 97% for week 7. Keep up the great effort.

Facebook Page

Kin Kora now has a Facebook Page that we will endeavour to keep you up to date with news and events happening at Kin Kora. Please feel free to like and share the page by going to www.facebook.com/kinkorass

Sports News

Rugby League - Our Kin Kora team played Calliope last week and were defeated 38 - nil.

Congratulations to Ella McCrackan, Karissa Evans and Madison Seage for being selected in the 12yrs and under Port Curtis Girls Rugby League team and Haizyn Mellars who was selected in the Port Curtis U/11 Boys Rugby League team.

Hockey - Zac Pender and Ryley Bobart were selected for the 12yrs and under Port Curtis Boys Hockey team. Well done!

Basketball - Congratulations to Jack Small and Haizyn Mellars for their selection in the Port Curtis Basketball team.

Parade Protocols

We have a few requests for parents attending our school parades:

- Please don't speak whilst parade is in progress
- Please ensure younger brothers and sisters of students are with you and not running around
- Please stand when the anthem is playing
- Please don't sit on the seats to the side of the stage nearest the flagpole.

This will ensure that our parades run smoothly and that students can hear the messages as well as the names and commendations of students receiving awards. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Reading

One of our key school improvement agendas for this year is **Reading**. Education Queensland on their website has a number of ideas and activities around assisting children with reading. ***Out and about sight words app*** - level 1 is a fun and free app that gives early years' children a flying start in literacy by helping them practise their sight words when they are out and about. It's aimed at Prep to Year 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced. If you go to the following link <http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/apps/education/outandabout.html> you can read more about this app and download it for free. There are also a number of resources that parents can access under the 'Achieving Literacy and Numeracy - Parent Resources' tab. Resources and ideas are available from Prep through to Year 12. The link is <http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/resources/html>

Similarly there is a number of fun and educational websites to assist your child strengthen and consolidate their literacy, numeracy and other knowledge. Apart from the resources available through the Department of Education and Training's web learning environment, **The Learning Place** you can also access and explore a list of independent websites to consolidate your child's learning through Education Queensland's link <http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/information/ebsite-links.html>

Volunteers

We thank the many parents who assist in our classrooms and tuckshop on a regular basis. We really appreciate your generosity. We also thank all parents who speak positively about our school in the public forum. Kin Kora is the sum of its staff, parents and students and together I believe we can truly make a difference in the lives of all Kin Kora students.

Observer PREP Feature

Prep photo's will be published in the Gladstone Observer on Wednesday 25 March.

Late Payments

Please be aware that we are unable to accept any late payments for excursions and productions.

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.

Gladstone Youth Group

There is a youth group being held at Toolooa State High School every Friday afternoon in the school term 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

Payments Due

Event	Amount	Due	Event	Amount	Due
ICAS Competitions	\$8 each	27 Mar	Year 6 School Camp Deposit	\$50	26 Jun

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 next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 March 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			
Wed 18 Mar	Old Macdonald's Farm (PREP) P & C AGM	Tue 21 Apr	Class Captain Badges on parade
Mon 23 Mar	School photos	Fri 24 Apr	ANZAC Parade
Tue 24 Mar	No parade today School photos	Wed 29 Apr	Enviro Captain Badges on parade (Prep - Yr 2)
Thu 2 Apr	LAST DAY TERM 1	Fri 1 May	Enviro Captain on parade (Yr 3-7)
Fri 3 Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	Wed 6 May	GYMC Meeting
Mon 20 Apr	FIRST DAY TERM 2	Wed 20 May	Grandparent's Day

Bazza Awards



Nude Food



Attendance Award

