Term 1 - Week 9 Tuesday 24 March 2015

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

We commenced parent/teacher interviews yesterday and it was wonderful to see so many of you taking the opportunity to discuss your child’s learning and attendance goals for 2015. We look forward to meeting many more of you over the next fortnight.

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

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

Congratulations goes to Prep D, 2D, 2F, 5A and 6D whose attendance is greater than 97% for week 8. Keep up the great effort.

Kin Kora Kids
- The school photographers commented on the fantastic behaviour and manners of our students.
- All coaches were super impressed with the effort, commitment and behaviour of our sporting teams. Mr Peters is also very impressed with the behaviour of all PE classes.
- The Admin team has had the pleasure of visiting all classrooms and viewing students in action. All classes (teachers and students) are working extremely hard. Teachers are also sending many students to the office with examples of excellent work.

Dollars for Vanuatu Campaign
On the last Wednesday of this term, Kin Kora is holding a fundraiser for the people of Vanuatu who have been severely affected by the recent cyclone. Students are asked to wear their school shirt with brightly coloured board shorts. Participation is a gold coin and all money will be donated to the Vanuatu campaign to help them get back on their feet. Please support this great initiative from our student leadership team.
Cross Country
The Kin Kora State School Cross Country will be held next Thursday 02/04/2015 between 2 and 3pm. We will start on the oval with the year 3s and finish with the year 6s. Parents are welcome to watch their children run.

Cybersafety Tips
Offensive or Illegal Content
Consider using parental controls such as filters to help manage your child’s online access.

P& C Executive
Congratulations to the following people who are our 2015 office bearers:
President: Mr David Orgill
Vice President: Mrs Jenny Morris
Secretary: Mr Sanath Alahakoon
Treasurer: Mrs Sandy Suter
Correspondence Secretary: Renee Stojcevski

Reading
Improved student achievement and outcomes in reading secures success across all the learning areas and beyond. Switching students onto reading and developing fluent, competent, independent problem solvers who willingly read widely for different purposes are the goals. Please continue to read to and with your children and be reading role models for them.

Sports News
Toyworld Cup - A quote from one of the participating schools in the competition this year: 'Our school would like to thank Sharon Coward (and helpers) for all of the wonderful work in providing soccer opportunities for all schools. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the competition and the spirit in which it was run. Thank you so much for all of your time, passion and effort!'
Rugby League - Our Kin Kora team played Star of the Sea last week and won their game 20 - 18. Good effort boys!

Rail and Road Safety
We continually remind students on parade and in class time about the importance of road, rail and bus safety. Please model the safe behaviour with regards to road safety.
We ask parents to ensure that students do not alight on the traffic side of the road when arriving by car. We also ask that children be reminded not to run in front of the bus when alighting. (Please remind your children about the safety aspects they need to consider on their individual routes to and from school.) Students crossing Sun Valley Road must use the underpass and students exiting and entering via Hibiscus Avenue and Kin Kora Drive must use the designated crossings.

Yours in Education
Justin Harrison
Principal

Old MacDonald’s Farm
Once again the visit by Old MacDonald’s Farm was a great success. The Prep children interacted and learnt about different farm animals. There were chickens, ducks, lambs, baby goats, guinea pigs, piglets and an alpaca called Monty. The children were allowed to pick up the chickens and pat and brush the other animals. They fed the greedy goats and gave the baby lamb a bottle of milk. They learnt about where food comes from and what each animal produces.
Everyone was very excited to feed and pat the farm animals and Farmer Kelly was very impressed with the behaviour of the children.
Observer PREP Feature
Prep photo's will be published in the Gladstone Observer tomorrow.

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

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

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.

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 is being held on Tuesday 21 April 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

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<td>ANZAC Parade</td>
<td>Mon 8 Jun</td>
<td>Queen’s Birthday Holiday</td>
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Bazza Awards

Nude Food
PREP Old McDonalds Farm

Extension Maths