



# KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**Term 1 - Week 10 Tuesday 31 March 2015**

## **OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement**



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of Term 1.

The term has had many highlights but it is the everyday behaviour and presentation of our students that is particularly commended. We continually focus on our students being RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE and LEARNERS and this is clearly evident in our daily interactions and in the feedback we receive from staff, visitors and relief teachers. We also expect children to focus on their ATTITUDE, ATTENDANCE and ACHIEVEMENT and so many of them are working hard to do this and thus become the very best that they can be.

Besides the focus on academic achievements through individual learning plans and our extension, intervention and differentiation programs, we also endeavour to focus on your child as an individual. In addition to their academic, sporting, cultural and music talents, we understand the importance of nurturing the things that make your child special eg their sense of humour, their kindness etc. It is important to strengthen these qualities, build their resilience and prepare them for 'life'.

We thank you for supporting all of our endeavours, ensuring your child is in their uniform every day and for reinforcing the school values and expectations. By working with us, you enable us to provide the best possible learning environment for all Kin Kora Kids.

### **Staffing**

With a degree of sadness, Mrs Paulette Flint (HOSES) has decided to retire from her position at the end of this term. On behalf of the Kin Kora Community, I would like to thank her for her commitment and dedication to the students and staff of Kin Kora. I wish her all the best for her new journey. For the remainder of the year, Miss Kirby Polglase will be the acting HOSES. Miss Polglase brings a wealth of experience from her current position at Gladstone State High School and she is very much looking forward to her role at Kin Kora.

In addition to the above, Mrs Melanie Radloff and Miss Sarah Tibble will not be returning to their teaching role with Prep D as they have been successful in gaining classified positions within Education Queensland. We are fortunate to engage Mrs Kahlee McCarthy and Mrs Elicia Harvey who will be replacing Mrs Radloff and Miss Tibble respectfully.

**Whole School Attendance (Term 1 to date): 94.5%.**

Class	Term 1 to date	Class	Term 1 to date
P	94.5%	4	95.3%
1	93.1%	5	94.4%
2	95.2%	6	94.8%
3	94.7%		

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

Congratulations goes to Prep A, 2F, 3C and 4B whose attendance is greater than 97% for week 9. Keep up the great effort.

#### **ANZAC March**

The KKSS School Captains and Vice Captains will be placing wreaths at the Dawn Service at 5.30am and again, at the 10.30am service on Anzac Day on Saturday 25 April. Kin Kora State School students are also invited to march at the 10.30am service.

Children who wish to march need to:

- Go to the starting point outside the council chambers with their parents by 10.15am
- Line up behind the Kin Kora banner with their parents by 10.30am
- March WITH their parents
- Wear their Kin Kora uniforms and hats

\*Parents will be responsible for their own children at all times during and after the march.

#### **Dollars for Vanuatu Campaign**

Just a reminder that Kin Kora will be holding a fundraiser tomorrow 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 this 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**

##### **Mobile Phone Safety**

If you think your child needs a mobile phone, consider purchasing a phone that is not internet enabled. Smartphones come with features you may not yet want your child to have, such as, unsupervised internet access, a camera and a wide variety of online games and apps.

#### **eSmart News**

##### **Parents' Guide to Online Safety for Parents of Year 5 and 6 students**

Earlier this week, all Year 5 and 6 students received a copy of the Parents' Guide to Online Safety leaflet. This leaflet offers practical, issue-focussed information and advice to parents of children in this age group and above. Please take the time to read this leaflet and discuss it with your child. For more information please visit [cybersmart.gov.au](http://cybersmart.gov.au)

#### **Sports News**

**Swimming** - Congratulations to Peyton Craig who achieved the following accolades at the recent Queensland Swimming Championships: 1<sup>st</sup> in 50m breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m breaststroke, 4<sup>th</sup> in 100m freestyle, 4<sup>th</sup> in 200m individual medley, 7<sup>th</sup> in 50m fly, 10<sup>th</sup> in 50m free and 3<sup>rd</sup> in boys 4x200m freestyle relay team. Not only will Peyton travel to Adelaide in November for Nationals, he also gets to compete at the Pacific School Games.

**Rugby League** - Kin Kora played Tannum last week and were defeated 26 - 20, however they still made the semi-finals and will play tomorrow at 5pm.

### Soundwaves

KKSS has purchased a site licence for Sound Waves. Students can log in to the site to play phonics games to consolidate their learning.

The website is [https://online.fireflyeducation.com.au/services/student\\_login/soundwaves](https://online.fireflyeducation.com.au/services/student_login/soundwaves).

The student codes are:

Prep	sheep278
Year 1	rock378
Year 2	today123
Year 3	these921
Year 4	take942

We wish all members of the Kin Kora community a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable break. We thank our wonderful staff for their efforts this term and we look forward to welcoming all Kin Kora Kids back to school on Monday 20 April.

### Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/kinkorass)

### Payments Due

Event	Amount	Due	Event	Amount	Due
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 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](http://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 1 Apr	Vanuatu fundraiser (Board shorts)	Wed 29 Apr	Enviro Captain Badges on parade (Prep - Yr 2)
Thu 2 Apr	LAST DAY TERM 1 Cross Country Yr 3-6 2pm	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
Tue 21 Apr	Class Captain Badges on parade P & C Meeting 6pm	Wed 3 Jun	ICAS Science
Fri 24 Apr	ANZAC Parade	Mon 8 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday

## Bazza Awards



## Nude Food



# Soccer



# Paulette's farewell



# Swimming



# Attendance

