Term 2 - Week 3 Tuesday 5 April 2015

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whole School Attendance

Last week, there was a significant drop in attendance with our school falling to 93% for Term 2, well below our goal of 95%. Please reinforce with your children the importance of attending every day if possible. 95% attendance means that students have missed 10 days (or 2 learning weeks) of school per year. Over their seven years of primary schooling, that equates to 70 days or 14 learning weeks. At present, our Year 6 students (96.5%) are the only cohort that are meeting our school target for Term 2.

Term 2 to Date: 93%

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Congratulations goes to 3/4F and 6A whose attendance for Week 1 was 96.8%. Well done.

Instrumental Music

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of watching our strings ensemble and orchestra perform at the Great Australian Ice Creamery. I would like to congratulate every student for their outstanding performance on the night and Mrs Hueber for the time and effort that goes into developing the student's musical talents. Additionally, I would also like to thank Ethan Frost, Zanae Allen and Keira Gibson for their musical performance on our senior parade last Friday. It was very enjoyable and I was particular impressed with the student's ability to play in front of 480 students.

Grandparent’s Day

Each year, we look forward to one of the most exciting events on our calendar – Kin Kora Grandparents’ Day. We would love all our wonderful Kin Kora Grandparents to join us again this year.
WHEN: Wednesday 20 May from 8.50am - 10.30am.
WHERE: Please come to the parade area on arrival. Classroom visits will commence at 9.15am. Morning tea will be provided from 10am in the parade area.
NAPLAN
On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.
It is also important that your child has a good night’s rest and a nutritious breakfast to aid their concentration each day. More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/).
If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Lezah Semple (Head of Curriculum) or Mr Majeed Zadeh (Deputy Principal).

Parking
Please be considerate of our neighbours. We are receiving complaints about people parking across driveways.

Happy Mothers’ Day
We wish all our wonderful Kin Kora Mothers and Grandmothers a very enjoyable and relaxing Mothers’ Day on Sunday. I hope you have a fantastic day.

Kin Kora Jackets
With the onset of the cooler weather, we have seen a vast array of jumpers appearing. Our school uniform is the black Kin Kora jacket which can be purchased from Everything Uniform in Auckland Street. If your child does not have the uniform jacket, then they are required to wear a plain black jacket to school. Our children always look so smart in their uniforms and we would certainly appreciate your help in ensuring they also look fantastic during the winter months.

Sports News
Girls Soccer: Congratulations to T’Lia Sirriss who was selected for the Port Curtis Soccer team.
Cross Country: We wish our Cross Country team every success when they compete at the Interschool Cross Country this Friday at Ubobo and we thank Mrs Perkins and Mr Peters for training them two days each week. Running club will continue Tuesday mornings at 8am.

Cybersmart Tips
Mobile Phone Safety
Help your child to understand that they should treat their phone like a wallet and that every text message, phone call or download costs money.

Yours in Education
Justin Harrison
Principal

Enrolments for 2016
Our enrolments for 2016 are now open. Families that live within and outside our catchment area are invited to enrol for 2016. Our Enrolment Management Plan is still in place so those families outside of our catchment area will be placed on a waiting list and advised if they have been accepted in Term 4. Please contact the office if you require additional information.
Music

Grade 3/4 choir - Wednesday
From week 2 this term, I would like to invite any interested grade 3 students to the grade 3/4 choir. Students can bring their lunch and singing voices to the Music Room every Wednesday FIRST break - 10.45am. Hope to see many new faces there.
Grade 4 students will continue to attend choir at the earlier time slot - 10.30am.

Mrs Maitland

Change to email address
Just a reminder to the wider Kin Kora community that the Principal’s 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.
Dave Orgill, P & C

Mothers Day Stall
On Friday 8 May our Kin Kora Mothers’ Day Stall will be open during the morning to purchase gifts. Gifts range from $1 - $10. Donations of wrapped lollies/chocolates or “ready to sell” items for the stall are most welcome. We will need helpers to man the stall. Gift wrapping will be held in the staff lunchroom on Wednesday 6th May & Thursday 7th May commencing at 9am.
Sandra Suter - P&C

Tuckshop
Please go to www.flexischools.com.au to order your child’s tuckshop requirements. Drop in and see Sam or email her on kinkorastuckshop@yahoo.com.au if you need assistance with this process. All volunteers are MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies.

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Bazza Awards
Nude Food

Enviro Captains