Term 2 - Week 5 Tuesday 19 April 2015

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to acknowledge our Year 3 and 5 students for doing their best over the course of NAPLAN testing last week. Whilst there will continue to be differing opinions on the importance of this type of testing, the opportunity to recognise the growth of our students in literacy and numeracy is incredibly important. From all reports, our students have done their absolute best and we are very proud of them.

Whole School Attendance
Term 2 to Date: 93.5%

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Congratulations to 5B whose attendance for Week 4 was 98.9%. Well done.

Grandparent’s Day

Grandparent’s Day is on tomorrow. On arrival, we ask Grandparents to come to the parade area for an 8.50am parade. They will then have the opportunity to visit the classrooms of their grandchildren from 9.15am-10am before returning for morning tea from approximately 10am-10.30am. We are all looking forward to seeing some of the most treasured members of our Kin Kora community.

Graffiti

Unfortunately, last weekend saw a number of our buildings being sprayed with graffiti. As most of us would agree, it truly is a despicable attack on our school. Not only does it have a negative impact on students and staff, the time and cost it takes to clean it up cannot go to the purchase of worthwhile resources for our school. I would like to thank the member of the public who notified the police on Saturday and I encourage everyone to report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

Sports Day

This year’s sports’ days will be held on Wednesday, 10 June (PREP, 1, 2) and Friday 12 June (3-6). Both days will commence with a March Past at 8.50am, followed by sprints.
Parents/ Care Givers Leading by Example in School Grounds

- Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Kin Kora State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

- People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.

- It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

- The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person's entry to the school premises.

- If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

Cybersmart Tips

Offensive or Illegal Content
Help your child use search engines to locate websites. Consider developing a list of favourites for younger children. Make sure you enable safe search options.

School Dental Van
The School Dental van will be arriving at our school sometime during June/July 2015. Dental forms will be sent home prior to their arrival.

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.

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 on Wednesday 20 May, starting at 6pm in the Resource Centre.

Dave Orgill, P & C

**Interschool Chess**

The CQ Interschool Chess competition will be held on Wednesday 27 May at CQ University. See attached form for details.

**Bookfair**

The Kingdom of Books is coming to Kin Kora State School on Wednesday, 27th May!

The Book Fair will see the Resource Centre transformed into a magical kingdom.

The Resource Centre is only open during the times outlined below for purchasing books from the Book Fair. The Resource Centre is a very busy place during the day with many lessons taking place, therefore purchasing books is not possible outside of these times.

We look forward to seeing you at our Kingdom Book Fair. The Fair provides a wonderful opportunity for children to find exciting new books to read and raise much-needed funds for the Kin Kora School Resource Centre.

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Regards
Naomi Hughes and Suzanne Morgan
Librarians

**Payments Due**

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

Bazza Awards

Nude Food