



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Staff News

I will be out of the school from Wednesday 29 July and returning on Monday the 10 August. Mrs Leanne Burke will be acting Principal during my absence. She will be supported by Mr Zadeh (Deputy Principal), Ms Kirby Polglase (Head of Special Education) and Mrs Lezah Semple (Head of Curriculum).

School Opinion Survey

Thank you to all parents/carers who have completed the School Opinion Survey. There is still time for you to complete it as it closes on the 31st July. I encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with your eldest child's report card last term. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the survey.

School Review

Our school is scheduled for a full school review from the 17 - 19 August. The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community our website. The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. If you would like more information about the review process, please contact the office. Further information about the reviews is available from the department's website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

Whole School Attendance

Term 3 to date: **93.5%**

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	91.8%	4	93.2%
1	92.7%	5	92.9%
2	93.7%	6	96.9%
3	93.9%		

Congratulations to 6C for having 100% attendance for Week 2. Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level.



Term 3 - Week 3:
Bazza says:

**BE RESPONSIBLE
ENTERING/EXITING SCHOOL
GROUNDS**

Encourage your child to:

- Always follow Crossing Supervisor directions.
- Walk directly to and from school. (Do not stop at shops.)
- Store bikes/skateboards/scooter responsibly.

As you are aware, there is a strong correlation between percentage attendance and academic outcomes. As per our mantra 'Every Day is a Learning Day', I would like to recognise those students whose attendance this year has been well above our goal of 95%. Students whose attendance for semester one is above 98% will be receiving a Silver Award and for those who did not miss a day will be receiving a Gold Award. To all 195 students, well done, it is fantastic to see you reach these high percentages.

Student Protection - Recognise

The first key safety message of the Daniel Morcombe child safety curriculum is **recognise**. Recognise is about being aware of your environment. Children, young people and adults can all learn to take notice of what is happening around them to help keep themselves safe. Everyone can use clues, such as the things we see, hear, smell or feel to help protect us from harm and keep ourselves safe. Clues can be simple things that warn us about a danger, e.g. hearing a fire alarm or seeing smoke, that prompt us to **react**. We can also use clues to prepare for potentially unsafe situations, e.g. if we are walking alone at night, then we try to use a well-lit route and avoid secluded lanes or parks.

When we **recognise** that there might be a safety problem we can take steps to move away or reduce the risk or develop strategies that can help keep us safe. For instance, if you are in a busy environment such as the Harbour Festival, BAM or other local event where there are big crowds, you might consider what you and your child would do if you became separated. Strategies could include: going to a highly visible pre-determined meeting spot; writing your phone number on a card and placing it in your child's pocket; identifying who your child could approach if they become lost, e.g. police, staff at a booth.

Mathletics

Kin Kora SS has purchased a full school licence for Mathletics to be used across the school from Prep to Year 6. Mathletics is Australia's most used educational website that switches kids onto maths. It is fun, supportive and effective for students of all ages and abilities, helping students achieve more across the Australian curriculum.

Each student has received a log in and password so they can access their own account on the Mathletics website (www.mathletics.com.au). Students can access Mathletics at home and school and the Mathletics app is also able to be downloaded through the iTunes stores and Google Play for Android devices.

Did you know that studies have shown that spending 30 minutes a week on Mathletics activities has resulted in students improving by 9% in numeracy!

A few tips to get the most out of Mathletics:

- Take an active role in your child's mathematics progress.
- Encourage a balance between the Full Curriculum section and Live Mathletics.
- Take time to work together with your child. The Support Centre in each activity will help show how to solve a particular problem.
- Celebrate your child's successes. Print the Certificates out and put them on the fridge!

A number of classes have already participated in a two week trial of the program prior to the holidays. Kin Kora SS received excellent feedback from the students, teachers and parents about the effectiveness of the program and how students really engaged with the tasks. If you have any queries about Mathletics feel free to contact Mr Andrew Shonhan on 4971 5111 or email at ashon3@eq.edu.au

School Disco

Our annual school disco is being held on Tuesday 4 August. Prep to Year 2 will commence at 5pm - 6.30pm and Years 3 - 6 will begin at 7pm - 8.30pm. Entrance fee will be \$5 and there will be glow products, drinks, lollies and chips available to purchase on the night. Don't forget to get your pizza orders in by Friday 31 July. We do ask that students are collected from the parade area and that they are collected on time. Only Kin Kora students may attend and senior students are not allowed to attend the junior disco and vice-versa.

Cybersmart Tips

Advise your child not to reply to any messages from a bully. Often if bullies don't receive a response they will give up.

Botanic to Bridge

The Botanic to Bridge is a fantastic event being held on Sunday 16 August which encourages families to embrace healthy and active lifestyles, and provides an opportunity to invest funds into our local schools and community. Over the past five years, Botanic to Bridge has contributed over \$125,000 to our regional schools, funding sport and recreation equipment and initiatives. Student participation ensures that funding is directed to our schools, with all registration fees directed to the nominated school. Students can register as individuals, in a team, or as part of a family registration. The registration fee for school aged children is \$10, whether entering as an individual or as part of a team. The entire \$10 registration fee for children is returned to the school. Parents can nominate their child's school to ensure \$5 from their adult registration is returned to the school.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Kin Kora has again decided to participate in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. The promotion goes from Wednesday 15th July 2015 until Tuesday 8th September 2015. For every \$10 spent, you receive a sticker. The more you collect, the more Kin Kora State School can redeem. You can place your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker sheet in the Collection Box in the office or you can drop your sticker sheets into a Collection Box at your local Woolworths. Just look for the box with Kin Kora State School on it. In past promotions, we have redeemed approximately \$5000 worth of resources. So come on, let's get collecting!

General Information

<http://www.woolworths.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/website/woolworths/about+us/community/woolworths+earn+and+learn/woolworthsearnandlearn>

From navigating through this site you can a sticker sheet to download, answer frequently asked questions and peruse the terms and conditions of the promotion.

Sports News

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in earning a place in the the Port Curtis Athletics team: Jasmine Christie, Aleiyas Saumalu-Johnson, Peyton Craig, Hayley Edge, Adam Dwyer and Tyson Moore. They will go to the CQ Trials in Rockhampton on the 8 September.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

Dental Van

The dental van will be back on site in four weeks.

Payments Due

Event	Amount	Due	Event	Amount	Due
Yr 6 Camp	\$450	16 Oct	Pirate Pete	\$5	30 Jul

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.

Email address

Parents who wish to email details of their children/s absences or who have a general enquiry can email admin@kinkorass.eq.edu.au

Change of details

For parents wishing to update their address or contact details, 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.

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.

P&C News

Fathers Day Stall is coming up on Friday 4 September and notes will be sent out in the next few weeks. The next P&C Meeting is being held on Wednesday 19 August at 6pm in the Resource Centre. We would love for parents to come along.

Friday is the last day to get your lamington and pie orders in to school. Order forms are attached to this newsletter.

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Fri 31 Jul	School Opinion Survey closes	Fri 4 Sep	Fathers Day Stall
Mon 3 Aug	Pirate Pete (Prep classes)	Thu 10 Sep	Prep Information Evening
Tue 4 Aug	School disco	Fri 18 Sep	LAST DAY TERM 3
Wed 5 Aug	Show Holiday	Mon 5 Oct	Labor Day
Fri 7 Aug	QLD Symphony Orchestra Concert	Tues 6 Oct	FIRST DAY TERM 4
Tue 11 Aug	ICAS Maths	Mon 19 Oct	Student Free Day
Wed 12 Aug	GYMC Meeting 7pm KK McDonalds	Mon 2 Nov	Year 6 Camp begins
17, 18 & 19 Aug	Full School Review	Fri 6 Nov	Year 6 Camp returns
Wed 19 Aug	P&C Meeting 6pm	Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers Afternoon Tea
		Wed 9 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation

Picture Products

Prep is once again organising Picture products. They are a unique way to preserve and remember this time in your child's life. These items make wonderful Christmas presents for Grandparents or treasured mementos to keep. Orders must be received at the office by Monday 10th August. Please include payment with the order.

Product	Quantity	Cost per item	Total Cost
Pictureplate		\$29	
Pictureclock		\$33	
Picturemug -ceramic		\$25	
Picturemug -plastic		\$25	
Mousepad		\$24	
Grand Total			

Please see Liz at Prep A (49715131) for further information.

Bazza Awards





Nude Food



Enviro Captains



Class Captains

