



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Wednesday, 5 August, preliminary results for this year's NAPLAN were released. Results for our school were very pleasing, with a clear indication of focused effort, achievement and improvement. Of particular note was our school's improved performance in the percentage of students achieving above national minimum standard and in the upper two bands in reading and writing.

Well done and congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students, our hardworking staff who have been part of the student's learning journey since their arrival at Kin Kora and supportive parents. These results reinforce that a clear and explicit improvement agenda and an unrelenting focus of high expectations will see improved outcomes for every student.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests reflect a point-in-time testing each May. As you are all well aware, they are only one of the many pieces of information that we will use to improve learning outcomes for our students.

Regular School Attendance

At Kin Kora State School, we are aiming to have students attend school at least 95% of the time throughout the year. Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason; such as, illness, competing in school sporting or cultural events. Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as: birthdays, they sleep in, visiting families and friends, looking after other children, haircuts, minor check-ups, etc. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

PREP 2016 Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information evening will be held in the Resource Centre at 6pm on Thursday 10 September. If you know of any families that may be enrolling their child in Prep for 2016, please let them know of this event. Enrolments for 2016 are now open. Please contact the school for further information.

Whole School Attendance

Term 3 to date: **93.1%**

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	92.6%	4	94.1%
1	91.9%	5	92.8%
2	92.9%	6	95.6%
3	92.3%		

Congratulations to 4B for having 97.6% attendance for Week 5. Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level.



Term 3 - Week 6:
Bazza says:

**BE SAFE
EATING AREAS**

Encourage your child to:

- Sit while eating.
- Sit in correct area.
- Eat only their food.

RESILIENCE BUILDING IN OUR CHILDREN

We can all develop resilience and we can help our children with resilience training, to develop the skills over time to handle the unexpected and the disappointing. Here are some useful tips, from various sources, for building resilient children:-

Move toward your goals

We all have high expectations for our children. Teach your child to set reasonable and achievable goals for themselves. Help your child move towards these one step at a time. Celebrate and praise each small step, focusing on what has been accomplished, rather than what has not. This helps a child build the resilience to move forward in the face of challenges, to keep taking risks and have a go.

Nurture a positive self-view

Help your child remember ways that he or she has successfully handled hardships in the past and then help him/her understand that these past challenges help him build the strength and confidence to handle future ones. Help your child learn to trust himself to have a go at solving problems and make appropriate decisions (good choices). Teach your child to see the humour in life and situations, and the ability to laugh at one's self (it really is good medicine).

Keep things in perspective and maintain a hopeful outlook

Even when your child is facing very painful events, help him/her look at the situation in a broader context and keep a long-term perspective. Don't talk in catastrophic terms. Although your child may be too young to consider a long-term look on his own, help him or her see that there is a future beyond the current situation and that the future can be good. An optimistic and positive outlook enables your child to see the good things in life and keep going even in the hardest times. Use history to show that life moves on after bad events.

Reef Guardian

On Thursday 13th August six Year 5 students went to Curtis Island with Mr Shonhan to participate in a Reef Guardian Eco Challenge with 64 other students from schools across the region. The students were involved in activities that included; a dune fauna and flora ecology walk, tree planting to protect the sand dunes from erosion, marine debris clean-up and a seagrass survey. The students learnt a great deal from their hands on experience about the importance of protecting our environment. They will take these skills back into the classroom to educate their classmates on how they can protect the environment and become a 'reef ranger' as well. An added bonus for the students was spotting 2 sea turtles, 2 pods of dolphins and a dugong on the ferry trip back from Curtis Island.

Parent Reminder

Can I remind all parents, where possible, to organise pick up arrangements with your children in the mornings. Recently, the school office has received a large number of phone calls late in the day which, as you can appreciate, makes it is very difficult to get messages to all students at that particular time.

Cybersmart Tips

Remind children to be careful when making new friends online; people may not be who they say they are. Never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

Payments Due

Event	Amount	Due	Event	Amount	Due
Yr 6 Camp	\$450	16 Oct			

We urge parents of Year 6 students to continue to make regular part payments for school camp.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths, 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!

Music

Instrumental Music

Over the next few weeks, students in Year 3 will be receiving the recruitment notes for the Woodwind, Brass, Percussion Program. Year 2 students will have access to the Strings Program. We also have a performance by the Combined Band at our school on Wednesday 16 September, at 11.30am in the COLA which parents are welcome to attend.

The Addams Family

Congratulations to Jadon Chetty, Dallas Ward, Robbie Smith and Tyrone Fernandes on being successful applicants for the Combined Schools Musical for 2016. The next commitment for these students is on Tuesday 25 August at 6pm-8.30pm at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre Auditorium. Thank you to all students who applied and auditioned. You are to be commended for being so brave!

Eisteddfod dates for this year are:

Event	Date	Event	Date
Concert Band	Thu 3 Sept, morning	Yr 3 & 4 Choir	Tue 8 Sept, morning
Kin Kora Winds group	Thu 3 Sept, morning	Yr 5 & 6 Choir	Tue 8 Sept, morning
String Orchestra	Thu 3 Sept, afternoon	Yr 4 Verse Speaking group 4E	Tue 15 Sept, morning
Yr 1,2 & Prep Choir	Tue 8 Sept, morning		

Please mark these dates on your calendar. All notes will be handed out this week.

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.

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.

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. ALL medications are administered through the school office.

P&C News

The Fathers Day Stall is coming up on Friday 4 September and notes will be sent out in the next few weeks.

The P&C meeting which was being held on Wednesday night has been postponed. We will notify of the change of date as soon as possible. We would love for parents to come along to the next meeting. At the moment some positions are still not filled. "Many hands make light work."

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
17, 18 & 19 Aug	Full School Review	Mon 2 Nov	Year 6 Camp begins
Fri 4 Sep	Fathers Day Stall	Fri 6 Nov	Year 6 Camp returns
Thu 10 Sep	Prep Information Evening	Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers Afternoon Tea
Fri 18 Sep	LAST DAY TERM 3	Wed 9 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Mon 5 Oct	Labor Day	Fri 11 Dec	LAST DAY TERM 4
Tues 6 Oct	FIRST DAY TERM 4	Mon 25 Jan 2016	FIRST DAY TERM 1 2016
Mon 19 Oct	Student Free Day		

Bazza Awards



Nude Food



Interschool Chess



QSO



Reef Guardians



KK Basketball team



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Attendance

