



# KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,



### Mathletics

Congratulations this week to 6B, 2A and 3B for achieving the highest class points for this week. To date, Kin Kora students have achieved 464 Bronze certificates and 9 Silver certificates. Keep up the great work! For those parents who would like to know more about Mathletics, please contact Andrew Shonhan on 4971 5111.

### Student Attendance

Kin Kora's overall attendance has dropped slightly over the past couple of weeks. While there are clearly reasons for this, I would take this opportunity to remind the school community of the following evidence based research into student attendance.

### Did you know?

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement

### Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- They have a brighter future.

### Whole School Attendance

Term 3 to date: **92.8%**

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	92.5%	4	94.2%
1	91.1%	5	92.4%
2	92.2%	6	95.5%
3	92.9%		

Congratulations to 6A for having 99.2% attendance for Week 6. Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level.



Term 3 - Week 7:  
**Bazza says:**

**BE RESPONSIBLE  
ENTERING/EXITING SCHOOL  
GROUNDS**

Encourage your child to:

- Wait patiently on footpath near fence.
- Follow road rules and bike safety rules.
- Use pedestrian tunnel.

### **Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?**

- Won't get out of bed in the morning
- Won't go to bed at night
- Can't find their uniform, books, school bag...
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Haven't done their homework
- Watching TV
- Have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- It's their birthday.

### **If so, a set routine can help**

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

### **What should I do if my child won't go to school?**

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

### **Building Resilient Kids - Tips for Parents**

#### **Look for opportunities for self-discovery**

Just like us, it is in tough times when children learn the most about themselves. Help your child take a look at how whatever he/she is facing can teach him "what he/she is made of." Let them make mistakes and take responsibility for them, it is character building. It is important for them to experience consequences. Help your child reflect by discussing what they have learned after facing down a tough situation and coming out the other side.

#### **Accept that change is part of living**

Change often can be scary for children and teens. Help your child see that change is part of life and new goals can replace goals that have become unattainable. Point out how they have changed and grown and discuss how this has had an impact on them.

### **Get your family active and eating well**

Families in Gladstone can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each after-school hours.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit [www.peachqld.com.au](http://www.peachqld.com.au)

### **Cybersmart Tips**

Advise your child to set their accounts to private so that only people they want to see it can view their information.

I feel fortunate indeed to be a part of a school where the parents, students and staff speak and act in a positive manner, thus creating the exceptional culture of our school. I thank you for your reinforcement of our school rules and your continued communication and support. It is only when we work together for our students/your children, that success can be achieved.

**Yours in Education**

**Justin Harrison**

**Principal**

#### **Payments Due**

Event	Amount	Due	Event	Amount	Due
Yr 6 Camp	\$450	16 Oct	Eisteddfod	\$5	31 Aug

#### **Music**

##### **Eisteddfod**

All notes for our Eisteddfod performances have now been handed out to participating students. If you haven't received one, please contact Mrs Maitland as they are due next Monday 31 August.

##### **Instrumental Music 2016**

All Year 2 students should by now have a Strings recruitment form and Year 3 have the Woodwind, Percussion, Brass forms. Please return these notes ASAP to Mrs Maitland in the music room. If you require a form please do not hesitate to ask.

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.

#### **P&C News**

**The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6pm in the Resource centre. 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."**

On Friday 4 September, our Kin Kora Father's Day Stall will be open to purchase gifts for Dad's, Step-Dad's or Grandads. Gifts range in price from \$1 to \$10. Notes will be going out soon asking for your help to make our Father's Day Stall a success. Please return your notes as soon as possible or leave your name at the office and we can contact you. Donations of 'ready to sell' items, home cooking and wrapped lollies/chocolates for the stall are most welcome. We are still seeking a raffle prize for the day so please contact the office if you can help. Now is the time to encourage your child to do those extra little jobs around home to earn pocket money to purchase Dad a really nice present.

#### **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.

#### **Tuckshop**

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

#### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

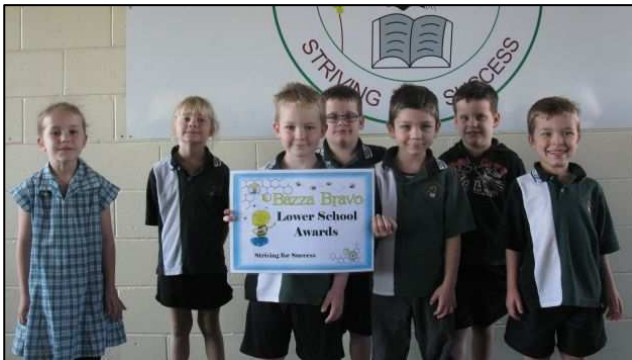
You can place your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker sheet in the Collection Box in the office or you can drop your sticker sheets into the Kin Kora State School Collection Box at your local Woolworths.

## Enrolments for 2016

2016 planning is already in progress and we ask that you contact the office as soon as possible if you intend leaving Gladstone at the end of the year OR if you wish to enrol a student for next year. We need this information to determine class structures and staffing requirements. 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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Wed 26 Aug	P&C Meeting 6pm	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	<b>Volunteers Afternoon Tea</b>
Fri 18 Sep	<b>LAST DAY TERM 3</b>	Wed 9 Dec	<b>Yr 6 Graduation</b>
<b>Mon 5 Oct</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>	Fri 11 Dec	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4</b>
Tues 6 Oct	<b>FIRST DAY TERM 4</b>	<b>Mon 25 Jan 2016</b>	<b>FIRST DAY TERM 1 2016</b>
Mon 19 Oct	Student Free Day		

## Bazza Awards



## Nude Food

