



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fathers' Day Stall

Thanks to Sandy Suter and all the wonderful helpers who contributed towards another very successful Fathers' Day stall. Your support was also appreciated. We do hope all our dads had a fantastic day on Sunday. The winners of the Fathers' Day raffles: Kurt and Felicity.

Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our Instrumental Music students who represented Kin Kora at the Gladstone Eisteddfod last week. Fingers crossed for our choir groups who are competing today. We wish them all the very best.

PREP 2016 Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information evening will be held in the Resource Centre at 6pm this 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.

Car Parking

We fully understand that parking is an ongoing issue however; we ask that you adhere to the following:

- Please do not park at the closed gates on Hibiscus Avenue as this endangers students who then need to go behind your car and onto the road to get around you and back onto the footpath.
- Please do not park in the STAFF car park. These parks are for staff members only.
- Please do not drive up beside the school buildings at the back of the school. This endangers staff and students.

Following these requests assists us in keeping your children safe.

Whole School Attendance

Term 3 to date: **92.0%**

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	92%	4	94.2%
1	90.2%	5	91.1%
2	91.6%	6	94.5%
3	91%		

Congratulations to 2F for having 97.2% attendance for Week 8. Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level.



Term 3 - Week 9:
Bazza says:

**BE A LEARNER
LEARNING SETTINGS**

Encourage your child to:

- Be an active learner and participate.
- Always do their best.

Advanced Learning Challenge

On Friday 4 September, five Year 5 and 6 students represented Kin Kora in an Extended Learning program entitled "Advanced Learning Challenge" at Toolooa State High School. The aim of the program was to stimulate an interest in Maths, Science and the Humanities while also putting their problem-solving skills to the test. A big congratulations must go out to the following students who represented Kin Kora with academic flair and grace; Ashlie Acworth, Zac Pender, Sophie Langhans, Vanessa Ndabanengi, Maddy Hermann, Maddy Graham, Lily Orgill, Vannah Townsend, Sophie Smith and Jordyn Brumby.

Attendance Trophy

Each week classes nominate for the KKSS Attendance Trophy. 4B won the trophy last week with 99.2%, closely followed by 6C on 97.6% and 6B on 96.8%. This week's trophy was won by 2F on 97.2%. 3E came in second with 96% and 5C with 95.6%. A fantastic effort by all of these classes.

Mathletics

Congratulations this week to 2A, 5C and 3E for achieving the highest class points for this week. Students earn a Bronze Certificate when they complete 1 000 points in a week. A Silver Certificate is awarded to students after they have achieved 5 Bronze Certificates. Well done to the following students who have achieved a Silver Certificates last week. Oliver Ord, Bella Teggins, Yukie Sorrensen, Cooper Hart and Taliesha Thorogood.

Unexplained Absences

Each month, we issue letters to parents to notify of any unexplained absences on our system. Please notify your child's class teacher if you identify any inconsistencies and we will rectify these immediately. By sending monthly letters, we can ensure the accuracy of your child's end of semester report.

P & C Update

At our recent August meeting the KKSS P & C has made some changes to this year's P & C activities as well as developing plans for a much needed expansion for the tuckshop and new school community space. While we have experienced considerable support by parents and school community at all the P & C organised activities this year, the P & C has reached the point where it can no longer continue the same level of social and fundraising activities without a dedicated fundraising sub-committee or organiser. The organising required to prepare for these activities does require a dedicated group of parents. At the meeting an offer to re-establish a fundraising sub-committee was put forward and accepted but unfortunately we have to drop two of the activities due to time constraints and as a result lose the fundraising they generate.

So we will not be holding a cent sale this year nor the skip-a-thon.

We do however have an alternative fun exercise based activity proposed for 2016. Our sports teacher Mr Peters has suggested KKSS tries a run-a-thon as part of the cross country. He told us these have been very successful for both his previous school and others in the Gladstone area, and it can be held without taking from student learning time.

Our fundraising this year is to support the completion of the play equipment areas within the prep area and adjacent to it. In 2016 the P & C is planning to fundraise for the development of a space for meetings, preparing for stalls, selling uniforms and give the tuckshop some much needed additional space, due to the increased school size.

So if you can assist with the fundraising sub-committee please let Sandy, Justin, another P & C committee member or myself know. We will also be sending out a reminder notice shortly for building and fundraising levies.

The next P & C meeting is next Wednesday 16 September if you can come and contribute.

Dave Orgill

Year 7 at Toolooa SHS 2016 School Tour/Information Session

Date: Thursday 10 September

Times: Tour (4:30-6pm) Information Session (6-7pm)

Who Should Attend: Parents and students enrolled or intending to enrol in year 7, 2016

Cyberbullying

Being aware of a few simple strategies can help keep the use of social media positive and constructive:

- Before you post something online, ask yourself if the community or individual really need to know. Is it relevant, positive and helpful?
- Remember that what you post online is a direct reflection of who you are. People will potentially form lasting opinions of you based on what you post online.
- Be a good role model. If things get heated online consider logging out and taking a few moments to relax and think. Hasty, emotive responses could inflame situations unnecessarily.
- Be mindful when commenting, try to keep general and avoid posting anything that could identify individuals.
- A few years ago parents may have discussed concerns or issues with their friends at the school gate. Today with the use of social media, online discussions between you and your close friends can very quickly be shared with a much wider audience, potentially far larger than intended.
- Taking a few moments to think about the content you are about to post could save upset, embarrassment, and possible legal action.
- As a parent you have a role in supervising and regulating your child's online activities at home and its impact on the reputation and privacy of others. Parents are their child's first teachers - so they will learn online behaviours from you.

Kin Kora Kids and Kin Kora Teachers

I am very impressed with the level of engagement and behaviour of our students. Thanks so much for your support of your children and your children's teachers.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

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 everyday 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

Foster Carers

Every child deserves a safe environment where they can grow and thrive. For some kids, that means foster or kinship care. Foster carers are needed right across CQ, from our major regional centres to the smallest country towns. If you can help build a bright, healthy future for some of our community's most vulnerable children, get in touch with Anglicare today on 4972 8220.

Payments Due

Event	Amount	Due	Event	Amount	Due
Yr 6 Camp	\$450	16 Oct	Dancefever	\$33.50	16 Oct

Music

Eisteddfod dates for this year are:

Event	Date
Yr 4 Verse Speaking group 4E	Tue 15 Sept, morning

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

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.

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			
Thu 10 Sep	Prep Information Evening	Mon 2 Nov	Year 6 Camp begins
Wed 16 Sep	P&C Meeting 6pm	Fri 6 Nov	Year 6 Camp returns
Fri 18 Sep	LAST DAY TERM 3	Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers Afternoon Tea
Mon 5 Oct	Labor Day	Wed 9 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Thu 8 Oct	Parent info night for Yr 6 Camp	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		

Nude Food



Bazza Awards

