Term 4 - Week 2 Tuesday 13 October 2015

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With only eight and a half weeks remaining of 2015, I would like to remind our school community that expectations around attitude, attendance and achievement need to remain high. Beside the flu season, attendance has been very good all year and I want it to continue as you are well aware that there is a direct correlation between student achievement and student's attendance at school. I ask you to continue to support us in emphasising to your children the importance of attending school every day. We provide constant reminders to our students that every day is a learning day at Kin Kora. Additionally, students have settled back into the school routine nicely and like always, the quality of teaching and level of engagement our students have towards their classwork is high.

Class Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Class Captains for Term 4.

Students were presented with their badges on parade this morning.

Year 3: Caitlin Wilson, Kody Robinson, Jake Grooby, Jack Cahill, Slayter Hunt
Year 4: Brooke Pershouse, Nate Beach, Laith Humadi, Marinka Bidgood, Aisling Potts, Zane Moore
Year 5: Makaela Sirriss, Logan Crosby, William Yeoman, Jaimee Kerfoot
Year 6: Ashley McCann, Nathan Smith, Dylan King, Torian Moore

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.

Whole School Attendance

Term 4 to date: 96.9%

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Congratulations to 4A for having 100% attendance for Week 1. Kin Kora’s attendance goal is 95% for every year level.

Term 4 - Week 2:

Bazza Says:

BE SAFE
TUCKSHOP
Encourage your child to:
- Wait their turn when lining up.
- Keep hands and feet to self.
Quadrennial School Review

This term, Kin Kora will undergo a Quadrennial School Review (QSR) that will inform the long term strategic focus for the school. Upon completion of the QSR, a new four year School Plan will be written to drive the annual implementation plans for the next four years. This plan will detail the school's vision describing aspirations, improvement priorities, strategies, goals and performance measures and targets. For this process to be effective and informative, I would like our wider community to have an opportunity to reflect on their child's education and make any suggestions on the future direction of the school. Please consider the following review questions when it comes to providing feedback to the school:

1) How is Kin Kora performing?
2) Is our teaching differentiated to meet the learning needs of your child?
3) Where would you like Kin Kora to be in the next four years?
4) What are we doing well and what could we do better?
5) What do we need to stop doing?

Please send through your feedback to the principal@kinkorass.eq.edu.au. Thanking you in anticipation.

Student Free Day

Remember there is a student free day on Monday 19 October.

Cybersafety Tips

Keep a record of harassing messages in case authorities become involved. Put them somewhere your child won't continue to see them.

School Crossing Supervisors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school crossing supervisors for the role they provide, both in the morning and afternoon, ensuring the safety of our students while they are crossing busy roads. They all do a fantastic job but I ask all parents to reinforce with their child/ren the importance of road safety and following the rules. I need all parents to understand that the safety of the students is paramount and consequently, gates need to be locked at certain times in the afternoon to minimize the risk of injury. If you have any concerns with regards to the school processes that have been decided upon by Administration, please contact the Principal.

National Bandana Day 2015

National Bandana Day will be held on the 30 October. This year Canteen is hoping to raise 1.1 million dollars to support young people with cancer. You can help by buying a bandana for $4. Bandanas' will be on sale from Week 3 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning outside the office between 8.30am and 8.45am. Please support this great cause.

KK Factor

KK Factor has kicked off at Kin Kora. Auditions started yesterday for those students from Years 4 – 6 who have nominated. After observing a number of acts yesterday, there is a lot of exceptional talent at Kin Kora and I wish every student the best of luck in the competition. It is fantastic to see such a large number of students getting up in front of their peers and ‘giving it a go’. Good luck to all students participating.

Mathletics

Congratulations 6B, 1C and 2A for achieving the highest class points for last 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 Silver Certificates last week:
Jake Delioglanis, Summah-Angel Ward, Jordan Lester, Boden Jinnette, Sophie Slack, Georgia Edgar, Faisal Saadoon, Alexander Davis and Morgan Pender.
**Year 6 Camp**

Thanks to all parents who attended the information night last Thursday. Please contact your child’s teacher if you require any further information with regards to the camp.

Yours in Education  
Justin Harrison  
Principal

**2016 Classes**

We are already commencing work on next year’s class structures. If you have any concerns which will impact on your child’s learning in 2016 please complete the proforma that is located on our website by Friday 23 October. Forms arriving after this date will not be considered. Please place the form in an envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL - To the Principal. Please notify us as soon as possible if you are leaving at the end of the year.

**Science Extended Learning Program at Toolooa State High School**

On the last day of term 3, 24 students from schools across the Gladstone region visited Toolooa State High School to participate in an Extended Learning Day for Science run by Kin Kora State School.

Students delved into the scientific world of Vitamin C and completed two science experiments. The first experiment solved the mystery of what foods contain Vitamin C and how much Vitamin C concentrations each food contained. Students used a Vitamin C test indicator solution, which contained starch, iodine and water. The Vitamin C indicator allowed students to rank the Vitamin C content of food because Vitamin C causes the purple Vitamin C indicator to lose its colour: the lighter the solution, the higher the Vitamin C content of each food. The students were surprised to find out that kiwi fruit and red capsicum both had a higher level of Vitamin C than an orange.

The second experiment students conducted answered the question; does heat change the level of Vitamin C? Students can now recommend the best ways to cook fruits and vegetables to retain the Vitamin C after seeing the results of heating the fruit and vegetable solutions and then testing for the Vitamin C content. Students also learnt about the importance of Vitamin C. They were horrified to learn that lack of Vitamin C can cause loss of appetite, bleeding gums, loose teeth, swollen ankles and tiny haemorrhages in the skin. Students have now vowed to eat more fruits and vegetables and steam or stir fry their vegetables to retain the Vitamin C content.

To conclude the day, students were treated to a flame test experiment in a senior chemistry lab run by chemistry teacher Miss Cooper from Toolooa SHS. Students tested different chemicals to see what colour flame is produced when it is put over the heat of a Bunsen burner. This process is similar as to explain why fireworks have all different colours.

The ELP day was a huge success and a big thankyou goes to Mr Muller (HOD Science) and his team at Toolooa SHS for allowing the students the privilege of working in a scientific environment and providing the resources for the experiments. A big thankyou also goes to Miss McCarthy for the assistance of organising the day and the implementation of the program.

Mr Shonhan
Tuckshop

The tuckshop is now offering breakfast packs every morning from 8am. The packs will consist of a cereal box (Nutri-grain, Special K or Weetbix), milk, juice (apple, orange or apple blackcurrant), spoon and a piece of fruit (which could be used for fruit break). These packs will be $4.50. **No pre-ordering is required.**

All volunteers are MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Bazza Awards
Nude Food

Enviro Captains
Mathletics

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Attendance