



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,



World Teacher's Day - 30 October

World Teachers' Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. World Teachers' Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. This year, we will celebrate World Teacher's day at Kin Kora on Friday 30 October.

In preparation for this day, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the wonderful Kin Kora teachers and acknowledge the hard work and dedication they invest into your children.

Day for Daniel

This year's Day for Daniel will be held on Friday the 30 October. Now in its eleventh year, Day for Daniel is an annual event that aims to increase child safety awareness and make the world a safer place for children. We ask students to wear something red in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Suggestions include a shirt, a ribbon, socks, etc.

Whole School Attendance

Term 4 to date: **94.0%**

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	93.3%	4	94.5%
1	93.4%	5	94.2%
2	93.6%	6	94.4%
3	95%		

Congratulations to 5D for having 99.2% attendance for Week 3. Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level.



Term 4 - Week 4:
Bazza says:

**BE RESPECTFUL
PLAY AREAS**

Encourage your child to:

- Share playground and equipment.
- Respect landscaping.
- Play in designated area.
- Follow directions.
- Use appropriate language.
- Listen for whistle.

National Bandana Day 2015

National Bandana Day will be held this Friday 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 this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning outside the office between 8.30am and 8.45am. Please support this great cause.

What a Difference a Day Makes

- Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 2 weeks
- Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 8 weeks
- Missing One Day a Week for 10 Years = 400 days = **2 years of school!!**

As we are reviewing student achievement for issuing report cards, it is clearly evident that those students who are attending regularly are achieving better than those who have high absences. When viewing students who require assistance in learning, those students who attend regularly compared to their peers who do not, are also improving at a much faster rate.

Poor attendance erodes the quality of learning experiences. Please avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts. Regular attendance at school is important. School is children's work and every day is a learning day.

Many thanks to those families who endeavour to have their children here every day (unless they are ill). We have 34 days left of the school year; let's try for 100% attendance.

Mathletics

Congratulations 4C, 2A, 6A and 6B 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 a Silver Certificate over the last two weeks. Candice Teggin, Cohen Christie, Isaac Horsten, Cooper Young, Oliver Ord, Sharlet-Rose Ward, Gareth Meikle, Toby Simmons, Taylor Vanderwolf, Kylie Huxley, Paige Tahitahi, Ethan Frost and Taliesha Thorogood.

2016 Booklist

The 2016 booklist is now available on our website. Please go to Enrolments, Enrolling at our School and then click on the 2016 Booklist link.

School Camp

All the best to our Year 6s, Mr Z, Ms Polglase, Ms Woods, Miss Shannon, Mrs Searle, Mr Sutton and Mrs Hargreaves as they head off on school camp this Monday the 2 November. We thank all involved for their tremendous efforts preparing for this event, especially our BSM, Mrs Brennan. Please ensure that all children are at the bus stop at 7.30 am on Monday.

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.\

Cybersafety Tips

Check age restrictions for social networking services or games. Some social networking sites (such as Club Penguin) are created especially for children under the age of 13, but most mainstream sites like Facebook, Instagram and others require the user to be 13 or older.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison
Principal

P&C News

HELP WANTED

Once again our P&C have funded hay mulch for our school's extensive gardens in readiness for another long hot summer season. With another 50 bales of hay turning up, help is needed this Wednesday and Friday at 5.30am to distribute the mulch. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone can assist Lyn, Coral and crew with distribution and laying of mulch on these mornings for an hour or two. If you can help out, please contact the office on 4971 5111 to register your name.

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri 30 Oct	National Bandana Day World Teachers Day Day for Daniel	Thu 3 Dec	Open Prep morning 9.30am-10.30am
Mon 2 Nov	Year 6 Camp begins	Wed 9 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Fri 6 Nov	Year 6 Camp returns	Fri 11 Dec	LAST DAY TERM 4
Tue 1 Dec	Open Prep morning 9.30am-10.30am	Mon 25 Jan 2016	FIRST DAY TERM 1 2016
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers Afternoon Tea	Tue 26 Jan 2016	AUSTRALIA DAY

Bazza Awards





Nude Food



Attendance



Mathletics

