



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Term 4 - Week 7 Tuesday 17 November 2015

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,



Telecommunication issues

We are experiencing difficulties with our phones at the moment due to the storm on Sunday night. As we can still access our emails, it would be appreciated if you would contact us in this way if you need to inform us of anything. At this stage, we are unsure of when the problem will be rectified, but an update will be posted to our facebook page when more information comes to hand. Our email address is admin@kinkorass.eq.edu.au

School Christmas Activities

I would like to inform all parents/carers that classes will be participating in Christmas activities in the last week of term. If you would like to withdraw your child from the activities or have any questions regarding the specifics, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Dancefever

As you are aware, your children have been participating in Dancefever lessons every Thursday. An interschool competition is going to be held on Tuesday 8 December. Please read the attachment for more details.

Queensland Tuckshop of the Year Awards 2015

Congratulations goes to Sam and her team as Kin Kora's tuckshop recently was identified as an eligible candidate for the Queensland Tuckshop of the Year Award in 2015. This is a fantastic achievement and the efforts of our school's tuckshop team deserve praise for their contribution to our school's community.

Whole School Attendance

Term 4 to date: **93.5%**

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	92%	4	93.6%
1	93.3%	5	94.2%
2	92.7%	6	95.3%
3	94%		

Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level. Congratulations to 2B whose attendance was 98% for Week 6.



Term 4 - Week 7:
Bazza says:
**BE RESPONSIBLE
TOILETS**

Encourage your child to:

- Use toilets properly
- Be quiet, be clean, be quick.

School Opinion Survey Results

We have received the results of our School Opinion Survey 2015 and I would like to thank staff, students and parents who completed these surveys. I would like to take this opportunity to share the results of the survey as it helps shape the future direction of the school. We received overwhelmingly responses of 90% or above with quite a number above 94% satisfaction in things we as a school community do and undertake around teaching and learning, behaviour, and school operations/processes.

Over 94% of parents said:

- My child likes being at this school
- My child feels safe at this school
- I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns
- This school looks for ways to improve
- Teachers at this school are interested in my child's wellbeing
- Staff at this school are approachable
- This school celebrates student achievements
- I would recommend this school to others
- This is a good school
- Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best

99% of students in Years 5 and 6 said:

- My teachers motivate me to learn
- My teachers expect me to do my best
- My school looks for ways to improve
- I would recommend my school to others
- I like being at my school

94% of staff (teaching and non-teaching) said:

- I enjoy working at this school
- I feel this school is a safe place in which to work
- Students are encouraged to do their best at school
- Students are treated fairly at this school
- This school takes staff opinions seriously
- I feel that social, cultural and racial diversity are respected at this school
- Staff at this school are approachable
- This school keeps me well informed about things that are important to my work
- This school encourages me to participate in professional development activities
- This school has a strong sense of community
- I would recommend this school to others
- This is a good school

As you can see, Kin Kora is performing in the majority of areas surveyed. However, there is always room for improvement and we at Kin Kora in partnership with our students and the wider community will continue to look for ways to improve. Please continue to keep the communication channels open and work with the teachers.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

Cybersafety Tips

Remind your child not to open spam email or click on pop ups, prize offers or unfamiliar hyperlinks in websites.

Change of details

For parents who have changed their address or contact details recently, there is a new form available on our website for you to complete and return. It is important that the school has up to date information for each of our students.

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.

News from the Library

The year is quickly coming to a close, and apart from Book Fair, this is the busiest time of the year in the Library. Lots of books and resources need to be returned and shelved and this needs to be done before the end of the school term. Therefore, there will be no borrowing from the start of Week 9 (30 November 2015) for the rest of the year. During this time, we would love you and your child/children to check for all borrowed or overdue books that may be hiding in your house, your car, children's classrooms, Nan's house etc. We would appreciate these books to be returned as soon as possible.

Naomi Hughes and Suzanne Morgan, Library Teachers

Music

DATE CLAIMER: Information Evening for NEW students to the Instrumental Music Program in 2016. Letters of offer will be forwarded home shortly to students (and families) advising them of their child's inclusion in the Instrumental Music Program for 2016. Waiting list letters will also be sent home at the same time. Please mark in your diaries the following date for the 2016 Information Evening for new students to the program.

When: Thursday, 24 November, 2015

Time: Strings 6.30 pm Brass & Woodwind 7.30pm

Where: Clinton State School Hall

We look forward to welcoming and meeting our new students and families to the program in 2016.

P&C News

The P&C is undertaking a new fundraising activity this term and we need your support. We have joined forces with 2kool4skool.com.au to raise money through sales of reusable school book covers (no more contacting books!), headphones, pencil cases and other items including school bags.

10% of all orders using our unique school code **kinkora** placed prior to 26/1/16 will go directly towards helping us achieve our fundraising goals. Please share our unique code with family and friends as all orders across Australia benefit us. The 2016 booklist has been released, so please visit the 2kool4skool.com.au website and start ordering today.

Kin Kora's P&C fundraising provides better equipment and resources for our children including proposed improvement to the KKSS Prep playground area and more sun shelters around the school! See the attached flyer for further details and visit the office to view samples.



Christmas Stall

Kin Kora State School P&C Christmas Stall will be held on Thursday 3 December. Donations are being taken for our Christmas Raffle Hampers. Collection boxes will be in classrooms and in the blue tub at the office. We need help with cooking Christmas treats, donation chocolates and lollies to sell, wrapping gifts plus manning the stall on the day. For those who can help out, we will be wrapping gifts on Friday 27 November and Tuesday 1 December from 9.30am - 11am. This will be our final fundraising event for this year and your support is greatly appreciated. We need your help to make our Christmas Stall a success.

Many thanks
Kin Kora P&C

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Thu 24 Nov	New instrumental music students info evening 6.30pm & 7.30pm	Wed 9 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Mon 30 Nov	Toolooa SHS transition	Fri 11 Dec	LAST DAY TERM 4
Tue 1 Dec	Open Prep morning 9.30am-10.30am Toolooa SHS transition	Tue 26 Jan 2016	AUSTRALIA DAY
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers Afternoon Tea	Wed 27 Jan 2016	FIRST DAY TERM 1 2016
Thu 3 Dec	Open Prep morning 9.30am-10.30am Christmas Stall		

Bazza Awards

