



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,



2016 Leaders

Recently, we held our School Captain and Vice-Captain elections. The outstanding calibre of all students and the excellent speeches presented, made voting a most difficult job indeed. We thank all the courageous students who nominated and presented speeches and congratulate them for their amazing efforts. We also thank them for the manner in which they conducted themselves once the results were announced. They showed excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the following students who will be either Vice Captains or Captains. They will not find out which until they receive their badges at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.

Year 6 2016: Jadon Chetty, Cy Findlay, Rebecca Battye and Keira Gibson.

Today we will hold our House Captain elections and we will announce those results on Friday. Once these positions are finalised, we will move to our Prefect selections. We wish all candidates the best of luck.

Year 6 Graduation

A letter was sent home last week with regards to arrangements for this special event. A reminder to all that tickets are on sale and can be purchased through the Gladstone Entertainment Centre.

Kin Kora Kids

We are very impressed with the learning engagement and behaviour of our Kin Kora students at present. Truly outstanding! Let's continue to reinforce attendance, attitude and achievement as we move towards the final stages of the school year. Remember, every day counts.

Whole School Attendance

Term 4 to date: **93.4%**

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	91.9%	4	93.6%
1	93.2%	5	94.2%
2	92.7%	6	95.2%
3	93.5%		

Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level. Congratulations to 6D whose attendance was 99.166% for Week 7.



Term 4 - Week 8:
Bazza says:

**BE A LEARNER
ENTERING/EXITING SCHOOL
GROUNDS**

Encourage your child to:

- Know and follow road safety rules.
- Wait on footpath.
- Follow directions of crossing supervisor.
- Go straight to and wait at pick up place.
- Return to office if not collected on time.

Attendance

As I have mentioned previously, students who have high attendance at school, on average, will have high student achievement. Even though there is only three weeks to go before the holidays, I need parents to be mindful of the mantra 'Every Day Counts at Kin Kora'. For those students who have attended every day this year, I congratulate you and you will be recognised for your efforts. Congratulations goes to the Year 6 cohort for reaching our target of 95% for Term 4.

Hot Weather

As the weather begins to move into the usual summer conditions, please ensure that your child has their school hat and water bottle for school each day. Can I also ask parents to discuss with your loved ones the importance of being well hydrated and getting into a good routine of drinking plenty of water. Staff at Kin Kora are doing the same.

Final Parade

The final parade for the year will be held on Thursday 10 December. On this parade, we will farewell staff and our Year 6 students going to High School next year. Instrumental Music medallions and trophies will also be presented on this parade.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

Mathletics

Congratulations 3D, 2D and 2E 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.

Marius Weyers, Nash Maloney, Faisal Agha, Aston Faint, Riley Missingham, Harry Allen, Jasmine Christie, Annie Thorogood, Jack Small, Alyssia Hampson, Kirra Ashworth, Emma Inman and Allyra Peters.

Opportunity Knocks - Gladstone Literacy Centre

Exciting news - it's our school's turn to take part in the excellent literacy programme offered at the Gladstone Literacy Centre (Exodus Tutorial Centre). The Centre is run by the Department of Education in partnership with the Gladstone community. The aim of the programme is to help the selected students from our current Year 3 cohort bridge any gaps in their literacy so they become independent readers able to successfully cope with high school. During the last intake, students from Kin Kora SS improved their reading accuracy and comprehension by an average of **22 months in just 18 weeks!** For those students who have been identified, a letter will be sent home in the near future. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

54th Gladstone Harbour Festival - Get Involved!

Heading into its 54th year as Gladstone's most loved event, the Gladstone Harbour Festival will once again bring the community a jam-packed program that is sure to entertain, but we need your help.

This is your opportunity to get involved and win some great prizes. With over \$11,000 worth of cash and prizes up for grabs in 2016 it is time to start thinking about your entry. Expressions of Interest are sought for entrants in the Great Raft Race, Queen Quest, Talent Quest, Blessing & Dressing of the Fleet and the much loved Street Parade.

For more information call our office on 4972 5111 or head to www.gladstonefestival.com, all entry forms will be online from Friday 4, December 2015.

Cybersafety Tips

Many young people fear that parents might take away their devices and refuse access to the internet and so do not report cyberbullying to their parents. Teenagers are also often concerned that parents' actions will make cyberbullying issues worse, so it is important to remain calm and supportive.

Medical Issues

If your child has an Epipen, Asthma, or any other medical condition Action Plan, please ensure school has an updated version for the beginning of 2016. All children taking any medication also need to renew medication forms annually. Forms are to be filled in and handed in to the office prior to starting school. The office will be open from Monday 18 January 2016 between 9am and 2pm for parents wishing to drop off these medical plans. All existing medication for this year is required to be picked up by the last day of the school year. Medical forms can be downloaded from our website.

Tuckshop

The last day of trading for the Tuckshop is Thursday 10 December 2015. It will re-open on Thursday 28 January 2016. Thank you for supporting the Tuckshop during 2015.

From the Tuckshop Team.

News from the Library

Library classes will be participating in Christmas activities in Week 9 of this term due to the Library being closed in Week 10. If you would like to withdraw your child from the activities or have any questions regarding the specifics, please contact Naomi Hughes or Suzanne Morgan in 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, the Library is now closed for borrowing 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. Please mark in your diaries the following date for the 2016 Information Evening for new students to the program.

When: TONIGHT **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

Musical Madness Evening

The last instrumental performance for this year will be held on **WEDNESDAY 2nd December** in the Kin Kora Music Room. All String, Brass, Woodwind and Percussion students have been invited to attend this performance. The concert which begins at 6pm will show parents and guests all the skills the music students have been learning throughout year. It will also be the very first concert for our beginner instrumentalists. Students are all advised to **arrive at 5.30pm** wearing black from the waist down, music performance shirt if you have one/best school uniform shirt. Please remember your music AND instrument!!

Please see Mrs Maitland if you should have any questions.

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

Payments Due

Event	Amount	Due	Event	Amount	Due
Yr 4/5 End of Year Activities	\$20	16 Oct	Yr 6 End of School Activities	\$7	4 Dec

No late payments will be accepted as our finances will be closed after this date.

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.



SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Tue 24 Nov	New instrumental music students info evening 6.30pm & 7.30pm	Wed 9 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Mon 30 Nov	Toolooa SHS orientation	Fri 11 Dec	LAST DAY TERM 4
Tue 1 Dec	Open Prep morning 9.30am-10.30am Toolooa SHS orientation Gladstone State High orientation	Tue 26 Jan 2016	AUSTRALIA DAY
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers Afternoon Tea Gladstone State High orientation Musical Madness Evening 6pm	Wed 27 Jan 2016	FIRST DAY TERM 1 2016
Thu 3 Dec	Open Prep morning 9.30am-10.30am Christmas Stall	Tue 2 Feb 2016	Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains & Prefect Induction Parade

Bazza Awards





Nude Food



Mathletics

Attendance

