



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

K Factor

During weeks two and three, Kin Kora SS hosted K Factor where students performed and showcased their musical and singing talents in front of their peers. Not only was it fantastic to see the level of ability that our amazing Kin Kora kids have, it was very special seeing the large number of students perform. Congratulations goes to Lily Orgill who took out first place and Keira Gibson for being the runner up. Thank you to Mrs Hargreaves, Summah and Vannah for organising and running the event and the judges who gave up their lunch hours. What amazing talent we have at Kin Kora. Well done to all who participated.

Year 5 Leadership

On Friday the 30th October, Kin Kora held the annual leadership day for the Year 5 cohort. The aim of the day was to encourage leadership qualities in all year 5 students, not just the young people who will wear a badge next year. It was exciting to see great behaviour and attitude from all involved in the day. The students engaged in 5 rotational problem solving games. Each game was followed by a reflective debrief to talk through strengths and areas to improve on decision making and conflict resolution. This was a fantastic chance to see our Kin Kora Kids and teachers in a different light. A special thanks goes to the P@C helpers who supplied and supported a sausage sizzle lunch, the teachers and Dave Roby who ran the activities on the day.

Whole School Attendance

Term 4 to date: **93.6%**

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	92.7%	4	94.0%
1	93.6%	5	93.9%
2	92.8%	6	94.6%
3	94.1%		

Congratulations to 6B for having 98.4% attendance for Week 4. Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level.



Term 4 - Week 5: Bazza says:

**BE A LEARNER
PLAY AREAS**

Encourage your child to:

- Get along with others. Let others join in their game/group.
- Move away from people they don't get along with.
- Play by the rules.
- Learn a new game.
- Learn by mistakes.

Attendance

Congratulations to 6B whose attendance for week 4 was at 98.4%. I would also like to acknowledge Prep C, 1E, 2C, 4D, 5C, 5D and 6A for their attendance percentage which was above the school's target of 95%. If you are having problems getting your child to school, a set routine can help. Examples include:

- Have a set time to go and get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

National Bandana Day 2015

National Bandana Day was held last Friday. As per usual, Kin Kora students have really jumped on board in support of this great cause with every bandana being sold. Due to the willingness of the school community to get involved, we had to put in another later order to try and accommodate everyone. Kin Kora ended up fundraising over \$1600.

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year

Queensland students will now start the 2016 school year on Wednesday 27 January – the day after the Australia Day public holiday.

WHY READING STORIES MATTERS

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics. If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning. Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books will make them more comfortable reading at school. Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child. Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable skill and an excellent way to spend free time. Remember, it is never too late to start.

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.

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

Stay involved with your child's use of their mobile phone. If you don't have a good understanding of how their phone works and what they use it for, ask them to show you.

Finally, I would like to thank David Orgill (P&C President) and Liz Fallon for cooking the breakfast for all of our wonderful teachers on World Teacher's Day. They really appreciated it.

Yours in Education
Justin Harrison
Principal

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 6 Nov	Year 6 Camp returns	Wed 9 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Tue 1 Dec	Open Prep morning 9.30am-10.30am	Fri 11 Dec	LAST DAY TERM 4
Wed 2 Dec	Volunteers Afternoon Tea	Tue 26 Jan 2016	AUSTRALIA DAY
Thu 3 Dec	Open Prep morning 9.30am-10.30am Christmas Stall	Wed 27 Jan 2016	FIRST DAY TERM 1 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.

ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS

55 students from Kin Kora participated in the ICAS English competition and were awarded with 2 Distinction, 13 Credit, 9 Merit and 31 Participation Certificates.

Participation

Amiga Noisim, Jiexi Zang, Mjae Wilson, Sahara Arroyo Serrano, Zoe McDonald, Jack Cahill, Kai Chappell, Mariah Tempelman, Nate Crosisca, Rithmini Alahakoon, Nate Beach, Aria Heiland, Harry Allen, Zane Moore, Robbie Smith, Rebecca Battye, Tristan Murray, Ella Ahwang, Chloe Nicholls, Keira Gibson, Sadie Maher, Logan Crosby, Theo Mammone, Elijah Roby, Kaushika Alahakoon, Khushi Patel, Archer Boyes, Jordan Eiby-Quinn, Jenna Petersen, Mikayla Cook and Jonte Webb.

Merit

Sophie Lennon, Dylan Rogers, Kody Kent-Ford, Joseph Bebendorf, Annie Thorogood, Jadon Chetty, Kaliyah McGrath, Cy Findlay and Ryley Bobart.

Credit

Morgan Pender, Tiah Vogler, Charlie Bycroft, Angela Hanna, Bethany Roby, Jasmine Christie, Kavya Gupta, Benjamin Bycroft, Jacelyn Davidson, Zac Pender, Maddyson Graham, Jack Small and Lily Orgill.

Distinction

Haizyn Mellars and Gareth Meikle.

An extra congratulations goes to Haizyn Mellars who was placed in the top 5% of students in Year 6 across Australia and Gareth Meikle who was placed in the top 10% of students in Year 6.

Bazza Awards



Year 5 Leadership



K Factor



Mathletics



Inst Music



Nude Food



Canteen/Day for Daniel



ICAS

