



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Term 4 - Week 10 Tuesday 8 December 2015

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,



As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during my time as Principal. Upon reflection, I look back with pride on the accomplishments of your children and the staff. Kin Kora is an exceptional school with dedicated, committed and professional staff, supportive parents and amazing students. For those students who will transition to Toooloa SHS in the future, I look forward to working with you during your next phase of education. Thank you for your support and loyalty. Thank you for the privilege of being your Principal over the last 15 months. I wish you and your loved ones a happy, safe and relaxing Christmas. I will miss Kin Kora.

2016 Prefects

Voting has completed for Kin Kora's 2016 Prefect positions. Once again, I would like to thank the 21 students who nominated for a position but unfortunately, there can only be 12. I would like to congratulate the following students who have been successful in attaining a prefect position: Ashlie Acworth, Jake Beling, Kaelea Born, Sophie Davison, Abby Dunn, Ethan Frost, Lucy Hudson, Sadie Maher, Vanessa Ndabanengi, Bianca Talty, Teegan Wroe and Cooper Neville. Students will receive their badges at an official badge ceremony on Tuesday 2 February.

100% Attendance

As I have mentioned on many occasions, there is a strong correlation between attendance at school and academic performance. In 2015, we had a number of students who attended Kin Kora every day of the school year, a fantastic effort. Congratulations goes to: William Altschwager, Declan Bobart, Ryley Bobart, Vinn Borgonos, Jordan Caletti, Jarred Enciso, Jinrex Enciso, Vashti Frost, Ivan Glori, Ryan Goltz, Chloe Gray, Kurt Koivunen, McRobert Magnate, Samuel McDonald, Dwane Mendiola, Vanessa Ndabanengi, Mikayla Norman, Morgan Pender, Tylar Schultz, Ruby Taylor.

Whole School Attendance

Year to date: 92.9%

Yr		Yr	
P	92.2%	4	93.9%
1	91.5%	5	92.9%
2	92.7%	6	94.8%
3	92.7%		

Kin Kora's attendance goal is 95% for every year level.



Term 4 - Week 10:
Bazza says:
**BE RESPONSIBLE
WALKWAYS**

Encourage your child to:

- Walk to the left when using stairs and paths.
- Walk on concrete (never run).

Instrumental Music Performance

Last Wednesday, musicians from the concert beginner and continuing band and string ensemble, performed for parents and friends in the Year 6 classroom. The concert showcased a culmination of skills and was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Miss Hueber and Miss Smith for organising the event and Miss Shannon and Ms Woods/Ms Searle for setting up and dismantling their room for the evening.

Dancefever

An observation opportunity has been organised for this Thursday 10 December for parents who would like to observe what their child has learnt in Dancefever this term. For those who are brave enough, parents are encouraged to join in and bust some moves. Please check with your child's teacher for class session times.

Report Cards

Year 6 students will receive their reports on their Graduation evening. The remainder of the school will receive theirs this Thursday 10 December.

2016 Classes

2016 classes and teachers will be displayed on our notice boards this Wednesday 9 December at 2pm. These placements are final i.e. no changes will be made until Day 8 of 2016 when we have to submit our final enrolment numbers to Central Office. The Day 8 number determines our staffing for the year. It is hoped that no changes will need to be made however, I'm sure you are all aware that in Gladstone in particular, our enrolment numbers change very quickly.

Please be mindful that when the lists are published, parents **may not** take photos of the lists for friends due to child safety concerns. If a friend needs you to look at a list for them, please write down the information they need.

PLEASE, if you have not already done so, let us know immediately if you are leaving Gladstone at the end of the year. We also need to know of anyone enrolling for next year.

Volunteers Afternoon Tea

Last Wednesday, we held an afternoon tea to thank our many volunteers for the countless hours that they devoted in the interests of our Kin Kora Kids. We value your support enormously and are hoping that you and many more will return in 2016. I would like to thank Haizyn and Maddyson (2015 School Captains) and our incoming captains who officiated.

School books drop off 2016

Students school books may be dropped off to your child's classroom on Friday 22 January 2016 (the Friday before school starts back) between 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

Final Parade

This parade will be held on Thursday 10 December at 9am. We will present Kin Kora's special awards, farewell staff and our Year 6 students. Additionally, Instrumental Music awards and trophies will also be presented to those students who have excelled in music.

Christmas Stall

Thanks to Sandra and all the wonderful helpers who contributed towards another successful Christmas stall. Your support was appreciated.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local Police or State Government Security Service deal with the matter.

I wish our Kin Kora community a safe, happy and relaxing holiday period.

Yours in Education

Justin Harrison

Principal

Mathletics

Kin Kora students have been awarded 1 181 bronze and 107 silver certificates this year in Mathletics. Congratulations to Year 2 who have the highest number of points achieved and to 2A who with 374 243, have the highest number of points across the school. Mathletics will continue again next year.

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. Sarah Smith, Uili Lemalu, Riley Hermann, Kody Robinson, Tiah Vogler, Kyras Johns, Jayce Jinnette, Candice Teggins, Adrian Mustapha, Jiexi Zang, Jessy Delioglanis, Dylan Rogers, Benjamin Riley, Vannah Townsend and Oliver Ord.

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

Help your child use search engines to locate websites. Consider developing a list of favourites for younger children. Enable safe search options.

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 **8am** and **3pm** 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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Wed 9 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation	Wed 27 Jan 2016	FIRST DAY TERM 1 2016
Thu 10 Dec	Final Parade	Tue 2 Feb 2016	Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains & Prefect Induction Parade
Fri 11 Dec	LAST DAY TERM 4	9 - 29 Feb	Life Education Program \$6 per student
Tue 26 Jan 2016	AUSTRALIA DAY		

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.



Bazza Awards



Nude Food



House Captains 2016 Prefects 2016



Volunteers Afternoon Tea



Musical Madness

