Term 4 - Week 9 Tuesday 1 December 2015

OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Outstanding Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to Year 5 student, Peyton Craig, who has had an unbelievable swim meet at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide last week. Peyton took out gold in the 100m breaststroke by 0.3 seconds, taking four seconds off his personal best, finishing in a time of 1.32.41. This makes him the fastest Under 10 100m breast stroker in Australia, China, Fiji and New Zealand. In addition to this outstanding achievement, Peyton also received:
- Silver in the 50m medley relay,
- Silver in the 100m medley relay,
- Silver in the 100m freestyle relay
- Bronze in the freestyle relay. What a champion.

2016 House Captains

Last Tuesday, we held our House Captain elections. Congratulations to the following students who were voted in as House Captains for 2016:
- Illawarra – Peyton Craig and Maddyson Hermann
- Lotus – Jett King and Mikayla Sirriss
- Hibiscus – Ella Ahwang and Zanae Allen

Whole School Attendance

Term 4 to date: 93.6%

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Kin Kora’s attendance goal is 95% for every year level. Congratulations to 4B whose attendance was 98.8% for Week 8.

Term 4 - Week 9:
Bazza says:
BE RESPONSIBLE
PLAY AREAS

Encourage your child to:
- Wear a hat – no hat, no play.
- Play in correct area
- Use play equipment properly.
- Be aware of other people and surroundings.
Dancefever
A parent session has been organised for next Thursday 10 December for parents who would like to observe what their child has learnt at Dancefever this term. For those who are brave, parents are encouraged to participate. Please check with your child’s teacher for class session times.

Report Cards
Both students and teachers are working extremely hard at this time of the year during the assessment and reporting period. Students are giving their all to show how much they have learnt through the year. Teachers are marking and spending many hours writing to inform parents of their child’s success academically, behaviourally and socially. Year 6 students will receive their reports on their Graduation evening, the remainder of the school will receive theirs on Thursday 10 December.

2016 Classes
2016 classes and teachers will be displayed on our notice boards on 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.

Thanks to our P&C
Kin Kora is very fortunate to have an amazing P&C Committee and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for giving up their time to attend meetings, organise numerous fundraising ventures and more importantly, their absolute commitment and dedication to Kin Kora Kids. Their work behind the scenes has been nothing short of fantastic.

Final Parade
This parade will be held on Thursday 10 December at 9am. We will farewell staff and our Year 6 students.

Yours in Education
Justin Harrison
Principal

Sporting News
On Friday afternoon after school, Mr Peters convened the 6-a-side Interschool Hockey Twilight Carnival. Mrs Jinnette held the hockey trials to select the children and organised 3 Kin Kora teams to play in the carnival. In total, there were eight teams competing. Kin Kora 1 and Kin Kora 2 made it into the final. Kin Kora 3 played off for 7th and 8th place. After a close game, Kin Kora 2 won the final 2-1. Kin Kora 3 won their playoff and finished 7th. All children showed great sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed the carnival. Many thanks to Ms Searles and Mr Bobart who also helped at the carnival.

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
Learn how to block a bully so they are no longer able to make contact with your child.

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.

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

Musical Madness Evening
The last instrumental performance for this year will be held tomorrow 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 have any questions.

CHOIR - MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS
This Friday, 4 December, we will have the choir performing on the stage at the Marina. Please arrive by 6pm. No later than 6.30pm, as we perform at 7pm. Students are asked to wear their school uniforms, black shoes, white socks and some Christmas glitter.

Come along and cheer and sing with the school choir! Additionally, we also have two very talented students singing a solo for the whole of Gladstone. Good luck to Rebecca Battye and Amelia Cahill.

Christmas Stall
Kin Kora State School P&C Christmas Stall will be held this 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 today 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
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No late payments will be accepted as our finances will be closed after this date.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**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.

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**Bazza Awards**
Nude Food

Mathletics  House Captains 2016