



KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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OUR FOCUS: Attitude, Attendance, Achievement

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 2016

Firstly, and by way of introduction, my name is Jorgen Neilson, and I am the new Principal at Kin Kora State School. I have been a Principal since 2003 and led Mistake Creek, Goovigen, Alpha (P-10), Emerald North and Denison State Schools, and now am proud to be here, in such a reputable and strong school. I look forward to working with the community to do "whatever it takes" (a mantra of mine) for every little person to succeed. Please feel free to say g'day when you see me out and about.

School Leaders

Today on Parade, I presented the school Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Prefects. Due to a hold up with the badge supplier- we will be doing badge presentations in a few weeks. Families of school leaders will be notified by letter when this is to happen.

Congratulations to our new captains:

- School Captains - Jadon Chetty and Keira Gibson
- School Vice Captains - Cy Findlay and Rebecca Battye.
- Illawarra House Captains - Peyton Craig and Maddyson Hermann
- Lotus House Captains - Jett King, and Mikayla Sirriss
- Hibiscus House Captains - Ella Ahwang and Zanae Allen

Student Safety

For reasons of student safety, I have informed students that those crossing the Sun Valley Road in the afternoons are not to cross above ground. There is an underpass that ensures student safety, and crossing the road there, with no crossing or lights is a risk we don't need to take. Parents please ensure that you reinforce with your child to use the underpass, each day.

Whole School Attendance

Term 1 to date: 97.9%

Yr	Sem. 1	Yr	Sem. 1
P	98.3%	4	97%
1	97.6%	5	98.1%
2	97%	6	99.2%
3	98.3%		

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



Term 1 - Week 2:
Bazza says:

BE A LEARNER

Encourage your child to:

- Be organised
- Concentrate, be focused, stay on task

School Improvement - 2016

This year there will be 3 focus areas for improved student performance:

1. Mathematics- improved performance by strong focus on key content.
2. Writing- support students to maintain the great outcomes from 2015.
3. Reading - development of the skills of comprehension.

In coming newsletters, there will be great information, support and resources provided for parents to support student growth in these areas, as well as a sharp and narrow focus in every room, every day.

New to the school? Not connected to us online?

Families can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QSchools App. It's an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters. The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates. Find out more on the [DETE apps page](#).

Life Education Program

The Life Education Van and educator, Michelle Buck, are visiting Kin Kora State School very shortly: 9 February to 29 February 2016. Each year level will participate in the program. The program is different for each year level and as such, no two Life Education visits are the same. The cost is \$6 for each student and includes a Life Education Health Workbook. Any parents wishing to visit the mobile classroom can attend a special Parents and Visitors program on 9 February at 2pm in the Life Education Van.

Stay Tuned - watch this space for a new newsletter

In the coming weeks the newsletter will be re-vamped, and only coming out fortnightly. The aim of this is to include more relevant information for parents, and less often- everyone's lives are busy, so you will gain some time back (on us!). Watch this space.....

Yours in Education

Jorgen Neilson

Principal

Payments Due

Event	Amount	Due	Event	Amount	Due
Consumables Levy (Prep)	\$20		Assessment book (Prep)	\$6	
Yr 4 Swimming	\$32	12 Feb	Life Ed (Prep - Yr 6)	\$6	12 Feb

No late payments will be accepted after the due date.

Cybersafety Tips

Social Networking

Check the age restrictions for the social networking service or game. Some social networking sites (such as Club Penguin) are created especially for children under the age of 13, but most mainstream sites like Facebook, Instagram and others require the user to be 13 or older.

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.

Tuckshop

Please go to www.flexischools.com.au to order your child's tuckshop requirements. Drop in and see Sam or email her on kinkorasstuckshop@yahoo.com.au if you need assistance with this process. All volunteers are MOST welcome to join our team of tuckshop ladies.

Date Claimer and Early Notice

Year 6 Camp

This year the Year6's will be travelling to the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. The camp will be May 23-27. Quotes and bookings are coming in, and a camp cost will be advertised to all parents as soon as possible so that there is maximum time to budget. Camp was \$450 per person in 2015, and we are hoping to be around this price point.

SCHOOL CALENDAR			
Tue 9 Feb	Life Ed Parent/Visitor program 2pm	Thu 3 Mar	PC AFL Trials
Tue 9 Feb - Mon 20 Feb	Life Ed Program starts	Fri 4 Mar	PC 10yo & Girls RL (PJ Marsh Cup)
Tue 16 Feb	Whole school parade	Thu 10 Mar	PC RL II & 12yo trials PC Netball trials PC Hockey trials
Wed 10 Feb	Parent Induction 9.30am - 10.15am	Wed 16 Mar	P&C Meeting
Wed 17 Feb	P&C Meeting	Thu 17 Mar	PC Soccer trials Last day of Term 1
Thu 18 Feb	PC Basketball Trials	Fri 25 Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY
Tue 1 Mar	Whole school parade	Mon 11 Apr	First day of Term 2

Bazza Awards



100% Attendance



Mathletics



End of Year Awards

