



**KIN KORA**  
STATE SCHOOL

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**Term 3 - Week 10 – Tuesday 12th September 2023**

## Principal News

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thanks to those parents who were able to meet with their children's teacher this evening. It's lovely to have this open communication forum to discuss your child's learning goals and progress for Term 3. If you were unable to access an appointment or would still like to access time with your child's teacher, please contact the office and we can work to negotiate a suitable time.

### Podsquad

Explore fun ways to build healthy habits with [Podsquad](#).

A free and interactive program from Health and Wellbeing Queensland, Podsquad teaches families to set health goals through podcasts, in-app games, sleep-scapes and more. Discover the world of Imago and its creatures,

known as Epipods, who represent the different health and wellbeing elements. Get inspired to be active, try different foods and improve sleep habits.

Podsquad is available to download at the [App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#).

### Talk to us - Working together as a community

There's a saying that we have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak. Here at Kin Kora State School, we want everyone to communicate with one another with respect - after all, we are all working towards the same goal.

We are a safe and respectful school community and we expect parents and school visitors to be polite, to act as positive role models, and to recognise and respect personal differences. If you have an issue with your child's education, ask for a meeting to discuss your concerns in the appropriate environment. Remember we are working together to give your

child the best education possible. Your child. Our student. One team.

[Click here to visit the Safe and Respectful School Communities webpage](#)

## 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.

## Enjoy Your Break!

We have made it to the end of another successful Term at Kin Kora State School. Make the most of the break, spend time with your loved ones, and help the kids to recharge their batteries for the last 10 weeks!

Have a safe and restful break - we will see you back on Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

## QParents

QParents is a secure, online portal that has been created by the Department of Education to provide parents of Queensland State School students with 24-hour access to their child's information. The portal allows you to securely access information about your child and communicate directly with your child's school.

QParents provides secure, online access to student information such as:

- attendance details
- consent forms



- payment of invoices
- payment history
- behaviour
- report cards and assessment dates
- upcoming events
- timetables
- student photo

In addition to the information provided, it's important to note that the QParents portal only sends invoices to the parent/carer who is listed first. This means that if there are multiple parents or carers who share responsibility for payments, only one of them will receive the invoice through the portal. It is important for parents and carers to communicate and coordinate payment arrangements if they are sharing the responsibility for fees.

The reality is that any family not connected on QParents runs the risk of not getting information as required.

We encourage you to register for QParents. To do this, simply express your interest by emailing [nkenn81@eq.edu.au](mailto:nkenn81@eq.edu.au) or by phoning (07) 4971 5111 and Mrs Kenny will email you an invitation to register (which includes your **log-in code**) and your child's **unique EQID number**.

Goal: 90% of families signed up to QParents.

Current: 68.26% families signed up to QParents.

## Current Percentages by Year Level

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
82.60%	82.75%	86.36%	80.39%	89.65%	83.51%	88.37%

## Part Payment Process for QParents

When paying instalments towards your upcoming Year 6 Camp, please be aware that you can do this via QParents. The instructions are as follows:

- Log into your QParents account and click on View All in the Payment section. It should be displaying the 'Total Payments Outstanding' in the Payments box.
- Scroll down and click on your child's underlined name.

- Click on the white checkbox located under Outstanding Payments in the highlighted yellow ribbon. This will bring up the white box with the total dollar amount remaining. You can edit the total amount you wish to pay here - eg. \$90.00 (Camp deposit).
- Click on Pay with Card and enter your payment information to complete transaction.
- Your total remaining amount will be updated within QParents.

**Jorgen Neilson**  
**Principal**



## Deputy Principal (Prep to Year 3)

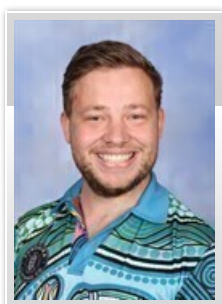
### Prep 2024!

We invite you to mark these Term 4 Step into Prep dates on your calendar and look forward to welcoming you and your child to Kin Kora State School. Together we can build a strong foundation for a successful and fulfilling educational journey.

If you have any inquiries or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly Administration Team at [admin@kinkorasss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@kinkorasss.eq.edu.au) or phone (07) 4971 5111.

[Click here to download the Prep Term 4 Schedule](#)

**P – 3 Deputy Principal**



## Deputy Principal (Year 4 to Year 6)

### Year 6 End of Year Celebration Event

Students have received an information letter regarding the following details.

The Event is on Tuesday 5th December with a start time of 5:00pm at the Kin Kora State School (COLA) Sports Hall. We envisage the finish time will be approximately 6.00pm.

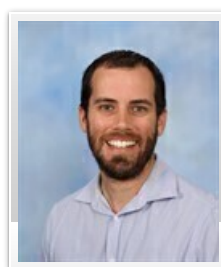
There is no cost to parents for attending the ceremony. There is an allocation of two seats per family – unfortunately siblings will not be able to attend. For blended families, please email your request for two additional tickets to your child's class teacher.

RSVP for the event is required by Tuesday 21st November via email to your child's Year 6 class teacher.

### Year 6 Students – Transition to High School

Students have been handed a letter and consent form that explains the process to allow school staff to share student information to High Schools to assist with transition. Please complete the consent form ASAP and return to the school office as High Schools are wanting to gather information to assist in class allocations for Year 7 in 2024.

**Andrew Shonhan**  
**4 – 6 Deputy Principal**



# News from the Arts

## Instrumental Music

Mr Allen teaches Brass, Woodwind and Percussion all day Monday and Tuesday last session.



Concert Band is every Monday morning– 7:45am. Beginner Band students now join the Concert Band rehearsals every Monday morning at 7:45am.

Mrs Dingle teaches String lessons and String Orchestra for Term 3 every Thursday. Early morning String Orchestra is still 7:45am **every Thursday**. Beginners have by now experienced Orchestra music and continue to arrive every Thursday morning at 8:10am for an 8:15am start.

Both Beginner and Concert Band performed on Parade Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.



A reminder to all students to arrive in a timely manner to their lessons with our specialist instrumental teachers. Their time is precious. Please ensure you know when your lesson time is by checking with your classroom teacher or, alternatively, all timetables are displayed outside the Music Room window.

Kin Kara State School		Term 3 2022	
Class	Teacher	Monday	Tuesday
Year 1	Ms. [Name]	8:00-9:00	9:00-10:00
Year 2	Ms. [Name]	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00
Year 3	Ms. [Name]	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00
Year 4	Ms. [Name]	11:00-12:00	12:00-1:00
Year 5	Ms. [Name]	12:00-1:00	1:00-2:00
Year 6	Ms. [Name]	1:00-2:00	2:00-3:00

## Music Recruitment 2024



Students in Grade 2 – 6 can start to consider learning a STRING instrument for 2024.

We are now accepting applications from Students in Grade 3 – 6 for WOODWIND, BRASS and PERCUSSION.

For more information or any enquiries, contact Ms Maitland - or teachers in the Music Department - for forms.

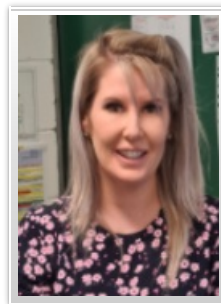
**Maree Maitland**  
**Music Specialist**



## Guidance Gossip

### 1-2-3 Magic

[Click here to download the Catholic Care flyer](#)



**Holly Foley**  
**Guidance Officer**

## P&C Operations

### Tuckshop:

The Tuckshop is open Wednesday to Friday for lunches and Tuesday 2nd Break for Iceblocks only. Flexischools can be used to order for both Breaks. **Cut off is 8:40am on the day it is ordered for.**

### Uniform Shop:

Uniform Shop Open **TUESDAY'S 8:30am – 10:30am**

Cash / Eftpos / Flexischools available

(Please allow for 1 week turn-around on all Flexischool orders).

Email [uniformshop@kinkorass.eq.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@kinkorass.eq.edu.au) with any uniform shop related queries.


**Nadia Horsten**

**Tuckshop/Uniform Coordinator**

**P & C Association**

## Positive Behaviour

Term 3 - Week 10	Term 3 – Week 10
<b>Be Safe</b>	<b>Be Respectful</b>

<p>"I will act in a way in which no one will get hurt":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I ask for assistance when needed.</li> <li>• I use resources correctly.</li> <li>• I walk on the concrete.</li> <li>• I stay within the school boundaries.</li> <li>• I keep my hands and feet to myself.</li> </ul> 	<p>"I show manners towards others":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I speak and use my manners with others.</li> <li>• I give other people their privacy.</li> <li>• I take turns with and include others.</li> <li>• I allow others to learn in class.</li> <li>• I walk around the school.</li> <li>• I consider other people's feelings and opinions.</li> </ul>
<b>Be Responsible</b>	<b>Be A Learner</b>

<b>Week 10 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Life Education Van at KKSS
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm to 2.30pm</b>	Prep to Year 6 – Good to Great Parade
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm to 7.00pm</b>	Parent Teacher Interviews
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	R U OK? Day
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 3 Gymnastics Excursion
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Last Day of Term 3 - Safe and Happy Holidays
<b>WEEK 1 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	First Day of Term 4
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (Each Tuesday to 31<sup>st</sup> October)</b>	Swimming – 2B & 2E - 11.30am Swimming – 2C & 2D – 12.15pm
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October (Each Wednesday to 1<sup>st</sup> November)</b>	Swimming – 2A & Prep D – 9.45am Swimming – Prep B & Prep C – 11.30am Swimming – Prep A & Prep E – 12.15pm

<p>"I complete what is asked of me and accept the results of my choices":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am in the right place at the right time.</li> <li>• I return things to the right place.</li> <li>• I take care of our belongings.</li> <li>• If I make a mistake I explain truthfully.</li> </ul>	<p>"I am ready to learn, have a go, and persist":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I show active listening.</li> <li>• I give all my work a go.</li> <li>• I am organised.</li> <li>• I choose a positive mindset.</li> <li>• I ask for help when I need it.</li> <li>• I follow instructions.</li> </ul>
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## Lost Property Box

Don't forget to check the big red Lost Property Box and the baskets at the back of the Administration building for your child/children's missing lunch boxes, plastic containers, water bottles, hats and jumpers before the end of the school Term. Also check the port racks outside your child's classrooms on the last day.

**Any unclaimed items that have no name on them will be donated/disposed of at 4.00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

## School Calendar – Term 3 – 2023

DATE	EVENT
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## Swooping Bird Season

Gladstone Regional Council provides information regarding

the upcoming swooping bird season. Families and children may encounter swooping birds on their way to and from school and whilst out in the community and on private properties. While being swooped can be unpleasant, there are simple steps that can be taken to reduce safety risks to young children and the community.

Some native bird species including magpies, plovers, butcherbirds, and crows are well known to swoop during the spring breeding season. Swooping may occur from July to November, peaking between August to October. When native bird species have eggs or young in their nest, a small percentage can become protective and may swoop people entering their nesting territory. Research suggests aggressive swooping occurs when the birds have had previous negative interactions with humans, for example, had stones or sticks thrown at them, their chicks, or their nests.

Some ways to manage swooping bird interactions during the breeding season are to:

- **Avoid** swooping hotspots and find an alternative route by consulting the 'Gladstone Regional Council Swooping bird hotspot web map' (<https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/wildlife>) Or <https://www.magpiealert.com/>
- Ensure children wear appropriate headwear (helmets, hats, umbrellas), eyewear (glasses, sunglasses) and clothing to help protect them from unwanted swooping risks.
- Ensure children avoid threatening or scaring nesting birds, as this will increase the intensity of swooping.
- For more information about swooping birds and tips to avoid being swooped, a 'Living with Magpies' fact sheet and an interactive swooping bird hotspot map, jump on Council's website <https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/wildlife#swooping>.

Additionally, Council manages swooping birds by providing community awareness and information, undertaking swooping bird assessments, and implementing an appropriate response on Council-controlled land. If your establishment has a problem with a swooping bird, you may contact a licensed wildlife contractor to assess the bird for relocation. Please note that Council is unable to respond to swooping bird complaints on private or state-controlled land.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact the Environment & Conservation team on 07 4970 0700 or email [EnvSus@gladstone.qld.gov.au](mailto:EnvSus@gladstone.qld.gov.au)

## School Dental Clinic



The School Dental Service is offering free dental care for the students of Kin Kora State School.

If you would like your child to be seen by the dental team, please complete and return your Medical and Consent Form as soon as possible. This Consent Form can be completed via the issued paper format or online using the QR code below.



If you experience difficulty scanning the QR code with your phone the link below can be clicked: <https://forms.office.com/r/feXMFxcRAW>

[Click here to view more information](#)

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