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STATE SCHOOL

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Term 4 – Week 5 – Tuesday 4th November 2025

Principal News

Finishing the Year Strong

Update: With just 5 more weeks left in the term it's crucial for students to attend regularly, especially during assessment periods. Consistent attendance helps them make the most of their learning opportunities and finish the year strong. We understand that fatigue is normal for everyone—students, parents, and staff alike. By working together and supporting each other, we can achieve great things! If you need assistance supporting your child to finish strong- please contact your teacher.

School Planning for Next Year

Next year's class 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.

Please contact the office if you require additional information. Please note, the more accurate our information here, the less likely we are to have any possible class changes after the year starts. At the moment we are very close to capacity in some grade levels so, if you know anyone who is coming/leaving, please encourage them to make sure they have informed the office. This might make the difference between class changes after next year's start - or not.

Jorgen Neilson

Principal



Before School Bell Times

The official start of the day is 8:55am when classes commence.

We are routinely seeing students arriving at school, unsupervised, before 8.00am. This is a long time to wait for the day to commence. It increases the likelihood of issues and accidents when children are here for a long period of time. Students arriving before Duty starts should be accessing Outside School Hours Care - School is not to be viewed as a free care facility please. For details of booking into OSHC – please see <https://www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au/find-us/kin-kora-state-school/>

- Parents are asked to ensure that the arrival time at school, via drop off or transit, is approximately 8.30am. Students and parents are asked to wait in the covered area at the Tuckshop at this time.
- There are staff on Duty at the Tuckshop covered area from 8.30am.
- At 8.40am students will be released from the covered area at the Tuckshop. This will allow some time to prepare, unpack, go to the toilet, get a drink, etc.
- As soon as teachers open their doors, students are able to enter the room and prepare for the day. Otherwise, students are asked to wait quietly at their classroom.

QParents – Get Connected Now!

Everything in one place – excursion forms, payments, medical details, absence reporting, and early access to report cards. Fast. Easy. No follow-up texts.

Not on QParents yet? Call or visit the office today – you'll be set up in minutes!

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 admin@kinkorass.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 4971 5111 and we 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: 72.04% families signed up to QParents.

Current Percentages by Year Level

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.42%	88.68%	85.84%	87.72%	92.80%	88.78%	99.12%

Deputy Principal (Year 3 to Year 6)

Semester 2 Report Cards

Semester 2 Report Cards will be issued via the QParents App. Please see the office to sign up to QParents. If you would like to request a paper copy of your child/s report card, please email admin@kinkorass.eq.edu.au with the request by Wednesday Week 8 3pm (26th November 2025).

Term 4 Events

Stay up to date with What's on at Kin Kora by following our school's Facebook page. We wouldn't want you to miss out on anything!!

Year 6 to 7 Transition

Please ensure you have enrolled your Year 6 student into high school for 2026 so they can attend Transition days.

Sun Safety at School

As the weather warms up, please remind your child to pack their school hat each day. Our SunSmart policy requires students to wear a wide-brimmed or bucket-style hat for outdoor play and activities. Caps do not provide adequate sun protection and are not part of our approved uniform.

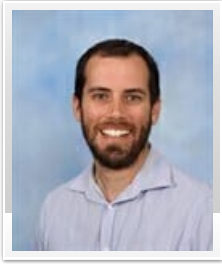
Help us keep everyone safe in the sun—no hat means play in the shade!

Year 7 Enrolment Packs for 2026

The 2026 Year 7 Enrolment Packs are now available to collect from the Toolooa State High School and Gladstone State High School office. If you have a current Year 6 student heading to TSHS or GSHS next year, please collect, complete and return your Enrolments direct to the High School.

Year 7 Transition 2026

Andrew Shonhan3-6 Deputy Principal



Deputy Principal (Prep to Year 2)

Every day matters

Coming to school every day really does make a difference. Each day builds on the one before - in learning, friendships, and routines. When students are here regularly they feel more confident, connected and ready to learn.

Please make sure your child comes to school on time each day, unless they're unwell. A day here or there might not seem like much, but it quickly adds up.

Celebrating Kindness

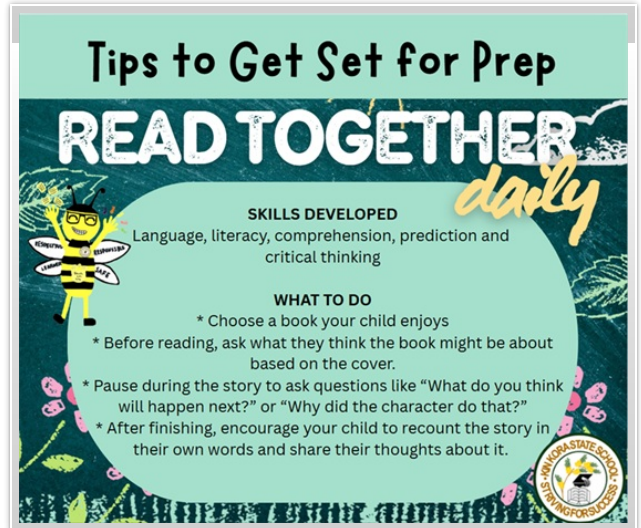
One of the best parts of each week is seeing students showing kindness - helping a friend, including someone new, or just using their manners. Those small moments really matter. Please keep chatting at home about how we can all make school a place where everyone feels welcome and supported.

Do you have a child starting Prep in 2026?

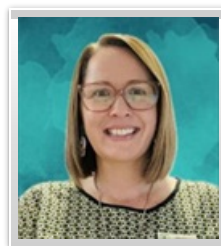
If your child was born between 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021, they are eligible to enrol for Prep next year. Collect an Enrolment Pack from the office and return it as soon as possible. Feel free to share this with your family and friends to spread the word.

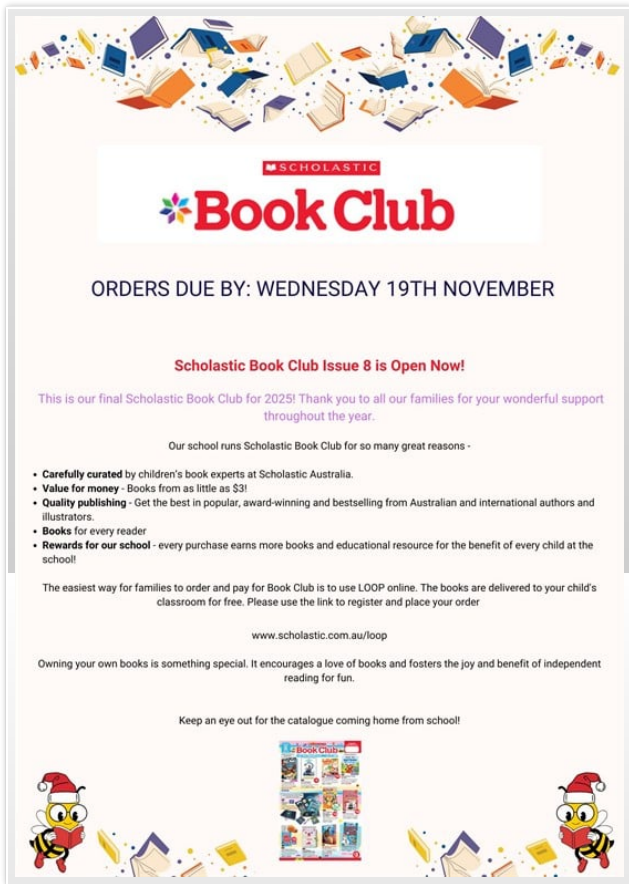
Our Step into Prep Transition Sessions have now begun! These sessions give your child the chance to explore classrooms, meet teachers, and make new friends, helping them feel confident and excited about starting school. If you have any questions about Prep 2026, please contact our Prep Transition Officer Kahlee McCarthy, at kcoll193@eq.edu.au. As we prepare to welcome our 2026 Prep students,

we are going to share some tips to help your child feel confident and ready for school.



Erin Morgan
Prep-2 Deputy Principal (Acting)





SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

ORDERS DUE BY: WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 is Open Now!

This is our final Scholastic Book Club for 2025! Thank you to all our families for your wonderful support throughout the year.

Our school runs Scholastic Book Club for so many great reasons -




- **Carefully curated** by children's book experts at Scholastic Australia.
- **Value for money** - Books from as little as \$3!
- **Quality publishing** - Get the best in popular, award-winning and bestselling from Australian and international authors and illustrators.
- **Books for every reader**
- **Rewards for our school** - every purchase earns more books and educational resource for the benefit of every child at the school!

The easiest way for families to order and pay for Book Club is to use LOOP online. The books are delivered to your child's classroom for free. Please use the link to register and place your order

www.scholastic.com.au/loop

Owning your own books is something special. It encourages a love of books and fosters the joy and benefit of independent reading for fun.

Keep an eye out for the catalogue coming home from school!



Happy reading!

Nadia Winning
Librarian – Resource
Centre



Instrumental Music 2025

RECRUITING for 2026



BENEFITS OF LEARNING

A _____ MUSICAL

INSTRUMENT:

- Increased ability to focus and concentrate on tasks
- Increased ability to retain and remember information
- Increased social awareness skills
- Increased emotional regulation skills

Make new friends across multiple year levels and make new friends at workshops with other schools in the Gladstone, Calliope, Tannum Sands and Miriam Vale area.

Thank you to the many parents who returned their Instrumental Music Forms to be considered for next year's intake. The IM team have started their testing process and will continue to find the BEST possible instrument to suit your child. Please check and add the following dates to your calendar:

*Parent INFO night – Tuesday 18th November - CQ University (for all new students enrolling in 2026)

* Music Tradeshow Night – 25th Tuesday November – Toolooa SHS

(for all interested in purchasing musical wares – violins/violas/trumpets/glockenspiels/cellos/clarinets/flutes/spar e reeds/strings/cleaning equipment/tuition books etc)

Ms Rackemann, our Strings instructor, will be teaching every Thursday afternoon and all-day Friday.

Junior Orchestra (for all 2025 recruits rehearse Friday morning with the continuing students - 7:45am.

Seniors Strings rehearse every Thursday 2nd break.

Mr Chris Allen continues in 2025 for Brass, Woodwind and Percussion tuition.

Mr Allen visits Kin Kora State School every Tuesday, all day and Wednesday from midday. Concert Band rehearsals are held every Tuesday morning 7:45am and now include the BEGINNER Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students!

Thank You to those students who REGULARLY attend these early morning rehearsals!!!

All lessons for Term 4, are now displayed outside the Instrumental Music classroom. Students should also have a copy displayed in their classroom. **Attendance** to our group rehearsals **and** lessons is important and formed part of the **agreement** parents signed at the beginning of tuition! Please let your child's tutor know when you will be unable to attend.



CHOIR - Term 4

Students are now busily preparing for

1. Mayor's Carols sound check – Thursday 4th December
2. Mayor's Christmas Carols – Friday 5th December
3. Kin Kora Carols Evening – Wednesday 10th December

Our rehearsals are now TWICE a week: Tuesday FIRST Break and FRIDAY 2nd Break.

Maree Maitland
Music Specialist



P&C Operations



P&C would like to thank Side by Side for their continued partnership with our daily Breakfast Club in 2025. Their support helps us in providing access for our whole school to start the day on a full stomach and ready to learn.

Save the date! Our Carols night will be held on Wednesday 10th December. It's always a great way to end the year with performances from the students. Food and drinks available throughout the evening.



Have you been thinking about joining the P&C? Now is a great time to join up as we are farewelling several members as they start their High School journey. You can be involved as much or as little as you'd like. We encourage a friendly and open committee with 1 shared goal - to give Every Child, Every Chance. For more information email pandc@kinkorass.eq.edu.au

Larissa Mylonas
President
P & C Association

Tuckshop:

The Tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for

lunches. **Cut off is 8:40am on the day it is ordered for.**
Flexischools can be used to order for both Breaks.

Please Note:

Iceblocks are no longer available on Tuesday 2nd Break.

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

Uniform Shop:

RESTOCKED!

School Polo shirts size 8, 10, 12 & 14 are all back in stock and available now.

Uniform Shop Open **TUESDAY'S 8:30am – 10:00am**

Cash / Eftpos / Flexischools available

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

Email uniformshop@kinkorass.eq.edu.au with any uniform shop related queries.

Nadia Horsten

Tuckshop/Uniform Coordinator

P & C Association



Lost Property Box

The school's big red Lost Property Box out the back of the Administration building is overflowing with un-named lost property. There are lunch boxes, plastic containers, drink bottles, hats, jackets, jumpers etc. Please ensure to come and check for your student's missing things as soon as possible as due to the volume of items we will have to start disposing of un-named articles shortly.

Helping Hands

December–January Holiday Program Bookings Now Open!

We're excited to announce that bookings for our December–January Holiday Program are now open via Kidsoft! This holiday season, we'll have two additional fans, plus access to the Rainbow Room and Resource Centre—providing cool, air-conditioned breakout spaces for both staff and children. Our full holiday program will be released in the coming weeks, but to avoid missing out, we encourage families to book their places early via the Kidsoft app. Please note, the service will be closed from 6pm on 19th December 2025 and will reopen at 6am on 5th January 2026. Excitingly, our new Preps can enrol and start attending from 5th January 2026!

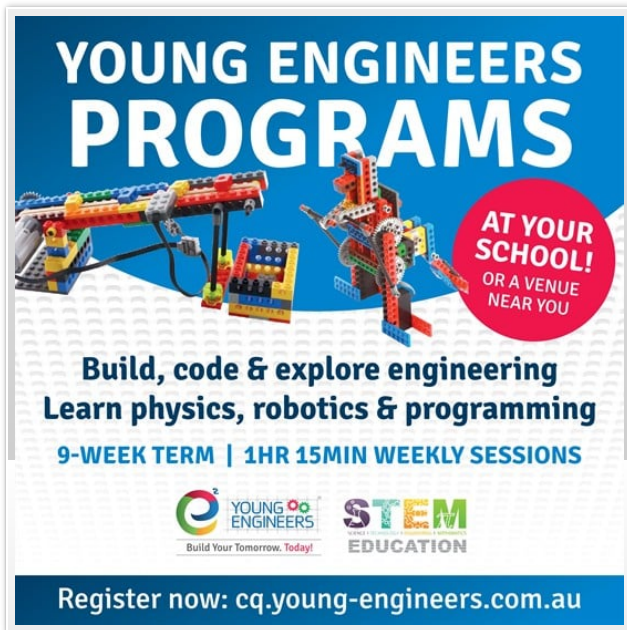
School Calendar – Term 4 – 2025

DATE	EVENT
Week 5 – Monday 3 rd November 2.00pm to 2.30pm	Prep to Year 2 – Live in the COLA Year 3 to Year 6 – Virtual
Monday 3 rd November	Swimming Prep A, B, C & D
Tuesday 4 th November	Swimming 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E & Prep E
Wednesday 5 th November 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee’s Playgroup in Prep A Classroom
Thursday 6 th November	GSHS Students with additional needs Transition TSHS Students with additional needs Transition
Thursday 6 th November 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Step into Prep
Saturday 8 th November	First Lego League
Week 6 – Monday 10 th November	Prep to Year 2 – Virtual Year 3 to Year 6 –Live in the COLA
Monday 10 th November	Swimming Prep A, B, C & D
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11 th November	Swimming 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E & Prep E
Wednesday 12 th November 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee’s Playgroup in Prep A Classroom
Wednesday 12 th November 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Step into Prep
Thursday 13 th November	GSHS First Nations Students Transition TSHS Students with additional needs Transition
Thursday 13 th November	GSHS Students with additional needs Transition

DATE	EVENT
Week 7 – Monday 17th – Friday 21st November	Year 6 Camp (Maranatha Camp – Yandina)
Monday 17th November	Prep to Year 2 – Live in the COLA Year 3 to Year 6 – Virtual
Tuesday 18th November	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 19th November 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee’s Playgroup in Prep A Classroom
Wednesday 19th November 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Step into Prep
Thursday 20th November	GSHS Students with additional needs Transition TSHS Students with additional needs Transition
Week 8 – Monday 24th November	TSHS First Nations Students Transition TSHS Instrumental Orientation
Monday 24th November	Prep to Year 2 – Virtual Year 3 to Year 6 –Live in the COLA
Wednesday 26th November 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee’s Playgroup in Prep A Classroom
Wednesday 26th November	Tuckshop Treat Day

Community Events & Notices

Young Engineers Program





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EDUCATION

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Gladstone Regional Council



**Agnes Water and Surrounds
Emergency Services Expo**

11am - 1pm, Saturday 8 November
Agnes Water Community Centre, RTC, 71 Springs Rd, Agnes Water

- Learn how your Local Emergency Coordination Committee (LECC) can assist you in a disaster
- Displays and demonstrations from Emergency Services
- BBQ and drinks are available for purchase at the event, with funds raised going to Agnes Water Rural Fire Station.

For more information email info@gladstone.qld.gov.au or visit council's website.

 
The Agnes Water Shire and Local Emergency Coordination Group is proudly funded under the Commonwealth/State Shared Recovery Funding Arrangement.

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