



**KIN KORA**  
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*Term 1 – Week 8 – Tuesday 14 March 2023*

## Principal News

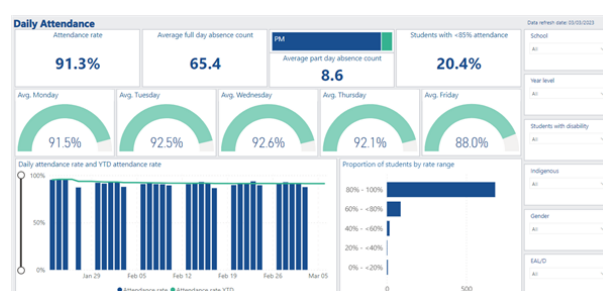
### NAPLAN Weeks 8 and 9

I would like to wish the Year 3 and 5 students and staff good luck as they complete the NAPLAN assessments this week and next. At KKSS, NAPLAN is a vital tool we use to ensure students are making progress in line with schools across the country. We don't labour on practice of NAPLAN, we don't pressure students to "perform" on the test, we just implement it, and let our teaching and learning do the talking. The pattern in cohort data for challenges and strengths is used to ensure we respond to gaps in curriculum and support our students to be strong learners. I am sure that the students will do their very best when they complete the Conventions of Language, Writing, Reading and Numeracy tests.

I would also like to acknowledge Mr Shonhan's work in leading the set-up, support and running of NAPLAN, now online.

### Attendance

As you know, we need students at school every day that they are well so that they are able to participate in the full array of learning experiences. The catch phrase "every day's a learning day" sees our school attendance goal at 94%. If you are having any issues in getting your child to school it is important that you contact us early. Please feel free to contact the office, your child's teacher, or our support staff for assistance. The school is bound by a policy where non-attendance needs to be enforced and we would much prefer to engage and support families rather than refer them for refusal to attend.



### Ensure the school has up-to-date Health or Action Plans for your child

Schools can assist students with health support needs such as diabetes, epilepsy, asthma and anaphylaxis. However, it is important to ensure they have an up-to-date copy of your child's Health or Action Plans.

Speak to the school about how they can support your child. If needed, the school can access the State Schools Nursing Service for support to make sure your child is safe at school.

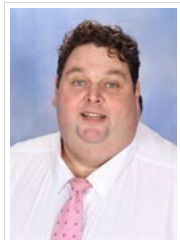
### School Review – 26th to 28th April

Our school review — an opportunity to have your say Our school is scheduled for a review in early Term 2. The Department of Education regularly reviews the teaching and learning practices of Queensland state schools. The reviews are conducted by the department's School and Region Reviews branch. The reviews do not rate or compare schools, but provide us with independent feedback so we can continue to improve learning outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least once every 4 years. Key findings from the review will be made available to parents and the community on our school website. The review team would like to hear from the school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a great education for students. Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All

feedback remains confidential. Please contact the school office if you are interested in speaking to a reviewer. Alternatively, you can register your interest by emailing [reviews@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:reviews@qed.qld.gov.au). More information about the review process is available from the department's website from the link below.

<http://www.schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au/>

**Jorgen Neilson**  
**Principal**



## Deputy Principal (Prep to Year 3)

### Parent and Volunteer Induction

If you wish to be a parent helper / volunteer at Kin Kora State School, you need to complete the Induction program. The Induction will be completed on-line on 21st March from 1.00pm to 2.00pm.

Copy the link below and paste into your internet browser to join the session at 1.00pm on Tuesday, 21st March.

[shorturl.at/npJ34](http://shorturl.at/npJ34)



**Mitchell Taylor**  
**P – 3 Deputy Principal**



## Deputy Principal (Year 4 to Year 6)

### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are participating in NAPLAN in Weeks 8 and 9 this Term.

NAPLAN assesses the sorts of skills (general capabilities) that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not a content test and it is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. If you wish to take a look at the types of questions and the functionalities of the online tests, the following link is to the Public Demonstration Site from the link below.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Week 8	Wednesday 15 March	Thursday 16 March	Friday 17 March
Session 1 9:15am Start	Year 3 Writing in class Writing 5C – Middle Lab 5B – Upper Lab	3C, 3D, 3E Reading (62 iPads) Reading 5C – Middle Lab 5A – Upper Lab	Catch-up Year 3 Writing Resource Centre
Session 2 12:00pm Start	Writing 5D – Middle Lab 5A – Upper Lab	3A, 3B Reading (42 iPads) Reading 5D – Middle Lab 5B – Upper Lab	Catch-up Year 5 Writing Upper Lab
Length (mins)	Year 3: 40 + 15 Year 5: 42 + 15	Year 3: 45 + 15 Year 5: 50 + 15	Year 3: 40 + 15 Year 5: 42 + 15

Week 9	Monday 20 March	Tuesday 21 March	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March	Friday 24 March
Session 1 9:15am Start	3A, 3B Language Conventions (42 iPads) SD – Middle Lab 5A – Upper Lab	3A, 3D Numeracy (45 iPads) Numeracy 5D – Middle Lab 5A – Upper Lab	Catch-up Upper Lab and Resource Centre Room 1	Catch-up Upper Lab and Resource Centre Room 1	Catch-up Upper Lab and Resource Centre Room 1
Session 2 12:00pm Start	3C, 3D, 3E Language Conventions (62 iPads) 5C – Middle Lab 5B – Upper Lab	3B, 3C, 3E Numeracy (59 iPads) Numeracy 5C – Middle Lab 5B – Upper Lab			
Length (mins)	Year 3: 45 + 15 Year 5: 45 + 15	Year 3: 45 + 15 Year 5: 50 + 15			

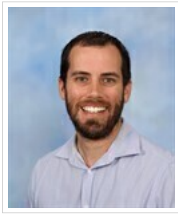
### Parent Teacher Interviews

Classroom teachers are currently inviting families to Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 23rd March from 3.30pm to 7.00pm (Week 9).

To make a booking, go to the link below and click on "Make a Booking" and enter the code **d8wug**. If you have trouble making a booking, please contact your child's teacher.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

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



## News from the Arts



### Instrumental Music

Mr Allen teaching Brass Woodwind and Percussion all day Monday and now **Tuesday last session**. Concert Band is every Monday morning – 7.45am.

Ms Clarke teaches String Lessons and String Orchestra. Early morning String Orchestra is 7.45am every Thursday. Lessons are all day Thursday for String students.

**Only continuing students need attend these early morning rehearsals. Beginning Strings can join the String Orchestra Thursday Week 9!!!**

### Strings Workshop – Kate Taylor

Some students will have received an invitation to attend an all-day (9.15am – 2.00pm) Strings Workshop conducted by Kate Taylor. This is a free opportunity for students to hone their skills on their string instruments. Parents please look for your note in your child's bag as it was handed out Friday Week 5! All notes can be returned to the Music Room by 14th March. Any questions? Please feel free to ask.

### Choirs

Any interested student can join Choir – just please bring your singing voice and a smile! Our times for Choir are all conducted in the cool Music Room on the following days:

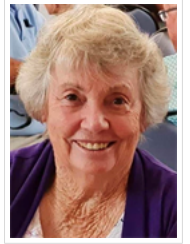
**Intermediate Choir** for Year 3 and 4 students – Tuesday 2nd Break

**Senior Choir** for those in Year 5 and 6 – Wednesday 2nd Break

**Junior Choir** for Year 1 and 2 students – Thursday 2nd Break

### Sad Farewell – Mrs Norma Tanna

Last week our school village formed a guard of honour as our dear friend and colleague Mrs Norma Tanna passed by in the funeral procession. This woman was integral in our Music program – mainly performing on the piano with all Choirs, Soloists and some Instrumental Groups - heavily involved in Brass, Woodwind, Percussion and String workshops - and even stepping in and supplying teaching relief.



Mrs Tanna's love for Music, her generosity and her zest for life will always be remembered.

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



## Guidance Gossip

### Triple P - FREE Positive Parenting Program for Families

**The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®** is one of the world's most effective parenting programs. Developed by clinical psychologist Professor Matt Sanders and his colleagues at Australia's University of Queensland, Triple P has been tested with thousands of families through ongoing research for more than 30 years. It has shown it works across cultures, socioeconomic groups and in many different family structures.

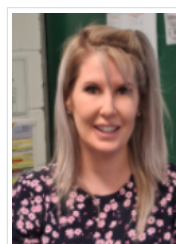


Delivery of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® to parents and carers of children in Australia is now FREE and is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the Parenting Education and Support Program.

Find out more:

[https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-en/free-parenting-courses/triple-p-online-under-12/?gclid=EAlaQobChMI1ILOy5\\_G\\_QIVX0rCh1WOQ9REAAAYASAAEgKrH\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-en/free-parenting-courses/triple-p-online-under-12/?gclid=EAlaQobChMI1ILOy5_G_QIVX0rCh1WOQ9REAAAYASAAEgKrH_D_BwE)

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



## P&C Operations

Times to be announced soon. Keep an eye on our Facebook page.

**Larissa Mylonas**  
**KKSS P & C Association**

### 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's ordered for.

### Easter Treat Date – Thursday 16th March

There will be a Cake Stall out the front of the Tuckshop at 1st and 2nd Breaks. Limited stock. Order through Flexischools now to avoid missing out.


### Uniform Shop:

Open **TUESDAY'S 8:30am – 10:30am**      Cash / Eftpos / Flexischools available

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 1 - Week 8	Term 1 - Week 9
Be Responsible	Be Responsible
<p>Responsible students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure they have all their belongings before they leave home. (E.g. your homework and lunch box is in your bag)</li> <li>Make sure you take any notes or payments to the office or your teacher before the due date.</li> <li>Make sure you get all your belongings out of your bag before you enter your classroom (E.g. take your</li> </ul>	<p>Responsible students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Always tell an adult (a teacher or aide) if something is wrong. (It's the job of the teacher or the aide on duty or in your classroom to keep you safe. If something is wrong or you are unsafe, you must tell them immediately.)</li> </ul> 

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homework and pencil case out of your bag).	
Be Safe	Be Safe
<p>Safe students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Always walk to the tuckshop.</li> <li>Line up quietly and sensibly. Hands to themselves.</li> <li>Wait patiently.</li> <li>Go straight to the eating area after they have got their tuckshop.</li> </ul>	<p>Safe students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Play safe! - Sometimes games in the playground get more competitive than they need to be. Remember it is really important not to get rough when playing games.</li> <li>Play as a team member in team games.</li> <li>Play by the rules.</li> </ul>

## School Calendar – Term 1 – 2023

DATE	EVENT
WEEK 8 – Monday 6th March 9.00am	P-3 Virtual Parade 4-6 Live Parade
WEEK 8 to WEEK 10 Wed 15th to Mon 27th March	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
WEEK 8 – Wednesday 15th March	SWIMMING – 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E
WEEK 8 – Wednesday 15th March 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee's Playgroup
WEEK 8 – Wednesday 22nd March 3.15pm to 4.30pm	Young Engineers - Resource Centre
WEEK 8 – Thursday 16th March	SWIMMING - 4A, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E
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WEEK 9 – Thursday 23rd March 3.30pm – 7.00pm	Parent/Teacher Meetings
WEEK 10 – Monday 20th March 9.00am	Whole School - Good to Great Parade
WEEK 10 – Monday 20th March	Years 4 to 6 Cross Country – 1.45pm to 3.00pm
WEEK 10 - Wednesday 29th	Easter Hat Parade in the COLA – Little Bee's Playgroup/ Prep/Year 1 - 9.15am to 9.35am Years 2 & 3 – 9.40am to 10.00am
WEEK 10 – Wednesday 29th March	SWIMMING – 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E
WEEK 10 - Wednesday 29th	School Photos 3A/B/C/D/E, 4A, 5A/B/C/D, 6A/B/C/D/E & Sibling & Catch-up Photos
WEEK 10 – Thursday 29th March	SWIMMING - 4A, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E
WEEK 10 - Thursday 30th March	School Photos Leadership 8.00am Prep A/B/C/D/E, 1A/B/C/D/E, 2A/B/C/D/E, 4B/C/D/E & Sibling & Catch-up Photos

DATE	EVENT
WEEK 10 – Friday 31st March	Colour Explosion Fun Run – Times TBA soon
	HAPPY EASTER
TERM 2 Monday 17th April	First Day of Term 2

## Lost Property

Don't forget to check the big red Lost Property Box and big blue Tub out the back of the Administration Building on a regular basis. Please ensure to write a name on all your children's property so we can help them be reunited.

## Python Programming in Minecraft Workshop

A one-day workshop Python Programming in Minecraft for students in Years 6 and 7 is being organised by Startup Gladstone Inc. and is proudly supported by Queensland Government, APLNG Conoco Phillips, Boyne Smelters Limited, Rio Tinto and Bank of Queensland Gladstone.

## Australian Childhood Anxiety Treatment Study

If parents/carers have any questions, our KKSS contact is our Guidance Officer Holly Foley on hlfol0@eq.edu.au

## Calling Junior Soccer Players