Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 4!

Staffing

I would like to welcome Mrs Kylie Willett to our teaching team here at Kogan State School. Mrs Willett will be working as a Teacher Aide in the Prep-2 and 3-7 classrooms, every Thursday and Friday this term.

I’m pleased to also announce that Miss Eagle has agreed to work in the capacity of Teacher Aide Monday and Tuesday. She will continue to teach HPE on Wednesday, has replaced Mrs Brady in the 3-7 classroom on Thursday and will continue with the Prep-2 class Friday.

Sport

Congratulations to Luke Smoothy and Melanie Hurley who will be representing South West Darling Downs at the State athletics competition in Brisbane next week. Luke will be competing in the high jump and Mel, Discus and 100m.

Swimming

Swimming commences next week, Wednesday, 15th October. Please ensure your child/ren have returned their consent forms and have the entry and bus money on the day.

High School Flyer

Yesterday an invitation went home for students in Years 6 and 7 inviting them to attend events at Chinchilla State High School, unfortunately the flyer advertised the wrong dates for the orientation days. The correct dates are as follows:

Year 7 2015 Tuesday 2nd December
Year 8 2015 Wednesday 3rd December

Head Lice

Please be vigilant in checking your child for head lice on a regular basis and please treat child’s hair if necessary.

Attendance

Thank you all for ensuring your children attend school on school days rather than having extra days off.

Department of Education expectation is that each student attends school at least 92.2% of the time. Unfortunately some students had a lot of time off last term which is affecting their academic achievements.

Every child, Everyday…that’s leading the Kogan way.
Reading Strategies

Each newsletter we will try to introduce one of the reading strategies that students are learning in the classroom to help you assist them with their home reading. The week we look at Lips the Fish.

The past week your child has been working on the reading strategy "Stretchy Snake" in their Title I sessions. This strategy teaches readers to learn the letter sounds in isolation and then begin to blend them together. This often is one of the first steps to becoming a reader for many students. How can I help my child at home?

Use simple CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words like cat, pig, run. Have your child take a penny for each letter in a word, laying them in a row, and pushing each penny forward as they say each individual letter sound. After saying each sound, they use their finger to slide underneath the pennies while saying the word quickly.

Example: dog

dog

Reading Strategy Tip
Stretchy Snake

We take the individual sounds of letters and blend them together to read the word.

Try saying: "Say each letter as you stretch them out, then put them together and say it fast."


Week 2: 15th Oct
Week 3: 22nd Oct
Week 4: 29th Oct
Week 5: 05th Nov
Week 6: 12th Nov

Week 7: 19th Nov – Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

Swimming will be a user pay system this term and not invoiced. Students will need pay $3.20 each swimming day, which includes $2.20 for pool entry and $1.00 to assist in covering the bus, payable on the day of swimming.

Any families with outstanding swimming invoices from term 1 will need to finalise these payments prior to your student/s attending swimming in term 4.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 3 Week 7
Tamika Smoothy: For exceptional work in spelling.

Term 3 Week 8
Kiara Horrocks: For working diligently with Mrs Reiss on her sounds and for her neat handwriting.
Brayden Gardner: For awesome work in spelling.
Shiralee Willett: For a fantastic attitude to her work in Maths.

Term 3 Week 9
Matilda Willett: for always setting a positive attitude to her school work.
Baylee Horrocks: For fantastic reading and staying on task.
Lillian Gleeson: for always working to capacity.
Sight Word Awards
Term 3 Weeks 8, 9, 10

Billy Burgess, Mia Abbey and Kaleb Willett.

Bo Burgess, Tahlia Smith, Rhys Frauenfelder and Kaleb Willett.

Tegan Cann, Hannah Wood-Muir, Mia Abbey and Ty Cann.

Mia Abbey and Ty Cann.

Rhys Frauenfelder, Blake Fairhurst, Lachlan Hicks, Brayden Gardner, Ty Cann, Tahlia Smith and Mia Abbey.
Kogan School Sports

On Wednesday 17th September, Kogan State School held a fun sports day. Events included
Everyone had a great time!

Age Champions Charles Gleeson, Matthew De Landelles, Jordan Vonhoff, Melanie Hurley, Bronwyn Hicks, Lachlan Hicks and Luke Smoothy with Miss Eagle.

Students proudly display their ribbons.
Rubbish

Rubbish is being dumped along the back fence line of the school. All members of the community are asked to keep a vigilant eye out for the person deliberately dumping waste on the school boundary.

Please help keep our school clean.

Medication:

All medication sent to school for student administration MUST BE IN IT’S ORIGINAL CONTAINER/PACKET, LABELLED BY THE PHARMACY AND IN THE STUDENT’S NAME ONLY. For chronic or long term medications, parents are required to complete a “Request to administer medication at school” form. These are available through the office. For all short term medications, a written note from the parent, stating name of student, time medication is to be administered & dosage of medication and length of time the student is to be medicated, signed and dated by the parent must be given to the school before any medication is expected to be administered.

If cough lollies are sent to school, please also send a note with the student and the cough lollies are to be handed to staff to administer.

Student Absenteeism:

If students are away from school, for any period of time, parents must notify the school via phone call, face to face contact from the parent or a written note/medical certificate, advising the reason for the student absenteeism. A sibling explaining the reason is not justified as notification.

Please note: the reason for absenteeism must state why the child was away. A simple “my child was away from school on 00/00/00” is not sufficient reasoning and will still be marked as unexplained.