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

Welcome everyone.

We have hit that very busy time of year where students are completing work for assessment, testing is being conducted in preparation for reporting and we are preparing for our school end of year concert.

Every Day Counts
A big thank you to those parents who are ensuring their children are at school everyday rather than having extra days off.
Department of Education’s expectations are that each student attends school at least 92% of the time.
Unfortunately some students are having a lot of time off which is affecting their academic achievements.

Swimming
This is the last week of swimming lessons. Next week 19th November will be the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Students will need to be at school by 8:20am in order to catch the bus.
Following the Small School Trials Kogan will be competing with Brigalow in a non competitive carnival.

End of Year Excursion
On December 1st, Students are invited to Kogan State School end of year excursion. We will be viewing the movie “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Day”, followed by a swim at the Dalby Pool, where we have booked the inflatable.

Per-Prep Program
The Pre-Prep Program will commence on Friday 21st November. This program is targeted at children and their parents who will be commencing Prep in 2015. If you are interested in being a part of this program please have a chat with Mrs Frances Hicks.

What’s On at Kogan?
17 Nov - P&C meeting
19 Nov - swimming carnival
1 Dec - End of year excursion
2 Dec - Grade 6 visit to CHS
3 Dec - Grade 7 visit to CHS
5 Dec - Christmas in Kogan
10 Dec - End of year concert
12 Dec - Last day of school
2015
27 January - school resumes

Notes from the Principal - Lynne Hubble

Enrolments are now being taken for 2015.
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 Tryin’ Lion.

The past week your child has been working on the reading strategy "Tryin' Lion" in their Title I sessions. This strategy teaches readers the option to continue reading and substituting a similar word for an unknown word. This allows your child to continue reading while not get stuck and lose meaning of what they are reading.

To assist in teaching this skill, try using the following tips:

1. When your child comes to a word they don’t know, they can look at the first letter or letters of a word and try substituting a word that would make sense in the sentence.

2. They should continue reading the sentence and see if that would make sense as they finish the sentence.

End of Year Celebration!!!

In lieu of camp, this year it has been decided that students will enjoy a day-out in Dalby.

We propose to leave from Kogan State School on Monday 1st December at 8.30am to travel to Dalby to see Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No-Good Day, followed by swimming at the Aquatic Centre. There will be an inflatable at the pool for our use. We will return to school by 3pm.

Cost per student: $10
Students to provide own food, or canteen at the pool will be available.

On assembly, Brandie Burgess was awarded a Bronze Mathletics award. Congratulations!

http://www.rhinelander.k12.wi.us/faculty/JohnsAmy/Tryin%20Lion%20postcard%20pdf.pdf
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 3
Mia Abbey: For very creative English work.
Mel Hurley: For a fabulous positive attitude to all her work.
Tali Hirsch: For always striving to do her best and producing work of a high standard.

Term 4 Week 4
Alyssa Fairhurst: For building an excellent model plane and helping her peers.
Kalbe Willett: For excellent on-task behaviour in class.
Bronwyn Hicks: For fabulous reading.

Sight Word Awards

In week 3 sight word awards were presented to Tahlia Smith, Mia Abbey, Billy Burgess, Ty Cann and Matilda Willett.

In week 4, Blake Fairhurst, Kaleb Willett, Mia Abbey, Kiara Horrocks, Cody Willett and Tahlia Smith received sight word awards.
## Kogan State School Uniform Price List

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Examples only:

- Girls shorts
- Boys shorts
- Girls skirts
- New gold polo
- Bucket hat
Information for Parents and Students

**What is an exemption and why do I need it?**

Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option. Parents can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:

- Illness
- Family reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

If your child is exempted from compulsory schooling, you are excused from your obligation in relation to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation.

The school principal is not responsible for providing an educational program to your child, however they may provide advice on other educational options available.

**Who decides to grant or not grant an exemption?**

**For state school students:**

Decisions about exemptions are made by the principal of the school the student attends.

**For non-state school students:**

All exemption decisions for non-state school students are made by the Manager, Office of Non-state Education.

**For children who are not enrolled in any state or non-state Queensland school:**

Decisions about exemptions for students who are not enrolled in any state or non-state school are made by either the Regional Director, Principal Advisor Education Services, Principal Advisor Regional Services, Director Regional Services, of the Department of Education, Training and Employment region in which the child resides.

**Applying for an exemption**

You are encouraged to discuss with the school whether an application for exemption is a suitable option. The school can provide you with an application form for an exemption. It is important that supporting documentation and evidence are attached to the application.

When a decision about the exemption has been made, you will be informed in writing whether or not the exemption has been granted and if any conditions have been imposed. If you are not satisfied with the decision made, you can make a submission for the decision to be reviewed.
School Newsletter Item

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health

Kogan State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 07 46 681 721

Date Claimer

The 2015 school camp for years 5 & 6 will be held at Tallebudgera Beach School Camp on 14th – 18th September (week 10, term 3).
Administration of Medications in Schools

Administration of Routine and Emergency Medications in State Schools

Prescription Medication
- Over the Counter (OTC) Medication
  - Including pharmacy dispensed medicines, naturopathic, homeopathic, vitamin, mineral, herbal preparations, cough and cold remedies, non-prescription anti-histamines, pain relief such as paracetamol, aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications such as Naproxen, Advil.

Authority to Administer Medication
- Ensure Authority to Administer Medication form is completed for long term medication e.g. medication for cystic fibrosis; or
- Letter from parent authorizing administration of short term prescription medication e.g. antibiotics

OTC Medication
- Ensure Authority to Administer Medication form is completed by the doctor

Emergency Medication
- Authority to Administer Emergency Medication
  1. Emergency Medication must be medically prescribed for specific students
  2. For students who are suspected of having an anaphylactic reaction and do not have a medical diagnosis, refer to the Anaphylaxis Guidelines for State Schools
  3. For students requiring emergency treatment for asthma who do not have an emergency health plan, follow asthma first aid

When administering medication, follow the Five Rights of Medication Administration
1. Right Person: Check the identity of the student.
2. Right Drug: Check
   - when the drug is taken from the cupboard
   - before the drug is put into a medicine cup or similar prior to giving it
   - again as the container is returned to the cupboard
3. Right Dose: Check the dosage on the medication container (pharmacy label) and the Request to Administer Medication at School form.
   - Ensure the drug dosage match.
4. Right Time: Ensure medication is administered at the prescribed time
5. Right Route: Check the instructions as per pharmacy label prior to administration and follow specific instructions e.g. to be taken with food.

Storage and Disposal of prescribed and OTC Medications
- Ensure appropriate storage of medication according to the manufacturer's instructions
- Store medication in a non-portable, locked space such as cupboard/cabinet reserved for medications
- Ensure access to all stored medications is only to persons authorised to administer medications
- Store in original containers in a manner that ensures security and efficacy
- Ensure medication sent to school as a transit measure (i.e. shared custody/care or traveling to a remote setting directly from school) is stored in a secure area whilst the students are at school
- Dispose of unused and unclaimed medication by:
  - advising the parent to collect the medication from the school;
  - returning medications to any pharmacy to be disposed of through the Returning Unconsumed Medicines program [http://www.returnmeds.com.au]
- Ensure safe disposal of sharps.

REMINDER: EMERGENCY MEDICATION MUST NOT BE STORED IN A LOCKED CABINET

Storage of Emergency Medication
- Consider the placement of emergency medication: medication needs to be accessed in a timely manner.

Reminder: Contact ambulance ring '000'

Great state. Great opportunity.

Uncontrolled copy. Refer to the Department of Education, Training and Employment Policy and Procedure Register at [http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au](http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au) to ensure you have the most current version of this document.
Forestry Management & Thinning Demonstration

The KOGAN WAMBO BRAEMAR CATCHMENT LANDCARE group invites all interested parties to attend a field day to learn about the new tree clearing laws and see demonstrations of various land clearing methods.

It is hoped there will be a 500HP mulcher, an 8 tonne crusher mangler and 2 dozers with chain demonstrated on the day.

**Speaker:** David Hinz, Natural Resources Officer
DNR Vegetation Management, Dalby

**When:** Friday, 28th Nov. 2014  9.00am till lunch

**Where:** ‘Kainama’, 2335 Banana Bridge Rd, Kogan

**Cost:** FREE

**Bring:** Your PMAP, drinking water

**RSVP:** Tuesday, November 25th for catering purposes to
Dorn Roddau – 4663 8120  Morning tea & light lunch provided

*If you have specific questions on a related topic – weeds etc, please contact David Hinz - 4672 4805*
Welcome to the first P&C Post!

As a P&C we felt that in an effort to keep everyone up-to-date with what is going on within the school involving the P&C the President each newsletter will “Post” information that we feel we need to share. As current President that’s me so let me introduce myself for anyone that doesn’t know me yet. My name is Myra-Lyn Frauenfelder, also known as Charlie and Rhys’ Mum. I’ve really enjoyed being a member of the P&C for the past 3 yrs and look forward to sharing the P&C Post with you all.

First major piece of meeting news to share would be as most of you would have already heard that there will not be a school camp this year. A vote was taken that resulted in the decision of a bi-annual camp for year 5&6 only starting 2015. This may be partly funded by the P&C, but mostly by parents & fund raising events so get your thinking caps on and we would love to hear your ideas at the meetings on how we can as a school community provide these opportunities for our children.

Next is very exciting with the arrival of our new school uniforms!! Uniforms have been a major talking point at each meeting all year with a special meeting held that invited everyone to come along for your input and it was great to see some new faces. A new hat, School Shirt & House sport shirt will be donated to each student by the P&C so that all students start the new school year unified and representing the school on an even field. This will be a once off and only for students enrolled at the school for next year. More shirts and hats will become available toward the end of this term for purchase. Exact details for distributing the gift shirts and hat to students still need to be made but will come out in the P&C Post after the next meeting 17th November so watch this space.

I think that’s about all for this post, thanks for hanging in there but there was a bit to cover with this being the first one. I look forward to being able to share with you our P&C discussions, but please get involved with the P&C how and when you can. There can never be too many members, and your opinion does matter as the issues at the meetings affect all our children. Plus new faces always brighten up the meetings.

Hope to see you there,

Myra-Lyn Frauenfelder
P&C President
Every day counts

Most students attend school each day

Miss school
Miss learning
Missed opportunities

Low school attendance is associated with:
- lower academic achievement
- early school leaving
- future unemployment

Every day at school counts... Missing even one day can make a difference over time

Missing 1 day of school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Average student attendance declines in Years 8, 9 and 10

The best predictor of student attendance is their attendance rate the year before

Students who miss more than 20 days of school a year and more than 15% of these are unauthorised or unexplained absences are 4 times more likely to be suspended or excluded from school

19,000 students are missing school with 15 or more unexplained/unauthorised absences over a semester

What schools are doing to improve student attendance

☑ Listening to student views on non-attendance
☑ Connecting to families and communities
☑ Recognising and rewarding good attendance
☑ Using sanction based approaches

For more information

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March 2014

Go to the Every day counts website: https://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/