

# Kogan State School Newsletter

## Week 2 Term 1 2015

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### Notes from the Principal - Lynne Hubble

Welcome to 2015!

We have had an enthusiastic beginning to the year with 6 new preps joining our regulars. I am looking forward to a wonderful year working with the students of Kogan.

#### Uniforms

It is wonderful to see the majority of our students at Kogan wearing the new school uniform. While we are in a transition period from the old uniform to the new it is acceptable for students to still wear the old uniform.

The uniform Kogan is:

**NEW**  
Yellow polo with logo  
Bottle green shorts/skorts/skirt  
White socks  
Joggers – preferably black

**OLD**  
Yellow shirt, no logo  
Bottle green shorts/skorts/skirt  
White socks  
Joggers – preferably black

It is expected that on excursions students will wear their new uniform.

Sports uniform can be worn on Wednesday's, as this is our P.E day, it is also to worn at Kogan's Cross Country and Athletics Carnival.

#### School Captains

Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to apply for Captain and Vice Captain positions at our school. It is very pleasing to have a number of students apply for these positions and I am very impressed by the caliber of the applications I have received.

Students will be presenting their speeches at parade on Friday and voting will take place shortly after. Students from 4-6 and staff will be eligible to vote.

This is very exciting time for students and a real chance for them to show their Leadership skills.

#### Swimming

Congratulations to Sterling Gleeson, Gabby Hicks, Eva Von Pein, Jessica Willett and Shiralee Willett, who have all made it to the District swimming trials.

Good luck all of you on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

#### After School Supervision

Adult supervision is provided at Kogan State School until to 3:30pm. If you are unable to pick your child/ren up by 3:30pm please contact the school so that arrangements can be made to monitor your child/ren. Supervision concludes at 3:30pm.

Due to the nature of our small school, the phone is not always answered during school hours as teachers and aides are busy teaching, please leave a message. Phone messages will be checked at 2:45 each afternoon. Please be aware that every effort will be made to answer calls after 3:00pm however we are not always able to get to the phone.

Parents have an obligation to notify the school of any change of circumstance in travel arrangements for their child/ren.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



## Week 1

**Luke:** For showing exceptional good manners and helpfulness.

**Chelsey:** Congratulations on settling in with the school routine, in your first week.

**Kael:** Congratulations on settling in with the school routine, in your first week.

**Bronwyn:** For quietly getting on with the business of learning.

## 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. This week we look at Eagle Eye.

### How can I help my child with learning the Eagle Eye strategy at home?

1. Start with beginning reading books that only have a few words on the page. The pictures give a clear support for figuring out the meaning and the words.
2. Cover up the words on a page have your child "read" the story to you by "reading" the pictures. Here is a great link to titles for wordless books:  
<http://wordless.wikispaces.com/Wordless+Books>
3. When reading a picture book, spend time modeling how you as an adult reader look at maps and graphs. Talk to your child about what information you learned from reading these features or illustrations and what information you gained.

### Reading Strategy Tip Eagle Eye



When we use our Eagle Eye we look at the pictures to help us figure out the word.

Try saying: "Do the words and the pictures match?"



## NO SMOKING WITHIN 5 METRES OF OUR SCHOOL

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The buffer is a **5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school**, beyond the school land boundary; **including all structures in this area**, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.

**The law applies at all times**—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.



## Every Day Counts

According to the US Department of Education, when your child misses even one day of school, it takes TWO days just to catch up.

<http://www.rhinelanders.k12.wi.us/pelican/>

## School Bus AGM



The Annual General Meeting of the Kogan State School Bus Conveyance Committee is being held at the Kogan State School on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 8.30am.

All parents, carers and interested persons are invited to attend.

This is your chance to discuss any relevant issues including bus behaviour; bus set down and pick up times, road conditions, safety issues, office bearers etc. Your contribution is valued



## School Swimming

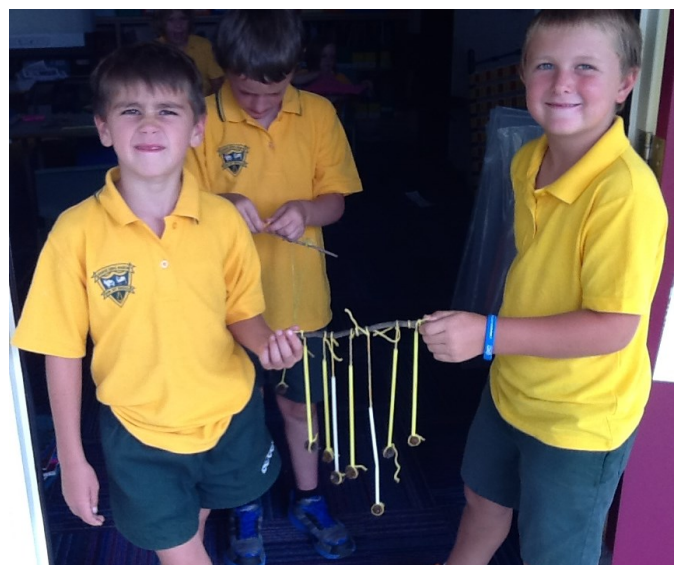
School Swimming will begin in week 5, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and will continue for each Wednesday over 5 weeks of term 1. Swimming will be a user pay system where students will need to bring money each week to attend swimming. Costings to be advised.





## P-3 Science Wind chimes

The Prep - 3 class, in science, are experimenting with building wind chimes from a variety of materials.



## Student Absences

A phone call, letter or verbal notification to a teacher must be communicated for all student absences with the given reason for absence otherwise your child will be marked on the roll as “unexplained.” A simple “my child is will be away today” is not a sufficient reason and will be marked as “unexplained.” An acceptable reason **MUST** be given to avoid the “unexplained absence” on the roll.

If you are dropping your child off after 9am or picking up prior to 3pm, you the parent/carer **MUST** complete the sign in/out book located in the foyer of the office with an explanation for lateness to school or early pickup. If this book is not signed in or out, your child will be marked as “unexplained” on the class roll.

**All students with unexplained absences will be sent home with a letter for the parents to complete and return to the school.**

## Exemption for Compulsory Schooling & Compulsory Participation

Parents need to complete an application for students who are away for more than 10 consecutive school days for an exemption to compulsory schooling. Exemptions may include but are not limited to:

Illness

Family Reasons

Cultural or Religious reasons

**Principals (state schools)** are responsible for determining if an exemption is the best option in meeting a student's educational and other needs, and approving exemptions for students enrolled in their school. More information can be found on the policy “Exemption for Compulsory Schooling & Compulsory Participation.”

## Student Medication

Parents/carers of any students that require medication during school hours must complete a parent consent form and signed off by a doctor. All medication **MUST** have a pharmacy label, labelled in the child's name to whom the medication is required with the original container of medication provided to the school. This also includes any over the counter headache, cold & flu medications and or creams. Staff can not administer medication unless these procedures have been followed as per “Administration of Medications in Schools” policy. Please find enclosed in this newsletter, a copy of the “Request to Administer Medication” form for you to keep on hand at home. This form is also available from the office or can be downloaded from the Kogan SS website under Forms & Documents.

Parents please remove this page from the newsletter and keep for future reference.