

KOGAN STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 6

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Notes from the Principal - Lynne Hubble

Welcome!

It is very pleasing to see all of our students wearing the Kogan State School uniform – WELL DONE everyone.

Principals Conference

Last Thursday and Friday I had the privilege of joining 1200 other Principals at the Convention Centre in Brisbane. The theme of the conference was 'Collaborate, Innovate, Elevate. The conference focus was for Principals to collaborate to respond to challenges; critique, question and support each other; share and scale up new and effective practices.

Thankfully I did not succumb to food poisoning, which unfortunately affected a number of my colleagues.

Water

Following concerns from the P&C about the water quality from our tanks, we have been in contact with BAS (Building and Asset Services), who have sent a plumber to assess the situation.

The plumber has closed one tank, due to water quality. Fortunately all our other tanks are ok. He has put a submission into BAS suggesting replacing galvanized tanks with Poly tanks and re routing supply from existing Poly tanks that are not connected to the bubblers.

With the hot weather we are experiencing I would suggest students still bring their water bottles so that they can have a drink at their desk.

Thank you

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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 Chunky Monkey.

The past week your child has been working on the reading strategy "Chunky Monkey" in their Title I sessions. This strategy teaches readers to look for familiar word patterns such as word families (-at, -in, -ot), prefixes, suffixes, blends and diagraphs to help them decode words. To assist in teaching this skill, try using the following tips:

1. When reading with your child, have them look for well-known letter chunks in the words. For example, depend you may see the chunk end and the prefix de.
2. When chunking a word, have them read each chunk separately and then quickly blend the chunks together to make the word. For example, pl ant is plant.
3. Encourage your child to use their fingers to find the chunks and say the chunk, then move on to blend the whole word together.

Reading Strategy Tip Chunky Monkey



When we use Chunky Monkey we look for familiar word patterns, "chunks", or sounds within a word to help them decode the word.

Try saying: "Do you see any chunks in the word that you know?"

Religious Instruction

We are providing religious instruction (RI) for students in years 1 to 6 from February 20, 2015. Our school will offer the Speak out Program delivered by Ken Von Pein who has been authorised to do so. RI will occur on each Friday afternoon and as per the RI in school hours policy, Prep students will not be placed into the program.

Students that do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction.

Notes regarding RI were sent home last week with your child. Please check their bags if you did not receive one. Please complete the form and return to school at your earliest convenience.

All students from years 1-6 will be placed into the RI program unless the school receives in written form stating your child/ren are not to participate in the program.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3

Chloe: For applying herself to all her school work.

Rhys: Congratulations on settling in with the school routine.

Adam: Congratulations on settling in with the school routine.

Melanie: For displaying good manners and a mature attitude towards her work .



Week 4

Blake: For working very diligently on his sight words.

Tori: For diligently completing her maths tasks.

Brandie: For applying herself across all subject areas and staying on task.



Activity Consent & Medical Forms

As part of Ed Qld Policy, Activity Consent & Medical forms are a requirement for parents to complete and return to the school each time a new activity arises that requires the school to complete any high or very high risk activity assessments. This includes swimming, school excursions, sporting activities (including school based for example cross country & athletics), etc. The activity is automatically given a risk assessment rating through the OneSchool system which will then generate the forms associated with the activity.

Each new activity requires a new risk assessment which is based on the time of the actual activity; hence the need for parents to complete swimming consent & medical forms for each term and carnival, each year.

I am aware this may be tedious, however I can assure you it is a state school wide practise across Queensland. Unfortunately, OneSchool does not generate Medicare & private health details with the forms generated, so please only complete these sections if details have changed or if you are unsure whether you have notified the school previously of these details as they are retained within the OneSchool system.

How to help with Reading at Home

Before you begin

Introducing a new book ... go on a 'book walk'

An 'Unfamiliar' text

- Look at the front cover. Read the title to your child and talk about what you think the book is about.
- Look at all the pictures in the book and predict what the story might be about.
- Point out any names of characters and difficult words as you look through the book.
- Link the book to any similar experiences your child might have had.

A 'Familiar' Text

- Look at the front cover and talk to your child about what the book is about. Ask them the title.
- Look at all the pictures in the book and ask what the story was about.
- Point out and ask any names of characters and difficult words as you look through the book.
- Link the book to any similar experiences your child may have had.



RAFFLE

PRO BULLRIDING TOUR

LIVE SERIES

DALBY

Sat March 21st, 2015

@ **KOGAN HOTEL**



★ For Your Chance to WIN ★

A Family Pass to
The Dalby PBR

Get Your Raffle Tickets

Now @ Kogan Hotel

- \$2 for 1 ticket
- \$10 for 6 tickets

DRAWN
20th March
Friday Night

Also put your name down if
interested in catching a bus
from Kogan