Notes from the Principal - Lynne Stritzel

Welcome

The school year has begun with some significant changes to Kogan State School. At the end of 2015 we farewelled 10 Year 6 students to High School. Due to work commitments and moving house we farewell the Smith, Wilce, Hicks and Cann families to Chinchilla, The Vonhoff family to Miles, the Horrocks to Brigalow and the Burgess family to Moranbah. We wish all these families all the best in their new endeavours.

As we now have 24 students enrolled, we are unable to maintain our second teacher. Mrs Hicks has been transferred to Chinchilla State School. Her last day at Kogan will be Monday 8th February. I would like to thank Mrs Hicks for her wonderful efforts teaching the students of Kogan and wish her well in her new position at Chinchilla.

What’s Happening?

16/02 & 23/02
Swimming

01/03, 08/03 & 15/03
Swimming

24/03
End of Term 1

11/04
Term 2 commences

25/04
Anzac Day

29/04
KSS Cross Country

Day two of school and excitement was in the air. Everyone was so excited about the Broncos visiting. We split into groups and the players read books to us and asked us questions about the books. Then they gave us each a bag with a cap inside and gave us a poster signed by the Brisbane Broncos players.

By Sterling
Term 1 Swimming

School Swimming
Please be advised, School Swimming will begin on Tuesday, week 4 at a cost of $3.20 per student ($2.20 pool entry & $1.00 bus). Forms will be sent home with students next week to be completed & returned to school. Students will travel via bus to Chinchilla to partake in music & swimming on the following dates:
Tuesday 16th & 23rd February, 01st, 08th & 15th March.

As part of the sun safe policy, all students must wear a rash/swim shirt. Students will need to bring a towel.
Students are come to school dressed in school uniform and will change at the Aquatic Centre.

Administering Medication at School
If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:
- Has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
- Is in its original container
- Has an attached pharmacy label

Office staff will ask you to complete & sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

Requirements for students at risk of anaphylaxis
If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan, completed by your doctor. This Anaphylaxis Action Plan provides the instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication in an emergency, which is specific to respond to their health condition.

Requirements for students at risk of asthma
If your child has asthma and requires assistance to administer their medication, it is important for you to provide the school with your child’s emergency medication and their Asthma Action Plan, completed by your doctor. An Asthma Action Plan provides specific instructions for the school to administer your child’s medication.

We recognise that some students are capable of managing their asthma without adult assistance. If you are confident that your child can confidently, competently and safely self-administer their asthma medication, let the school administration know. The school will record your decision and will not require your child’s Asthma Action Plan. Please note that if your child requires assistance in an asthma emergency, staff will provide Asthma First Aid.

If you have any concerns about your child’s asthma, please contact Lynne Stritzel (Principal) on 46 681 721.

Providing Medication to the School
Before you provide the school with your child’s medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over the counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child’s qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after their dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). If you can’t provide the medication in person, contact the school to determine the easiest and safest approach for the school to receive the medication.

If you believe your child is capable of self-administering their own medication at school, please contact Lynne Stritzel as this requires her approval.

When your child’s medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

Thank you for assisting the school in keeping our students safe & healthy.