Welcome

At Kogan State we ensure all students can be the best they can be. We are committed to constantly improving student achievement by providing an environment where students feel safe and supported and where staff are supported and valued.

To achieve this Kogan State School has become a Positive Behaviour Learning School in 2015. This means all students are explicitly taught expected behaviours. We set and consistently reinforce clear expectations. All of our students receive ‘Gotcha’s’ when they demonstrate expected behaviours, every week at parade students have the chance of winning a prize by being drawn from the Gotcha box. Students also have their Gotcha’s tallied over the term and are rewarded for their efforts.

Our students have also been very busy preparing power-points to demonstrate expected behaviours, for instance walking up and down the stairs safely. Our students at Kogan have done an AMAZING job!

For students to achieve to their potential they MUST come to school every day. In 2015 our attendance was 92.43%. This year there has been a noticeable change in the attendance of our students here at Kogan to a whopping 97.72%!

WELL DONE PARENTS AND STUDENTS FOR ACHIEVING SUCH AN AMAZING RESULT!

A special mention must be made to Riley L, Chelsey S, Mel H, Matthew D and Jai S for attending school every day this term! Fantastic effort!!

Unfortunately from time to time we have students attending Kogan with chronic absenteeism. To address this we ask parents to work with the school to help solve the issues/problems that are occurring for students not to be attending school. As it is a legal obligation for parents to send their children to school the Department can prosecute parents for not fulfilling their role in ensuring children attend school.

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Kogan Hall Committee for allowing us to use the hall recently for the Arts Council performance ‘Chores’. Brigalow, Warra and Burra Burri enjoyed the performance with us and later joined us back at school for lunch and some fun activities.

The focus for Kogan State School this year is READING. We want every student achieving the Regional benchmark or above for their year level. If you have any available time between 9:30 and 10:00 on any week day except Tuesday to help with reading groups it would be much appreciated. Please contact the school on 4668 1721 or come in and see us if you are able to help.
Term 1 Swimming

School Swimming will continue on 08th & 15th March.
There will be no music during these sessions due to our cut back in teaching staff. As part of the sun safe policy, all students must wear a rash/swim shirt. Students will need to bring a towel.

On the 26th of February we went down to the Kogan hall to see the Arts Council performance. The performance was called ‘Chores’. It was about two boys who have a very messy bedroom and they have to clean it up. It was very funny and there were lots of acrobatics. They did lots of tricks which all the children thoroughly enjoyed. They were performing in front of Kogan, Brigalow, Burra Burri and Warra.

By Melanie and Eva

Magazines

The students need old magazines for reading and spelling activities. If you have any to spare please send them to school with your child.

Thankyou
Regular school attendance

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse. Illness, doing work experience, competing in a school sporting event or going on a school excursion are reasonable excuses for being absent from school.

Principal's decide if the excuse given for your child’s absence is reasonable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as haircuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

While it is a last resort, it is important to understand that you may be prosecuted if your child is not attending school regularly.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?
You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school, if not beforehand, then within two school days of their return to school.

Having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag …
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven't done their homework
- watching TV

Every day counts – Is your child at school today?
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

Queensland Government
• have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
• it's their birthday.

A set routine can help
• have a set time to go to bed
• have a set time to get out of bed
• have uniform and school bag ready the night before
• have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
• set a time for daily homework activities
• speak about school positively
• be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won't go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

In week 6, Sterling and Melanie were students of the week, with the award being presented to Matthew for week 5.

SIGHT WORDS

Matilda and Jayden have progressed in their sight words. Jayden has completed the yellow level.

STUDENTS LEADERS

On Friday, 26th February, students who had expressed an interest in leadership roles addressed the assembly. They used persuasive arguments to explain to other students why they were the best person for the position, and what they intend to do if they are successful.
The Annual General Meeting of the Kogan State School Parents and Citizens Association will be held on **Monday, March 21st, 2016** in the school library at 3.40pm. The March General Meeting will be held immediately after the AGM.

A commonly held misconception is that the main function of the P&C is fundraising. In reality, the P&C’s responsibilities are much more than this and include having an input into a wide range of issues that affect the way the school functions. Please come along, get involved and be a part of your child’s education.

Membership forms were sent home on Wednesday this week. If you need more information or would like a membership form please contact Lynda von Pein at the school.

If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may complete the forms and return them to the school prior to the meeting so they may be presented on the day. Otherwise please bring the completed forms with you on Monday, March 21st.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces.