Notes from the Principal - Lynne Stritzel

Welcome everyone
What a busy start to the term we have had.

ANZAC PARADE

The students of Kogan were privileged to have members of the Chinchilla RSL to attend an Anzac ceremony with them. Following the ceremony the school was presented with two books - *Young Digger* by Anthony Hill and *Two Pennies* by Vicki Bennett which is very much appreciated. A big thank you to Mrs Sue Mantell who organised and made a wreath for the ceremony.

On Monday 25th students will be assembling at 8.15 for the Kogan Community Anzac march. Students will need to be in their full school uniform.

STUDENT LEADERS

This Friday our student leaders were inducted at the parade. They made their pledge as student leaders to uphold the expectations of Kogan State School, and received their badges. The celebration was attended by parents who enjoyed light refreshments with the students.

CROSS COUNTRY

We have been training hard for the cross country which is to be held next Friday, 29th April. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event please contact Mrs Stritzel on 46681721.

BRIDGE VISIT

On Wednesday we walked to the bridge to watch them hammer the pencils in so they can make a new bridge. They gave us earplugs because it was going to be loud. It was fun but it was hot!

By Riley
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Will was presented with his Student of the Week award for Week 10 of Term 1.

Riley and Melanie were awarded Students of the Week in the first week of term 2.

Anzac Day at Kogan State School

On Monday 18th April, Don Allen and John Moffitt from the Chinchilla RSL and Des Underwood from Vietnam Veterans “Push to the Bush” attended our school Anzac service. Mr Underwood presented students with two books - Two Pennies, the story of an Australian child who started a fund to rebuild the school in Villers Bretonneux, and Young Digger, about a French boy who came to live at Jandowae.

The students were really interested in the stories and took the opportunity to try on some helmets.

“Very heavy” was a common comment.

TRUMPETERS’ CORNER MEMORIAL DAY

TRUMPETERS’ CORNER via WARRA

11am Sunday 24th April 2016

A special memorial service will be held at Trumpeters’ Corner (junction of Jeitz’s Road and Nine Mile Stock Route Road) from 11 am on Sunday 24th April, with the official opening of the Picnic Shelter and unveiling of the plaques.

Prior to the service, the 11th Light Horse Jandowae Troop will form up at 10.50am.

Please bring your own chair.
Helping Your Child Read at Home

Long before your child starts formally learning to read, instil a love of reading in them by sharing bed-time (and other time-of-the-day) stories. This special, one-to-one time, where you and your child can escape into all sorts of adventures and amazing worlds, is precious. Research has shown that a love of reading is a strong indicator of academic success. As you enjoy stories together your child will soon begin to realise that those funny marks on the page that sit alongside the pictures are the story, and in time they’ll want to decipher them for themselves.

Selecting books with flaps, pop-up pictures, secret compartments, buzzers and fuzzy textures will engage all of their senses. You don’t have to spend a lot of money - make good use of your local library.

From TeachThis.com.au/parents

Kogan Focus: Every child reading at or above regional benchmarks.
P&C UPDATE

At the P&C's Annual General Meeting last month, the new executive members were elected - the President for 2016 is Danny Gleeson, Vice President is Andrea Weiss, Secretary is Lynda von Pein and the Treasurer is Kylie Williett.

We welcome new members at any time, so if you are interested please come along to a meeting - held on the third Monday of the month at 3.40pm - and have your say. (Now that we have the 2016 exec, you don't have to worry about getting a job!!)

This year the P&C is aiming to beautify the front of the school so that it is much more attractive and appealing to visitors and families. This includes providing funds for a double-sided LED school sign which will be used to advertise school events and achievements as well as to notify the Kogan community of various issues as necessary. The majority of our fundraising this year will go towards making our school more attractive. We look forward to your support.

On the topic of fundraising, the P&C is now registered on the SchoolBuy website. If you like to shop online, please take a look at the list attached to this newsletter (just some of the 200+ retailers) - go to the website www.schoolbuy.com.au, nominate Kogan State School and enter your preferred retailer via the schoolbuy site. The P&C earns cash rewards from online sales only. Anyone can buy through the website, so even if you don't do a lot of online shopping yourself, maybe you have friends or family who do - please let them know about this site - just remember to nominate Kogan State School.

Another fundraising idea we have decided to try is the collection of 5 cent pieces. If you have amassed a collection at home and would like to donate it to the P&C, please contact the school - you won't have to count it then! Every little bit helps!

Watch this space for further news on what the Kogan State School P&C is doing to assist the school and your children.