A Great Start!

Congratulations to all the students who have given their very best in their learning during Week 3 & 4 - I’m very proud of your dedication and willingness to quickly settle back into school routines, ensuring that you’re working towards achieving your very best.

Community Spirit at Kogan SS - WOW!
It was very very heart warming to see so many Kogan SS community members, 52 to be exact, attend our Term 2 Welcome Breakfast. Your involvement in your child/ren’s learning journey is an important part of the puzzle, as it helps them to achieve the best learning outcomes. A very special thank you to the awesome team of staff at KSS who helped to ensure the morning was a huge success.

Assistant Regional Director Visit - Positive Results!
Last Tuesday, we welcomed Mr Nigel Brito, Assistant Regional Director, to our school. Mr Brito was impressed with the way all students made him feel very welcome and he enjoyed interacting with them all—so much so he has challenged them to a cricket match next time he visits. Mr Brito and I spent the morning reviewing student progress to date in 2018, it was great to share with him the learning journeys of every student at Kogan SS.

Garden Beautification Continues
Thank you to Mrs Raub for her recent donation of more succulents. The garden around our time capsule is looking great!

Cross Country Laps
In preparation for the Kogan SS Cross Country, which will be held on Tuesday 22 May 2018, students have the opportunity to raise their fitness levels by running/jogging/walking a lap or two around the oval each morning, before our fruit break at 8:45am. It’s been great to see everyone give it a go – keep up the awesome effort! If there are any parents/carers who would like to join us for a lap or two, please feel free to join us – the more the merrier!

May - National Family Reading Month
We know that reading role models & shared reading time are critical to a child’s learning & literacy development. In fact, research shows that family reading time is one of the best ways to grow a child’s interest in the wonderful world of books. Kids who read, succeed. Every child was provided with a Read More In May sheet as part of their homework last week, please fill in the sheet for every night your child/ren reads for at least 10 minutes. To go into the prize draw you need to return the form to me by 1 June 2018 & I will enter all the details online.

Miss Judd, Principal

What’s Happening?
11/5/18 – Mother’s Day Arvo Session
13/5/18 – Mother’s Day
14/5/18 to 17/5/18 – NAPLAN
15/5/18 – Athletics Lessons begin
21/5/18 – Principal Development Day
22/5/18 - KSS Cross Country
23/5/18 - National Simultaneous Storytime 2018
24/5/18 – Musica Viva at Burra Burri SS
25/5/18 – Chinchilla Show Holiday
21/6/18 – NAIDOC Event at Brigalow SS
**Be Safe - Hands, Feet & Objects & Appropriate Use of Toilets**

Kogan State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

The PBL lessons for Week 3 & 4 focused on the importance of students being safe when using the toilets and keeping their hands, feet & objects to themselves. Discussions focused on respecting everyone’s personal space, keeping the toilet area tidy, not playing in the toilet areas, washing hands and giving people privacy.

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**At Kogan State School, student attendance at school is identified as one of key areas of our Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2018 - as attendance at school is an important factor in determining your child/ren’s personal success at school.**

Our school attendance rate for Week 3 was 91.8% and Week 4 was 88.6%. These are well below our target of 94%. If you require support with your child’s attendance at school, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Judd or there are resources available from: [http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents-community/index.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents-community/index.html)

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**Sickness Alert**

At present there is a higher than normal rate of illness at school. It is with the utmost respect that I ask all parents and carers to be diligent when deciding whether or not your child/ren is/are well enough to attend school. If your child/ren is/are not feeling well, to minimise the spread of more illness, I respectfully ask that your child/ren stay at home until they are well enough to return to school.

Please contact the school if your child is absent. Thank you for your support in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Judd.

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**Read, Read, Read!**

At Kogan State School, the teaching of reading through quality guided reading practices is identified as one of key areas of our Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2018.

There is an expectation that every student will read every night.

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**Why reading is so important**

Reading is a vital tool for learning and for life. Research shows that children who enjoy reading achieve better at school in all areas of the curriculum.

Reading not only helps us to widen our knowledge and experiences but also allows us to increase our confidence in many aspects of our lives.
Kogan State School Awards

Student of the Week Award
Jaida, Bo, Summer and Caden were the proud recipients of the Student of the Week Award for Weeks 3 & 4 Term 2, 2018. Congratulations!

Expectation of the Week Award
Summer Jaida, William, Emily were the proud recipients of the Expectation of the Week Award for Weeks 2, 3 & 4 Term 2, 2018. Congratulations!

Homework Heroes
Congratulations to all our Homework Heroes for Weeks 3 & 4 Term 2, 2018.

Gotcha Certificates
Congratulations & Well Done!
Cody, Matilda, Lilly and Caden were proud recipients of Gotcha Certificate 25 for Week 4 Term 2, 2018.

Every day, as part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning processes, students are given Gotcha slips when they are seen to be following our four expectations of Safety, Respect, Responsibility and Learning. At the end of each week these are tallied and the slips are placed back into the ‘Gotcha box’. Three names are drawn from this box and those students are each awarded a pencil and eraser of their choice. When individual students have achieved a total of 25 Gotchas they receive a certificate and a pick from the prize box. This continues for tallies of 50, 75, 100 etc Gotchas.
Breakfast - Big Thumbs Up!

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