Welcome
I would like everyone to welcome Miss Jennifer Parsons to our teaching team. She will be working with our students every Thursday and in the capacity of relief teacher for this term.

A big welcome is also extended to our new family of 3 boys to our school.

ANZAC Day
Thank you to all of our parents and students who made the time to join us on the ANZAC day march and service in Kogan. Sterling, Kaleb, Matthew, Mel, Eva and Bianca did a wonderful job representing our school by recited the poem “Not a Hero” and presenting the wreath.

Parent Volunteers
Reading at Kogan has improved out of sight! Thanks to the help of Sabra and Bec who have been volunteering their time to help the students of Kogan.

Andrea and Danny have given their time and effort in helping the student council in the vegetable garden. It is wonderful to have so many parents being involved in the school which has a positive effect on the education of the children of Kogan.

Cross Country
Congratulations Students of Kogan on a job well done at the Cross Country! It was wonderful to see the good sportsmanship of so many of our students and the willingness of everyone to have a go.

Kaleb put in a huge effort at districts and came in 8th, well done!

Thank you to all the parent and community volunteers who helped out on the day. The day would not have been successful without your assistance.

Naplan
Year 3 and Year 5 participated in NAPLAN assessments. These are only one form of assessment used by teachers to assist in delivering a quality program to your child.

Mothers’ Day
Thank you Sabra for donating pots and your time so that our students could make fabulous Mother’s day presents. I hope all mothers had an enjoyable and relaxing Mothers’ Day.
Staying connected with families

The safety and wellbeing of students is the highest priority for the department. Schools and parents need to be confident that students are at school when they are supposed to be. Under current policy, when a school doesn’t know why a student is away, staff follow-up with families within three days or as soon as practicable. We know that many schools are currently using automated notification systems to text or email families providing same day notifications regarding unexplained absences. The department is exploring rolling this out statewide and is undertaking a study with a number of state schools across Queensland to provide insights into best practice which will inform future directions.
Helping Your Child Read at Home

Frequently let your child choose the book they want you to share with them ... Grit your teeth if this seems to be the hundredth time in a row that they have chosen the same book! Young children love repetition and familiarity and it really does help them to develop reading skills! Encourage them to join in with the bits they recognise.

Make (even a little) time for yourself to read and make it clear that you enjoy your personal reading time. If your children grow up seeing you prioritise reading at least some of the time, they will see reading as something to value in their own lives.

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Kogan Focus: Every child reading at or above regional benchmarks.
It seems to have been a long time coming, but the cooler weather has finally arrived. The P&C has a small range of good quality jumpers (Sizes 6, 10 & 12) and trackpants (Sizes 6, 10 & 12) available to purchase at $10 each. We also have some secondhand winter clothes (size 4) as well as red Lorikeets shirts and some gold uniform shirts for a minimal cost.

As well as the uniform shirts and sports shirts, we also stock boys and girls shorts and girls skorts. Please contact the school if you are interested in purchasing any of these – remembering that we are only able to accept cash or cheque.

Next Friday, May 13th is P&C’s Day. The P&C really has a very important role in the school community, contributing to students’ educational outcomes in many ways. We would love to see some more parents coming along to meetings. Everyone has different ideas and it would be great if we could work together for the benefit of our children.

We have had one collection of 5 cent pieces brought in the school - thank you. Start collecting now, there is no time limit on this one!!

Premier’s Reading Challenge - 2016

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is on again. Students are required to read or experience up to 20 books. These can include home readers, books read in reading group time and books read in quiet reading time, as well as any books that students choose to read at home.