On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - we will remember them.

This Saturday is Remembrance Day. Today, at 11am, all the children and staff paused for a minute of silence to remember the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty and acknowledge those who currently stand and serve today. Each child was given a red poppy to wear as we discussed the meaning of the red poppy and reflected on the words of the poem, ‘In Flanders Fields’ by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. Please take time to commemorate this day with your children as you reflect on the significance and meaning of the day.

This week was a positive week for attendance, as it was fantastic to achieve 100% attendance at school on Monday and Tuesday. School absenteeism can impact significantly on students’ learning and wellbeing. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Please visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents-community/index.html for more information on student attendance matters.

On Thursday, we had a our last trip into Dalby to complete our Term 4 swimming program. All the children are to be congratulated on their efforts. It will be great to see them showcase their swimming skills while participating in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival that is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 6 December 2017.

As you’re aware, the 2017 Kogan State School End of Year Concert night is scheduled for Thursday 7 December 2017 … which will be here before we know it! The children have been actively involved in developing the ideas for the concert and are all excited to be working on their individual contributions.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their completed Kogan State School – End of Year Concert - Attendance / Assistance Form. If you’ve not yet done so, please ensure your form is returned to school ASAP to assist us with our planning and making the night a huge success!

A reminder that the last P&C Meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Tuesday 21.11.2017. We will celebrate the achievements of the committee with an end of year afternoon tea. For catering purposes, let me know if you can come along. I look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Judd, Acting Principal
I have been teaching now for about 24 years. I began my teaching career in Cape Flattery, a small mining community in far North Queensland. After this amazing experience, I transferred into the public education system and taught at Urangan Point State School in Hervey Bay. The following year, I returned to my hometown of Chinchilla and married Shane. I took on the role as the small school’s physical education teacher and was based at Brigalow SS. This position involved travelling to all of the small schools in the local area including; Condamine SS, Burra Burri SS, Auburn River SS, Hopeland SS and of course Kogan SS. I was lucky enough to be involved with the small school’s sport for a few years. Then in between having children, I taught at the Chinchilla Preschool for 10 years. Since then, I have been based at Chinchilla SS. I visit Kogan SS and Warra SS every Tuesday as part of their support team. I have 3 children, Matt (apprentice electrician), Cam (apprentice plumber) and Kate who goes to high school in Chinchilla. My husband works at the Kogan Creek Power Station. We also have a small cattle property on the outskirts of Chinchilla. We love living and working in the local area.

**Let’s Meet Ms Taylor!**

Born and raised on the land, I’m a country girl at heart. My ambition at 16 was to be a mechanic or truck driver, however here I am (just a few years later) as Business Manager 2 days a week each for Kogan and Jimbour State Schools whilst living centrally in Dalby. I grew up on irrigated cotton & grain farms and was driving tractors by the age of 12, then after leaving school found myself working in a local jewellery store in Dalby. With my passion being farming, I left the jewellers and went back to the family farm before heading overseas to live & work in Texas, USA for 7 months, also farming in cotton. Loved it so much, I went back again the following year for another 7 months before finally settling back on the family farm and later extending the farming into dryland where I became manager of that property whilst still working in the irrigation with my parents. Out of 3 daughters, someone had to be the Tomboy, so that was me! There have been plenty of years between then and now, but my greatest treasures arrived in 2000 & 2002, being my son and daughter. Brodie is about to graduate year 12 (so stocking up on tissues) and head off into the big wide world as he continues with his boilermaker apprenticeship and Kristen is a lawyer in the making with 3 years to go in High School. I have always been heavily involved in their schooling (hence beginning work as a Teacher Aide at Dalby State School in 2007) and sporting choices. I am now the newly appointed Secretary for Football Dalby (soccer) which I thought I would never do again, after my children made a comeback in the Senior division of the club 2 years ago after having a break from soccer since 2011. I also manage the Football Dalby women’s team and love my extended family which they have all become. I am at my most relaxed when in my comfort zone of fishing and camping and anytime I am beside the ocean. I love motorbike riding and working on my parents property with their Bazadais Stud Cattle when most school holidays roll around. Travel is my dream & passion……just to hit the dirt, gravel or paved road, with no time frames and destination unknown leaving a trail of red dust and loads of memories and photos!

**Be a Learner - I Use My Positive Learning Strategies**

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.
Lilly was the proud recipient of the Student of the Week Award for Week 6, Term 4.

Keep up the great work!

Expectation of the Week Award

Summer was a proud recipient of the Expectation of the Week Award for consistently following the Be a Learner Expectation. She consistently used her positive learning strategies to engage with her daily lessons and achieve success.

Congratulations & Well Done!

Gotcha Certificates

Caden, Shari, Billy & Chelsey are proud recipients of Gotcha Certificates 50

Cody & Matilda are proud recipients of Gotcha Certificates 75

All received prizes from the box, for being ‘caught’ following the four school behaviour expectations of safety, respect, responsibility & learning!

Congratulations & Well Done!

Every day, as part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning, 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.

Forward Planning for 2018

Please contact Kogan State School …
# Key Dates for Year 7 in 2018:

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| Tuesday 28th  | **Year 6 Student Orientation Day**  
| November      | Students experience a day in Junior Secondary at CSHS  
|               | 2018 Year 7s are invited to attend Chinchilla State High School on Tuesday 28th November.  
|               | Students attending are to wear their Primary School uniform.  
|               | All students meet in the Hall at 8.30am for our Assembly and will then be placed in form classes.  
|               | Students undertake their first full day at High School with a timetable of different classrooms and areas to experience various teachers, subject-specific lessons and CSHS TEAM building activities.  
|               | Students are welcome to bring their own food or use the School Tuckshop. School hats will also be available for purchase from the tuckshop for $15. |

**Art @ Kogan**

- **'Hugh Sawrey Country'**
- **Art @ Kogan Association**

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser**

The Art @ Kogan Association is having a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings in Dalby this Sunday - 12th November 2017.

If you have any time spare between 8am and 3pm to support this local organisation, your time and effort would be truly appreciated.

Please contact Sue on 46681791 or just turn up.

Feel free to come along & buy a snag or two – they will be yummy!

See you there!