

Kogan State School Newsletter

Week 7 Term 3 2012

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Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to week 7 of Term 3.

We have had a few exciting events that have happened here at Kogan SS over the past few weeks. The Variety Bash visited and the students received some wonderful items from them. I know that some students are still enjoying the gifts from their visit.

I attended the regional principals conference where future direction was present to the school. Over the next few months some changes will be happening in the classrooms as we move more towards explicit teaching of concepts. We will also undertake a review of the school with the Quadrennial School Review underway. Parents and community members will shortly be asked for their input into the future direction of the school for the next four years.

I would also like to encourage everyone to support the Indigenous Literacy Day on the 5th of September. See below for more details.



*Have a
Fascinating
Fortnight
Regards,*

*Sam Gilmore
Principal
Kogan State*

Important Dates to Remember

- 24th of August—Regional Athletics Carnival.
- 27th August—2nd September—Literacy and Numeracy Week.
- 2nd of September—Father's Day
- 6th of September—Indigenous Literacy Day.
- 11th of September—Road Aware Safety Education .
- 14th of September—Undoukai TBC
- 17th—20th of September—G&T Camp.
- 22nd September—First Day of Holidays.
- 8th of October—First Day of Term 4
- 13th -14th of October Art @ Kogan
- 16th October—Curriculum Teaching and Learning Audit
- 22nd October—Student Free Day

INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

Indigenous Literacy Day aims to help raise funds to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions.

As part of our involvement in the sixth Indigenous Literacy Day, Kogan State School is holding a Great Book Swap on 5th September 2012 to raise funds to help the Indigenous Literacy Foundation buy books and resources for people in isolated and remote communities.

How does it work?

It's very simple - and fun! You bring along one of your favourite books so you can swap it for someone else's. You make a gold coin donation and all the money raised is donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

There is a box in the library for book donations. We ask that all books are in a good condition. We want to include the entire community and have books for everyone – adults and children alike!

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Curriculum

SPELLING

Over the course of the next few weeks the following groups will be looking at the following concepts and rules:

Group 1—Week 7, P, Week 8 R, Week 9 S

Group 2— Week 7 SHORT E, I, O, U. Week 8 Short Vowel.. Week 9 CVC SHORT A and O words.

Group 3— Week 7 IR, IRE, IER. Week 8 OR ORE OAR, Week 9 UR URE UR-E,

Group 4— Week 7 Short I / O Long I /O, Week 8 Review of Long Vowel, Week 9 AR, ARE, AIR

Group 5— Week 7 Review E-Drop, ED, Week 8 Tense, Week 9 ES

Group 5 and a half - Week 7 Contractions, Week 8 Plurals, Week 9 Tense ED

Group 6— Week 7 G Words, Week 8 CK, IC, X, Week 9 QU,

Group 7— Week 7 MICRO, MEGA, SUPER, HYPER, Week 8 TELE, PHON, PHOTO, GRAPH, Week 9 GEO, THERM, SCOPE, METER, LOGY

KLA

Prep—year 3—Prep to year 3 will be looking at a number of different concepts over this term. In SOSE we are looking at 'Our local area both past and present' and in Science we are looking at Weathering/ Erosions and Water. In English, students will be responding to and creating poems. In Math they will be number, fraction, time, patterns and algebra and location.

Year 4— 7—The year 4-7 class will also be looking at the local area in SOSE through Hugh Sawery and his capturing of earlier times. They will be finishing off their art works for the Art at Kogan Festival in Art and starting to look at creating and responding to poems in English. They will also be looking at number, fractions, time, transformation and patterns and algebra.

Students of the Week

The following is a list of the Students Of The Week. Well done and keep up the wonderful work!

Week 4

Prep—Yr 3— Brandie—for showing a great improvement in her focus when writing.

Yr 4—Yr 7— Curtis—for working independently in class and being more focused during lessons.

Week 5

Prep—Yr 3— Tilly—for staying focused and putting her best effort into her traditional story.

Yr 4—Yr 7— Alice—for working well independently and completing all of her tasks.



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Student Absences

Parents / caregivers please be aware that it is your responsibility to contact the school if you child is going to be absent for any period of time. If you child is going to be absent for more than three days the school will make contact with the parent / caregiver.

Remember. **Each day counts.**

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	and over 13 years of schooling that's	Which means the best your child might perform is
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in grade 4

Flu Season.

Please be aware that there have been a number of members from the community who have contracted the flu or are experiencing repeating colds. Please take extra care and make sure to promote safe hygiene practices to help all individuals. Cough into your sleeve or hankie. Blow your nose or sneeze into a tissue, put it in the bin and then wash or sterilise your hands. Make sure to wash your hands before every meal. Doing these simple things can make a real difference.

Congratulation to our County Team Members.



Well done Miah, for making it to the district team.

Good luck on Friday the 24th.

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Sharing a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week is our aim for The Reading Hour on the 25 August 2012. We know it's not always possible for parents to share a book at bed-time with their children, but if you can manage 10 minutes most nights, your child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits that brings. Most of our brain development happens between birth and three years of age, so it's not enough to assume that your children will learn to read when they get to school. Parents need to share stories and rhymes right from day one – and a good way of finding out more is to join story times, rhyme times, baby bounce and toddler sessions at your local library.

The Reading Hour is nominally 6pm to 7pm on 25 August, but events will be happening all day, to avoid or coincide with important sporting fixtures and venue opening hours, and to accommodate the different time zones.

Visit your local library and bookstore to find out what events and activities are taking place, or check out the events calendar at www.thereadinghour.org.au.



Our Previous Library Winner

Book Week

Saturday 18
– Friday 24 August

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia, celebrating its 67th birthday in 2012. The theme in 2012 is... **Champions Read**. To celebrate this students are encouraged to come dressed up on the 30th of August as their favourite champion. There will be prizes in three special categories. Best Dressed, Most Original and Most Outrageous Champions.

We will also spend time in this week celebrating books and reading.



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Variety Bash Visit Kogan State
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KOGAN STATE SCHOOL CAMP 2012

It has been fantastic to see so many families getting on board and sending in their payments early. Please be aware that payment for the camp will need to be in before the event otherwise your child will not be able to attend.

Further information about travel times and offers for parental help will become available as we near the middle of the term.

This year Kogan SS will be going to Australia Zoo and staying over night at Underwater World at Mooloolaba on the Sunshine Coast.

The cost for the camp including bus, food, accommodation, entry to Australia Zoo and entry to Underwater World with a private show, is for the low price of \$50.00 per child! This is made possible by access to Rural and Remote Educational Assistance Program (RREAP) and donations from the P&C.

The date for the camp is the 1st and 2nd of November.

Thank you to all those parents, teachers and students for your prompt completion of the annual opinion surveys. Your effort makes a difference in how to this school.

Thank you to all community members who generously donated Coles and Woolworths Vouchers, It is greatly appreciated!