

Kogan State School Newsletter

Week 3 Term 1 2013

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Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to week 3 of Term 1.

Welcome to Kogan State School for the 2013 year. This is going to be a fantastic year with a current enrolment of 44 students and three new families to welcome to the Kogan community. Staff and students are settling into the routines and our explicit teaching agenda is already underway. I look forward to catching up with each family over the new few weeks. If you have any issues or wish to discuss how the school is operating then please contact me.

Our thoughts are with those families have suffered in the recent flooding. Please reach out and talk to someone as support is available for those in need.

Swimming will start next week on Wednesday. Children will travel through to Chinchilla for Music and swimming by bus, leaving at 8.15am and returning back to normal school at 12.30pm.

Please be aware that this is a short term with only 9 weeks. Due to this, students units of work may be delivered over two terms.

If you have any questions, queries or would just like to chat please contact me.



Have a fantastic fortnight.

Regards,

Sam Gilmore

Principal

Important Dates to Remember

- 20th of February—Swimming.
- 28th of February—Principal's conference Brisbane.
- 1st of March—Principal's conference Brisbane.
- 4th of March—8th of March—6/7 leadership camp.
- 18th of March—P&C AGM followed by general meeting.
- 19th of March—25th of March—Harmony Week.
- 29th of March—Start of Holidays—Good Friday.
- 15th of April—Frist day of term 2.
- 25th of April—ANZAC Day.
- 12th of May—Mothers Day.
- 14th of May—16th of May—NAPLAN
- 24th of May—Chinchilla Show Holiday.

Volunteers for the 2013 Year.

Parents and community members. Do you have a unique skill? Do you want to pass it along to a younger generation? Are you willing to attain a blue card? If you answered yes to all of these then Kogan State School is interested in talking to you. Give us a call on 4668 1721 to discuss how you can help us this year.

Our Improvement Agenda

- Reading Comprehension, Spelling and Grammar
- Implement National Curriculum
- Implement Whole School Performance Plans
- Closing the Gap

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Curriculum

SPELLING

Spelling is under way. This year sees different groupings. The students are still getting used to their names. In the 3-7 classroom there are 7 groups; Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Kappa. In the P-2 classroom there are 4 reading groups across all year levels.

KLA

The school is well underway in delivering all our KLA subjects for the 2013 year. Every student is involved in our spelling, reading and sight word programs with some already showing great results. Our English and Math programs are also underway with the students starting to show good progress with our new delivery methods of explicit instruction. Keep an ear out when around the school to see if you can hear our students showing off what they know.

P-2— The P-2 classroom is looking at picture books in English which display obvious emotions and the children are discussing and writing about these feelings. In Maths, we are working on number sequencing and patterns, calendars and duration of events, also comparing quantities using more or less or the same. In SOSE we are discussing celebrations, symbols and significant events. In science we are studying our pets and their needs and wants, this will extend to other animals and their needs and wants.

3-7—The 3– 7 classroom is looking at narratives and short stories in English with students identifying parts of stories and eventually creating a chapter or short story of their own. In Math the students are looking at place value and number sense as well as practicing their basic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The math mentals program on a Monday is underway and students now have access to Mathletics 24 hours a day.

Mrs Brady has undertaken a huge job with teaching all grades over two days Technology and The Arts. This term she is looking at textures, tessellations and paper art to create a collage at the end of the term in Art. In Technology the focus is on Transport and how it has changed over the years to cater for the demands of today's society.

Mr McKensy has also joined our team, continuing in his HPE teacher roll. He is also delivering the health component of HPE as well. He is looking at health and what it is to be healthy.

Students of the Week

Due to the start of the school year there are currently no students of the week. Keep an eye out for the next issue of the newsletter where we will show how our students have already begun to shine this year.

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Community News

Please read that attachments for more information about Tara Netball Social and Qld Health Fact Sheet,