

Kogan State School Newsletter

Week 7 Term 1 2013

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Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to week 7 of Term 1.

What a busy time we have had over the past weeks. There have been a number of exciting and engaging activities happening for both the students and the staff.

Tony Robinson came out to the school and he worked with the children around cyber safety and use of applications. Each group was presented with something different and it was great to see students engaging with the applications that very afternoon.

Our 6/7 students attended the leadership camp. It was great to hear how they interacted well with everyone else and how they worked together. I was very surprised that all they told me about was the tobogganing and didn't mention the body surfing, canoeing, meal times and the electronic locks. They all said they had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to Mrs Janet Baldock for her supervision and representation of the small schools at the event.

I have been to a number of professional development sessions over the past few weeks including the principals conference where further direction was given to the school's across Queensland. We are currently 44 students strong. Come on in and see what we are doing.



*Have an
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occasion
Regards,*

*Sam Gilmore
Principal*

Important Dates to Remember

- 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.
- 10th of June— Queen's Birthday Holiday

P&C AGM

Kogan State School P&C is holding its AMG on Monday 18th of March in the school Library. Please come along and join our fantastic P&C.

This meeting will be followed by a general meeting.

Our Improvement Agenda

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

Curriculum



SPELLING

These groups are learning the following spellings;

Prep - Week 7 , Week 8 , Week 9

Year 1—Week 7 , Week 8 , Week 9

Year 2—Week 7 , Week 8 , Week 9

Alpha—Week 7 ICK ACK OCK UCK , Week 8 ISH ASH USH, Week 9 Re-view

Beta—Week 7 Short E Long E, Week 8 AI OA EE EA Week 9, Short A Long A

Gamma—Week 7 Short A Long A, Week 8 Short E Long E, Week 9 AI OA EE EA

Delta—Week 7 AI OA EE EA, Week 8 Short A Long A, Week 9 Short E Long E

Epsilon—Week 7 Adding ED, Week 8 Past Tense, Week 9 Adding ES

Zeta—Week 7 CHUR ZHUR YUR, Week 8 EN ON AIN IN Week 9 ET IT ATE

Kappa—Week 7 Y LY ILY, Week 8 ER EST IER IEST, Week 9 NESS FUL LESS

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.

We are starting to move into the conclusion of units where students are starting to undertake assessment tasks. Please be aware that every day counts towards your child's education. One day missed may mean that your child is missing out on a very important session. It is always harder to catch up when you have missed out on specific teaching episodes. If you have any issues or ongoing problems please contact Mr Gilmore as soon as possible to discuss teaching and learning options.

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Students of the Week

The following is a list of the Students Of The Week. Well done for the fantastic work you do. Keep it up!

Week 2

Year P-2—Cody—for giving Mrs Reiss his full attention during class.

Year 3-7—Evie—for managing her educational learning effectively.

Week 3

Year P-2—Bronwyn—For excellent description sentences in English.

Year 3-7—Tali—For effectively engaging in all learning tasks.

Week 4

Year P-2—Jamie-Lee - For excellent layout of her addition in her Math book.

Year 3-7— Tamika—For working hard to understand fractions.

Week 5

Year P-2— Brayden—For excellent working with subtractions.

Year 3-7— Evie—For applying herself to explicit learning and using SLANT effectively.



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Tony Richards.

Tony Richards come out to the school to discuss a number of cyber safety issues. This day was not only about learning to be safe online but is was also a hands on experience. Students were given a snap shot of various online applications they could use to cerate, present and work with. It was a great day and all students had fun trying something new. Keep an eye out for work created through the sites that Tony shared with the school .



What is Explicit Teaching

Kogan State School is currently undertaking a change in teaching philosophy. We are engaged on an explicit teaching agenda.

What does this mean.?

We are adapting our teaching strategies to include a research based method that caters to most individuals as part of our general instruction.

What does this look like?

This is present in all our lessons. Students are engaged in warm up, to get them ready to learn. There is a specific structure to each lesson with teachers using the steps of I do, We do and You do with the students.

What can I expect to see in the classroom?

Students engaged in teaching episodes delivered in a variety of ways that allow for students to great develop their understanding of a concept or skill.

What does my child have to do?

Follow the school's responsible behaviour agreement.

What if I want to know more?

Organise a time to discuss with Mr Gilmore.

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Community News

Tara Neighbour Centre

During the Easter Holidays the Tara Neighbour Centre is planning a trip to the Western Downs Zoo. We are currently looking for families who are interested in attending. Bus transport from Tara is being organised. Further funding is being sought to bring down the costs. At the moment the costs are; \$15.00 per person for the bus, \$10.00 entry for a child and \$18.00 entry for an adult to the zoo.

If you are interested in attending please fill in the following information and return back to Kogan State School by Wednesday 20th of March. Kogan SS will then pass the information along to Tracey at the Tara Neighbourhood Centre. If you would like more information please contact the Tara Neighbour Centre on 4665 3508.

Name

Children

Adults