



# Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 11

Wednesday 10th April 2024



PBL is focusing on showing concern for others

### PBL Awards

Oaklee Sheumack, Isaac Bennett, Emily Moxon, Jack Lawson,  
Nixon James, Tyler Wilkinson, Oliver Towler  
and Declan Scharkie,



### Merit

Tate Smith and Thomas Capel



### Gold Awards

Tate Smith



## Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2024

Thur 11th April - School Anzac Day Service at 1:20pm in the hall  
Friday 12th April - Last Day for Term 1  
Thursday 25th April - Kootingal Community Anzac Day March

### Term 2

Monday 29th April - School Development Day - Staff return  
Monday 29th April - Clothing Pool open from 1pm to 3pm  
Tuesday 30th April - Students return to school for Term 2  
Thursday 2nd May - Responsible Pet Program - K - 2

Executive Team - Principal (Relieving) - Michelle Lord  
Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn  
Assistant Principal (Yr 3 to 6) - Rebecah Higgins  
Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction -  
P & C Executive

President: Maree Merry Vice President - Nicole Chegwyn and  
Secretary: Scott Tulley Rebecca Vanella  
Treasurer: Anne-Maree McGrath

## Weekly Awards

### Silver Awards

Tate Smith, Dakota Blanch, Audrey Maher, Beau Roser,  
Ava Moxon and Leo Fenner

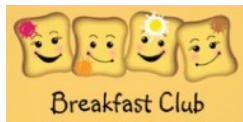


### Uniform Awards

Tommy Davidson, Isabella Walsh, Chelsea Lobley,  
Callum Turner, Maddison Bennett, Bailey Head,  
Indi Maher and Beau Caterer

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club provides toast, fruit and vegetables to all students every day.



## Messages from the Front Office

All payments using visa/mastercards will now be made through the Sentral Parent Portal. When there is an excursion a notification will come through the Parent Portal with an option to pay using your visa/mastercard via the portal. You may also receive an email with a link to pay for that excursion. Once payment is made a receipt will be emailed to you. The front office will still accept cash.

All paper permission notes still need to be completed and returned to the front office.

## Library

All children will require a Library Bag for borrowing.

Borrowing days are:

KL - Mrs Lawrence - Tuesday  
KS - Miss Semmler - Tuesday  
1/2C - Mrs Chegwyn - Thursday  
1/2W - Miss Warden - Thursday  
3/4B - Miss Bennett - Wednesday  
3/4M - Miss Magann - Wednesday  
5/6H - Mrs Higgins - Monday  
5/6M - Miss Merrett - Monday  
Thank you Mrs Morrish



Clothing Pool will only be open on:  
Tuesday and Wednesday mornings  
9am to 9:30am Please come to the office.

## Weekly Bronze Awards



Charlotte-Jane Scarth - Being a wonderful helper in KS  
Mason Slater - Making great connections in class  
Ryder Ireland - His pleasing effort and improved results InitialLit  
Arjay Carpenter - Working hard to record all numbers to ten with the correct information  
Jamie Perkins - His great effort when writing information reports on animals  
Edward Glover - His great effort in learning and writing Aboriginal Language  
Levi Hazell - His great work writing information reports on animals  
Brody White - Consistently completing homework on time and with pride  
Lachlan Witchard - Writing a detailed information report about Koalas  
Lilliana Johns - Drawing a personality filled giraffe with oil pastels  
Clay Hamilton - Enthusiastic participation in Science lessons with Miss Hill  
Angela Hobbs - Excellent effort at writing the opening and closing scene of Mulan  
Beau Butler-Farley - Mastering tricky fractions in Mathematics  
Marcie Frankland - Excellent attempt when writing the closing scene of Mulan  
Zara Steers - Great work with 'Time' in Mathematics  
Dakota Blanch - An excellent attempt at writing the opening and closing scene of Mulan  
Bryce Fuller - Diligence in all classwork and class activities  
Tom Chegwyn - Excellent mapping skills and completion of set work  
Audrey Maher - Always ready to start her work and staying focussed  
Kohden Wadling - Effort and application in Mathematics lessons  
Noah Harris - Consistent application and effort to learning this term  
Tai Hamilton - Effort and application in Geography lessons

Out of School Hours Care Service  
Esteem Kids Group

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Contact: William  
0410 841 628  
info@esteemkidsgroup.com.au  
www.esteemkidsgroup.com.au



## Michelle Lord's Message

Yaama /Hello families,  
Congratulations to our winner, 3/4B on their first win this year of the Attendance Cup.



Thank you to our parents and carers for their attendance at our Parent Teacher Interviews over the last two weeks. These interviews are a wonderful way to check how children are attending to their schoolwork and friendships. We hope our parents gained further information as I know we always do as teachers. A lot of time and preparation goes into preparing for these sessions by our teachers, so I would like to thank our staff as well.

Yesterday students in Stage One completed their history unit, Exploring the Past, with a day excursion to The Nundle Woollen Mill and Nundle Courthouse Museum. Students were enthusiastically engaged, made historical connections and enquired about interesting and curious artifacts. Students interacted with members of the Nundle Lions Club who answered their questions and demonstrated how objects worked. Students are congratulated on their outstanding behaviour and representation of Kootingal Public School.



Thank you to Mrs Kirsty Lawrence, Mr Scott Cracknell and Mrs Nicole Chegwyn for organising our cross country today. Everyone participated with great sportsmanship and excitement. Thank you to the P&C for providing the opportunity for our students to indulge in a special lunch today with sausage sandwich, drink and treats.

We have a few staffing changes for the start of Term 2. Mrs Cara Cracknell has successfully secured the Principal position at Quirindi Public School and I will continue as the relieving Principal for the time being. Miss Sarah Hill will be leaving us and we wish her all the best for her future teaching

experiences. Mrs Anita Deihm will be teaching Science to Kindergarten to Year 4. She will also be teaching 1/2C on Thursday and Fridays until Miss Leticia Booby returns from her maternity leave during Term 2. We will have a change in school counsellor with Mrs Jade Mercer returning to her previous school and we wish her well. Mrs Lani McRae will be returning to our school as our school counsellor.

Congratulations to Zac Pollard and Malakai Melder for their selection in the Tamworth Zone Rugby League teams. They will be attending the North West trials on Wednesday 1 May.



Term 2 commences with our Staff Development Day on Monday 29 April. All students will attend from Tuesday 30 April. Don't forget to have your uniforms ready for the start of Term 2. Our clothing pool is available every school day and is accessed through the front office. The school clothing pool will also be open on Monday 29 April 1-3pm.

I would like to wish all our students and families safe holidays. Yaluu / (See You) again!

### Message from Mrs Cracknell

Following 10 years at Kootingal Public School, it is with great sadness that I inform our school community that I have been successful in gaining the Principal's position at Quirindi Public School.

I was asked at interview as to one thing I was most proud of during my leadership at Kootingal. I couldn't limit it to one so, I came up with the theory of the body of work; a body of work that I was able to commence, implement, adjust and review several times over throughout my tenure. This body of work was only possible through the work of a team and that is the staff and community of Kootingal. It is through this work, while at times difficult, that we had much to celebrate and I hope this continues.

Both Scott and I were fortunate to have our children educated at Kootingal. They are and always will be Kooty kids and their affiliation with the school and community will always be present.

Thank you for your time and support over the course of my leadership at Kootingal. I will miss the community spirit and close affiliation our community has with our school. I am immensely proud to say that I have been a Principal of Kootingal Public School. Hopefully I will see you all out and about and possibly on the sporting field as Quirindi keeps drawing Kooty in the early rounds of knockouts.

Take care and enjoy the remaining days of Term 1 as I'm sure you'll all have a cracking holiday!  
Regards Mrs Cracknell

## Attendance

What does 90% attendance look like?

The NSW Department of Education has a goal of all children attending school each day it's open for instruction, maintaining an attendance rate of 90% and above. What does this look like though in terms of days of attendance?

Each term is approximately 49 days in duration for students. 90% of 49 days is 44. This is five days per term. In the autumn and winter seasons, it is likely a student will have this number of days absent. However, it is expected that during the majority of the school year, students will have attendance that is more reflective of the department's goal.

When a student is having one day a week absent, this equates to only being in attendance for 80% of the time. This is unsatisfactory attendance.

If you have any questions regarding attendance please contact the school during school hours.

**USED CLOTHING POOL SALE**

BRING YOUR OWN BAG AND FILL ONLY **\$10**



**Second Hand Winter Tunic - \$20 each**

**WHEN & WHERE** MONDAY 29TH APRIL 1PM TO 3PM FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**CLOTHING POOL OPEN**



**WHEN & WHERE** MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2024 FROM THE FRONT OFFICE 1PM TO 3PM

## PBL

This week our PBL focus is our fifth and final whole school expectation, showing concern for others. This expectation is underpinned by the core value Supportive. This expectation is the orange poster.



Students indicated their understanding of what showing concern looks like when they are at school by:

- Assisting others when they see someone injured or hurt
- Assisting others when in need, such as to carry or find something
- Assisting someone to go to the teacher
- Informing the teacher when they know there is a problem



## The Resilience Project

### Mindfulness

Working on mindfulness gives us opportunities to develop our ability to pay attention to the present moment and our thoughts. Practising mindfulness daily can help us stay focused on set tasks and reduce stress and anxiety.



### Whole Family Activity: Mindful Walk

- As a family, go on a walk outside in nature. This might be around your local walking track, at your local park or just around your streets.
- While walking, tune into your senses and observe what you can see, hear and feel. Or you might choose to focus on one of the senses. Eg: Hear: what are all the noises you can hear on your walk?
- On your way home or when you return home, share what each person saw, heard or felt.

### Family Habit Builder:

Each night at dinner, ask everyone to take one mouthful of food more mindfully than the rest and think about the flavours they can taste and how it makes them feel. (They can also thank the chef!).



Mondays 10:00 - 11:30am  
Kaoatingal Public School  
02 67 603 332

Our Little Stars had a wonderful morning building houses and motor bike helmets with the waffle blocks. We also painted some rainbow pictures, completed puzzles and constructed with the magnatiles.

We then had a play outside in the sunshine to finish off our morning.

Playgroup sessions will commence again in Term 2 and we look forward to seeing you all then.



**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Stage 3 would love any contributions of the following to help with their art lessons this year:

- scraps of fabric
- wool remnants
- cotton
- newspapers
- wrapping paper scraps
- any bits and pieces that can be reused to create art

Please ensure these are left over pieces, not new products that we can reuse to get creative!

*Thank you*

**Clubs during Break Times**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Break 11:30am to 12:10pm	Chess  K-2 Creative Club	Choir 		Dance 	
2nd Break 1:40pm to 2:15pm	Garden Club  3-6 Creative Club	Art / Craft 	Library / Lego Club  Games Club	Garden Club 	

**Birthday Buckets**

Make your child's birthday special with a birthday bucket. \$20 will get a light up bucket of zooper doopers that will be delivered to your child's classroom with a helium balloon for the birthday child to take home. Please pre-order at least one week in advance at the front office along with payment. Payment can be made online to the P & C Bank Account - BSB 932-000, account number 789117 or cash. Please SMS confirmation of payment to 0461 309 495. A photo of your child receiving the Birthday Bucket can then be sent to you.



Our Canteen is operated solely on volunteer support and we are fortunate to have the parents we do. However, we need more help. If you have a Friday to spare, please consider assisting in the Canteen.

**Reusable Lunch Bags**

The P & C are selling reusable lunch bags at the canteen for \$15. These are the brand Sticky Beak and are heavy duty. They come in 6 different colours.



**Kootingal Public School P&C Canteen Menu 2024**

**Hot Food**

Cheese Pizza .....	\$ 3.00
Ham & Cheese Pizza .....	\$ 3.50
Sausage Roll .....	\$ 4.00
Meat Pie .....	\$ 5.00
Grilled Chicken Burger .....	\$ 5.00
<i>Chicken fillet, lettuce, cheese &amp; Mayo</i>	
Cheeseburger .....	\$ 5.00
<i>Lean Beef Pattie, cheese &amp; tomato sauce</i>	
Fish Burger .....	\$ 5.00
<i>Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce &amp; mayo</i>	
Lasagne .....	\$ 5.00
Macaroni & Cheese .....	\$ 5.00
Chicken Nuggets .....	\$0.80each
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich .....	\$ 3.50
Chicken & Cheese Toasted Sandwich ..	\$ 3.50
Cheese Toasted Sandwich .....	\$ 3.00

**Sandwiches, Salads & Wraps**

Chicken Salad Tub .....	\$ 5.50
<i>Sliced chicken breast, lettuce, grated carrot, grated cheese &amp; mayo</i>	
Ham Salad Tub .....	\$ 5.50
<i>Ham, lettuce, grated carrot, grated cheese &amp; mayo</i>	
Chicken Wrap .....	\$ 4.50
<i>Chicken tender, lettuce, grated cheese &amp; mayo</i>	
Fish Wrap .....	\$ 4.50
<i>Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce, grated cheese &amp; mayo</i>	
Chicken Salad Wrap .....	\$ 5.00
<i>Chicken tender, lettuce, grated cheese, grated carrot &amp; mayo</i>	
Ham Salad Wrap .....	\$ 5.00
<i>Ham, lettuce, grated cheese, grated carrot &amp; mayo</i>	
Cheese Sandwich .....	\$ 2.50
Vegemite Sandwich .....	\$ 2.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich .....	\$ 3.00

**Drinks**

Bottled Water .....	\$ 2.00
Assorted fruit poppers: .....	\$ 1.50
<i>Apple, Tropical &amp; Apple &amp; Blackcurrent</i>	
Chocolate & Strawberry Milk .....	\$ 2.50
Chill J: .....	\$ 3.00
<i>Raspberry, Lemonade, Apple Cola &amp; Orange/Passio</i>	

**Frozen Snacks**

Chocolate Moosies .....	\$ 2.00
Frozen Juice Cups .....	\$ 1.00
Quelch .....	\$ 0.70
Watermelon & Mango Frozen Yoghurt .	\$ 2.50

**Snacks**

Sunbites .....	\$ 1.00
Cheese & Biscuits .....	\$ 1.50
Cheese Stick .....	\$ 1.00
Apple Slices Bag .....	\$ 1.00
Carrot Sticks Bag .....	\$ 1.00
Assorted Fruit .....	\$ 1.00

**Extras**

Tomato Sauce .....	\$ 0.70
BBQ Sauce .....	\$ 0.70
Cheese .....	\$ 0.70



**Sticky Beak Reusable Lunch  
Wallets available at canteen \$15**

**Please clearly label your child's name and class on a brown paper bag or lunch bag.**

# April School Holiday Basketball Camps 2024

Presented by Garric Young, Maxwell Clark, Ethan Lee & Bronte Rankmore



Please bring a drink bottle and a ball (if you have one) to each camp.

Register at the appropriate member or non-member link



[Existing Members](#)



[New & Non-Members](#)

**Camp 1: Wednesday 17th April** Cost \$50

Ages: 6yrs – 12yrs  
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

**Camp 2: Wednesday 17th April** Cost \$50

Ages: 13yrs – 15yrs  
Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Camp 3: Thursday 18th April** Cost \$65

Ages: 16yrs – 18yrs  
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

**Camp 4: Tuesday 23rd April** Cost \$50

Ages: 6yrs – 12yrs  
Time: 9.30am-11.30am

**Camp 5: Tuesday 23rd April** Cost \$50

Ages: 13yrs – 15yrs  
Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Camp 6: Wednesday 24th April** Cost \$65

Ages: 16yrs – 18yrs  
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Please visit [Tamworth Basketball Association](#) | TidyHQ for more information.



## TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAM 2025 - Sports Dome TESTING DAY

Basketball  
Hockey  
Football  
Girls Netball  
Girls Ozttag/Rugby/League

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 8TH APRIL**

Please apply via the Oxley High School website  
TAP Testing Day will be held at the Sports Dome

**YEARS 6 INTO YEAR 7 2025**  
**11th APRIL 12PM-3PM @ Sports Dome**

# TAMWORTH TOUCH

## ALL ABILITIES COMPETITION

4 week FREE COME & TRY competition  
Starting Tuesday  
7th May

4:00pm-5:00pm

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Restarts  
Thursday  
15 February

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Kids Club

**3.30-5.00pm Thursdays at  
St Andrew's Anglican Church Kootingal.**

For all children in **Kindy to Year 5**.  
The Club includes afternoon tea, singing, stories  
from the Bible, craft, and games. No cost.

Contact: Tory Cayzer **0407 466 459** or [tory.cayzer@gmail.com](mailto:tory.cayzer@gmail.com)  
[www.kootingalmoonbianglican.com](http://www.kootingalmoonbianglican.com)

**KOOTY YOUTH**

term one 2024

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|----------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 2 Feb    | pool party @ the barbers             | good news: what are we doing here?      |
| 9 Feb    | battleships                          | identity: who is Jesus?                 |
| 16 Feb   | guess who? theme night               | sin: why did Jesus come?                |
| 23 Feb   | mafia                                | the cross: why did Jesus die?           |
| 1 March  | boys & girls split                   | resurrection: why did Jesus rise?       |
| 8 March  | tie dye                              | grace: how can god accept us?           |
| 15 March | bring a friend night                 | how can you believe in heaven and hell? |
| 22 March | rosie's Pizzeria                     |   |
| 23 March | barraba bash                         |   |
| 24 March | front yard church                    |   |
| 5 April  | board games                          | what does it mean to follow Jesus?      |
| 12 April | mystery social night at mystery park |   |

Kooty Youth Group meet 5.00-6.30pm Fridays in school term at Kootingal Anglican Church. All youth years 6-12 are welcome. For more info contact: Tory 0407 466 459 or Rosie 0478 419 290  
[www.kootingalmoonbianglican.com](http://www.kootingalmoonbianglican.com)

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**Boys in Years 4 – 9**



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