



# Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."



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Term 2 Week 1

Wednesday 1st May 2024



Apples in a bag and  
a drum

# We love Djembe

I like chocolate  
cake, it is yummy

PBL is focusing on classroom expectations and routines -  
break times



### PBL Awards

Quinn Nash, Arlo Patterson, Luke Rains,  
Lachlan Witchard, Leilah Higgins, Clay Hamilton,  
Zac Pollard and Sophie Corbett



## Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2024

Thursday 2nd May - Responsible Pet Program - K - 2  
Monday 6th May - Playgroup 9:30am to 11am  
Thursday 9th May - Mother's Day stall  
Friday 10th May - Zone Cross Country - Barraba  
Monday 13th May - Playgroup 9:30am to 11am  
Thur 16th May - PSSA Classic Shield Rugby League Gala Day  
Friday 17th May - National Walk Safely to School Day  
Friday 17th May - PSSA Touch Football Knockout Gala Day

**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

Dakota Blanch, Jamie Perkins,  
Emily Moxon and Matilda Butler

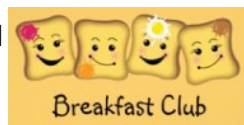


### Uniform Awards

Ryder Ireland, Ellena Maher, Jamie Perkins, Lachlan Witchard,  
Leo Fenner, Ava Avery, Elliot Douglas and Audrey Maher

## 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



Tyrese Austin - Improved letter formation and recognition of sounds

Heidi King - Improved number identification and recording skills

Ellena Maher - Her engagement in InitialLit lessons

Adam Mack Pittman - His engagement in InitialLit lessons

George Bennett - His dedication to completing his homework

Harris Clarke - His dedication to completing his homework

Shelby Fenner - Her dedication to completing her homework

Nixon Hawke - Engagement and enthusiasm on the history excursion to Nundle

Ella Seymour - Asking interesting questions and being engaged on the Nundle excursion

Lennox Dines - Excellent behaviour and engagement on the Nundle excursion

Tate Smith - Developing skills and understanding when using an atlas

Ava Avery - Regular borrowing and excellent participation in library activities

Tyler Wilkinson - Great discussion during Science with Miss Hill

Maddison Bennett - A settled and positive start to Term 2

Riley Sheumack - Fantastic recount writing

Nixon Hawke - His enthusiasm for learning

Billy Simmonds - Demonstrating resilience in times of change

Hugh Osborne - His effort in Mathematics lessons

Lovayah Wightman - Her consistent application in all lessons

Koby-Jay Lang - For his enthusiasm and effort in writing

Edward Simple - For application and effort in his learning

Abbie-Lee Hilton - For applying strategies in data lessons



Out of School Hours Care Service  
Esteem Kids Group

# ENROL NOW!

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0410 841 628  
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www.esteemkidsgroup.com.au

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## Michelle Lord's Message

Yaama /Hello families,

Welcome back to another fun learning filled term. We would like to acknowledge everyone who attended the Kootingal Community Anzac Day Service last week. Our students marched with pride and respect. We appreciate the families and staff who supported on the day.



Congratulations to KS for their win of the Attendance Cup for the last week of Term 1. The Attendance cup winner is the class with the greatest number of students who have been at school 100% of the time that week. We were very happy with the high attendance numbers of our students for the start of this term. The goal is for all students to have an attendance rate above 90% to support their academic success.



On Monday, staff engaged in professional learning around curriculum reform and implementation. Our learning was focused on explicit teaching strategies and teaching and learning around English and Mathematics. School Development Days provide our staff with opportunities to build their knowledge, reflect on current practices and collaborate on how new learning will be incorporated into classrooms to enrich the learning environment for our Kootingal students.

As parents and carers, we often want to know about our child's school day. Sometimes we don't get very much information and sometimes this sort of questioning can stress them out. In our classrooms, we encourage them to reflect on interesting things that they have learned, tasks they found challenging and moments that have been fun. Here are some simple ways that may improve this for you and your child...

Yaluu / (See You) again!

## Attendance

### Explanations of Absences

Often throughout the school year, schools are questioned regarding the nature of inquiries into the attendance of students. Students are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction. On days when students are absent, explanations must be provided by a parent or carer. In the department's attendance policy there are a set of procedures that follow called Student Attendance in Government Schools – Procedures. In these procedures, it states *the principal or delegate will undertake all reasonable measures to contact parents on the same day or following day of an absence where parents have not contacted the school. Contact may be made by means such as providing the parents with an Absentee Notice-Compulsory School Attendance, by telephone, email or SMS text message.*

At Kootingal Public School, we notify families each day of absences via SMS text message. This is a convenient service for families and one that is time efficient for our school. However, when replying to an absence text message, it is important to state the reason for the absence. Replies of 'because she is', 'family reasons' etc are not satisfactory explanations. When these reasons are provided, families are notified and the absence is recorded as unjustified.

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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## QUESTIONS AREN'T CONNECTIONS

QUESTIONS CAN \*INCREASE\* ANXIETY FOR MANY KIDS.

instead, try statements that show you are interested and paying attention:

- How was school? → • You look like you've had a long day.
- Did your test go ok? → • I was thinking about you during your math test.
- Are you having fun? → • Your smile is SO big!
- Did you get along with other kids? → • I remember you were worried the other kids might not be friendly.. @LINDSAYBRAMANZ

## The Resilience Project

### Emotional Literacy

Working on our emotional literacy gives us opportunities to develop our ability to understand and express different emotions.

When we improve our emotional literacy, we can work towards recognising our own feelings and our ability to manage them. This allows us to cope with different life situations, such as managing conflict, making friends, coping in difficult situations and being resilient when dealing with change.

### Whole Family Activity:

#### Feelings Charades

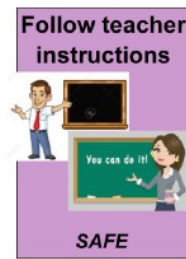
- Gather together as a family, this might be around the dinner table, lounge room, around the fire outside.
- Take turns to act out a feeling or emotion. Use your face and body language to act this out, For example: Make an angry face and stamp your feet or
- Other family members need to guess the feeling/emotion.
- After someone has guessed the feeling/emotion, have family members discuss a time they have felt this way before and why. If it was a negative emotion, how did they overcome it?

### Family Habit Builder:

Around the dinner table, ask everyone to share a feeling they felt during that day. Discuss how they dealt with that feeling and then discuss and share strategies you could use when faced with particular feelings.



## PBL



Term 2, 2024

## Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parent and carers.

### Term 2 topics:

- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30min)**  
Suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Wellbeing and digital technologies (30min)**  
Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.
- **Consent and online boundaries: How to support your primary-aged child. (30min)**  
Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary school.
- **Setting your child up for success online (30min)**  
Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

*Restarts  
Thursday  
15 February*

**KOOTINGAL  
MOONBI**  
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

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)

**TAMWORTH TOUCH**

**ALL ABILITIES  
COMPETITION**

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

**4:00pm-  
5:00pm**

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The Benevolent Society will have trained staff available to modify drills for participants.

**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 	

## Canteen and P&C News

### 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.**