



# Kootungal Public School

## STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 2

Thursday 16th October 2014



### Our time in 1CR



**Gold Awards**  
Hannah Turner-Bourke  
and Chloe Bayes



**Silver Awards**  
Boston DeBelle,  
Chloe Bayes and  
Erika Kamminga



**Uniform Awards**  
Robert Hazard,  
Taela McCahon,  
Crystal Van Maanen,  
Logan Phillpott,  
Macey Holden,  
Guransh Makhija  
and  
Bailey Pinnock



**Clothing Pool**  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
9am to 9:30am  
Please come to the office

### Important Dates to Remember Term 4 2014

Friday 17th October - School Captains nominations due  
Mon 20th to Fri 24th October - Year 5 and 6 Canberra  
Wed 22nd to Fri 24th October - Year 3 and 4 Dubbo  
Tuesday 28th October - P & C Meeting, 6:30pm school library  
Friday 24th October - K - 2 Responsible pet program  
Monday 27th October - School Captains interviews commence  
Thursday 30th October - KLR Assembly at 2:30pm, 4/5M item  
Wednesday 12th November - Kindy 2015 Orientation Morning  
Wednesday 3rd December - Presentation Night



### The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

#### Volunteers Roster for Term 4

Friday 17th October	Nadine Frewen
Friday 24th October	Lauren Witten
Friday 31st October	Volunteer needed
Georgette Coppola - Canteen Manager	



## Year 7 - 2016 Selective Schools

Students in Year 5, wishing to attend Farrer in Year 7 2016, parent/guardian need to register online, between 14th October and 17th November with Selective Schools to enable them to sit the Selective Schools exam in March next year. To register go to the Farrer website: [www.farrer.nsw.edu.au](http://www.farrer.nsw.edu.au) and follow the Selective Schools link.

## Weekly Bronze Awards

Angus Frewen - Pleasing spelling test results  
 Eloise Sharpham - Creativity and skill in art and craft  
 Sienna Butorac - Being able to identify and name 2D shapes  
 Kobi Murray - Improved sentence construction  
 Ty Allen - Trying really hard with his bookwork  
 Ayisha Fernando - A positive attitude towards learning  
 Tyler Flemming - Improvement in presentation of bookwork  
 Brenden Thompson and Reba Ramage - Attentiveness and participation in class activities  
 William Heeney, Jaeda Symons and Madeleine Jones - Listening and following teacher's directions  
 Bodin Wallace - Excellence in home reading - more than 200 nights  
 Dougal Crofts - Settling very well into class 3/4W and Kootingal Public School  
 James Grant and Ellie Caslick - Excellent class participation  
 Matthew Kenny - Settled work habits  
 Reign Howarth - Having a go at all learning tasks  
 Dyllan Thomas - Settling in Kootingal Pubic School  
 Jack Howard - Effort during poetry writing  
 Chenoa Siemsen - Effort during gymnastics  
 Archie Crofts - Settling very well into 6G and Kootingal Public School  
 Luke Deasey - Impressive comprehension results  
 Olivia Coppola-Smith - Working well in Mathematics  
 Joey Jamieson - A positive start to term 4



## Bonus Behaviour Bronze Awards

Ty Allen, Aaleyah Atkins, Elle Atkins, Thomas Atkins, William Baldwin, Savannah Barber, Brock Bayes, Chloe Bayes, Tyson Beard, Megan Bubb, Chloe Burch, Colbie Butler, Sienna Butorac, Sophie Butorac, Grace Callaghan, Ellie Caslick, Elly Chapple, Jessica Coppola-Smith, Olivia Coppola-Smith, Shania Coppola-Smith, Amity Cork, Braidy Cork, Kristie Creamer, Gabe Curry, Georgia DeBelle, Emily Deasey, Dylan Dow, Jason Dunn, Erica Lee Eyles, Ayisha Fernando, Lyiara Fernando, Georgia Ford, Misty Ford, Angus Frewen, Tameka Frewen, Luke Goodhand, Jainah Grant, James Grant, Natasha Grant, Darcy Harris, Kate Hartcher, Riley Hayne, William Heeney, Ally Higgins, Ashley Hill, Katie Hill, Coby Hobden, Sophie Hobden, Jasmine Hogan, Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow, Macey Holden, Wade Holden, Breeanna Howard, Ella Howard, Jack Howard, Nicholas Howard, Sophie Howard, Joed Humphris-Castle, Brock Hyson, Jack Hyson, Zac Hyson, Joey Jamieson, Brendan Jarrett, Emma Jarrett, Jessie Johnson, Isabella Johnston, Madeleine Jones, Brodie Cain, Matthew Kenny, Leah Khan, Emmielle Kingdom, Brock Lambert, Byron Lees, Matilda Lees, Harrison Loftus, Georgia Madden, Keira Madden, Guransh Makhija, Ryley Marsh, Naomi Maybury, Taela McCahon, Todd Milgate, Lochlan Muller, Emily Nicholls, Jade Nicholls, Ebony Phillpott, Miklya Phillpott, Madison Pollard, Isabelle Price, Maverick Ramage, Reba Ramage, Wil Rawlinson-Harris, Maidson Roach, Shanae Roach, Jaydan Russ, Eloise Sharpham, Grace Sheridan, Chenoa Siemsen, Ashley Simmonds, Darcy Simpson-Craig, Lexy Simpson-Craig, Jessica Smith, Louise Smith, Riley Smith, Shianne Spurway, Jaeda Symons, Nate Symons, Joshua Thompson, Hannah Turner-Bourke, Tianna Urquhart, Chelsea Van Maanen, Chloe Van Maanen, Addyson Vernon, Isabella Walker, Lillie Walker, Bodin Wallace, Finley Wallace, Brooklyn Walsh, Mariah Walsh, Brae Wilson, Jordana Winter, Montana Winter, Jack Witten, Bryan Zhong and Wyanete Zhong



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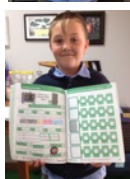
## Mrs Cracknell's Message

There is so much going on both within and outside Kootingal Public School you can really tell we are in the midst of Term 4. With excursions to both Canberra and Dubbo for years 5 and 6 and 3 and 4 respectively, preparations for Presentation Night, assessment planning for reporting purposes and preparations for 2015, I know we are in for one hectic term prior to Christmas.

Thank you to Mr Gary Johnson for his CPR training of our teaching staff this week. Mr Johnson made our training, not only informative, but fun as well. His expertise in this area is second to none and he made our staff feel at ease. CPR qualifications are a mandatory component to teaching in and near water and when assuming overnight excursions. This is training that we conduct on an annual basis to ensure that our staff are qualified and our students' safety is at its highest.

I have had so many students show me their work over the past week it has been hard to keep up. Our teachers are so happy with the work our students are producing that they want to share it with our community. The most important factor among all our students is that they work hard. Congratulations to all students!

Byron Lees, Dylan Dow and Sophie Hobden of Year 4 are quite the Mathematics students. They have been completing work based on fractions. I have been fortunate to have the Year 4 Mathematics class over the past week while Mrs Ardill was on leave. I could say that it was because of my fantastic teaching of converting fractions to decimals but I know that is not true. Mrs Ardill and Mrs Bartlett have been working our students hard and they have a good understanding of the necessary concepts. Byron, Dylan and Sophie are the proof. Well done students and keep up the tremendous work!



Last week our community experienced some nuisance behaviour. Our school, along with the pool, had bins tipped over and their contents strewn across the footpath. Our school was fortunate to have the services of our experienced cleaner Mrs Trish Robinson assist in the clean up of our bins. This clean up took half an hour. However, we have students that are very community minded. Georgia De Belle and Hannah Turner-Bourke picked up the rubbish from the pool's bins. Thank you ladies for thinking of others and demonstrating to our community what wonderful students we have at Kootingal Public School. I am extremely proud of your efforts.

Alexander Frewen on class 1CR has been working



diligently on his spelling and writing. Mrs Chegwyn was very impressed with his work that she wanted me to know. Thank you Alexander for sharing your work with me and keep smiling that beautiful smile!

Speaking of 1CR, their spelling work has been incredible this week. I had the pleasure of Grace Callaghan, Zane Hyson, Cody Turner-Bourke, Wil Rawlinson-Smith and Maverick Ramage in my office. The students were going through their spelling books seeing how many Principal stickers they had previously received. They also told me the reasons as to why they had four stars from Mrs Chegwyn and what they represented. Our students had a very clear understanding of the criteria Mrs Chegwyn uses when marking their workbooks and they were able to ensure they achieved that high standard. Well done students!



Katie Hill is another student who has been working hard this past week. Katie was working with Mrs Kelly this week on some areas of her learning. I was impressed with Katie's willingness to demonstrate her learning and persevere when she found some concepts difficult. This is the mark of a great student. Keep up the great work Katie!



This Friday is the last day for students in Year 5 to apply for nomination for the 2015 School Captain election. I have received many letters of application and I have been impressed by their content and the eagerness of the students to submit them. If students are still considering applying they must do so quickly. I look forward to meeting with our applicants in week 4 and discussing with them the qualities that make them a great candidate.

This week we finally received our LED school sign. We are now in the throes of getting a contractor to install the new sign. I must say that I was very excited that our delivery had finally arrived.

Our new multipurpose court has been a hit with our students. Basketballs have been bouncing their way into school allowing students access to different sports. The sleeves (holes for sports posts) and caps will be cored this week with the final court markings coming shortly. It is wonderful to see a resource coming to its completion but also to see students using it for its intended purposes and enjoying it.

Next Tuesday evening is our P&C meeting. Our P&C do tremendous work in and around Kootingal Public School and their contributions to our school are greatly appreciated. However, the P&C's work is not only about fundraising, banking or canteen work. I seek their opinions on a range of school decisions. It is important that as the leader of Kootingal Public

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## our school



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10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi



## Mrs Cracknell's Message

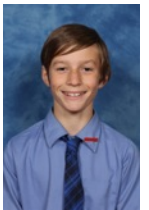
School I know what our community needs and wants from their educational institution. We attempt to do this in other ways as well but our P&C are the first port of call for consultation. Our P&C meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm in the school library and it is a child friendly meeting. Come along and try it out.

In front of Kootingal Public School we are fortunate to have access to a designated school crossing zone. This zone is about ensuring children are able to cross the road safely. It has come to my attention that we have residents who are not adhering to the laws surrounding school zones and school crossings. Our school zone operates from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm. During these times drivers must slow to 40kph. Drivers must also slow down and stop before the stop line when a pedestrian is on the crossing or waiting to cross and remain stopped until all pedestrians are off the crossing. It is important that we get our message of safety to our community and continue to educate our children about stopping and waiting for traffic to stop before crossing the road.

Children's safety is paramount, particularly with the advent of technology. The Internet is a wonderful source of information. However, when children are using the Internet, at times, they are unable to determine the appropriateness of the information. Particular websites, such as YouTube, contain graphic images; images not suitable for children. Older children also may be accessing apps such as Kik, Snapchat and Facebook or using communication technologies such as Skype to message and talk to other people. It is imperative that our children understand the dangers associated with talking to people they do not know and the potential for information to be provided unknowingly. Teachers of Kootingal Public School cover this within our classroom environment but is also useful for it to be taught and reinforced within the home. I encourage all parents to have a discussion with their children about safe use of the Internet. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher at school.



Goodluck to Cameron Barber and Jessica Smith of year 6 who are competing at the PSSA Athletics in Homebush this week. Cameron is competing in the 200m and 800m and Jessica is competing in the 100m. Good luck Cameron and Jessica.



## Breakfast Club

### Breakfast Club Begins.

We are happy to announce the start of Breakfast Club, in week 2 this term. Kindly, we have received support from Kellogg's, Brumby's Bakery and the Kootingal Lions Club, and we are looking forward to many breakfasts as a School.

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, breakfast will be provided at 9am, with Wednesday offering piklets for a gold coin donation. For any further details please contact myself or Mrs Cracknell.

Come along for a great way to start the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Buchanan



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