



Kootingal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 13th November 2014



Opening of our new Multi-purpose Court



Gold Award
Charmaine Grant,
Madison Pollard
and Ryan Hobden



Silver Award
Louise Smith, Brodie Cain,
Madeleine Jones,
and Ryan Hobden



Uniform Award
Erica Lee Eyles, Bryan Zhong,
Harrison Witten, Jaeda Symons,
Matthew Kenny, Byron Lees
Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow,
Leah Khan, Connor Corbett,
Tyler Flemming, Madeleine
Jones, James Grant, Georgia
Madden and Jaydan Russ



Important Dates to Remember Term 4 2014

Tuesday 25th Nov - P & C Meeting 6:30pm in Library
Wednesday 3rd December - Tamworth High Orientation
Wednesday 3rd December - Presentation Night at 7pm
Wednesday 10th December - Year 6 Farewell
Friday 12th December - Moonby House Carols
Monday 15th December - Kinder and Year 1 - Kids Zone
Monday 15th December - Years 2 to 4 - Movies

Monday 15th December - Years 5 and 6 - Bowling
Wednesday 17th December - Students finish school for 2014
Thursday 18th December - Staff Development Day
Friday 19th December - Staff Development Day

Weekly Bronze Awards

Colbie Butler and Jessie Johnson - Excellent knowledge of Kindergarten sight words
 Nate Symons - Helpful and responsible class member
 Joseph Barber - Always demonstrating good manners
 Grace Callaghan - Confidence in talking and listening activities
 Emma Jarrett - Listening to and following teacher's directions
 Keira Madden - Being a helpful and cooperative class member
 Todd Milgate - Improved effort in reading tasks
 Tianna Urquhart - Being a cheerful and cooperative class member
 Elle Atkins - Becoming an independent worker
 Choe Van Maanen - Becoming a more independent worker
 Jessica Wheatley - Showing independent work habits
 Matilda Lees - Working hard to become an independent worker
 William Baldwin - Mature, settled work habits
 Chloe Burch - Consistent effort in all class work
 Ryley Marsh and Jessica Coppola-Smith - A friendly, caring attitude towards others
 Dyllan Thomas, Chloe Bayes, Byron Lees and Brooklyn Walsh - Government Speech
 Jason Dunn - Working well in writing lessons
 Kristie Creamer - Demonstrating independent work habits
 Nick Howard - Taking pride in his work
 Riley Hayne - Having a positive attitude towards learning
 Emily Hayne, Charmaine Grant and Ashley Simmonds - Great teamwork and encouragement during Breakfast Club
 Ayesha Menzies, Gabe Curry and Joey Jamieson - For great answers and questions during SUPA club.



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Banking Prizes

James Grant and Sophie Hobden

Banking Co-Ordinator

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



Mrs Cracknell's Message

Last Friday, 7th November, Kootingal Public School and the P&C conducted the official opening of the multipurpose sports court. Our ceremony was held with students assembling on the court and a small gathering of P&C members as well as community members. Our School Captains, Brock Bayes and Olivia Coppola-Smith, conducted the brief ceremony with the handing over of the cheque from our President and Vice President of the P&C, Mrs Doak and Mrs Witten, for \$8000. Brock and Olivia also had the duty of officially cutting the ribbon. Congratulations to all involved. As stated in my speech, it is wonderful to see students having access to different physical activities and enjoying the fruits of labour from our hard working P&C.

On Monday Kootingal Public School, parents and community members had the pleasure of listening to the speeches of our candidates for the 2015 School Captain election. Congratulations to Toby Taggart, Guransh Makhija, Jack Howard, Emily Nicholls, Chloe Bayes, Ebony Phillpott, Shianne Spurway, Chenoa Siemsen, Emily Deasey, Shanae Roach, Isabella Johnston, and Brooklyn Walsh. You all performed above expectations! I am extremely proud of your speeches, your presentation and conduct. I wish all our students the best of luck in the voting that has taken place. You should all be proud of your efforts. Our 2015 School Captains will be announced at our Presentation Evening 3rd December 2014.

Also on Monday, Mrs Buchanan and I had the pleasure of discussing with the Kootingal CWA our Breakfast Club program. The ladies at the meeting were enthralled not only at our Breakfast Club program but also in the role of our School Chaplain. Mrs Buchanan performs many tasks in and around Kootingal Public School. She is a highly trained member of our staff and is there to support all students, regardless of religious affiliation. Mrs Buchanan is a welcomed support person and her skills are greatly appreciated and valued in our school. Thank you to the Kootingal CWA for allowing Mrs Buchanan and myself the opportunity to discuss our program, our school and the role of the School Chaplain at length.

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of taking our School Captains, Brock Bayes and Olivia Coppola-Smith, to the Tamworth RSL sub-Branch Remembrance Day service. Our Captains were resplendent in their formal uniform and performed their duties admirably. It was a wonderful way in which to honour the memory of our war dead and demonstrate our support for the continuing work of our armed forces.

Our 2/3S class has been working very well on their handwriting. Our students displayed both improvement and consistency in their performance. The art of handwriting for some has dissipated but it still an important skill that demonstrates fine motor control and is still a necessity for citizens.

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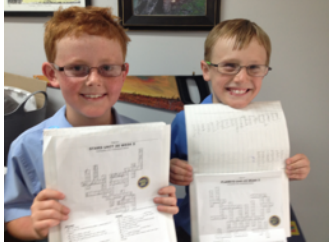
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Congratulations to Cohen Parkes, Logan Phillpott, Joshua Deasey, Megan Bubb and Megan Johnson. Keep up the wonderful work!

Also of class 2/3S is Jack Chapple and Alexander Cracknell. Both Jack and Alexander demonstrated their efficiency in the completion of their work in Spelling. In two different spelling groups, Jack and Alexander completed their work first and without error. Well done Jack and Alexander. It does also pay to read over your work!



Last Thursday, Mrs Doak and myself travelled to Newcastle to attend a seminar conducted by the Department of Education and Communities about communicating and engaging with your community. It was a day filled with ideas and assisted in putting into place the ways in which our community wishes to communicate as per our Communication Survey. Kootingal Public School has a lot of communication channels with our community but it is not always directed in the correct manner or is inconsistent. It is our vision to tighten our processes and ensure that communication is both effective and efficient, and covers all aspects of our community.

Please don't forget that this Friday is the closing date for submissions regarding our School Plan for the next three year planning cycle. All students who receive a newsletter, have received a letter with a school planning diagram on the back. This diagram is to assist families in identifying their hopes and dreams for their children and Kootingal Public School. I have placed the diagram survey on our school website at <http://www.kootingal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>. It is located in the *Latest News and Features* section of our homepage. Families are able to click on the link in the article and it will allow them to complete the diagram survey electronically. This makes it extremely easy with emailing as a submission option as well. If you would like support in completing the survey or would like to seek clarification, please contact the school on 6760 3332.

Also on our School's website, I have placed an electronic version of the *Application for Exemption* form. It is located under *Our School > Attendance and Absences*. Here you are able to complete the necessary sections electronically, print and return to school. This may assist those families that find it difficult to come into school and apply in person. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the school for more information.

I would also like to encourage our parents and community members to talk to our children about stranger danger. Amid recent reports of suspicious activities around surrounding school communities, we at Kootingal Public School are doing our best to educate our students in stranger danger. Please discuss with your children the need to be safe in groups of children walking to and from school and not talking to unknown people or accepting invitations of transport. It is imperative we keep our children safe and educate them in stranger danger.

At present, our teaching staff are in the midst of report writing. This is a time of increased workload with a lot of care, thought and consideration invested in our students' reports. Our reports are aimed at reporting both the progress and achievement of our students. I look forward to reading all the reports in the coming weeks and seeing the culmination of the hard work from both students and teachers.

Remembrance Day - 11th November

On Tuesday 11th November we commemorated Remembrance Day with a solemn ceremony at Kootingal Public School.

The ceremony was led by Mrs Anne Doak and the school vice captains, Joey Jamieson and Madison Roach, recited The Ode and lowered and raised the flag.

Year 6 students were invited to lay a poppy in memory of the fallen from all conflicts in which Australians have been involved. The significance of Remembrance Day is embedded into our culture at Kootingal Public School.



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8am & 5pm - Denman Ave, Kootingal
10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi

The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

Volunteers Roster for Term 4

Friday 14th November	Shelly Watts
Friday 21st November	Lauren Witten
Friday 28th November	Nadine Frewen
Friday 5th December	Shelly Watts
Friday 12th December	Yvette Dow and Noni Kasch

Georgette Coppola - Canteen Manager



Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Morning Wednesday 12th November



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