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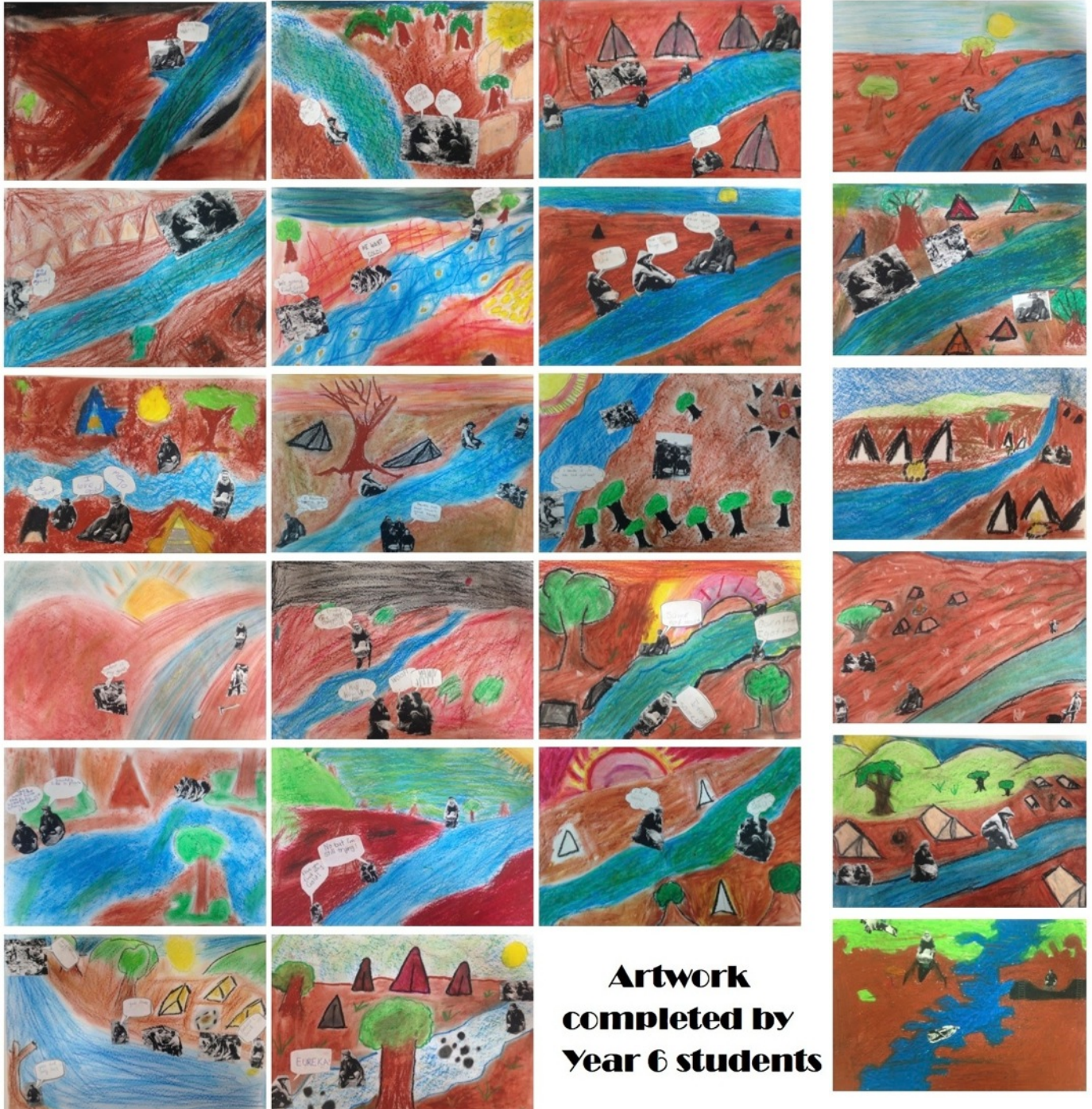
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Term 4 Week 7

Thursday 20th November 2014

There's Gold In Them Hills!



**Artwork
completed by
Year 6 students**

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

Merit Award
3 golds
Charmaine Grant



Gold Award
Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow,
Joshua Deasey, Luke Deasey and
Joed Humphris-Castle



Silver Award
Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow, Ashley Hill, Katie Hill,
Ayesha Menzies, Emma Jarrett, Bodin Wallace,
Emily Nicholls, Joed Humphris-Castle, Joshua Deasey,
Luke Goodhand, Mitchell Worth, Joseph Barber
and Luke Deasey



Uniform Award
Addyson Vernon, Sophie Howard,
Jainah Grant, Montana Winter,
Chloe Burch, Emily Nicholls
and Luke Deasey



Weekly Bronze Awards

Elloise Sharpham - Excellent yearly maths test results
Joshua Thompson - Outstanding yearly maths results in number
Braidy Cork - Outstanding yearly maths test results
Zac Hyson - Confidence during Focus on Reading activities
Wade Holden - Working really hard during reading groups
Bryan Zhong - Working independently in class
Beau Robertson - Positive attitude to learning
Brendan Jarrett - Always striving to do his best
Riley Brown - Improvement in writing
Natasha Grant - Always being helpful and organised
Georgia Madden and Shanae Roach - Trying hard in Mathematics
ISabella Johnston and Ashley Simmonds - Participation in Mathematics lessons
Misty Ford - Working well in class and showing persistence in learning

Joed Humphris-Castle - Good understanding of 'Rowan of Rin'
Cameron Barber - Working well in Maths
Ayesha Menzies - Outstanding 'Gold' Artwork
Ebony Phillpott - Wonderful volunteering during week 3



Mrs Cracknell's Message

On Monday, it was a pleasure to receive donations from the Kootingal CWA for our Breakfast Club program. Thank you to our CWA ladies for their donations of Vegemite, honey, flour and jam. These donations will go a long way to assisting our Breakfast Program into the new year. As stated previously, honey is the most popular choice of condiment for our students' toast and our donations are greatly appreciated. Also thank you to my mother, Doreen Lockrey, who donated eggs and a large jar of Vegemite to our program. Simple things go a long way.

Thank you to our community who responded to our recent school survey regarding our next three-year planning cycle. It is an immense task ensuring our community has the ability to respond with their thoughts and dreams for Kootingal Public School. Kootingal Public School is our community's school. It is imperative that we are all working together for the benefit of our children, raising them to be informed and successful citizens.

Over the coming weeks, I will be sharing our community's ideas and providing suggestions as to how we are able to see our ideas come to fruition. One common theme throughout our surveys was limiting the number of composite classes. Before I begin to explain both the pros and cons of composite classes, I would like to invite our community to provide their ideas or pros and cons. As an educator, I am only too aware that I am coming from a different perspective and, as a part of my role as Principal, I keep our community informed and ensure processes are open and transparent. I am only too happy to discuss your ideas over the phone, read them in a letter or talk in person.

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Enjoy the beer garden with children's playground
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Mrs Cracknell's Message

The first part of our School Plan is the vision statement for our school. Through our consultation process, it became clear as to what our community wanted for our school. They wanted all students' needs met. I would also like to invite feedback from our community regarding the school's vision statement below. I have also placed it on the school website (<http://www.kootingal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>). It is located in the *Latest News and Features* section of our homepage. You are able to comment directly below, print and submit or email to our school kootingal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Please note that this is only draft as I will also be inviting both student and staff feedback.

A sustainable school that offers a diverse curriculum that caters for all needs, with an embedded understanding of caring for each other, learning for life and achieving together.

Jayden Smith and Xander Murray of 2/3S have been working hard this past week. Both boys were covered in stickers and very proud of their efforts. I just happened to give them two more to add to their growing collection. By the look of Xander's smile, he was quite bashful as well. Keep up the great work Jayden and Xander!



Mathematics was the order of the day for our Year 3 students. Mrs Ward was very impressed with the work of Finley Wallace, James Grant, Brendan Jarrett, Jack Hyson and Luke Goodhand. All boys had not only completed their work and had it marked, but they also had their work set out beautifully. Clear and easy to understand maths algorithms provide the best opportunity for teachers to give marks. Keep up the great work boys!



Some may have noticed our new school sign is up replacing our old noticeboard sign. Upon installation, we had a number of graphics that were being rolled across the screen in full colour. We have had some technical difficulties getting the sign to communicate with our school technology. We hope that this is only a minor delay and that it will soon be operational to its full capacity. This will allow messages to be changed on a needs basis and not limited to the amount of letters available within the school.

This week our staff completed more professional learning with our Assistant Principals Learning and Support, Mrs Kay McCartney and Mr James Hollinsworth, regarding disability and the necessary adjustments for children to access the school curriculum. This provided an ideal opportunity for staff to discuss at length possible ideas to support children and what constituted a disability. It is important to note that the broad definition of disability held by the general public may be somewhat different to that of the legal definition and the responsibilities it places on educational institutions. This professional learning compliments nicely the work that our own Learning and Support Teacher, Mrs Ardill, has been conducting with our classroom teachers.



Mrs Morrish and Mrs Ardill hard at work.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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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 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

Stewart House 2014

On the 3rd November, I got the lucky chance of travelling to Sydney on a train and came back 2 weeks later.

We got to explore all of Sydney. The two main places that I loved was the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House.

Ninety students from all round New South Wales got the lucky chance to go. Stewart House is a place to encourage confidence.

We went to all different amazing places such as Taronga Zoo where we got to pat and feed giraffes. I loved the whirl pool at the Sydney Olympic Pool.

At school we went on a excursion everyday, sometimes we went to Whale beach or Curl Curl beach. Others we just went to the rock pools and played games.

So I would highly recommend Stewart House as I had an awesome time there.

Ebony Phillpott

Sherpa Kids Kootingal

The kids at Sherpa Kids Kootingal certainly are **CRAFTY CREATURES!**

All they needed was foil, paper, sticky tapes and scissors!

Well done to Bodin for his paper and sticky tape alligator. Loved the massive teeth! We also dabbled in origami and became the expert makers of miniature paper pianos, with keys and a seat. Mrs Richards is now a proud owner of one of these. Check out her desk in the music room! A canoe and a trinket box were also folded to perfection. Very clever! With the talent of craft and art of our Sherpa Kids, there is no doubt that when we begin our **CHRISTMAS CRAFT** that they will invent and make some amazing things!

For information regarding enrolments, bookings and Vacation Care, please call 0481 364 554 or email Vicky on tamworth@sherpa-kids.com.au

NEW ENROLMENTS ALWAYS WELCOME!



FOSTER & KINSHIP

CARER FORUM

- Are you a Carer?
- Thinking of becoming a Carer?
- Supporting a Carer?

Wednesday 3rd December

10:00- 12:30pm

Come along and meet other carers!

Presenters:

- ✓ Is your child starting a new class in 2015? Strategies for transition
- ✓ Sleep- Is your child struggling to fall or stay asleep?
- ✓ What's on these school holidays? Want a calendar?



RSVP: Sarah McMurtrie — Out of Home Care Coordinator
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