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STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 8

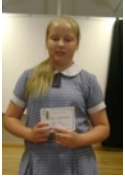
Thursday 27th November 2014



**STAGE 2
DANCING
3 / 4 W**



Merit Award
3 golds
Ayesha Menzies



Gold Award
Joseph Barber, Ellie Caslick and
Ayesha Menzies



Silver Award
Matilda Lees, Brendan Jarrett,
Ayesha Menzies, Ashley
Simmonds and Joshua Thompson



Uniform Award
Lochlan Muller, Alexander Frewen,
Tianna Urquhart, Matilda Lees,
Riley Brown, Jack Howard and
Grace Sheridan



Important Dates to Remember Term 4 2014

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

Thomas Atkins - Improved spelling results
 Robert hazard - Great publishing skills on the computer
 Sienna Butorac - Participation in drama
 Aaleyah Atkins - Being a reliable and independent worker
 Darcy Harris - Effort in learning partner and group dances during sport
 Zane Hyson - Being a settled worker
 Reba Ramage - Effort in joined handwriting
 Tyson Beard - Effort in Science and Technology practical tasks
 Sophie Butorac - Being a quiet, helpful student
 Jayden Smith - Effort in Creative Arts
 Montana Winter - Effort in reading
 Cooper Brett - 100% school uniform
 Elle Atkins - Participates well in Science discussions
 Katie Hill - Being a excellent listener
 Jordana Winter - Being organised in class
 Jack Witten - Effort in Visual Arts
 James Grant - Being a thoughtful friend
 Emily Hayne - Persistence when learning the order of operations in Mathematics
 Ebony Phillpott - Starting to take the initiative with her spelling
 Toby Taggart - being an independent worker
 Ryan Hobden - Mathematics whizz
 Gabe Curry - Great participation in classroom discussions
 Brock Bayes - Being organised and ready for work
 Jessica Smith - Demonstrating dramatic ability during play script reading
 Madison Roach - Consistent effort in class
 Jason Dunn, Luke Deasey and Mitchell Magill - Confidence to tackle unfamiliar words when reading



Mrs Cracknell's Message

It is hard to believe that there are only mere weeks before the end of the term and yet there is still so much to achieve in this short time. Reporting, Presentation Night, 2015 school planning and Moonby House Christmas Carols are just a few of the events that are currently underway.

As reported last week, 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.

On Tuesday evening, I presented the vision statement for our school to our P&C. As stated last week, it is clear as to what our community wants for our school as a result of the consultation process. Our community wishes for all students' needs to be met. I would also like to invite feedback from our broader 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.

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.

A part of our 2015 planning processes is determining our staffing for the school. I am pleased to announce that during 2015 our school community will have another permanent appointment to replace one of our two former classroom teachers. This will assist to maintain stability in our school's staffing. There is still a process to undertake, however I will be able to report more in early 2015.

2/3S have been working hard over the past weeks on items for Christmas. With elf hats and wooden Christmas trees already under their belts, the class completed their artwork with elf faces. The detail put into the construction of the faces was unbelievable. Some had curly hair in a variety of colours with one having Bob Hawke-esk eyebrows! What a wonderful way to see out the 2014 year with fabulous craft and manual arts activities. Keep up the great work 2/3S and Mrs Simpson.

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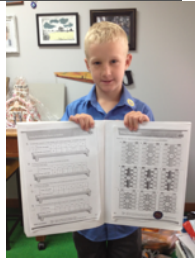
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Mrs Cracknell's Message

Mathematics was the order of the day for Jayden Smith this week. Jayden is in Year 2 and Mrs Simpson was impressed with not only his effort but also his improvement. Keep up the great Jayden!



Mrs Bartlett has also been working 2/3S extremely hard. I had several students eager to demonstrate their work to me this week with information reports on the influences on the environment. Students researched animals and stated as to how their environment is affected and where they are located in Australia. Well done Savannah Barber, Joshua Deasey, Jaeda Symons, Megan Johnson, Megan Bubb and Montana Winter.



More professional learning was conducted this week with our Out of Home Care coordinator, Ms Anne Harges, in regards to children experiencing complex trauma. We completed this session with our colleagues from Tintinhull and Moonbi Public Schools. This session was very thought provoking and practical. Discussions centred on the strategies and resources we have in place to support students who may be experiencing or have experienced trauma. The compassion of our staff shone brightly and is reassuring as a parent.

Schools Spectacular will again be shown on Channel Nine this weekend. The 31st Schools Spectacular, *This is Australia*, showcases 3,600 of the most talented singers, dancers and musicians from 456 NSW public schools and it will be broadcast on Channel Nine on Saturday 29 November, from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. The broadcast will also feature performances by Schools Spectacular alumni and The Voice Australia winner, Anja Nissen. Please note there will be a national replay on GEM on Sunday 7 December from 12.30pm. The entire 3 hour show will also be available to view via catch-up tv at Jump-in from Sunday 30 November 2014. Jump-in is a free, downloadable app. For details please see www.jump-in.com.au.

Our multipurpose sports court is so popular, we have instituted a timetable for all year groups. This ensures equal access for all students regardless of age. The sports court is available at each break and in the morning. This has assisted to alleviate some of the issues with too many children on the court at once and has enhanced the safety of our students.

Our Presentation Night is fast approaching! Next Wednesday evening, 3rd December, our Presentation Evening commences at 7pm in our school hall. It promises to be a wonderful evening

with performances and awards galore. I am looking forward to presenting my first Principal's speech at the evening.

Thank you to Mrs Knight and the students at Sherpa Kids for their mulching and planting of tomato plants in the L-shaped garden. You have certainly made improvements! Now, what can be the next task?

For the past two weeks we have had a former student Blake Hyson completing work experience. It has been a pleasure to have a former student back in our school. We wish him well in his future endeavours.



Koolangarra 2014

Our School magazine Koolangarra 2014 will be sold prior to the start of our Presentation Evening. Cost is \$15.00 each. Limited number.

Library Borrowing

All borrowing will finish this week. Please return all Library books to the school library by Friday 5th December. If library books are not returned accounts will be sent home to replace the lost books.

P & C News

The P & C will be holding a BBQ on Wednesday 3rd December prior to Presentation Night starting at 6 pm. Sausage slings \$2.00, drinks \$2.00. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Raffle tickets will be sold on the night prior to the start of our Presentation Evening. Raffle will be drawn during the night. Tickets will sell for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5. Prizes will consist of Christmas Hamper, Gingerbread House (donated by Mrs Bartlett) and a Shoulder Bag (donated by the Bayes family).

The P & C sent out on Wednesday 26th November to all families a **Expression of Interest for a Volunteer Canteen Coordinator for 2015**. This was on orange paper. This submission is **due back at the school by Thursday 4th December 2014**. If you didn't receive a copy there are extra copies available from the front office.

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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 28th November Nadine Frewen
Friday 5th December Shelly Watts
Friday 12th December Yvette Dow and Noni Kasch

Georgette Coppola - Canteen Manager

BANKING

Banking Prizes

Tameka Frewen and Elly Chapple

Banking Co-Ordinator

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



Moonbi/Kootingal Cricket Presentation

Moonbi/Kootingal Cricket Club Presentation

Saturday 6th of December, 2014

Kootingal Pool

Time:- After game

All U11 players, family and friends are invited after the game to come to the pool for a sausage sizzle and presentation.

Players will receive a drink & sausage sling. Family members are welcome and asked for a gold coin donation.

(Please pay your pool fee on entry.)



TAMWORTH REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM

Scholarship Auditions

Sunday 30 November 2014

Chapel Theatre 2.00 pm

Auditions for

Tamara Private Hospital Vocal Scholarship

Tamworth Peel Valley Lions Club Youth Instrumental Scholarship

Grace Gray Youth String Scholarship

Jeff & Hazel Lee Youth Piano Scholarship

FREE ADMISSION

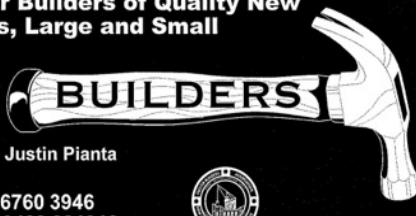
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- Are you a Carer?
- Thinking of becoming a Carer?
- Supporting a Carer?

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?



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