



Kootingal Public School

# STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 10

Thursday 11th December 2014



## Farewell Year 6

Cameron Barber, Brock Bayes, Elly Chapple, Olivia Coppola-Smith, Kristie Creamer, Archie Crofts, Gabe Curry, Luke Deasey, Jason Dunn, Misty Ford, Tameka Frewen, Kai Garrett, Kate Hartcher, Riley Hayne, Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow, Nicholas Howard, Joed Humphris-Castle, Joey Jamieson, Brock Lambert, Mitchell Magill, Ayesha Menzies, Bailey Pinnock, Riley Ried, Madison Roach, Jaydan Russ, Grace Sheridan, Lexy Simpson-Craig, Jessica Smith, Ethan Watts and Victoria Webb



**Merit Award**  
(3 Gold awards)  
Georgia Madden

**Gold Award**  
Jaeda Symons  
and Georgia Madden



**Silver Award**  
Nate Symons, Jaeda Symons,  
Chloe Van Maanen, Mariah Walsh,  
Brock Hyson, Keira Madden,  
Georgia Madden and William Heeney

**Uniform Award**  
Chelsea Van Maanen, Maverick Ramage, Desean Allen,  
Wyanete Zhong, Tahlia Tull-Watkins, Emily Deasey and  
Cameron Barber

### Important Dates to Remember Term 4 2014

**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  
**18th and 19th December** - Staff Development Days

### 2015

**Tuesday 27th January** - Staff Development Day  
**Wednesday 28th January** - Students Return in Years 1 to 6  
**28th and 29th January** - Kindergarten Best Start Assessment  
**Friday 30th January** - Kindergarten Students start



## Weekly Bronze Awards

Nate Symons - Excellent weekly spelling test results and knowledge of Kindergarten sight words  
 Chelsea Van Maanen - Excellent yearly Mathematics test result  
 Addyson Vernon - General Citizenship  
 Ayisha Fernando - Being an amazing class member  
 Madison Pollard - Working really hard during reading groups  
 Harrison Mathers - Being ready for work at all times  
 Tyler Flemming - Being a confident learner  
 Harrison Witten - Being a confident learner  
 Riley Smith - Good skills in Technology  
 Erika Kamminga - Neat sewing  
 Bodin Wallace - Enthusiasm for story writing  
 Savannah Barber - Getting along with class mates  
 Xander Murray - Enthusiasm for Play Is The Way activities  
 Ella Howard and Sophie Hobden - Showing interest and talent in Visual Arts  
 Jack Hyson - Diligent work habits in Mathematics  
 Luke Goodhand - Being helpful and responsible  
 Harrison Loftus - Horrendo's Curse contract  
 Georgia Madden - Swimming for sport  
 Shianne Spurway - Caring friend  
 Guransh Makhija - Confident learner  
 Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow - Demonstrating a positive attitude to learning  
 Bailey Pinnock - Outstanding understanding of the Australian Gold period  
 Joey Jamieson - Great persuasive letter writing  
 Mitchell Magill - Improved application in class



## Mrs Cracknell's Message

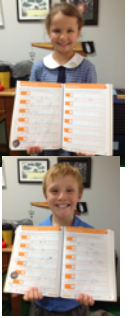
This is my last Principal's report for 2014. It has been a pleasure providing a glance of Kootingal Public School and our students' achievements throughout the year. I hope you enjoy our last issue for 2014.



This past week, I have had the pleasure of visiting Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten students are cooking geniuses. They have made pikelets, fairy bread, jelly and reindeer biscuits. I was fortunate to have a taste test of both the pikelets and reindeer biscuits. My daughter Phillipa loved the look of the biscuits and was keen also to taste test. Thank you Kindergarten for sharing. I am always keen for fairy bread also!



Our Year 2 students are Mathematics wizzes. Megan Johnson, Will Heeney and Alexander Cracknell of 2/3S demonstrated their prowess in the split and jump strategies for addition in Mrs Simpson's class. Keep up the great work students!



The Christmas craft our students are constructing at the moment is fantastic. They have really embraced the spirit of Christmas, as have our staff. We have a library and classrooms filled with lights, even with special ceremonies to turn them on! Mrs Doak has Christmas music for under the COLA and students are mingling in their elf hats. 1CR has also written a lovely Christmas story and it is on our back page of this newsletter.

On Tuesday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the Tamworth High School Presentation Night on behalf of Kootingal Public School. It was a wonderful evening and made particularly special when I presented the Year 9 certificates. I had a quick flick through the program examining names for former students of Kootingal Public School. I was very glad when Mrs Cath Bubb assisted me in this process. I made sure I had a small word and congratulated them, even reminding them that Kootingal was very proud. Congratulations to all students and staff of Tamworth High School!

Moonby House Christmas Carols are scheduled for this Friday 12th December commencing at 7pm. We have our SUPA club students performing a Christmas Rap and our Choir singing two songs, one by themselves and one with Moonbi Public School. This is a great community event and I am looking forward to seeing our students perform once more. Thank you to the students involved and to Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Lawrence for continuing to support our community. I know our students attending will have a fabulous evening.

## BANKING

### Banking Prizes

Alexander Frewen and Jainah Grant

### Banking Co-Ordinator

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



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Congratulations to Naomi Maybury of Kindergarten who was successful in her design of the RFBI Moonby House Christmas Card Competition. Naomi was presented with a certificate and book pack. Our

two runners-up were Savannah Barber of year 3 and Megan Johnson of year 2. Kootingal Public School was also presented with a lovely pack of books for the library. Thank you RFBI Moonby House.

This week has been an intense week of planning for 2015. We are budgeting, finalising classes and preparing for our two Staff Development Days next week. These two days are very important to our school planning needs and we will spend time not only reviewing our 2014 progress more, but also conducting a transition process between classroom teachers. All teachers will present a package of each student from their class in 2014 to the 2015 teacher. This package and time to discuss each student is a way in which we will create a seamless transition in to 2015. Each teacher will be aware of the needs of their incoming students and can thus plan accordingly.

Our student numbers are changing on a regular basis at present. For 2015, we have planned for 7 classes. As our numbers have dictated, we will have four straight year group and three composite classes. Particular care has been taken to ensure we have placed students in the correct class grouping, examining their academic and social needs, and also the mix of students in the classes. This is a process that has taken well over a half a term to finalise due to the constant change in student numbers. Classes will commence immediately in 2015, rather than having the change of teachers during the first week. Our community will know the composition of our classes in 2015 as a result of the changing circumstances.

Just last week, the NSW Minister for Education approved changes to the use of the Attendance Register codes for 2015. The changes implement the ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting. ACARA developed the National Standards to establish nationally consistent parameters for the collection and reporting of student attendance data.

There are no new register codes, but the meaning of some existing codes has changed, particularly relating to the use of the exemption code (M) and the leave code (L). Information on the revised codes can be found at the following web address:

<https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/intranet/lists/directoratesaz/stuwelfare/stuwelfarebeing/attendance/reg-codes15.pdf>

The revisions to the codes are for implementation from the first day of school, 2015. Please see the above information later in the newsletter. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Finally, I would like to wish our students, staff and broader community the very best for the coming festive season and the safest of holiday periods. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2015 for another full year of achievements.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is wrapping up for the year and we would like to extend a BIG thank you and Merry Christmas to everyone. It has been a wonderful time at Breakfast Club with so many helpful volunteers lining up constantly to take part in volunteering as well as eating breakfast. Also a big thank you to all those who have kindly donated honey, jam, flour and condiments through out the term. Your kindness is the very backbone of Breakfast Club.

Mrs Buchanan



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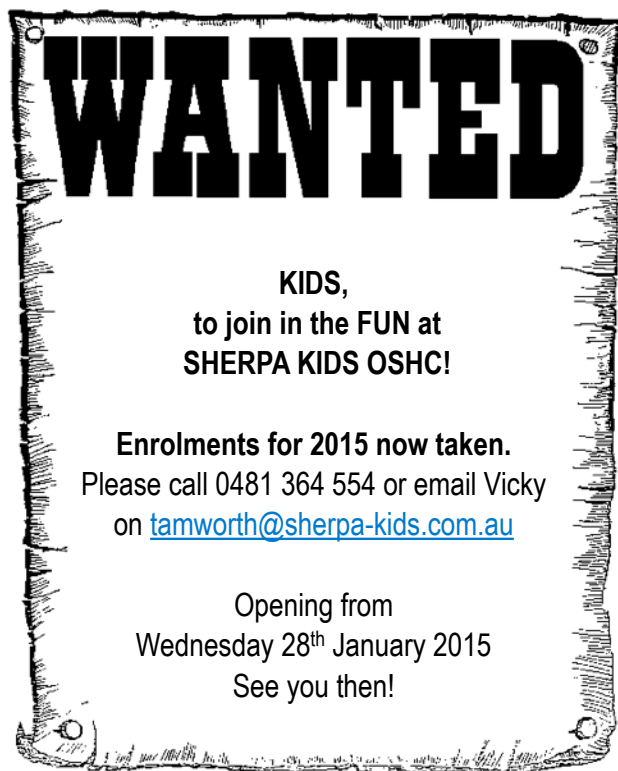
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8am & 5pm - Denman Ave, Kootingal  
10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi





## The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

Volunteers Roster for Term 4

Friday 12th December Yvette Dow and Noni Kasch  
Georgette Coppola - Canteen Manager

At the North Pole on Christmas Eve, Santa and his elves, led by Aaleyah the head Elf, were busily packing the sleigh for Santa's big journey. The reindeers were eating carrots and resting before they left on their important mission. Zane was helping Mrs Claus get Santa's black boots, red jacket, hat, big belt and pants ready. They were also boiling the jug to make Santa a hot cup of tea.

Suddenly the lights went out and Santa's village was pitch black. The evil reindeer had flicked off the power switch. Everyone in the village was very scared and worried.

Suddenly the door to Santa's Workshop slowly opened. The evil reindeer crept inside. He crept up to Santa and picked him up with his antlers and shoved him into Santa's magical sack. He disappeared into the distance with Santa in the sack, back to his evil lair in the evil forest.

Aaleyah the head elf went searching for why the power went out. She found the switch lying in the snow and screwed it back on. Then the lights came back on. Everyone saw that Santa and his magical sack were missing. Christmas would have to be cancelled.

Mrs Claus and Aaleyah went searching outside for Santa and found hoof marks in the snow leading to the evil forest. Mrs Claus and Aaleyah ran back into Santa's Workshop to find Zane. They explained to Zane that Santa was missing and that they had found hoof marks leading into the evil forest.

Zane whistled for Rudolf who came running. He jumped on Rudolf's back and flew off over the evil forest. Suddenly Rudolf smelt smoke and flew over the evil reindeer's lair where the smoke was coming from. Zane realised that Santa was sending a special help signal up the chimney.

Zane jumped off Rudolf's back and slid down the chimney. Rudolf broke through the front door of the lair. Zane shoved Santa into his magical sack and jumped back onto Rudolf's back, grabbed his antlers and sped through the sky straight back to Santa's Village where they were safe.

Everyone cheered, as now Christmas would not have to be cancelled. Santa was so disappointed with the evil reindeer that he would never ever deliver a present to him again.

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