



Kootingal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 9

Thursday 4th December 2014

Presentation Night 2014

Special Major Awards

Outstanding All Round Student – Tameka Frewen

Dux 2013 – Joed Humphris-Castle

Service to the School – Jason Dunn

Citizenship - Stage 1 – Megan Johnson

Stage 2 – Lyara Fernando

Achievement in Performing Arts – Elly Chapple

Achievement in Creative and Practical Arts – Ayesha Menzies

Caring and Learning Award – Grace Sheridan

Achievement in Sport – Cameron Barber



Important Dates to Remember Term 4 2014

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

18th and 19th December - Staff Development Day

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



Support the Businesses that support our school

Kootingal & District Bowling Club



Friday/Saturday Meat Raffles
2 First Class Bowling Green
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Lunch served daily 12 – 2pm
Dinner - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6pm – late
Pizzas - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6pm – late
Enjoy the beer garden with children's playground
20 Gate St, Kootingal, Ph. 6760 3203
www.kootingalhotel.com.au

Presentation Night Awards

KLR Class Awards - Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Richards

Jessie Johnson – Outstanding academic performance and application in all Key Learning Areas
 Joshua Thompson – Academic award for the most consistent student
 Angus Frewen – Most improved student
 Mikyla Phillpott – Fantastic citizenship and improvement in learning

1CR Class Awards – Mrs Chegwyn and Mrs Richards

Cody Turner-Bourke – Outstanding Citizenship
 Zane Hyson – Excellent Academic Achievement
 Georgia Ford – Excellent Academic Achievement
 Maverick Ramage – Most Improved student
 Grace Callaghan – Excellent all round student

2M Class Awards – Mrs Morrish

Amity Cork – Academic Award for the Most Consistent Student
 Jainah Grant – Consistent effort in all Key Learning Areas
 Harrison Witten – Mathematics Award
 Ally Higgins – Most Improved Student

2/3S Class Awards – Mrs Simpson

Megan Johnson – Excellent dedication to Learning
 Isabella Walker – Improvement across all Key Learning Areas
 Chloe Van Maanen – Improvement in Literacy
 Jack Chapple – Consistent improvement in Mathematics
 William Heeney – Consistent improvement in Literacy
 Savannah Barber - Outstanding application to Bookwork

3/4W Class Awards – Mrs Ward

Finley Wallace – Outstanding academic achievement
 Hannah Turner-Bourke – Commitment to Learning
 Brendan Jarrett – Excellent all round student
 Macey Holden – Improvement and Application
 William Baldwin – Consistent Academic Performance
 Ryley Marsh – Consistent application

4/5M Class Awards – Miss Magann

Harrison Loftus – Excellent effort in all Key Learning Areas
 Taleah Pinnock – Excellent academic achievement
 Brock Hyson – Excellent application in all Key Learning Areas
 Emily Deasey – Excellent academic achievement
 Emily Nicholls – Excellent all round student
 Isabella Johnston – Commitment to Learning

6G Class Awards – Mr Griffiths

Bailey Pinnock – Excellence in Mathematics
 Nicholas Howard – Quiet Achiever in all Key Learning Areas
 Brock Lambert – Consistent Academic Performance
 Kristie Creamer – Improvement across Key Learning Areas
 Ethan Watts – Improved Application to Learning
 Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow – Outstanding Citizenship

Mrs Cracknell's Message

Mrs Doak's Awards

Jade Nicholls - Excellent Library Borrowing
 Megan Bubb – Excellent Library Borrowing
 Logan Phillpott - Excellent Library Borrowing
 Byron Lees - Excellent Library Borrowing
 Shanae Roach - Excellent Library Borrowing
 Chloe Bayes - Excellent Library Borrowing

Sporting Blues

Emily Deasey for Swimming
 Luke Deasey for Swimming
 Toby Taggart for Rugby League
 Jessica Smith for Athletics
 Cameron Barber for Athletics, Hockey and Cross Country
 Madison Roach for Cross Country
 Georgia Holcombe-Nancarrow for Touch Football
 Tameka Frewen for Soccer

Winning House – Gill



Gold Award
 Isabelle Price

Silver Award

Emmielle Kingdom, Montana Winter,
 Riley Brown, Brooklyn Walsh,
 Ebony Phillpott, and Isabelle Price



Uniform Award

Isabelle Marsh, Darcy Harris,
 Beau Robertson, Madeleine Jones,
 Ryley Marsh, Breeanna Howard
 and Elly Chapple



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Kootingal & District Preschool Inc



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 Ph: 6760 3861
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8am & 5pm - Denman Ave, Kootingal
 10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi

Weekly Bronze Awards

Mikyla Phillpott - Great work in computers
Nate Symons - Improved results in all areas of English
Lochlan Muller - Improved social skills
Taela McCahon - Effort in home reading
Cody Turner-Bourke - Being a beautiful friend
Ty Allen - Trying hard in reading
Brodie Cain - Consistently following school rules
Ashley Hill - Excellent homework efforts throughout the year
Lillie Walker - Excellent homework throughout the year
Alexander Cracknell and Joshua Deasey - Working well in HSIE and Science
William Morris - Persevering with hand sewing
Boston DeBelle - Excellence in craft activities
Jack Witten - Showing initiative and helping others
Tahlia Tull-Watkins - Settling in to her new school
Matthew Kenny - Improved attitude to work
Mariah Walsh - Improved effort at staying on task
Kayla Jenner - Settling into Kootingal Public School
Taleah Pinnock, Brooklyn Walsh and Breeanna Howard - Pirate artwork
Ethan Watts - Participation in class discussions
Jaydan Russ - Great results in Mathematics area of 2D shapes
Olivia Coppola-Smith - Working well in class
Kristie Creamer - Great work in play script reading



Mrs Cracknell's Message

What a wonderful Presentation Night! It was fabulous to see so many students, parents and community members supporting our children. Congratulations to all students who received awards. All our students have worked hard throughout the year and it was wonderful to see so many rewarded. Although not all students could receive acknowledgement on the night, I am very proud of you all and am pleased that I am your Principal.

Also last night, Kootingal Public School was fortunate to receive two very kind donations from Sumemrs IGA of \$1465.34 and Kootingal and District Bowling Club of \$100. This was completely unexpected and greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to our 2015 School Captains, Jack Howard and Emily Nicholls, and our Vice Captains, Toby Taggart and Chenoa Siemsen. Thank you to our outgoing Captains, Brock Bayes and Olivia Coppola-Smith, and Vice Captains, Joey Jamieson and Madison Roach. You all performed splendidly. Now the hard work begins!

Our Rock Band and Choir also treated us to wonderful performances. Well done to all students and thank you Mrs Richards and Mrs Lawrence.

As a part of our school planning process for 2015 and beyond, I invited our community to provide their pros and cons regarding the formation of composite classes. This week, I thought I would outline as to why Kootingal Public School has composite classes and their benefits. Composite classes usually arise due to student numbers. Class numbers vary as students progress through primary school. In the younger years, class numbers are lower with the Department of Education and Communities recommending Kindergarten classes be 20 in size. This number grows to 30 in years 3 – 6. Some of the year groups at Kootingal Public School are particularly large and small. At times, there is not enough students to make a class and there are too many to make one class of a particular year group. In saying this, however, the effects of composite classes are not entirely negative.

As a parent, the most important factor to consider is the teacher. The quality of the teacher is the element that has the greatest effect on student learning at school. At Kootingal Public School, it is my role as Principal to ensure that we have the best educators in front of our students and that my teachers are skilled across a variety of areas from pedagogy to classroom management and social welfare. We have an extensive professional development calendar that is formulated at the start of each year and is based on data, the needs of both students and staff. As stated in recent weeks, our teachers are more highly trained to identify and cater for the range of students in their classes, as evidenced by our work with our Learning and Support Teacher, Mrs Ardill.

Not only this, but children work at different rates and a staged curriculum offers flexibility for learners of all abilities and ages. A year grouped class is as likely to have as wide ability ranges as a staged or composite class. Research has also shown that students in composite classes have a wider choice of friends, earlier opportunities for leadership roles, opportunities for mentoring of younger students by older ones and "less competition and aggression".

This past week, I had a visit from Sophie Hobden and Hannah Turner-Bourke of 3/4W. Mrs Ward was so impressed with the assistance of both Sophie and Hannah that she had to let me know. Both students are noted for their citizenship qualities and it was lovely to see them in a very Christmassy mood. Keep up the great work ladies!



Technology is a tool that is meant to aid the way in which we work and operate our daily lives, and a large part of this is social media. Social media enables people to connect and communicate in a timely fashion with people near and far away

and source information quickly. However, it is when we use social media in ways that are not safe it becomes a source of distraction and our enemy. Amy Jo Martin states, 'Social media is changing the way we communicate and the way we are perceived, both positively and negatively. Every time you post a photo, or update your status, you are contributing to your own digital footprint and personal brand.' For young people, this lesson comes often in situations where their actions have a negative effect. It is important to remember that social media is just a tool and it does not replace the need to demonstrate restraint and consideration for others. In a discussion with our School Chaplain, Mrs Buchanan, this week, I have posted some fact sheets about specific apps. I have placed it on the school's website in the *Latest News and Features* section. These fact sheets compliment the work being done by our classroom teachers on a daily basis in educating our students about digital citizenship. More information can also be found at <http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/> where a suite of resources exists for students and families to support safe online behaviour.

Moonby House Christmas Carols are scheduled for next 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.

Kootingal Sherpa Kids

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmaaaas....
With green and red paper chain hanginnng,
In the Sherpa Kids roooooooooom.

Christmas Decorations we are makinng,
Santa Claus' and Stockings and mooore,
And even an icy snowman
To eat before it melts on the floooooor!



Hey Kids,
We would love some more elves to help with decorations of our room and TWO Christmas trees!

Mums and Dads, casual enrolments are always welcome and while the kids are having a blast at After School Care you are able to finish off (or start) the Christmas shopping, child free! A gift in itself!

New enrolments always welcome! Drop into the centre, located on the veranda or pick up enrolment forms from the front office. Vicky 0481 364 554 or email tamworth@sherpa-kids.com.au

BANKING

Banking Prizes

Angus Frewen and Joshua Thompson

Banking Co-Ordinator

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



Class of 1984 - Reunion

Dear Mrs Cracknell,

During the September holidays the Year 6 class of 1984 held a 30 year reunion. Mr Cec Ledwos, our class teacher, suggested I send this to you.

The reunion began at the school where Mr Ledwos, one of our favourite teachers, kindly gave us a tour of the school. It was a great walk down memory lane. A lot of the school was very familiar and we were impressed by the new buildings and how the school had grown.

We took a photo of the group at the front of the school, the place where we had had our Year 6 photo taken.

From the school we went to the Kootingal Hotel where we reminisced about our primary school days and caught up on everyone's lives over the past 30 years.

Pictured below (maiden names used):

Back row: Michael Cross, Tim Berman, Nicky Taylor, Chris Bryant, Mr Cec Ledwos

Front row: Jarrod Howard, Donna Dietrich, Teressa Bonanno, Kim Grant, Jenny Follington, Jodie Cadden



Also attending the reunion but not pictured was Alison Stokoe, Clinton Vince and Grant Humphries.

Thanks also to Trish for opening up the school for us.

Kind regards
Nicky Aitken (Taylor)

The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

Volunteers Roster for Term 4

Friday 5th December	Lauren Witten
Friday 12th December	Yvette Dow and Noni Kasch
Georgette Coppola - Canteen Manager	

P & C News

Raffles winner on Presentation Night.
1st - Christmas Hamper - Darcy Harris
2nd - Gingerbread House - Lexy Simpson-Craig
3rd - Bag and Bunny - Ryley Marsh

Thank you to all parents and community members who brought tickets.

Our BBQ made \$374.85
Raffle made \$301.00

Tamworth Oz Tag

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www.tamworthjunioroztag.com



2015 Summer Junior Oztag Competition

The new competition begins on:
Wed. 18th FEBRUARY (Primary) and Thu. 19th FEBRUARY
(H.S). Registration includes Term 1 & 4.
Games are at Plain St Fields.
Game times are 4.15 & 4.50pm (5.00pm for HS)

Cost is \$90 per player and shorts (\$25) are compulsory.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL, \$80, IF PAID ONLINE BY
10TH DEC 2014

- Divisions are MIXED in:
- 6yrs & Under Mini Tag (a NON-COMPETITIVE DIVISION)
- 8yrs & under;
- 14yrs & under;
- 16yrs & under.
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- The 10 & 12 yrs & Under Division's are single sex teams.
- The High School Competition (14's and 16's) will play on Thursday afternoons.

Game times are 4.15pm and 4.50pm(PS) or 5.00pm(HS).

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS NOW ONLINE AT
www.tamworthjunioroztag.com

Visit the website for further details and registration forms.

You can still register at the ground on 4th and 11th Feb, 4-6pm.

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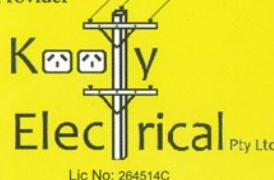


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TUES NOV 25TH 2014	Double Session 2 x 15 Games 10.30am—12noon / 1.00pm—2.30pm
THURS DEC 4th 2014	Evening Single Session 1 x 15 Games 7.00pm—8.30pm
TUES DEC 9th 2014	Double Session 2 x 15 Games 10.30am—12noon / 1.00pm—2.30pm
THURS DEC 18th 2014	Evening Single Session 1 x 15 Games 7.00pm—8.30pm
TUES DEC 23rd 2014	***BINGO PLAYERS XMAS PARTY*** (please bring a plate to share) Double Session 2 x 15 Games 10.30am—12noon / 1.00pm—2.30pm
TUES JAN 6th 2015	Single Session 1 x 20 Games 10.30am to 12.30pm
TUES JAN 13th 2015	***KIDS WELCOME*** Single Session 1 x 15 Games. 10.30am
TUES JAN 20th 2015	Single Session 1 x 20 Games 10.30am to 12.30pm
TUES JAN 27th 2015	***KIDS WELCOME*** Single Session 1 x 15 Games. 10.30am

Phone 67 603 202

Choi Sun Chinese Restaurant Open for Lunch!

Whats On!



Kootingal and District Bowling Club

CHRISTMAS RAFFLES

Friday 5th Dec — **50 Half Hams**

Friday 12th Dec — **50 Half Hams**

Tickets on Sale 6.30pm. Draw Starts 7.30pm

Sunday 14th Dec

Members Giveaway Day *

100 Prizes Including Half Hams Turkey Rolls

Lamb Beef and Pork Roasts Seafood Vouchers
and much more

Tickets available from 12.00p.m draw starts @
2p.m

(no tickets will be sold in this raffle present
your membership card to receive your ticket)

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