



Kooting Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

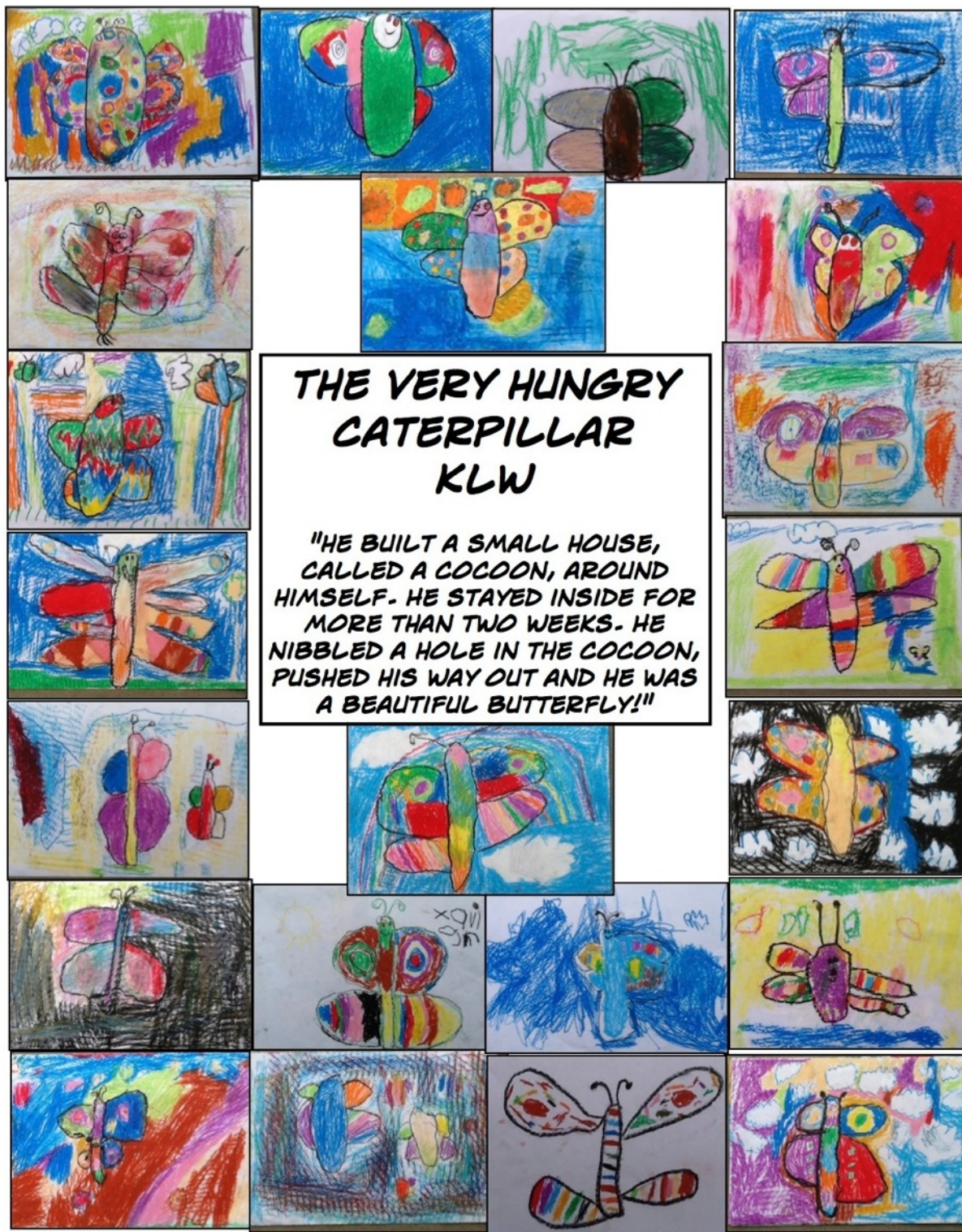
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Term 4 Week 4

Thursday 29th October 2015



Gold Awards
Breeanna Howard



Silver Awards
Kelsey Burrell,
Boston DeBelle,
Savannah Barber,
Megan Bubb,
Chelsea Van Maanen,
Liam Jarrett,
Emma Jarrett, Breeanna Howard, Robert Hazard and Sophie Hogg



Uniform Awards
Meika Haak,
Coby Hobden,
Travis Grierson,
Luke Sydenham,
Megan Bubb,
Isabella Vernon,
Lyara Fernando and Emily Nicholls

Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2015

Friday 30th October - Red Food Day

Friday 30th Oct - Lake Keepit and Echnida Gully - final payment due

Friday 30th October - Bright Stars Transition 9:30 to 3pm

Monday 2nd Nov - 2016 School Captain nominees announced

Monday 2nd November - CAPERS Week

Monday 9th Nov - 2016 School Captain nominees speeches

Wednesday 11th November - Musica Viva

Friday 13th November - Bright Stars Transition 9:30am to 3pm

Executive Team - Principal - Cara Cracknell

Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn (Mon - Wed) and Kirsty Lawrence (Thur - Fri)

Assistant Principal (Yr 3 to 6) - Anne Doak

P & C Executive

President: Lauren Witten

Vice President - Cath Bubb

Secretary: Vanessa Johnson

Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jelka Schurink (Canteen)

Weekly Bronze Awards



Cooper Higgins and Riley Robinson - Continued effort in home reading and home work all year

Billy Jones - Continued effort in learning his sounds

Molly Smith - Being a keen participant in music classes with Mrs Brown

Jessie Johnson, Joshua Thompson and Nate Symons - Excellent participation in excursion follow up activity and responses

Ayisha Fernando, Emma Jarrett, Isabella Cannon and Cody Turner-Bourke - Taking time when learning and practising a new art technique

Grace Callaghan - Working well in spelling

Beau Robertson and Alexander Cracknell - Outstanding spelling results

Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Participating well in spelling

Shannon Charters - Bookwork and presentation

Logan Phillpott - Dedication to homework

Jack Witten - Showing confidence to tackle new tasks

Ryley Marsh and Jessica Coppola-Smith - Displaying our school values

Jasmine Hogan - Showing independent work habits

Emily Deasey, Chloe Bayes, Toby Taggart and Dyllan Thomas - Amazing commitment to 'Maths Mentals' work

Excursion Payments are due

Reminder: Lake Keepit (years 5 and 6) and Echnida Gully (year 3 and 4) excursion money **must be paid in full by Friday 30th October 2015.** As most families have only paid the deposit the final payments are **Lake Keepit \$250 and Echnida Gully \$120.**

This week I commenced interviewing our Year 5 students who

BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

William Heeney and Luke Sydenham

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



have nominated for the 2016 School Captain candidacy. I am

Mrs Cracknell's Message

pleased to say that our students performed exceedingly well and provided a few new ideas for implementation in future years across the school. I spoke with Mrs Chegwyn at length about the interviews as I recorded each student's response to my seven questions. The questions were:

1. What do you like about Kootingal Public School?
2. What do you think is the role of a school captain?
3. What have you done at school in recent years that has prepared you to be a School Captain of Kootingal Public School?
4. Why do you think the role of a school captain is important to our school and to you personally?
5. If you are chosen as captain, how will you deal with those people who were not chosen, considering they will be disappointed because they also wanted to be captain?
6. If you are not chosen as captain, how will you work to support the person that was chosen?
7. What is something that you would like to improve upon or change and how would you do that?

How do you think you may have responded?

We are nearing the end of our Kindergarten *Bright Stars Transition* program for 2015. Each week, our 2016 Kindergarten students experience a new Key Learning Area (KLA) with Mrs Lawrence. This is important for students to experience the whole range of learning areas that a Kindergarten student experiences across a school week. We have two transition days remaining in our program for 2015 and they are:

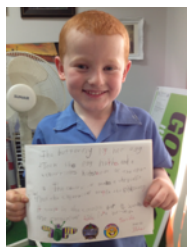
- Friday 30th October – 9.30am – 3pm
- Friday 13th November – 9.30am – 3pm with a Parent Information Session from 9.45am – 11.30am

These days are full days of transition and are vitally important when gathering information about how a child will work and manage a full day at school. If you have any questions about our transition program, or know of someone with a child looking to enter Kindergarten in 2016, please contact the school.

Last Friday, Mrs Simpson and her class of 1S attended the celebration of the pilot program of the *Agriculture, Food and Fibre Week* at Bunnings and the Binaalbaa Cengtre at TAFE New England. The day was jammed packed full of workshops for the children, starting at Bunnings with painting terracotta pots and planting herbs and vegetable seedlings to take home. I saw the pots both at Bunnings and back at school and I think we have a lot of students who enjoy glitter! Students also made pom poms with wool from the Nundle Woollen Mill. Upon their return, 1S composed an article for the Northern Daily Leader. Look out for it in the coming week. I hope our families enjoyed seeing the fruits of their children's labour. Well done 1S!



Mrs Cracknell's Message



Congratulations to Raymond Sydenham of KLW! Raymond composed a wonderful procedural text about how a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly. Raymond and I had a wonderful discussion about the word *chrysalis*. Well done Raymond and may you continue to strive for excellence in Kindergarten!

On the weekend, we held another sewing bee for our CAPERS costumes. Mrs Simpson led the charge. I joined Mrs Simpson and was closely followed by Mrs Caslick and her daughter Kim, and later in the afternoon, Mrs Vicki Betts joined us. We were like a production line. We have finally finished our forty circular skirts and forty neck scarves for our girls to wear. It has been a long process and one that could not have been done without the support and work of all the volunteers, including Mrs Chegwyn who threaded elastic. Our school will now have a bank of costumes for future productions that look spectacular. Thank you Mrs Simpson for your work in measuring all our children and then adjusting patterns to suit them. Your work has been outstanding and I have learnt a new skill in rolling a hem!

Good luck to our students in Years 3 and 4 who are competing in the T20 Cricket gala day this Friday in Tamworth. I know you will enjoy your day, competing against other schools and having great fun with your friends. Thank you Mr Griffiths for providing this opportunity and thank you to our families that assisted with transportation.

As stated last week, it is important that all children have access to drinking facilities throughout the school day. At our school, we have numerous bubblers and offer children the chance to rehydrate throughout the day, both within and outside the classroom. Hence, it is important that students have a water bottle each day at school. Our children are very active in their break times and require proper hydration as they enter the classroom ready to learn. Please ensure your child has a water bottle. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss.

Excursion - Classes 2M, 2/3G and 3M

On Monday 2nd November, 2M, 2/3G and 3M will be walking around Kootingal as a writing stimulus as a part of our assessment program.

Student permission to leave the school grounds was already sought at the beginning of the year on the general permission note, so no formal permission note is required.

Melbourne Cup - Tuesday 3rd November

We will celebrate Melbourne Cup day next Tuesday. Students are to wear their favourite fancy hat on Tuesday with full school uniform.

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School



Selective Schools applications now open online
Farrer is the only all-boys government Agricultural high school in Australia & would like to inform parents of current Year 5 students, that registration for Year 7 2017 is now open online.

To register your son to sit the Selective Schools test visit the Farrer website and follow the Selective Schools link. Applications close 16th November. For further enquiries contact Farrer on 6764 8600.

1S Excursion - Friday 23rd October



BIG NEWS for SHERPA KIDS OSHC.....

We are moving!

Don't panic...it is not too far away.

It is to the School's Hall!

MUCH Bigger (now a 30 placement centre)
More room for more friends to have more fun!

Brilliant new kitchen!

Great under cover area!

Watch the chooks all morning & afternoon!

Still the great outdoor world we know & love!

***We are looking forward to the move and
plan to open the 'new' centre Week 6.***

*For new enrolments please pick up your enrolment
form from the Centre or the School's Office.*

NEW ENROLMENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

If you have any queries about the move or
enrolments please contact

Natalie - 0435 535 895 or Vicky - 0481 364 554

The Star Cafe

Red Food Day

30th October 2015

1st break

Hot Dog with Cheese and Tomato Sauce \$3.00

OR

Chicken Kebab \$2.50

Spider \$1.00

Lolly Bags \$1.00

Jelly Cups \$1.00

Pre orders essential. Please return your order and
money to the school by Wednesday 28th October.
Second break times still available.

Volunteer Roster for Term 4

Friday 30th October - Jayne Lees, Tracey Walker
and Cath Bubb (Red Food Day)

Friday 6th November - Melissa Brennan

Friday 13th November - Janine Barber

Friday 20th November - Marta Shiels

Friday 27th November - Sarah Maybury

Friday 4th December - Natasha Jacobson

Friday 11th December - Sallie Vernon and
Vicky Loftus

Canteen Coordinator, Noni Kasch

Newsletter Distribution for 2016

Next year our weekly newsletter will only be provided by the following methods:

1. Email
2. Website - www.kootingal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
3. Paper copy (only printed if requested for in writing to the front office)

Please provide an email address below and return to the front office by Friday 30th October. Newsletter will be emailed to you each Thursday.

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