



Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

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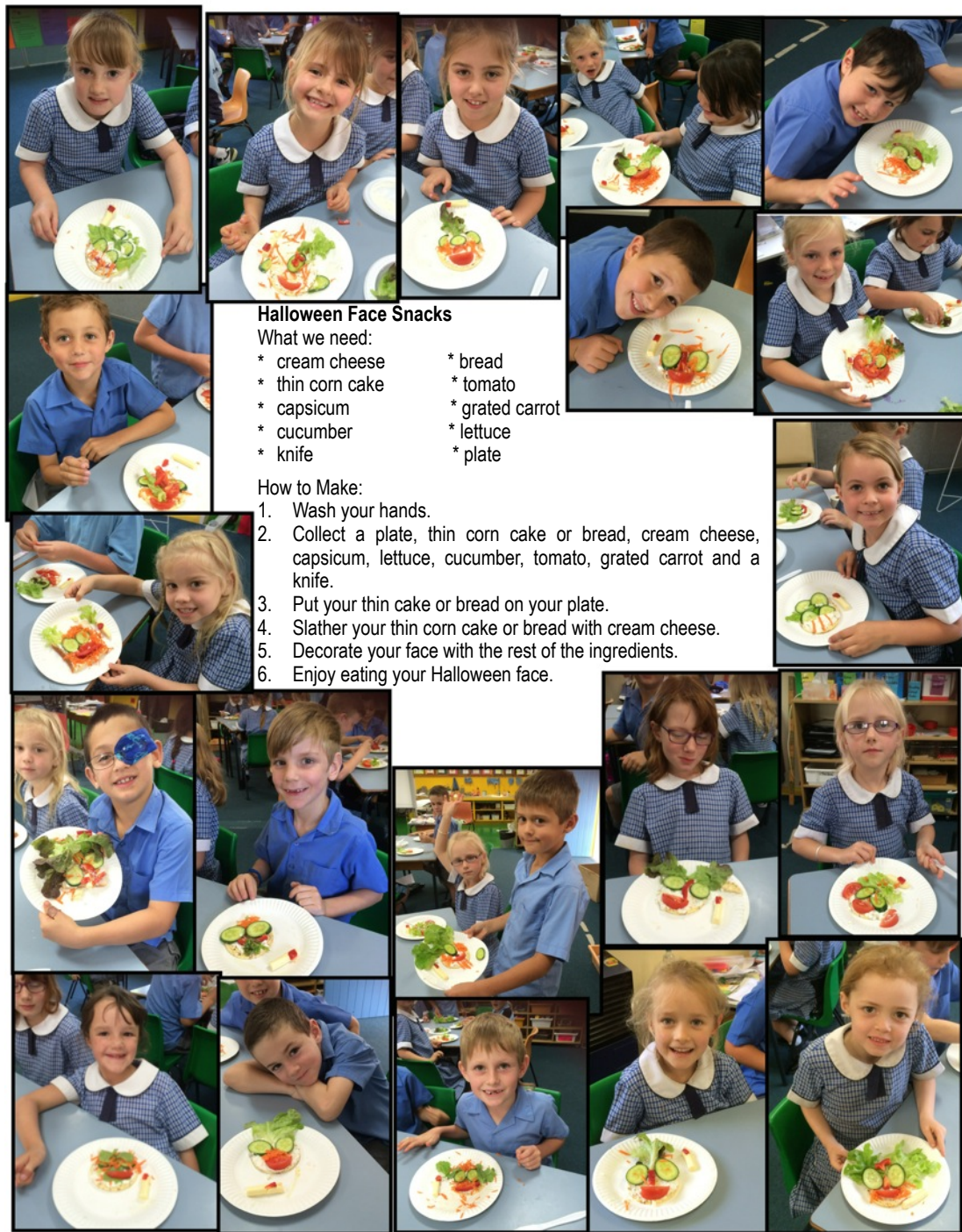
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Term 4 Week 5

Thursday 5th November 2015

1S Celebrating Halloween by Making Healthy Ghoulish Faces and Chopped off Fingers



Halloween Face Snacks

What we need:

- * cream cheese
- * thin corn cake
- * capsicum
- * cucumber
- * knife
- * bread
- * tomato
- * grated carrot
- * lettuce
- * plate

How to Make:

1. Wash your hands.
2. Collect a plate, thin corn cake or bread, cream cheese, capsicum, lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot and a knife.
3. Put your thin cake or bread on your plate.
4. Slather your thin corn cake or bread with cream cheese.
5. Decorate your face with the rest of the ingredients.
6. Enjoy eating your Halloween face.

Gold Awards
Megan Bubb and
Sophie Hobden



Silver Awards
Chloe Bayes, Jack Witten,
Riley Robinson, Joey Hyson,
Maverick Ramage, Natasha
Grant, Thomas Atkins and
Sophie Hobden



Uniform Awards
Hayden Cook,
Sienna Butorac,
Joseph Barber,
Grace Callaghan,
Kelsey Burrell, Harrison Loftus
and Lachlan Young



Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2015

Friday 6th November - CAPERS Matinee performance
Saturday 7th November - CAPERS performance
Monday 9th Nov - 2016 School Captain nominees speeches
Wednesday 11th November - Musica Viva
Friday 13th November - Bright Stars Transition 9:30am to 3pm
and Parents Information Morning
Wednesday 18th November - Years 5 and 6 go to Lake Keepit
Thursday 19th November - Years 3 and 4 go to Echnida Gully

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



Jackson Burton - Improved confidence in reading
 Deakan Keven-Faulkner - Improved effort in writing
 Molly Smith - Always trying her hardest in Mathematics
 Meika Haak - Always trying hard in class and being a kind friend to others
 Mikyla Phillpott - Excellent public speaking at assembly
 Sienna Butorac - Brave, clear public speaking at assembly
 Lilly Thomas - Artistic effort on Seahorse picture
 Isabelle Marsh - Displaying tolerance and care in the classroom
 Joseph Aitken - Settling well into his new school and class
 Bodin Wallace - Outstanding writing skills to advertise his travel package
 Luke Sydenham - Outstanding bookwork
 Joey Hyson - Making an improved effort with his book work
 Crystal Van Maanen - Being a quiet, conscientious and kind student in 3M
 Cohen Parkes - Working hard to complete all set tasks
 Tyson Beard - Trying really hard in all class tasks
 Billy Siemsen and Janeen Wadwell - An amazing effort on recorder
 Chloe Burch - Being accepting of others, showing respect and school values
 Brendan Jarrett - Classic cricket catch and support and encouragement of others
 Cooper Brett - Demonstrating stronger work habits in Numeracy
 Emmielle Kingdom - Being well organised in the classroom
 Dylan Dow - Working well in Numeracy
 Georgia DeBelle - Taking pride in work
 Darcy Slmpson-Craig - Showing pride in work, neat handwriting skills
 Chenoa Siemsen, Mitchell Worth, Georgia Madden and Shainna Spurway - Enthusiasm during Dance

Excursion Payments are due

Reminder: Lake Keepit (years 5 and 6) and Echnida Gully (year 3 and 4) excursion money **is now overdue and needs to be paid in full urgently.**

BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Georgia Ford and Alexander Cracknell

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



Student of the Month

Grace Callaghan - Grace is a vibrant student who is a good friend. She is caring towards others and shows respect to both her peers and teachers, in the classroom and in the playground. She is a positive role model to others.



Grace is a pleasure to teach. She has a positive attitude towards learning and has a strong desire to improve. She participates well in all aspects of her learning, whether it is a classroom activity or outdoors during sport.

Demonstrating the school values, Grace is a worthy recipient of this award. She is a valued class member and is a wonderful school citizen. Grace is to be congratulated on the contribution she makes at school. Congratulations Grace.

Isabella Johnston - Isabella has a vibrant and outgoing personality which brightens up the classroom. She is popular amongst her peers and has a great sense of humour.



Isabella is always willing to help others and is a fine Year 6 Student Representative Leader and House Captain.

Isabella is always striving to do her best in the classroom and particularly enjoys Creative Arts lessons. She is cooperative and is a kind, caring friend.

Isabella wears her uniform with pride and is a great role model to her fellow Kootingal Public School students. Congratulations Isabella.

Silver Assembly Awards - Thursday 29th October

Lily Shiels - Displaying our school values
 Angela Baker - Showing persistence to tackle new tasks
 Raymond Sydenham - A big improvement in writing skills
 Isabelle Aitken - Showing more confidence to tackle new tasks especially in reading
 Robert Hazard, Lilly Aitken, Angus Frewen and Joshua Thompson - 100% homework record for 2015
 Travis Grierson - Effort in Mathematics
 Taela McCahon - Improved work habits in the classroom
 Jentzen Haak - Working well in reading group activities
 Daniel Worth - Improved work habits in the classroom
 Jessica Wheatley - Making a consistent effort and being a confident learner
 William Morris - Being a confident learner, who willingly asks and answers questions
 Tyler Flemming - Being a well mannered student with settled work habits
 Harry Fields-Waddington, Joshua Deasey, Erika Kamminga and Ally Higgins - Consistent spelling results all year
 Brendan Jarrett - 99% in Mathematics test - top results
 Finley Wallace - 93% in Writing assessment - top results



Silver Assembly Awards

Chloe Van Maanen - Showing understanding and tolerance of others

Kelsey Burrell - Speedy spelling skills

Natasha Grant - Consistent effort and improvement in Mathematics

Riley Brown - Effort in reading and improved attitude

Jack Witten - Improved organisation and effort in learning

Lyara Fernando - Positive role model, displaying school values

Guransh Makhija - His positive approach to learning and showing care for others

Ryan Hobden - Working efficiently in class and asking questions

Shanae Roach - Diligent work habits in completing all set tasks

Chloe Bayes - Settled work habits and completing tasks to a high standard



Congratulations to Toby Callaghan, Damien Nicholls and Emily Hatton of KLW! All three students composed wonderful diary recounts of events from the weekend. It is so pleasing to see how our Kindergarten students are progressing and excelling in their studies.

Well done Kindergarten!

Sienna Butorac of Mrs Simpson's 1S class drew a wonderful representation of *The Yellow Tractor*. Sienna, and her friend Addyson Vernon, were very pleased with her effort. Great work Sienna and keep on smiling ladies!



This week, we finalised our recap of our professional learning with Mrs Shauna Stoker on *Focus on Reading* (FoR). Mrs Stoker was our Highly Accomplished Teacher a few years ago and took our staff through this professional learning process of FoR. FoR is an intensive professional learning program for teachers to support the explicit teaching of the key aspects of reading, namely comprehension, vocabulary and reading text fluency. The program draws from a sound research base that justifies the need for these key aspects to be at the forefront of literacy teaching and learning. Our staff were guided through Reciprocal Reading, participating in a mock session. To compliment this learning, we are utilising our Quality Teaching, Successful Students additional staffing to release classroom teachers to work with Mrs Nicole Chegwyn on their implementation of FoR in their classrooms. This is a focus from our current School Plan.

This week in our French lessons, students have been revising the months of the year, how to say Happy Birthday and respond in French to say their birthday. In 2/3G, students were paired and conducted a scripted conversation. Students covered Bonjour (good morning), comment tu t'appelles? (what is your name), Je m'appelle and student's name (my name is), comment allez vous (how are you?), ca va mal (bad) / ca va bien (good) / ca va comme ci comme ca (so, so) and c'est quand ton anniversaire? (when is your birthday). It is wonderful and exciting to see that our students are progressing and are now able to have conversations with their peers in another language. Great work 2/3G!

While back in the classroom and teaching French, it is clear that many of our students are tired, even during the morning session at 10.30am. Students with heads on tables, yawning and looking dreary-eyed is a great concern. It is imperative that students have adequate rest and sleep in order to be ready for school each day. A school day is taxing on children. As I stated to a class on Tuesday, our brains require rest in order to grow, just like the rest of our body, and our brain requires nourishment with good food. Under our *Playground Supervision Policy*, all classes have supervised eating during both breaks and discussions occur about the foods students are eating. This way our staff are aware of students and their eating habits as well as promoting healthy food items. It is pleasing to see students tucking into their freshly made sandwiches and wraps during first break, and enjoying time eating with their friends. As the Christmas season approaches and festivities become more frequent, it is imperative that students continue to have proper rest and nourishing food to keep them fuelled for a taxing school day. If parents and care givers have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Koolangarra 2015

Our yearly magazine Koolangarra, will only be available through pre-orders with payment. We will only be printing the number of magazines that we have received money for. **The cost of the magazine this year is \$20.** It is in full colour and will include Presentation Night. The magazine will be distributed to those students who have paid for a copy from Monday 14th December 2015. Orders and payment will be taken prior to Presentation Night and at Presentation Night. There will be no late orders after Presentation Night. **Payments can be made at the front office.**

Mrs Cracknell's Message

This week I announced our 2016 School Captain candidates that will stand for election next Monday 9th November. Our candidates will deliver their speeches at our Monday whole school assembly. We have reverted to our morning assembly to allow for voting to occur. Our families and community members are more than welcome to join us in witnessing our next crop of leaders. Our 2016 School Captains are announced on Presentation Night, Tuesday 1st December. Congratulations to the following student candidates:

Dylan Dow
Brock Hyson
Byron Lees

Jessica Coppola-Smith
Georgia DeBelle
Lyara Fernando
Sophie Hobden
Taleah Pinnock

Our final Kindergarten *Bright Stars Transition* program for 2015 is fast approaching. It is scheduled for Friday 13th November from 9.30am – 3pm with a Parent Information Session from 9.45am – 11.30am in our school's hall. Transition is an important and wonderful experience for both the child and school. It is imperative that all children who are intending to enter Kindergarten in 2016 attend the final session of transition. During this session, each child will be paired with their 'big buddy' for 2016. 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.

Mrs Cracknell's Message

Good luck to our CAPERS performers, who will perform on Friday and Saturday this week. A lot of work and preparation has gone into your performance and we know you will perform outstandingly and look amazing. I can't wait to see the finished piece. If you are attending one of the performances this week, you may also notice a certain teacher playing the drums in a band. Good luck Mr Griffiths!

Next week, our students will enjoy another round of Musica Viva! Throughout the year, all students have been learning about their latest concert performance when doing Music with Mrs Walsh. This year there will be a performance by *Mara!*. *Mara!* is an ARIA-award-winning quintet that tours the globe with a unique fusion of world music and jazz. This international experience, combined with lead singer Mara Kiek's voice, makes for an awesome multicultural experience for our students. *Mara!* mixes traditional vocal and instrumental repertoire from a wide variety of cultures with jazz. Students will see a range of woodwinds, bouzouki, baglama and double bass blend seamlessly with languages from around the world. If you wish to come, there is no charge for parents/guardians and community members.

Next week, our Out of School Hours Care service, *Sherpa Kids*, is moving to our school hall. Our school hall has recently had some construction conducted with a kitchenette facility installed in one of our storerooms. This means that Mrs Chegwyn will assume Homebase 1 as her Release from Face to Face classroom. By moving to the hall, Sherpa Kids will now have a larger capacity to care for more children before and after school. If you are interested in this service, or know someone who may be, then please call Vicki Loftus on 0435 335 205. Students from other schools are able to access this service as well.

Our end of year excursions are fast approaching and our students are excited. Thank you to Mrs Sharon Ward and Ms Jillian Cook for taking on the organisation of Lake Keepit and Echidna Gully in Mrs Doak's absence. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to Mrs Ward or Ms Cook.

MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER.

An exciting day for Sherpa Kids Kootingal!

It is the Opening Day at our new location.

We will be situated in the School's Hall where there is plenty of room for the fun games and activities we offer at Sherpa Kids OSHC.

Access will be via the single gate outside of the Administration building, then by following the footpath on the right side of building, past the Staff Room door and then turn right at the senior toilets. Continue past the vegetable patch and chook yard and you when you begin to hear the fun then you know you have found us.

Access via the Staff Carpark at morning drop off or afternoon pick up is prohibited due to the safety aspect of moving vehicles.

We are looking forward to the relocation and are confident the process will go smoothly and be of a great benefit to the children and families of Sherpa Kids OSHC.

0435 335 205

NEW ENROLMENTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

The Star Cafe

Volunteer Roster for Term 4

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

Thank you to the families that have return the below slip. **For those families that haven't filled in the slip below please do so as soon as possible and return to the front office.**

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 urgently. Newsletter will be emailed to you each Thursday.

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Email Address: _____