



Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

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Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 12th November 2015

On Friday 6th November and Saturday 7th November the students of Kootingal Public School participated in CAPERS. Months of practice culminated in the students performing at a matinee and evening performance on Friday and then another evening performance on Saturday. Everyone looked amazing in their costumes; the girls in their circle skirts and neck ties and the boys in their black clothes and neon ties. The way they danced to the live music was fantastic, showing many of the other schools involved in the dance what to do and how to perform.

It was a massive weekend for all involved with all students performing to the best of their ability. It was a huge opportunity for everyone to be involved in a major production with many other schools from across the region. Not only did the students perform exceptionally well, but they also set an example to other schools (large and small) on how to behave. They should be very proud of their achievements! It was a major commitment from all who were involved but I am sure everyone would agree it was definitely worth it in the end. Well done everyone.

CAPERS



Merit Badge
(3 Golds)
Megan Bubb



Gold Awards
Maverick Ramage,
Ryley Marsh and
Nate Symons



Silver Awards
Ryley Marsh, Nate Symons,
Elloise Sharpham,
Luke Goodhand and
Isabelle Marsh



Uniform Awards
Liam Jarrett, Nate Symons,
Cody Turner-Bourke,
Madison Pollard,
Isabelle Price, Jack Hyson,
Ella Howard and
Ryan Hobden



Important Dates to

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

Monday 23rd November - Assembly by KLW, item 6W

23rd to 4th December - School Swimming Scheme

Tuesday 1st December - Presentation Night, starting 6:30pm

Friday 4th December - Moonby House Christmas Carols

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



Xavier Wadwell - Presenting his news confidently to the class every week
 Cooper Higgins - Improved reading skills
 Deakan Keven-Faulkner - Always co-operating and working well with his peers
 Hope Clarke - Great effort in phonics assessment
 Erica-Lee Eyles - Working diligently to improve reading
 Addyson Vernon - Working well in Mathematics
 Isabella Marsh - Working diligently to improve outcomes
 Braidy Cork - Enthusiasm in lessons
 Kobi Murray - Working well with Mr Betts
 Sophie Howard and Darcy Harris - Showing independent work skills
 Reuben Haak and Harrison Witten - Demonstrating a good understanding of 3D shape nets
 Jaeda Symons - Working well for Mrs Morrish
 Xander Murray - Working well with Mrs Lawrence
 Breeanna Howard - Demonstrating 'on task' behaviour, following school rules
 Ashton Haak - Confidence in learning new Mathematics concepts
 Sophie Burrell - Positive attitude to learning, wonderful behaviour
 Sophie Hobden - Demonstrating 'on task' behaviour, positive attitude to learning
 Emily Hayne - Enthusiasm for Creative and Performing Arts
 Shanae Roach - Outstanding homework record
 Jack Howard - Showing maturity and responsibility
 Isabella Johnston - Her positive approach to learning

End of Year Celebrations

This year Kindergarten and Year 1 will be conducting their end of year celebrations at Kidszone. The cost of this event will be \$18 which includes entry, food and bus.

Years 2, 3 and 4 will be attending the movies. They will be watching Snoopy and Charlie Brown - The Peanuts Movie. This movie will not be released until 2016 so it is very exciting that we will see it before it's released. The cost of this event will be \$12.00. This cost includes the movie and bus. Each class will then hold a class party. More information will be supplied by class teachers in regards to this. Permission notes will be coming home soon so keep a look out.

Christmas Carols Service - Moonby House

An invitation is extended to all students, parents, grandparents and other family members to attend the annual 'Christmas Carols Service' at Moonby House on Friday 4th December starting at 6pm for dinner and 7pm for carols. Our students will be learning two songs to perform on this evening as well as a skit from SUPA Club. If your child/children would like to attend and perform on this evening, please ask them to see Mrs Chegwyn or Mrs Cracknell to register their name. We would love to see as many students as possible attending.



BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Izabella Vernon and Addyson Vernon

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



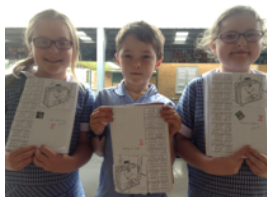
Koolangarra 2015

Our yearly magazine Koolangarra, will only be available through pre-orders with payment. We will only be printing the number of magazines for which we have received money. **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

Congratulations to our 2016 School Captain nominees who this week presented their speeches to their peers at our Monday morning assembly. It was wonderful to see the many parents and family members who came to watch their child. Well done to all students. You all spoke beautifully and are a credit to your families, your community and our school.

Our final Kindergarten *Bright Stars Transition* program for 2015 is this Friday. It is scheduled for 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.



Congratulations to Megan Bubb, Todd Milgate and Matilda Lees on their magnificent work in Mathematics. Though they had to find me across the school, I was very proud to see them achieving in Mathematics. Keep up the great work Megan, Todd and Matilda!



Last week, Mrs Simpson conducted an art lesson about how to free-hand draw a dog. Naomi Maybury of 1S composed a delightful picture of a dog complete with a ball to chase. I was also presented with Mrs Simpson's drawing, which now hangs proudly in my office window for all to enjoy. Well done Naomi!

Following are review of *Focus on Reading* (FoR) with Mrs Shauna Stoker, Mrs Chegwyn has been working with staff on their implementation of FoR in classrooms. Staff have been released from their classrooms and are working closely on the aspects of FoR our staff have identified as needing assistance. In some cases, Mrs Chegwyn is assisting the development of a rich study of text through the design of a unit of work based on the principles of FoR. This time is valuable professional learning that we are conducting onsite. This negates time away from school where teachers can then go back onto class and assume their normal routines, thus minimising the impact on our students.

Last week in our French lessons, students revised the months of the year, how to say Happy Birthday and respond in French to say their birthday. This week we examined how to ask where someone lives and how to say where we lived with 'ou habites-tu?' and responding with 'j'habite en Kootingal'. The students loved seeing their respective hometowns and villages on a large scaled map and raising their hand when they were called. Our conversations in French are getting easier and it was interesting to hear from Miss Magann that students in 2M are trying their hand at Skoolbo in French to earn more points. Keep up the great work Kindergarten, 1S, 2M and 2/3G!

Congratulations to our CAPERS performers, who performed last Friday and Saturday. A lot of work and preparation went into your performance and you performed splendidly. I was

fortunate to be there both evenings and view the performance from one of the tunnels. The students also delighted in seeing and hearing Mr Griffiths play the drums in the Principal's band, *Youth and Experience*. I sat with both Miss Magann and Mr Griffiths on Monday to examine things that we must follow up on now and for future performances at the TREC. CAPERS was an immensely positive experience for our students and one that we plan to offer again. Thank you to Ms Magann and Mr Griffiths for your time, patience and persistence. To all the ladies who assisted to sew the costumes, they looked magnificent. As a Principal, I am as proud as punch of our students and school.

Our Out of School Hours Care service, *Sherpa Kids*, has moved to our school hall. Our school hall has recently had some construction conducted with a kitchenette facility installed in one of our storerooms. Mrs Chegwyn has assumed Homebase 1 as her Release from Face to Face classroom for the remainder of the year. By moving to the hall, *Sherpa Kids* will now have a larger capacity to care for more children before and after school. Both Vicki and Natalie have been working hard getting the service set up and established in the new facilities. If you would like to view the *Sherpa Kids* area, please call Vicki Loftus on 0435 535 205. Students from other schools are able to access this service as well.

Next week, our students head off for their end of year excursions to Lake Keepit and Echidna Gully. Our students are excited! This is a wonderful time of year for students to experience an overnight excursion and participate in physical activities with their peers. Notes have been distributed regarding materials students need to take to their excursion, including a code of conduct form that must be signed by both student and parent. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to Mrs Ward or Ms Cook.



HAVE A GUESS WHERE WE ARE...

Much, much more room!

Great handball area!

Chook gazing....

Great Guessing!

Yes, we are in the hall and LOVING IT!

For enquiries and enrolments please call into the hall during our opening hours of 7am -9am and 3.30pm-6pm, or pick up an enrolment form from the School's office.

0435 535 205

Taking enrolments now for 2016.

DURI HARBOUR BOAT RACE

Races start at 1.00pm

Make your own 'boat' or race one that is already made.

Teams of 2 or 4 race around an obstacle course

Registration on the day - up till 11.30am

Kids races, Adult races, Seniors Races

Entry Fee:

\$5.00 / 2 person boat

\$10.00 / 4 person boat

GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER NOW



DURI HARBOUR BOAT RACES

15th November 2015

Duri Sportsground

cur Dungowan Rd and Werris Creek Rd Duri

10.00am to 3.00pm

Car Boot Sale, Plant Stall,

Raffles, Lucky dips

Craft for the kids

Face Painting

Jumping Castle

BBQ and Canteen available

Something for everyone

Come and HAVE A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT AND Support Duri Public School and Duri Progress Association

Car boot sale site \$15

Enquires or to book a car boot site please phone Billie 0429 355 148 or Natalie 0408 732 890




\$500 to help pay for education

Do you have a child at school or are you studying?
Would \$500 help with your education costs such as: computers, music, sport costs, books, uniforms or TAFE fees.

Saver Plus is a nationally recognised savings program developed by The Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ that helps people save for educational expenses and matches \$1 for every \$1 they save (up to \$500) to assist with education costs. **To be eligible** you need to have some paid work, be 18 years or older and have a Centrelink (health or pension) card.

Contact Anne Yates on 0431651571 or anne.yates@benevolent.org.au

The Star Cafe

Volunteer Roster for Term 4

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.kootinggal-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.

Family Name: _____

Email Address: _____