



Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

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Term 4 Week 10

Thursday 10th December 2015



Carols - Moonby House Friday 4th December

Last Friday evening, our students participated in the annual Moonby House Christmas Carols hosted by the combined churches of Kootingal and Moonbi. Our students performed splendidly singing two songs and performing a short play. We sang two songs by Colin Buchanan, *On that Very First Christmas* and *The King of Christmas*, of which the first was combined with Moonbi Public School. Our SUPA club performed a short play called *Pocket Money*. It was a lovely evening and one that we enjoy having on our calendar each year in support of our community. Thank you to all involved.



Merit Award (3 Golds) Shianne Spurway



Gold Awards Ally Higgins and Shianne Spurway



Silver Awards Logan Phillpott, Jessie Johnson, Brendan Jarrett, Sophie Howard, Keira Madden, Emily Merrick, Ally Higgins, William Baldwin, Sophie Burrell, Sophie Hobden and Jainah Grant



Important Dates to Remember Term 4 2015

Monday 14th December - Kinder and Year 1 - Kids Zone
Monday 14th December - Years 2, 3 and 4 - Movies
Monday 14th December - Years 5 and 6 - Bowling
Tuesday 15th December - P & C Meeting, 6pm School Library
Wednesday 16th December - Last day of school for students

Wednesday 27th January - School Development Day - Staff
Thursday 28th January - Students return to school

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 Bonus Awards



Deakan Keven-Faulkner - Trying hard during MiniLit lessons and having beautiful sewing
 Riley Robinson - Listening to instructions in the pool and always trying hard during swimming
 Hayden Cook - Effort in MiniLit and for improved confidence in the pool during swimming
 Jackson Burton - His confidence in the water and for always participating well during swimming
 Joshua Thompson - Fantastic Mathematics results
 Sienna Butorac - Working well with others
 Chelsea van Maanen - Working well on Mathematics activities
 Thomas Atkins - Improved writing skills
 Isabella Cannon and Zoe Reid - Improvement during intensive swimming
 Emma Jarrett and Zac Hyson - Effort during intensive swimming
 Madison Pollard - Conquering some of her fears about entering the water
 Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Working well at intensive swimming
 Zane Hyson and Isabella Walker - Impressive efforts throughout the intensive swimming scheme
 Sophie Butorac - Being an awesome technology helper in the classroom
 Harry Fields-Waddington - Willingness to help with technology in the classroom
 Janeen Wadwell - Diligence on the MultiLit program
 Isabelle Price - Outstanding helpfulness and organisational skills
 Zachary Parkes - Working well in literacy and being a keen contributor when reading *The Watertower*
 Cooper Brett - Trying extra hard with his spelling
 Shannon Charters - Persisting in Mathematics - striving to do his best
 Izabella Vernon - Working well in literacy and being a keen and observant reader of *The Watertower*
 Ryley Marsh - Exemplary behaviour, positive attitude to learning
 Ashton Haak - Confidence and achievement in learning
 William Baldwin - Exemplary behaviour, impeccable manners
 Jack Witten - Confidence in learning new concepts
 Lachlan Young and Ebony Phillpott - Dedication as the Wilson House Captains
 Mitchell Worth and Shanae Roach - Dedication as the Wilson Vice Captains
 Reign Howarth and Toby Taggart - MVP 6W Netball

Breakfast Club

The past term Mrs Buchanan, Chloe Bayes, Isabella Johnston and Ashley Simmonds have sold icy cups. Over the past term we have sold over 100 icy cups. The funds raised are used to assist the financial supplementation of the Breakfast Club program. The icy cups are sold in the canteen.

Mrs Cracknell's Message

This is the last edition of our newsletter for 2015. In 2016, we are moving to an electronic version of our newsletter. Currently, we have a growing list of families who provided their email addresses for direct emailing of the weekly newsletter. If families still wish to have a paper copy, they must apply in writing. We are endeavouring to have a much larger newsletter that is not restricted to four pages of a paper copy. Through this, we are anticipating having more information available for our community. If you have any questions, please contact the school or pop in to see us.

It is this time of year when a teacher's eyes are bleary-eyed from late nights of report writing. That is also true of a Principal. I have completed reading all student reports for 2015. Like always, it is a pleasure to read every students' reports and, as a Principal, I take pride in knowing that I have read each report that goes out of our school as a formal piece of communication. Report writing is a task that we take seriously, not just in the content but in the way it is written. This requires a lot of time, thought, preparation and consideration on our behalf. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. We ensure reports are distributed in time for parents to carefully read their child's report and make appropriate appointments if required.

This week, our students are moving their current classrooms for the remaining three days of school. This is in preparation for 2016. Please note, the moving of classrooms is for teacher purposes only. This does not mean your child is located in this classroom in 2016. I know students commenced bringing home their hard work and art pieces throughout this week as I had the dubious task of assisting 1S to neatly and carefully wrap their glitter-covered clay Christmas ornaments. Myself, along with the students, were bathed in glitter and, you guessed it, it was in Mrs Simpson's classroom!

Congratulations to Jessie Johnson and Naomi Maybury of 1S. Their work in Mathematics was outstanding and they were just as delighted as me. Well done ladies and continue your good work in 2016!



On behalf of the students and staff of Kootingal Public School, I wish our community the best and safest of Christmas times. Enjoy the festivities and I look forward to working with you all again in 2016. Take care.

BANKING - Thursdays



Please remember to bring your banking on Thursday
 28th January 2016 (1st day back).

Co-ordinators: Mrs Cathy Bubb and Mrs Karen Hobden

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an initiative of Kootingal Public School to support the teaching and learning of behavioural expectations within our school. A major part of PBL is the values that underpin our school's philosophy regarding behavioural expectations.

We are seeking community input into the development of our school's values. These values are the standards of our school and community, where we believe they should build the foundation of our school's culture.

Please complete survey below by selecting the four values that you wish to see at Kootingal Public School and return to the front office or your child's teacher.

What key words and ideas are the most important to you as a parent/carers at KPS?

KEY WORDS	KEY IDEAS	Please tick 4 only
RESPECTED	Appropriate language, follow instructions	
VALUED	Variety, choices, appreciated	
COLLABORATION	Parent participation, inclusive play	
COMMUNICATION	Partnerships, connected, parent participation, effective, efficient	
SPIRITED	Laughter, happy, pride, fun	
SUPPORTIVE	Kind, friendly, helping others	
SAFE	Appropriate play, shelter, equipment, appropriate behaviour	
EFFECTIVE LEARNERS	Resilience, persistence, strong work ethic	

45min NETBALL GYM CLASS!
A NEW RELEASE OF ENERGY TO THE NETBALL COURT

TIME: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Contact: Tamworth Netball
tamworthnetball@bigpond.com

SATURDAY 16TH JANUARY
TAMWORTH SPORTS DOME - JACK SYMTH DRIVE, TAMWORTH

jeanieboy.com.au

Learn to Swim classes

Swimming is an important life skill that can help save a life!

Programs are available for all ages and abilities both during school terms and during the school holidays

Please contact us for further enquiries and bookings on 02 6762 2631

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY Tamworth

CLUB BINGO

KOOTINGAL & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB LIMBRI ROAD

Every **Tuesday**
Single Sessions 1 x 15 Games
Eyes Down 10.30am
Books on Sale 10am

Session Date
EVERY Tuesday in DECEMBER

1st December 2015
Double Session **XMAS PARTY!**
8th December 2015
15th December 2015
22nd December 2015
29th December 2015
5th January 2016
12th January 2016
(Country Music Week) **THURSDAY 21st January 2016**

Please Check kootybowlo.com.au or phone
Club on 67 603 202 for up to date session times.
Morning Tea & Coffee Available

TAMWORTH SPORTS DOME SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

4TH JANUARY – 22ND JANUARY 2016

WEEK 1				
MON 4TH	TUES 5TH	WED 6TH	THU 7TH	FRI 8TH
FUTSAL BASKETBALL DODGEBALL TURBO TOUCH ULTIMATE FRISBEE	NETBALL HOCKEY SOFTBALL TABLE TENNIS AMAZING RACE	CRICKET BADMINTON TUG-O-WAR TENNIS ULTIMATE FRISBEE	EUROPEAN HANDBALL SOFTBALL TURBO TOUCH TEATHER BALL BASKETBALL	ATHLETICS VOLLEYBALL DODGEBALL FUTSAL TREASURE HUNT
WEEK 2				
MON 11TH	TUES 12TH	WED 13TH	THU 14TH	FRI 15TH
NETBALL HOCKEY SOFTBALL TABLE TENNIS AMAZING RACE	EUROPEAN HANDBALL SOFTBALL TURBO TOUCH TEATHER BALL BASKETBALL	ATHLETICS VOLLEYBALL DODGEBALL FUTSAL TREASURE HUNT	CRICKET BADMINTON TUG-O-WAR TENNIS ULTIMATE FRISBEE	FUTSAL BASKETBALL DODGEBALL TURBO TOUCH ULTIMATE FRISBEE
WEEK 3				
MON 18TH	TUE 19TH	WED 20TH	THU 21ST	FRI 22ND
EUROPEAN HANDBALL SOFTBALL TURBO TOUCH TEATHER BALL BASKETBALL	CRICKET BADMINTON TUG-O-WAR TENNIS ULTIMATE FRISBEE	FUTSAL BASKETBALL DODGEBALL TURBO TOUCH ULTIMATE FRISBEE	ATHLETICS VOLLEYBALL DODGEBALL FUTSAL TREASURE HUNT	NETBALL HOCKEY SOFTBALL TABLE TENNIS AMAZING RACE

Please ensure your child(ren) bring a waterbottle and food for morning tea and lunch.
(Lunch packs are available from the kiosk)

For all enquiries and bookings please contact (02) 6762 2631 or trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au

Important - 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.

Family Name: _____

Email Address: _____