



# Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

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Term 4 Week 9

Thursday 3rd December 2015

## Presentation Night 2015



**Medallion**  
(5 Golds)  
Ryan Hobden and  
Emily Deasey



**Merit Award**  
(3 Golds)  
Daniel Worth



**Gold Awards**  
Reba Ramage, Daniel Worth,  
Ryan Hobden, Cody Turner-  
Bourke, Finley Wallace, Emily  
Deasey, Lyiara Fernando and  
Jasmine Hogan



**Silver Awards**  
Emily Deasey, Harrison Witten,  
William Heeney, Jasmine  
Hogan, Daniel Worth, Reba  
Ramage, Amity Cork, Ryan  
Hobden, Lyiara Fernando and  
Cody Turner-Bourke



## Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2015

Friday 4th December - Moonby House Christmas Carols

Wednesday 9th December - Year 6 Farewell

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

**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)



## Presentation Night 2015

### Major Awards

- Outstanding All Round Student - Guransh Makhija
- Dux 2015 - Toby Taggart
- Service to the School Award - Jack Howard
- Stage 1 Citizenship Award - Jessie Johnson
- Stage 2 Citizenship Award - Tyson Beard
- Achievement in Performing Arts Award - Chenoa Siensen
- Achievement in Creative and Practical Arts Award - Emily Nicholls
- Caring and Learning Award - Ebony Phillpott
- Achievement in Sports Award - Emily Deasey

### Sporting Blues for 2015

- Emily Deasey - Swimming
- Toby Taggart - Rugby League
- Hannah Turner-Bourke - Cross Country

### Winning House - Wilson

### KLW - Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Walsh

Toby Callaghan - Outstanding academic achievement  
 Emily Hatton - Excellent academic performance and application  
 Sophie Hogg - Outstanding citizenship and application  
 Liam Jarrett - Excellent academic performance and application  
 Menno Wallace - Excellent all round student who has a true love of learning in all Key Learning Areas

### 1S - Mrs Simpson

Colbie Butler - Most improved student  
 Naomi Maybury - Most consistent application and achievement  
 Elloise Sharpham - Classroom citizenship and excellent application to her learning  
 Nate Symons - Excellent performance and application in mathematics

### 2M - Miss Magann

Joseph Barber - Excellent academic performance  
 Sophie Howard - Commitment to learning across all Key Learning Areas  
 Emma Jarrett - Excellent application to all Key Learning Areas  
 Ayisha Mason-Fernando - Excellent citizenship

### 2/3G - Mr Griffiths

Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Consistent application to her learning  
 Alexander Cracknell - Outstanding academic achievement  
 William Morris - Consistent application to his learning  
 Jaeda Symons - Consistent effort in Mathematics and literacy  
 Bodin Wallace - Excellent dedication to his learning

### 3M - Mrs Morrish

Megan Bubb - Excellent all round student  
 Matilda Lees - Excellent all round student  
 Todd Milgate - Improvement and application  
 Reba Ramage - Consistent effort across all Key Learning Areas  
 Lillie Walker - Commitment to learning

### 4C - Ms Cook

Chloe Burch - Academic award for consistent improvement  
 Kelsey Burrell - Improvement in literacy  
 Jack Hyson - Overall academic improvement  
 Brendan Jarrett - Excellent all round student  
 Nate Painter - Improvement in Mathematics

Finley Wallace - Outstanding academic performance

### 5R - Ms Ross

Jessica Coppola-Smith - Outstanding citizenship  
 Breeanna Howard - Commitment to learning and consistent effort  
 Brock Hyson - Consistent application and effort in all Key Learning Areas  
 Harrison Loftus - Outstanding performance in Mathematics  
 Lyiara Fernando - Commitment to learning

### 6W - Mrs Ward

Chloe Bayes - Outstanding attitude and application to learning  
 Emily Deasey - Excellent academic performance  
 Shanae Roach - Excellent dedication to learning  
 Ashley Simmonds - Outstanding citizenship  
 Dyllan Thomas - Consistent achievement across all Key Learning Areas

### Library - Mrs Doak

Alexander Frewen - Excellent library borrowing  
 Joshua Thompson - Excellent library borrowing  
 Jack Chapple - Excellent library borrowing  
 James Grant - Excellent library borrowing  
 Isabella Johnston - Excellent library borrowing  
 Byron Lees - Excellent library borrowing



## Weekly Bonus Awards



Isabelle Aitken - A wonderful attitude towards her learning  
 Jessie Johnson and Lochlan Muller - 100% uniform for 2015  
 Lilly Aitken - Improved attitude and application to learning  
 Colbie Butler - Improved effort in English  
 Darcy Harris - Working well in Mathematics (number)  
 Jentzen Haak - Taking care in art work  
 Ty Allen and Maverick Ramage - Effort during swimming  
 Tyler Flemming - Being a well mannered student who tries his best  
 Jaeda Symons - Demonstrating wonderful behaviour in the classroom  
 Amity Cork - A consistent effort with homework  
 Grace Callaghan - Making a consistent effort in class  
 Ally Higgins - Demonstrating improved resilience  
 William Siemsen - Effort in art work  
 Desean Allen - Improved reading skills  
 Crystal Van Maanen - Displaying our school values  
 Chloe Van Maanen - Helping to care for Fergus. You're a real wildlife warrior  
 Jack Merrick - Terrific light bulb moment in choir  
 Logan Phillpott - Wonderful report on Albert Einstein your best report all year  
 Brendan Jarrett - Achieving 8 weeks of spelling tests with a mark of 100%  
 Riley Brown - Persistence in learning, particularly Mathematics  
 Sophie Burrell - Demonstrating on task behaviour, persistence in learning  
 Georgia DeBelle - Being a confident learner, persistence in writing  
 Byron Lees - Being a confident learner, taking pride in work  
 Emily Deasey and Guransh Makhija - Dedication as Gill house captains  
 Ashley Simmonds and Dyllan Thomas - Dedication as Gill vice captains

### Uniform Awards

William Jones, Elloise Sharpham,  
 Shania Coppola-Smith, William Heeney,  
 Jainah Grant, Shannon Charters,  
 Ryley Marsh and Charmaine Grant



## SRC Giving Tree

All children from Kootingal Public School and the wider community are asked to spread some goodwill and give to those less fortunate for the Christmas season. Non-perishable food items and newly purchased gifts (unwrapped) can be placed under the Christmas tree in the front office until Friday 11th December. Goods will be donated to the Salvation Army during the last week of school.

## Mrs Cracknell's Message

We had such a lovely evening on Tuesday at our annual Presentation Night. It was wonderful seeing so many parents and community members there to support our students and school. Our earlier time slot worked well with our ceremony finishing at 8.05pm.

Our students performed splendidly singing their hearts out to *Gold*. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence and Ms Cook in ensuring our choir where spot on in their performance of *On that Very First Christmas*. Thank you also to Mrs Walsh, Mrs Lawrence and Mr Griffiths for their support of our Year 6 students who performed *Happy*. I know our special guests were most impressed with our musical performances and our students.

Thank you to our captains, Jack Howard, Emily Nicholls, Toby Taggart and Chenoa Siemsen, who conducted the evening and were ably supported by Mrs Chegwyn, Mrs Doak and Mrs Lawrence. Congratulations to all students who received awards. It was a pleasure sharing in your delight and pure surprise.

Congratulations also to our incumbent captains for 2016, Byron Lees, Jessica Coppola-Smith, Dylan Dow and Lyara Fernando. Your goose bumps and trembling hand shakes made me so proud of your humbleness. I know the four of you will represent our school and community in the light with which it deserves.

Last but not least, thank you to Mrs Dunn, Mrs Caslick, Mrs Knight and our P&C. Mrs Dunn was the person responsible for the organisation of the awards, photos and service booklets. To Mrs Caslick, Mrs Knight and our P&C, thank you for providing the BBQ for our community to enjoy prior to our evening. I know I relished a sausage sandwich at 9.30pm when all was clear and peaceful. Well done everyone!

While preparing for the Presentation Night, staff are in the midst of report writing. Like always, it is a pleasure to read every student's report 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. Reports are scheduled for distribution next week.

Over the last couple of weeks, our students will continue working in their classrooms with preparations for 2016 coming together. Classes will move rooms late next week in preparation for 2016 and our students are involved in this process. Students will commence bringing home their hard work and art pieces during this process. Be prepared for the onslaught of paper!

Next week is the last issue of our newsletter for 2015.

## P & C Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the P & C Raffle held at Presentation night.

1st - R Lees  
 2nd - H Simpson  
 3rd - L Geddes



## ZooWhiz Learning Community Subscription

Just a reminder about the ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards. These cards were recently distributed to school families as part of the Community Subscription Plan. They allow greatly discounted access to [www.zoowhiz.com](http://www.zoowhiz.com). They expire on 30th December 2015. If they are not used by this date the cost per child will revert to \$89.95 instead of the discounted rate of \$29.95.

Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has full access to ZooWhiz during school hours for FREE. ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to partner with our school to further support your child's progress in mathematics, spelling, work skills and reading.

# CLUB BINGO

KOOTINGAL & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB LIMBRI ROAD

**Every Tuesday**

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

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**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](http://kootybowlo.com.au) or phone  
Club on 67 603 202 for up to date session times.  
Morning Tea & Coffee Available

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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### AT MOONBY HOUSE

A Great Family Night - CHILDRENS PRESENTATION

FRIDAY 4th December 2015

**LIONS CLUB**  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
From 6pm

Carols and Entertainment  
7pm

**RSL BRASS BAND**

**LOCAL SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS**

**P** Plenty of Parking

"LET'S ALL GO AS A COMMUNITY"

Presented by the Combined Churches of Kootingal & Moonbi

## 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 are 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.

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

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

KEY WORDS	KEY IDEAS	Please tick 4 only
RESPECTED	Appropriate language, obey 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	



### 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_