



# Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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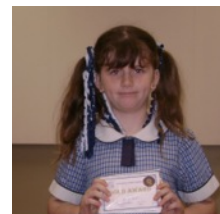
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Term 1 Week 3

Thursday 12th February 2015

## Welcome to 1S Sunshine



**Gold Award**  
Jainah Grant



**Silver Award**  
Toby Taggart, Jack Witten,  
Jainah Grant, James Grant,  
Crystal Van Maanen, Lachlan Young,  
Savannah Barber and Emily Nicholas



**Uniform Award**  
Lily Shiels, Thomas Atkins,  
Madison Pollard, Daniel Worth,  
Matthew Kenny, Emmielle Kingdom  
and Shianne Spurway

### Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2015

Monday 16th Feb - Book Club due  
Thursday 19th Feb - Assembly by 5/6W, Item Choir  
Friday 20th Feb - Zone PSSA Swimming - Tamworth  
23rd, 24th & 25th Feb - Life Education Van  
Tuesday 24th Feb - Captains, SRC & House Captains Induction  
Tuesday 24th Feb - P & C Meeting 6:30pm, Library  
Friday 26th Feb - Clean Up Australia Day  
Tuesday 3rd March - Regional PSSA Swimming - Armidale

**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: Anne Doak  
Secretary: Vanessa Johnson  
Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jenny Caslick (Canteen)



## Weekly Bronze Awards



Sophie Hogg - Excellent behaviour and effort in class  
 Cameron Winter - Always trying hard in class  
 Menno Wallace - Demonstrating a positive attitude to learning  
 Lilly Thomas - Settling well into 1S and working enthusiastically  
 Angus Frewen - Applying himself to all tasks  
 Naomi Maybury - Attention to bookwork  
 Luke Sydenham and Emma Jarrett - Neat and careful work  
 Grace Callaghan and Zac Hyson - Contributing to class discussions  
 Joshua Deasey - Making a big effort to engage in learning and make better behaviour choices  
 William Siemsen - Effort in mathematics  
 Megan Bubb - Settled work habits  
 Tianna Urquhart - Excellent results in spelling  
 Megan Johnson - being a hardworking and thoughtful member of our class  
 Bodin Wallace and Jessica Wheatley - Demonstrating a strong understanding of expanded notation  
 Chloe Van Maanen - being a kind and considerate member of our class  
 Taleah Pinnock - Outstanding spelling results in the South Australian Spelling Test  
 Luke Goodhand - Terrific results in the South Australian Spelling Test  
 Dougal Crofts - Excellent and mature behaviour in class  
 Toby Keven-Faulkner - Working well in spelling and trying his best to improve  
 Chloe Bayes and Bryon Lees - Showing respect at all times  
 Guransh Makhija - Always ensuring his work is completed well  
 Shianne Spurway - Displaying great citizenship

## Mrs Cracknell's Message

What a great day we had on Friday at our annual Swimming Carnival. It still amazes me the sportsmanship and citizenship that our students display, assisting our less-confident swimmers to participate to their full extent. We had not only current but ex-students and parents assisting. Thank you to all parents and community members who assisted throughout the day for a seamless carnival. Congratulations to our age division champions and Gill our champion house! Come on Dwyer and Wilson!



It has been a wonderful start to our week, with lots of energy in our classrooms and playground.

This week I have witnessed 2M working hard during their English session in groups. Miss Magann and Mrs Knight had the students working studiously without a peep of a sound. Mrs Chegwyn has been implementing our social skills program Play is the Way during her RFF lessons, with lots of movement and discussion taking place. Mrs Walsh commenced the music program this week and KLV were having lots of fun with the percussion instruments. They were jingling, drumming and shaking away with their bodies.

We have also welcomed three new students this week taking our total enrolment to 182 students. This has not changed our class structure.

We had a lovely evening on Tuesday at our Meet the Teacher Information night. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet our new teachers but also reacquaint with existing classroom teachers and hear about the workings of our classrooms. Please remember that if you would like to discuss your child's education further, contact the school to make an appointment so time can be made without interruptions. Thank you also to our hardworking P&C for providing our lovely spread of nibbles and drinks for sale. The dips were amazing!

This week also marks the commencement of our Student Representative Council (SRC) voting. Class voting for class representatives is underway with two students elected for each class from year 2 – 5. I have had a lot of nominations for our four Year 6 SRC representatives. This is a wonderful indication of just how much our students want to represent their student body and school. Voting for the Year 6 SRC representatives will occur on Monday 16th February. Invitations for parents and families to attend our Captains, SRC and House Captain induction will follow for the ceremony on Tuesday 24th February at 11am in the school hall.

Please be mindful of the changes to our attendance regulations that commenced at the start of the 2015 school year. In the last newsletter, I included a fact sheet explaining the changes.

## Support the Businesses that support our school

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## Mrs Cracknell's Message

If you require further clarification or would like to discuss your child's attendance, please come and speak with me. I am more than happy to talk with you about the changes and how this affects your child's attendance record.

Comprehensive planning is underway for our intervention programs and associated professional development of staff. Our Learning and Support team has been hard at work examining different reading intervention programs to support our students who are experiencing difficulty. We currently offer MultiLit (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy) and we have investigated both MiniLit and Catch Up. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Chegwyn is undertaking the MiniLit professional learning with implementation in our infants area. Mrs Chegwyn will attend a two day training course mid-March in Tamworth. This is an exciting opportunity to add to our well-rounded intervention programs already offered at Kootingal Public School.

Speaking of professional learning, Mrs Doak is attending a course at the University of NSW called Ignite the Spark, Fuel the Fire: Differentiation for Diversity. This is a partnership between the University of New South Wales and the NSW Department of Education and Communities, building on The Western Sydney Gifted and Talented conference from 2013. The purpose of this course is to showcase innovative, quality differentiated teaching which enables all students to reach their potential by catering for their diverse needs. Mrs Doak will attend workshops and presentations by experts and researchers, primary and secondary schools and NSW Department of Education and Communities Advisors. Mrs Doak will be instrumental in assisting our classroom teachers to implement techniques on which to build classroom their practice. Good luck Mrs Doak.

## Reading with your children

Parents can unwind at story time

Exhausted parents need to think of reading to their kids as less of a chore and more of a relaxing exercise, with research showing many mums and dads struggle to find the time and energy for it.

In an online survey for The Daily Telegraph, 68 per cent of parents said they were often too tired to read to their children despite understanding how important it was.

Early Childhood Australia general manager Judy Kynaston said reading to children in their formative years could have a positive impact on their development.

"The more words parents use when speaking to an eight month old child, the larger the child's vocabulary will be by the age of three," she said.

"Five or ten minutes might seem a lot in a busy day but even sitting down for a few minutes in bed with your child can be calming for both of you."

The survey showed that while 46 per cent of parents read to their kids every day and 15 per cent more than once a day, 57 per cent wanted to spend more time reading to their kids.

"I think any book that engages the child and that parents enjoy reading is a good thing," Ms Kynaston said.

"Books can be read in parts each night, in bed or even in the bath - everything helps."

*This article was published in the Daily Telegraph on Friday 6th February 2015.*

## BANKING - Thursday's

### Banking Prizes

Cameron Winter and Jackson Burton

### Banking Co-Ordinator

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



**2015 Registration Days**

**Where:** Tamworth Fishing & Great Outdoors 15 Roderick St Tamworth – Opposite Maccas

**When:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015 9.30am – 12.00 **Free Sausage Sizzle**

**OR**

**Where:** Kootingal Sportsground, Denman Ave, Kootingal – Next to the Pool

**When:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – All day from 10.00am (Pepperell Shield Day)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 9.30am – 11.30

**Registration Fee:** \$80.00 per player – This includes your shorts & socks

**NB:** Payment must be made at the time of registration.

*If you are unable to attend any of the above sign on days please contact one of the following:*

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10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi



Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School  
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## Prospective Students & their Parents

are cordially invited to attend our

# OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 18 February 2015**

09.30am Registration and Morning Tea  
10.00am Tours commence of the classrooms,  
boarding facilities and farm  
11.40am Brunch  
12.10pm Tours resume  
01.00pm Address by the Principal followed by  
informal discussion with students & staff

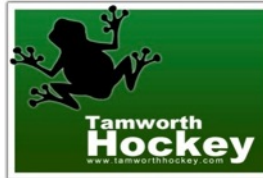
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Please RSVP: Enrolments Officer 6764 8607  
Email: [kerry.hussey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kerry.hussey@det.nsw.edu.au)

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Year 7 – 2016, Selective Schools Exam will be held 12 March 2015

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## Come & Try Hockey Days 2015

Hockey is a great sport & here are just some of the reasons why you should give hockey a go this year :

- All the family can play – tadpoles and minkey for the youngsters, Junior comps from under 9's to High School, Men's & Women's grade competitions & veterans competitions
- Caters for all levels of ability from 1<sup>st</sup> timers through to international standard
- Hockey is one of the safest team sports to play
- Tamworth boasts access to some of the best hockey facilities in the country
- Play in all weather – no washouts
- Access to some of the state's best accredited coaches
- Opportunity to meet other kids from different schools, build social circles & learn to play in a team environment
- Hockey is great for fitness
- Opportunity to represent, become a frog, or one day a Hockeyroo or Kookaburra. Tamworth boasts representatives in most NSW state teams from 13's to Masters, current national junior and senior squads, as well as numerous Olympic representatives over the years.
- Come & try days are **FREE** & you can borrow sticks, shin pads etc for the day.

Tamworth Hockey will be holding 3 come & try days on Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of March) as well as one on Friday Evening from 5:30 – 7:30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> March for anyone who can't make it on Saturdays. The Friday evening session will include a family sausage sizzle & a kids vs parents game for a bit of friendly competition. Sessions will be held on the artificial surfaces near ALEC and will include coaching sessions & mini games for all involved. All of the local clubs will be on site to take registrations & answer any queries you might have. No need to book in – just come down to any or all of the sessions & have a go.

Please contact our Hockey Development officer Steve Littlejohns on 0438 627299 for any additional information regarding the come & try days or registration for the upcoming competitions.



## Kootingal & District Soccer Club

Information & Sign up day for New Players  
12.30pm – 4pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb  
At Kootingal Bowling Club BBQ Area

Open to boys and girls of all skill levels from kindergarten up. Why not introduce your child to Tamworth's and the world's most popular team sport.

For further information Call - Craig Johnston 0447 186613  
Noel Corney 0412 619345

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## The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

Volunteers Roster for Term 1  
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Noni Kasch - Canteen Supervisor

## Clothing Pool

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