



Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 4

Thursday 19th February 2015



Gold Award
Harrison Witten



YEAR TWO



2015



Silver Award
Harrison Witten,
Jessica Coppola-Smith
and Byron Lees



Uniform Award
Emily Hatton,
Lilly Thomas,
Cody Turner-Bourke,
Jade Nicholls,
Erika Kamminga,
Chloe Burch and
Brock Hyson



Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2015

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 27th Feb - Clean Up Australia Day
Tuesday 3rd March - Regional PSSA Swimming - Armidale
Thursday 5th March - School Photos
Friday 13th March - National Ride 2 school day

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



Deakan Keven-Faulkner - Settling well into Kindergarten
 Liam Jarrett - For being an enthusiastic learner
 Cooper Higgins - For listening well and working hard in class
 Lilly Aitken - Settling well into her new school
 Robert Hazard - Being prepared for activities
 Nate Symons - Being a good listener
 Aaleyah Atkins and Darcy Harris - being a diligent worker
 Wade Holden - Being a helpful class member
 Zoe Reid - Neat to careful work
 Desean Allen - Effort in all Key Learning Areas
 William Heeney - Keen participation in all learning tasks
 Matilda Lees - Pleasing work habits
 Lillie Walker - Pleasing work habits
 Isabella Walker, Alexander Cracknell and Madeleine Jones -
 Being a diligent worker
 Matthew Kenny - Great spelling results
 Savannah Barber - Wonderful handwriting and book presentation
 Montana Winter - Producing such a creative art piece
 Zachary Parkes - Working so well in maths time - very impressive.
 Jack Witten - Improved focus and effort during learning time
 Courtney Baker - Working well and settling in to 5/6W and Kootingal Public School
 Isabella Johnston and Jordana Winter - Commitment to spelling
 Dyllan Thomas - His entertaining use of description when writing

Clothing Pool

Tuesday and Wednesday morning at the front office.
 Hats have arrived.

Mrs Cracknell's Message

This week has seen the commencement of our French program. Miss Grassy commenced her teaching with a few simple greetings in all her classes. My Year 7 French lessons came flooding back with a vengeance. As I entered the classroom of 3M I saw children absolutely enthralled in their lesson with Miss Grassy, greeting me with *salut* or *bonjour*. In the words of Louise Smith of 3/4G, *it was awesome! Bienvenue Miss Grassy.*

Our private music tuition program commences next week. Mr Gary Lee and Ms Sally-Anne Whitten are providing their services in guitar and drums, and vocal and keyboard respectively. This program is continuing the work commenced by Mrs Richards in 2014.

Also next week, the Life Education Van is visiting Kootingal Public School. It will be at our school for three days with classes visiting the van to participate in different programs purposefully selected by our classroom teachers.



Next Friday our students continue their civic duties by participating in the Clean Up Australia Day activities. Our students will be working their way around our school and community grounds cleaning up as they go. Here's hoping we don't find too much rubbish.

This week we completed the voting for our Student Representative Council (SRC). Class representatives have been elected, as have our Year 6 representatives. It is with great pleasure that I announce our SRC for 2015. They are as follows:

2M	Joey Hyson and Zoe Reid
3M	William Heeney and Keira Madden
3/4G	Alexander Cracknell and Megan Johnson
4/5C	Jack Witten and Hannah Turner-Bourke
5/6W	Byron Lees
Year 6	Guransh Makhija, Emily Deasey, Lachlan Young and Isabella Johnston

Captains	Jack Howard and Emily Nicholls
Vice Captains	Toby Taggart and Chenoa Siemsen

It is also with great pleasure that I announce the 2015 House Captains and Vice Captains. They are as follows:

Gill Captains	Guransh Makhija and Emily Deasey
Gill Vice Captains	Dyllan Thoms and Ashley Simmonds
Dwyer Captains	Ryan Hobden and Isabella Johnston
Dwyer Vice Captains	Charmaine Grant and Chloe Bayes
Wilson Captains	Lachlan Young and Ebony Phillpott
Wilson Vice Captains	Shanae Roach and Mitchell Worth

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Mrs Cracknell's Message

Invitations for parents and families to attend our Captains, SRC and House Captain induction have been distributed for our induction ceremony on Tuesday 24th February at 11am in the school hall. All are welcome to attend. A morning tea will follow the ceremony.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our school sporting teams have not been entered in the 2015 PSSA knockout competitions. This has no bearing on individual students competing and trialling for representative teams at a zone or North West level. At present, I have been in communication with other schools to arrange our own sporting competitions, similar to gala day formats, so our children still have the opportunity to train and compete as a team representing Kootingal Public School.

In recent weeks, I have been in communication with the Asset Management Unit (AMU) regarding our proposed works for the 2014/2015 Financial Year. It has been a long process where we have investigated the cost of replacing our perimeter fencing. This has been considered due to a number of factors. For the next two to three Financial Years we will continue to replace our perimeter fencing to secure our school site. I have also allocated in our 2015 school budget for the commencement of some groundwork on our school site. These works are designed to benefit our students and school community, just like our multipurpose sports court.

It is with great pleasure to announce that we are able to proceed to open advertisement for our vacant classroom teacher position. At present, I am forming a panel that will represent Kootingal Public School and go through the process of advertising, selecting potential candidates, interviewing and speaking with referees. This is a lengthy process but one that allows our school community to take part and directly affect the outcome. I will keep our community posted in the coming weeks as to our progress.

Finally, good luck to our students competing at the Zone Swimming Carnival in Tamworth this Friday. I am sure you will represent Kootingal Public School with great pride and demonstrate wonderful sportsmanship. Good luck!

BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Jessie Johnson and Robert Hazard

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

Volunteers Roster for Term 1

Friday 20th Feb - Helpers needed

Friday 27th Feb - Rachael Howard

Friday 6th March - Jayne Lees

Friday 13th March - Lauren Witten

Friday 20th March - Yvette Dow

Friday 27th March - Helpers needed

Noni Kasch - Canteen Supervisor



Kootingal & District Soccer Club

"Northern Inland Club of the Year 2015"

Information & Sign up day for New Players

12.30pm – 4pm Saturday 28th 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
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8am & 5pm - Denman Ave, Kootingal
10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi



2015 Registration Days



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

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



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

When: Saturday 14th March 2015 – All day from 10.00am (Pepperell Shield Day)

Saturday 28th 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:

Sebastian Lees – 0409314658

Chris de Belle – 042849782

Ty Taggart – 0428297874



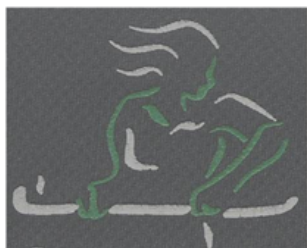
Come & Try Hockey Days 2015

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 1st 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 (7th, 14th & 21st of March) as well as one on Friday Evening from 5:30 – 7:30pm on 20th 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.



SERVICES WOMENS & GIRLS HOCKEY CLUB

Would you like to play Hockey this year? Junior Girls Hockey has divisions in U11 played on a half field and Open Primary for all primary school girls on a full field. These games are played on Saturday, on our international standard artificial surfaces. Services Womens Hockey Club is focused on all girls participating and enjoying their hockey. Our Come and Try and sign-on days are on 7th, 14th and 21st of March, 9.30 – 11.00am. For any further information or questions please contact Michelle Aslin 0407102541 or maslin13@hotmail.com

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