



# Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 6

Thursday 5th March 2015



*3/4G Fireworks Extravaganza  
Celebrating the start of the year!*



**Gold Award**  
Emily Deasey



**Silver Award**  
William Baldwin,  
Grace Callaghan and  
Emily Deasey



**Uniform Award**  
Lilly Aitken, Bryan Zhong,  
Jack Chapple,  
Alexander Cracknell,  
Dougal Croft and Toby Taggart



## **BANKING**

Thursdays  
**Banking Prizes**  
Ally Higgins and Jack Chapple



**Banking Co-Ordinators**  
Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden

## **Clothing Pool**

Tuesday and Wednesday  
mornings at the front office.

### **Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2015**

Friday 13th March - National Ride 2 school day/Red Food Day  
Tuesday 17th March - Harmony Day  
Tuesday 17th March - P & C AGM Meeting 6pm to 8pm - Library  
Thursday 19th March - Assembly by 2M and item 3/4G  
Tuesday 24th March - Parent Teacher Interviews  
Tuesday 31st March - Parent Teacher Interviews  
Thursday 2nd April - Last Day of Term 1

**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



Tyler Johnson - Really trying hard when writing his letters  
 Tahnae Roberts - An excellent effort with homework every night  
 Jackson Burton - A big effort in homework every night  
 Isabelle Marsh - Always in her uniform and looking fantastic  
 Lochlan Muller - Working well in reading groups  
 Joshua Thompson - Enthusiastic participant in discussions  
 Joseph Barber, Natalie Baker and Brenden Thompson - Working well in writing activities  
 Sophie Howard - Participating in class discussion  
 Tyler Flemming - Making a consistent effort in class  
 Louise Smith - Working well in class  
 Cooper Brett - Making a consistent effort in class activities  
 Isabella Vernon - Being a great help in the classroom  
 Ella Howard - Doing a fantastic job in the Friendship club  
 Emmielle Kingdom - Being such a wonderful community minded student - Breakfast Club and Friendship club  
 Lyara Fernando - Being such a caring, respectful student and classmate  
 Ryley Marsh - Always displaying a mature attitude in class  
 Emily Deasey - Being a responsible and reliable class member  
 Emily Hayne - Helping others and working well in class  
 Ryan Hobden - Displaying diligent work habits  
 Kayla Jenner - Improved work in Maths

## Swimming for Sport

Stage 2 and 3 children **will be** swimming this Friday for sport. This is the last week of swimming for **all children** in stages 1, 2 and 3.  
 Mrs Ward

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## Mrs Cracknell's Message

Congratulations to Reign Howarth of 5/6W for the impressive work in English this past week. Mrs Ward was particularly impressed with the quantity of work Reign was able to achieve. For this moment, we changed our 'sticker procedure' and Reign wore his Principal's sticker on his shirt, and he wore it with great pride. Well done Reign and keep it up!



I have been out and about in classrooms this week and I wanted to see first hand just how much fun our students are having in our French lessons. Miss Grassy was in 3M on Tuesday afternoon. After lunch is always a tough gig, just ask any teacher, but Miss Grassy had our students enthralled. Rather than being passive, our students were being active and moving in their learning. Our students participated in a game of 'Simon says' using only four commands in French. They were to sit, to listen, to repeat and to put your hand up. Students then had a competition with a friend, seeing who could put their hand on the command first. In my photos I have Billy Siemsen, Jade Nicholls, Matilda Lees, Megan Bubb, Cohen Parkes, Todd Milgate and one very animated Miss Grassy keeping the score in French.



As mentioned in previous weeks, there are a number of improvements taking place to our school grounds. Mr Doak has been hard at work over the past two weeks removing old hedging plants at the double gate opening of our school. On Tuesday, Mr and Mrs Doak took 5/6W out to the front of the school to plant a rosemary hedge along the path from the double gates. This rosemary hedge has great significance for our school as it called *Gallipoli Rosemary*.



In 1915 a wounded digger from Adelaide was repatriated to the Army Hospital at Keswick. He brought back with him a small rosemary bush dug up from the slopes and ravines of the Anzac Cove and it was planted in the hospital grounds. For decades small sprigs of the digger's rosemary were worn to honour the fallen on Anzac and Armistice days and after the Repatriation Hospital was established during WW2 at Daw Park SA, cuttings were taken and it was grown into a hedge on the



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hospital grounds. This history was only discovered by David Lawry, Founder and Director of the AoH Project, when as a landscaper in the late 1980s he was inadvertently removing part of it during renovations and the hospital gardener told him of its origin. Worried that it might all be lost, he took cuttings and kept a number of them growing in his native nursery to conserve the plant for posterity. From the hedge, cuttings have been provided to the nursery industry and official labels produced which provide a royalty that is paid to TREENET, the national urban tree research and education cluster based at the University of Adelaide's Waite Arboretum, to donate to the Avenues of Honour 1915-2015 project.

We will have a plaque made to commemorate the centenary of the Anzac landing and it will be located along our hedge of remembrance. Thank you 5/6W for your assistance in this project and thank you to Mrs Doak for arranging our plantings.

Our website has had some updates recently with the swimming carnival and SRC induction gallery photos. We have also placed the clothing pool price list in the *P&C* and *Latest News and Features* sections. Our website provides great information including a calendar of the 2015 school year with all scheduled events thus far.

Good luck to our Open Boys Cricket team who are competing against Nemingha this Friday. Mr Griffiths has had the team practising during break times both on the field and in the nets. Thank you to Mr Cracknell for driving the bus.

Next week, we have the National Ride2School day and Red Food Day on Friday 13th March. Get on your bikes kids!

## School Photos

Dear Parents

To make payments for school photos after photography date you can do one of the following options:

1. Go to [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) then click "here for school photography online payments", and follow the on screen instructions. Write the order number on the envelope which is received via email and post to us.
2. Ring our office on 96749824 and we can take credit card details over the phone.
3. Post a cheque made payable to "The School Photographer" with your completed envelope.

Please post your completed order envelope to Unit 20, 14-16 Stanton Road, Seven Hills, NSW 2147

## P & C News

Everyone is invited to attend the P & C AGM and general meeting on Tuesday 17th March 2015. This meeting will be held in the School Library starting at 6pm and ending by 8pm.

All positions below will become vacant. Positions will need to be filled so the P & C can continue to support our school.

### P & C Job Descriptions

**President** - Chair meetings, liaise with staff and the community, represent the P&C and give an annual report on P&C activities at the AGM and Presentation Night.

**Secretary** - Take minutes of meetings and supply a copy to the executive as soon as possible after each meeting. Handle all correspondence (in and out). Put notices in newsletter to keep school community aware of activities.

**Treasurer** - Pay accounts and receipt income. Keep books up to date and get them audited annually. Produce a report at each meeting.

**Vice President** - Assist President and step in when President is unable to fulfil duties.

**Clothing Pool Coordinator** - Restocking the Clothing Pool weekly, ordering stock and reporting/attending P & C meetings.

**Banking Co-ordinator** - Co-ordinate the School student banking volunteers and roster weekly.

## The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

### Volunteers Roster for Term 1

Friday 6th March - Jayne Lees

Friday 13th March - Lauren Witten

Friday 20th March - Yvette Dow

Friday 27th March - Helpers needed

Noni Kasch - Canteen Supervisor

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8am & 5pm - Denman Ave, Kootingal  
10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi



**Kootingal Moonbi Junior Rugby League Football Club**

# 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**

**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:*

Sebastian Lees – 0409314658  
Chris de Belle – 042849782  
Ty Taggart – 0428297874

**Kootingal & District Soccer Club**

## "Northern Inland Club of the Year 2015"

**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  
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### Hillvue Rovers Football Club

Hillvue Rovers Football and Sporting Club are Holding a Registration Day for all players 5 years to Seniors welcome .

On Saturday 7th March 2015 from 10 am to 2pm

On Saturday 4th April 2015 from 10am to 2pm

On Field 18 at the Gipps Street Field.

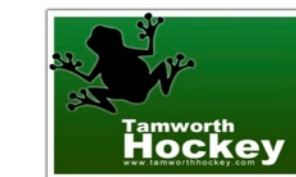
On the Registration there will be a BBQ with a FREE Sausage Sandwich and Drink for ALL PLAYERS.



FOR Information CALL ALF SMALL 67664144 OR VERONICA FULWOOD 0427607272

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 9.30 – 11.00am. For any further information or questions please contact Michelle Aslin 0407102541 or [maslin13@hotmail.com](mailto:maslin13@hotmail.com)



## 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.

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