



Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 7

Thursday 12th March 2015

Gold Award

Matilda Lees, Taleah Pinnock, Finley Wallace and Elle Atkins



Silver Award

Matilda Lees, Sophie Howard, Breeanna Howard, Brenden Thompson and Elle Atkins



Uniform Award

Liam Jarrett, Sienna Butorac, Sophie Howard, Elle Atkins, Megan Johnson, Ryley Marsh and Guransh Makhija



Congratulations to Emily Deasey who will compete at the NSW PSSA Primary School State Swimming in Sydney at the end of the month.



Congratulations to Ryan Hobden, Byron Lees and Toby Taggart for making the Tamworth Zone team for Rugby League.



Congratulations to Emily Hayne, Chenoa Siemsen and Georgia DeBelle for making the Tamworth Zone Team for Soccer.

Weekly Bronze Awards

Molly Smith - Being kind to others
Coby Hobden - Excellent application on 'show' artwork
Addyson Vernon - Being a good classroom helper
Colbie Butler - Always trying to do her best
Georgia Ford - Taking pride in her bookwork
Cody Turner-Bourke - Taking pride in his bookwork
Shania Coppola-Smith - Taking care with her handwriting
Wil Rawlinson-Harris - For being a great class helper
Crystal Van Maanen- Creative flair in visual arts
Cohen Parkes - Working well in Mathematics
Todd Milgate - Effort in all Key Learning Areas
Jade Nicholls - Settled work habits
Finley Wallace, James Grant and Luke Goodhand - Putting in extra effort with their homework. Outstanding.
Hannah Turner-Bourke - Consistent effort and lovely behaviour in class
Darcy Simpson-Craig - Showing creativity
Shanae Roach - Contributing to class discussions and asking questions
Ashley Simmonds and Brock Hyson - Settled work habits and enthusiasm in class
Emily Nicholls - Demonstrating compassion to other students
Bodin Wallace, Megan Bubb, William Morris and Sophie Hobden - Commitment to the Music Tuition program
Logan Phillpott and Boston DeBelle - Citizenship, returning breakfast club items



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
Tuesday 17th March - Harmony Day activities
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 Donk
Secretary: Vanessa Johnson
Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jenny Caslick (Canteen)

Mrs Cracknell's Message

It has been an extremely busy week this week. Lots of students have been keen to demonstrate their class work and participate in our extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations to Cohen Parkes and Todd Milgate of 3M for the impressive work in Mathematics this week. Mrs Morrish was particularly impressed with the quantity of work both boys had completed. For their additional effort, I gave them the BIG Principal sticker! Keep up the wonderful work Cohen and Todd.



Mrs Morrish has been working her students hard this week. Also of 3M I have had the pleasure of Isabelle Price and Reba Ramage showing me their English work. Both girls were extremely happy with their work and were keen to share their expertise. Keep up the great work Isabelle and Reba!



In previous newsletters, I have talked about the wonderful work Mrs Doak is conducting in our Reading Recovery program. Mrs Doak is currently working with Taela MacCahon of 2M. Taela is almost at the exit stage of the program. I had the pleasure of listening to Taela read *Chooky*. I was impressed with the strategies Taela was able to employ to assist her reading and understanding of the text. Taela has learnt so much from the work of Mrs Doak. Keep going Taela, you are almost there!



1S has been busy in the area of Mathematics, examining the areas of length and counting on. Students measured the circumference of their heads with wool and MAB blocks and wrote the numbers when counting by one, two, three, four, five, six and seven! Well done Mikyla Phillpott, Naomi Maybury, Chelsea-Lee Van Maanen, Lily Thomas, Jessie Johnson, Coby Hobden, Nate Symons, Angus Frewen and Joshua Thompson.

Mrs Doak has started Chess again! We have a number of students eager to participate in a team competition. Mrs Doak called upon our friend, Mr Craig Johnston, to assist her in her selection. Thank you to all the students who demonstrated their eagerness this week. They were Finley Wallace, James Grant, Mitchell Worth, Dyllan Thomas, Tahlia Tull-Watkins, Nate Painter, Luke Goodhand, Zachary Parkes, Brendan Jarrett and Bodin Wallace. Thank you to Mr Johnston for his assistance.



2M has been busy calculating their fruit and vegetable intake and tabulating the information into bar graphs. Our happy students are Cody Turner-Bourke, Brenden Thompson, Madison Pollard and Cody Hogan.



Ms Cook of 4/5C was really impressed with the homework of three students this past week. They were Finley Wallace, Luke Goodhand and James Grant. The three students completed some additional homework and what a great job they did. I have a picture of the model of an animal created by James Grant. All boys went above and beyond. Well done!



The P&C AGM is scheduled for next Tuesday 17th March at 6pm in our school library. A general meeting will follow. Our P&C meetings have changed slightly with a starting time of 6pm and a conclusion time of 8pm. All interested parents and community members are invited to attend with all ideas greatly accepted and considered.

Also next Tuesday is our Harmony Day. The theme for 2015 is *Everyone Belongs*. This year our school is concentrating on the picture book by Mem Fox, *Whoever We Are*. All classes will participate in class-based activities with their teachers and in our school program of *Play is the Way* games.

It has come to light over recent weeks that students and parents are not using the crossing at the front of our school when crossing the road. It is important that this designated crossing is used for the safety of our students and community members. It is also essential that when picking up our children from school that we do not cut-off driveway access to our school with our cars. It is always best for parents to personally pick up their children at the front gates rather than wait for them in the car. It is extremely busy at the front of our school at 3.30pm and everyone's safety is paramount.

Please note there has been a change to the date for Red Food Day. It is now scheduled for Friday 20th March.

The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

Volunteers Roster for Term 1

Friday 13th March - Lauren Witten

Friday 20th March - Yvette Dow

Friday 27th March - Helpers needed

Noni Kasch - Canteen Supervisor

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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.

Upcoming Fundraiser - Volunteers are required to help with a **BBQ and Cake Stall on Saturday 28th March** at the school. This date is the State Election Day. Please contact the school if you are able to assist for an hour or so. Donations of cakes and slices are also needed. Please list ingredients used on a label and put cakes and slices on a plastic plate ready for sale. Please support this important fundraiser for our school.

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BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

William Morris and Erika Kamminga

Banking Co-ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



Student's eligible for a banking prize will now be read out at the main assembly held on a Thursday in the School hall.

Those students need to see the banking Coordinators after the assembly to pick a prize. The prizes will then be ordered and returned to the students on their next banking day.

Forms to apply for a student account will also be available at the hall during Thursday assembly times.

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

Kootingal Moonbi



2015 Registration Days

Kootingal Moonbi



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



Kootingal & District Soccer Club

“Northern Inland Club of the Year 2015”

Information & Sign up day for New Players

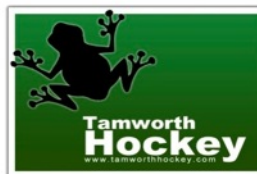
12.30pm – 4pm Saturday 28th Feb

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**
Noel Corney 0412 619345

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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 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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