



Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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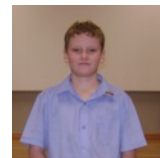


Term 1 Week 8

Thursday 19th March 2015



Merit Badge
(3 Gold)
William Baldwin



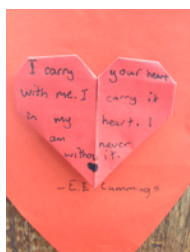
Gold Award
Ella Howard, William Baldwin
and Todd Milgate



Silver Award
Megan Bubb, William Baldwin,
Hannah Turner-Bourke and
Todd Milgate



Uniform Award
Isabella Aitken, Nate Symons,
Darcy Harris, Todd Milgate,
Amity Cork, Ellie Caslick and
Ashley Simmonds



Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2015

Friday 20th March - Red Food Day
Tuesday 24th March - Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 26th March - Debating
Monday 30th March - Art in a Suitcase
Tuesday 31st March - Rugby League Gala Day for yrs 3 and 4
Tuesday 31st March - Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 1st April - Combined Scripture Easter service
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: Lauren Witten Vice President - Cath Bubb
Secretary: Vanessa Johnson
Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jelka Schurink (Canteen)

Weekly Bronze Awards



Isabelle Aitken - Being an enthusiastic learner
 Angela Baker - Wonderful behaviour and manners
 Hope Clark - Effort in sentence writing
 Mia Smith - Effort in Creative Arts
 Braidy Cork - Being an enthusiastic learner
 Eloise Sharpham - Working well on her handwriting
 Thomas Atkins - Working well in reading and handwriting lessons
 Alexander Frewen - A good start to completing homework
 Codie Hogan - Becoming more organised in his bookwork
 Zane Hyson - Being a diligent worker
 Daniel Worth - Working well in Mathematics
 Isabelle Price - Effort in Spelling and Mathematics
 Keira Madden - Settled work habits
 Sophie Butorac - Working well in Mathematics
 Logan Phillpott and Xander Murray - Over 400 correct answers in Skoolbo
 Tyrone Bradley - Settling well into Kootingal Public School and his class
 Bodin Wallace - Making a consistent effort in all Key Learning Areas
 Montana Winter - Doing her additional homework when sick
 Georgia DeBelle - Excellent work habits in class
 Natasha Grant - Always being prepared, organised and ready to do her best
 Dougal Crofts - Improved spelling results
 Macey Holden - Asking questions and taking responsibility for her learning
 Emily Hayne - Being helpful and mature
 Tanika Bradley - Her cheerful manner and settling in well to 5/6W
 Brock Hyson - Working well in group situations
 Daniel Worth, Jessica Wheatley, Eloise Sharpham and Luke Goodhand - Commitment to practice in the Music Tuition program

Clothing Pool

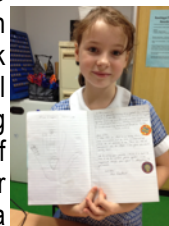
Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the front office.

Mrs Cracknell's Message

Our senior students have been leading the way this week with students from Mrs Ward's 5/6W performing well in Mathematics. Brock Hyson, Chenoa Siemsen, Shianne Spurway, Keira Madden and Harry Loftus were delighted in their efforts of demonstrating prowess with whole numbers in Mathematics. As you can see, Mrs Ward also used our new communiqué, *A Bright Star Moment*, in order to communicate to our students' families just how well they are performing. As they are our senior students, they deserved the BIG Principal stickers. Keep up the great effort 5/6W.



Congratulations to Lillie Walker of 3M for the impressive work in English this week. Mrs Morrish was particularly impressed with the quantity of work Lillie completed. Lillie and I had a wonderful conversation about her work. Lillie was using persuasive writing techniques to sway the thinking of Mrs Morrish to allow the use of personal iPads in our school. On Mrs Morrish's behalf, I composed a response to Lillie. Unfortunately, it was not to Lillie's liking. Great work Lillie Walker!



This Tuesday was our Harmony Day. The theme this year was *Everyone Belongs*. This year our school concentrated on the picture book by Mem Fox, *Whoever We Are*. All classes participated in class-based activities with their teachers, with a focus on our school program of *Play is the Way*. As you can see on our front page, our students decked our school, including the railings and even our bell, with hearts. Students in Ms Cook's 4/5C class enjoyed dancing to the song *Happy* by Pharrell Williams on Just Dance.

Also on Tuesday, our Chess team competed at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School in the Interschool Chess Challenge. Our students were eager to participate. They were Finley Wallace, James Grant, Jack Howard, Brendan Jarrett, Emily Nicholls and Bodin Wallace. Early results indicated Brendan Jarrett was the highest point scorer for Kootingal Public School. Congratulations Brendan! Mrs Doak has more Chess challenges coming in the near future.



This Tuesday we held our P&C AGM in our school library. Thank you to all parents and interested community members for attending and supporting our school. Thank you to our outgoing members for your continued hard work and support of our school.

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Mrs Cracknell's Message

Congratulations to our new executive with President, Mrs Lauren Witten, Vice President, Mrs Cath Bubb, Treasurer, Mr Scott Cracknell, and Secretary, Mrs Vanessa Johnson. Our P&C are always looking for new ways to support our school, so ideas are welcome and greatly appreciated.

The P&C are conducting a cake stall and BBQ on Saturday 28th March outside our school hall. This is the state election day. The P&C are asking for donations of cakes, slices, muffins, pies etc for this day. All donations can be left at the school on Friday. A list of ingredients is required also on the products. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our school, and most importantly, our students benefit.

This Thursday we have selected students from years 5 and 6 participating in the Science and Engineering Challenge at the TREC. The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary clubs, universities and sponsors. Through the Challenge, students experience aspects of science and engineering, which they would not usually see in their school environment. Ms Cook is taking 8 students in total. They are Sophie Hobden, Taleah Pinnock, Ryan Hobden, Jack Howard, Emily Nicholls, Emily Deasey, Toby Taggart and Harry Loftus. Good luck students!



Congratulations to Toby Taggart who was successful in gaining selection in the southern squad for the Opens Rugby League. Toby will now compete in a trial against the northern team for selection in the North West PSSA Open Rugby League team.



Good luck to Emily Deasey who will compete next week at the PSSA Swimming Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Emily is competing in the 11 years 50m freestyle and butterfly. I know she will represent our school with great pride.



Congratulations also to Jack Howard who was successful in gaining selection in the Tamworth Zone Soccer team. Jack will now trial for the North West Soccer team.

It is with great pleasure that I announce we have reached the required student numbers to form an eighth class. While this is exciting, there are a number of changes afoot before this occurs. It is anticipated that the new class will be formed for the commencement of Term 2. Communication about the composition of our classes will also occur at this time. Term 2 allows a clear change over period to occur for a transition process between teachers. This is the same as our preparation for 2015 that was conducted at the end of the 2014 school year.

Please remind children about safe riding of bikes and scooters to and from school. We have had a number of reports expressing concern about children not crossing the road in a safe manner when on bikes and scooters. It is important to remind children about safe road use for all people. We want our children to be safe.

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

P & C News

Our new committee for 2015

President: Lauren Witten

Vice President: Cath Bubb

Secretary: Vanessa Johnson

Treasurer: Scott Cracknell, Jelka Schurink (Canteen)

Banking Coordinator: Karen Hoden and Cath Bubb

Clothing Pool Coordinator: Janine Barber

The Star Cafe

Canteen will be open 2nd break

Red Food Day Friday 20th March

- * Cocktail Frankfurts - 50c each
- * Fairy bread sandwich - \$1
- * Spiders - \$1
- * Bag of Lollies - \$1
- * Sachet of Sauce - 30c each

Normal menu still applies.

Volunteers Roster for Term 1

Friday 20th March - Yvette Dow

Friday 27th March - Helpers needed

Noni Kasch - Canteen Supervisor

BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Emmielle Kingdom and Montana Winter



Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hoden

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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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
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2016 STATE CUP TRIALS

Sunday 22nd and/or 29th March, 9.30 - 11.00 am at Plain St Fields

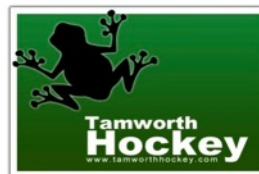
Tournament details: Coffs Harbour, FEBRUARY 12, 14 & 15 2016

Cost approx \$200

Yes, it is 2016 Trials, squads are selected at the end of this term while we have the 'captive audience' and on the back of the successful Senior State Cup that Tamworth has just hosted. Players, ages from 8 yrs - 16 yrs, will have the opportunity to develop skills throughout Winter and various development sessions and then squads will resume training from Term 4.

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



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.

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