



Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 10

Thursday 2nd April 2015



Art Work from KLV



Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Term 2 starts on Monday 20th April - School Development Day
Tuesday 21st April - Students return to school
Tuesday 21st April - P & C Meeting 6pm
Friday 24th April - KPS Anzac Day Service
Tuesday 28th April - 5/6 Rugby League and OzTag Gala Day
Thursday 7th May - P & C Mother's Day Stall
Friday 8th May - Darling Dental Clinic - Kinder to year 2
Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th May - NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5

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)



Silver Award
Brendan Jarrett and Jade Nicholls

Uniform Award

Hope Clarke, Colbie Butler,
Brenden Thompson, Jainah Grant,
Beau Robertson, Tahlia Tull-Watkins
and Jack Howard



Weekly Bronze Awards



Cooper Higgins - Being respectful of other children in the classroom
Xavier Wadwell - Settling in well to school and improved effort in class
Jessie Johnson - Being an engaged, enthusiastic listener and learner
Naomi Maybury - Improved reading and pleasing bookwork
Grace Callaghan, Taela McCahon, Cody Turner-Bourke and Damikah Barwick-Taylor - A good start with homework
Jainah Grant - Effort and participation in Mathematics
Tianna Urquhart - Improvement in writing tasks
Reba Ramage - Being organised and ready for work
Bodin Wallace - Demonstrating an enthusiasm for learning
Megan Johnson - Consistent effort in the classroom
Logan Phillpott - Improved maturity in the classroom
Tahlia Tull-Watkins - Manners and respect for others
Jessica Coppola-Smith - Fantastic effort in homework
Emmielle Kingdom - Persistence in Spelling
Ryley Marsh - Excellent bookwork
Emily Nicholls, Shanae Roach, Courtney Baker and Guransh Makhija - Excellent Term 1 homework
Colbie Butler - Commitment to the Music program practice

Mrs Cracknell's Message

It is hard to believe but we are at the end of another school term. Like all others, it has been exceptionally busy and this week hasn't been any different.

This Tuesday we completed our Parent Teacher Interviews for Term 1. We had a throng of parents and carers coming into our school to discuss their child's progress and areas for development. If you were unable to schedule an appointment, please contact your child's teacher to make a mutually convenient time to discuss your child's progress and needs.

Thank you to the Winter family who have donated a lovely picture book titled *Anzac Day Parade*. This picture book has been placed in our library for students to borrow leading up to the centenary of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli. I encourage our students to seek this book in our library.



Congratulations to our students in years 3 and 4 who participated in the Rugby League and Oztog day in Tamworth. From reports, you all performed exceedingly well and played in the spirit in which sport should be played. Early next term, our senior students in years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the same gala day. Get your boots ready!

To ensure our community keeps abreast of the events and celebrations of students' achievements, please make sure you visit our school website, our school electronic noticeboard and the bottom of the front page of our newsletter. Our students are informed on a regular basis through assemblies and classroom notices of events that are coming up and documents that are due in to our school. Our website, noticeboard and newsletter are updated weekly. On Tuesday, I updated the electronic noticeboard with events that are occurring in the first few weeks of Term 2, not to mention the wonderful photo of our debating and public speaking students of Ebony Phillpott, Emily Nicholls, Taleah Pinnock and Ella Howard at Tamworth High School.



Speaking of Ebony Phillpott, she was the winner of the Year 6 public speaking section at Tamworth High School on Thursday. This is a massive achievement considering this is the first opportunity where Ebony has been able to participate in such a competition. Keep up the great work Ebony!



Congratulations also to Emily Deasey of 5/6W who competed at the recent PSSA Swimming championships in Sydney. Emily competed in the 11 years girls 50m Freestyle and Butterfly, competing against 40 other female students in her age group. Well done Emily!

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Mrs Cracknell's Message

Thank you to all parents, community members and staff who donated lovely food items to the P&C cake stall on Saturday 28th March. Our school was fortunate to host the state elections in our school hall. Along with a hot BBQ, our lovely cakes, biscuits and slices were snavelled up by visitors. In total, we raised in excess of \$700. Thank you!



Last week, I convened a panel to select a teacher for the vacant classroom teacher position at Kootingal Public School. This vacancy became available through the leaving of Mr Ramadge and Mrs Rummery. I would like to announce that the successful applicant was Mr Ryan Griffiths. As you would be aware, Mr Griffiths has been working with the students of Kootingal Public School for the past four years. Mr Griffiths is highly regarded in his use of technology and innovative techniques when teaching. Although it has been a long process, it was a pleasure to convene the panel, which consisted of Mrs Chegwyn, Mrs Cath Bubb and Mr Sebastian Lees. We had a very good selection of teachers from which to select, but Mr Griffiths is the best. Welcome (officially) Mr Griffiths to Kootingal Public School!

Next term, we commence 8 classes across our school K-6. In addition to Mr Griffiths' permanent appointment, I am pleased to announce that Miss Magann is staying at Kootingal Public School for the remainder of the year and Mrs Claudette Ross is joining our team as the 8th classroom teacher. Mrs Ross has worked casually in our school during Term 1 and has extensive classroom experience. Students and community members will be notified at the start of Term 2 of the new class composition.

Mrs Chegwyn has been enjoying her Easter craft opportunities this week. As you can see, our students have also enjoyed their Easter craft, producing chicks with lovely fluffy coatings. Well done Alexander Cracknell, Madeleine Jones, Logan Phillpott, Izabella Vernon, Cooper Brett, Tyler Flemming, Chelsea Nunan and Jaeda Symons. Happy Easter!



Application forms for the Term 2 Private Music Tuition program are now available. Tuition is provided in guitar, drums, keyboard and vocal. The program commences in the first week of Term 2. Payment for the term is required in Week 2 Term 2. Application forms are available from the front office for

interested students. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Our school has recently received a shipment of new winter uniforms for our Clothing Pool. We also have a range of used uniform items that are available for purchase. Our Clothing Pool is located in our administration area. If you are unable to get into school to purchase uniform items, parents and carers can send the money, accompanied by a note with the requirements, with their child and our front office staff will get together the items for pick up at the end of the day. The prices for our uniform items are located on our school's website under the icon *P&C/Canteen*. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a wonderful and restful break over the school holidays. Please use this time to rejuvenate, ready for the activities and demands of Term 2. Happy holidays!

Science and Engineering Day at TREC

Last Thursday Emily Deasey, Emily Nicholls, Jack Howard, Toby Taggart, Ryan and Sophie Hobden, Taleah Pinnock and Harry Loftus went to the Science and Engineering Challenge, which took place at the TREC. We got split into 2 groups. The red group and the pink group. There were many activities but each group only did two.

The red group did eco house and waterworks. The pink group did minipult and earthquake.

In eco house, you had to build a house out of cellophane, straws, clay and tape that would survive a series of tests. In waterworks you had to copy the diagram you are given. The idea was to get water from one end to the other using pipes and connectors.

In the minipult you had to build a mini cannonpult out of rubber bands, skewers, a spoon and tape. It had to fling a ball a certain distance. In earthquake you had to build a tower at least 35cm tall out of straws and tape. It had to be able to hold weights and survive an earthquake.

Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the challenges.



BANKING - Thursdays

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

Clothing Pool

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the front office.

Winter stock now available

Sherpa Kids - Kootingal

Easter is only a few of bunny hops away and everyone is very excited!

The Sherpa Kids bunny called a little early with **Mitchell Worth**

being presented with a little Easter treat at Wednesday morning assembly.

Mitchell's colouring in of the Easter bunny was chosen at random, and I am very pleased of this, as we do not know how we would have been able to choose only one from the all the fantastic, colourful entries.

Thank you and Well Done to everyone who entered.

Have a great Easter and a safe, fun holidays.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in Term 2.
For bookings and enrolments, please call Vicky on 0481 364 554 or email tamworth@sherpa-kids.com.au



TAMWORTH regional gallery

April School Holiday Workshops at Tamworth Regional Gallery

Tamworth Regional Gallery is offering classes these holidays for 5-15 year olds. For more details or to book in call 6767 5248.

WEEK 1

Thursday April 9- Portrait painting with Gemma King
What will you learn? Gemma will teach you tricks and tips in portraiture painting & drawing.
Times: 10.15am-11.15am ages 5-7 (\$10)
11.30am-1pm ages 7-11 (\$15)
2pm-4pm ages 12-15 (\$20)
Wear closed in shoes and paint shirt

Friday April 10- Playing with print with Gemma King
What will you learn? Try your hand at printmaking, a process used by famous artists such as Michelangelo.
Times: 10.15am-11.15am ages 5-7 (\$10)
11.30am-1pm ages 7-11 (\$15)
2pm-4pm ages 12-15 (\$20)
Wear closed in shoes and paint shirt

WEEK 2

Wednesday April 15- Drawing with Leisel McIlrick
What will you learn? Students will take part in an outdoor drawing session with a mixed media with collage focus.
Times: 10.15am-11.15am ages 5-7 (\$10)
11.30am-1pm ages 7-11 (\$15)
2pm-4pm ages 12-15 (\$20)
Wear closed in shoes and paint shirt

Thursday April 16- 3D & sculpture with Kate Armstrong
What will you learn? Using new and familiar materials you will make your own sculptures to take home on the day!
Times: 10.15am-11.15am ages 5-7 (\$10)
11.30am-1pm ages 7-11 (\$15)
2pm-4pm ages 12-15 (\$20)
Wear closed in shoes and paint shirt

Friday April 17- Landscapes with Kate Armstrong
What will you learn? Kate will teach students colour mixing and composition, using these skills you will paint your own landscape.
Times: 10.15am-11.15am ages 5-7 (\$10)
11.30am-1pm ages 7-11 (\$15)
2pm-4pm ages 12-15 (\$20)
Wear closed in shoes and paint shirt

Bookings essential- call 6767 5248.
All workshops must be paid for prior to commencement. No refunds available.

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