



Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1

Thursday 23rd April 2015

1S Sunshine have been studying

"Sebastian Lives in a Hat".

Here are some of their wombat descriptions.

Wombats

by Nate Symons

Wombats eat grass. They live in Australia. They are furry and they have thick backs. Wombat babies are fuzzy. They are protected by their mothers. Wombats are wild and they dig holes.

Wombats

by Lilly Thomas

Wombats are animals. Wombats eat grass and they live in Australia. The babies stay in their pouch because they get dirty while the mother is digging a burrow.

Wombats

by Chelsea-Lee van Maanen

A female is a girl and a male is a boy. They dig burrows to live in. They have sharp toenails. They have small eyes. Wombats live in Australia. Wombats eat grass and plants. A wombat is an animal. Wombats are furry.

Wombats

by Thomas Atkins

Wombats are animals. It lives in a burrow. Wombats eat grass.



Wombats

by Braidy Cork

A wombat likes to eat grass. A wombat is a mammal. Wombats live in Australia. A wombat is an animal. Wombats dig burrows.

Wombats

by Erica-Lee Eyles

Wombats are in Australia. Baby wombats drink milk. Wombats are mammals. They are furry.

Wombats

by Elloise Sharpham

A wombat lives in a burrow. It eats grass. A wombat is a type of mammal. They live in Australia. Wombats are animals. A mother wombat has a pouch for its baby.

Wombats

by Joshua Thompson

Wombats are a type of mammal and they live in Australia. They eat grass.

Wombats

Wombats are a type of mammal. They also eat plants and grass. When a wombat is born, it crawls into its mother's pouch. All wombats are in Australia. A wombat is a fuzzy animal when it is a baby. Wombats live in burrows.

Wombats

by Jessie Johnson

Wombats eat plants and grass. Wombats live in Australia. They are a type of mammal. Baby wombats are fuzzy and pink. Adult wombats are grey. A wombat is an animal. Wombats dig burrows. They are furry. They have a pouch. Some of them are brown. Wombats are endangered.

Wombats

by Naomi Maybury

Wombats are a type of mammal. Wombats live in Australia. They eat plants and also grass. They are furry. They have tiny eyes. They live in burrows. Wombats have sharp claws. Wombats have sharp teeth. They are grey.

Clothing Pool

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the front office.

Winter stock now available



Merit Award (3 golds)
Madeleine Jones

Gold Award

Chloe van Maanen and
Macey Holden



Silver Award

Megan Johnson, Jessie Johnson,
William Morris and Luke Goodhand

Uniform Award

Raymond Sydenham, Coby Hobden, Luke Sydenham, Louise Smith, Ally Higgins, James Grant, Breeanna Howard and Georgia Madden



Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Friday 24th April - KPS Anzac Day Service
Tuesday 28th April - 5/6 Rugby League and OzTag Gala Day
Wednesday 29th April - P & C Movie Night at 6pm in Hall
Monday 4th May - Grip Leadership Conference
Thursday 7th May - P & C Mother's Day Stall
Friday 8th May - Darling Dental Clinic - Kinder to year 2
Friday 8th May - Cross Country
Thursday 14th May - Assembly by 4C, item 1S at 2:30pm in Hall

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



Raymond Sydenham - Great participation in Music
 Angela Baker - Effort in story writing and reading
 Deakan Keven-Faulkner - Improved confidence to learn and participate in class
 Lilly Aitken - Trying hard to improve reading
 Sienna Butorac - Trying hard to improved spelling
 Robert Hazard - Working well in Literacy
 Natalie-Kayt Baker and Shania Coppola-Smith - Library borrowing Term 1
 Joey Hyson - Contribution to class information report
 Aaleyah Atkins - Creative work in art
 Alexander Cracknell - Consistent effort with homework
 Jack Hyson - Impressive efforts with his persuasive writing
 Beau Robertson - Working well in class
 Cooper Brett - Working well in class
 Billy Siemsen - Excellent homework efforts
 Wyanete Zhong - Taking pride in work
 Desean Allen - Effort to improve the presentation of his bookwork
 Cohen Parkes - Effort to complete classwork
 Finley Wallace, Brendan Jarrett, Jasmine Hogan and Taleah Pinnock - Working well in Maths - 100% in assessment, Negative Numbers
 Jessica Coppola-Smith - For commitment to homework
 Dylan Dow - Effort in Maths
 Breeanna Howard and Taleah Pinnock - Excellence in spelling
 Toby Taggart and Jack Howard - Impressive leadership during SRC Easter activities
 Chenoa Siemsen - Diligent work habits and interest increative tasks
 Lachlan Young- A significant improvement in work habits throughout term 1
 Megan Bubb, William Morris, Bodin Wallace, Sophie Hobden and Elloise Sharpham - Outstanding practice record for the Music Program

Mrs Cracknell's Message

Welcome back to Term 2!

2015 marks a unique opportunity for our students. As a school, we are commemorating Anzac Day and the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli on Friday 24th April 2015 at 11am at the Kootingal Cenotaph with a school service. All students are covered under the General Permission Note. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Our students also have the opportunity to participate in our local Anzac Day ceremony on Saturday 25th April 2015. The march will commence from Kootingal Public School at 7.45am. Students must assemble in year groups at the front of Kootingal Public School at 7.25am. Students are requested to be in full winter uniform for the march. Mrs Chegwyn and myself will be at the front of the school to mark off your child's name. From here, students will march to the cenotaph. Students will be dismissed from the cenotaph at the conclusion of the ceremony.

On Tuesday we had our first P&C meeting for the term. Although small in number, lots of decisions were made about future projects for fundraising, how the funds would be spent and discussion occurred about our new class arrangements and major excursions. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend. Your insight is valuable to the operation of our school. Please remember that our meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month from 6 till 8pm in our school's library. A text message alert also goes out to families as a reminder.

As many would be aware, there were a number of text messages received during our holiday break concerning the private music tuition program, clothing pool and the P&C meeting. If you are not receiving these messages, please call our front office on 67603332. We can add your mobile number to our database.

P&C have a number of initiatives underway at present. Next Wednesday evening, they are holding a movie night in our hall. The evening commences at 5.30pm with dinner available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 and this entitles our children to entry, a drink and popcorn. Other food items will be available for purchase during an intermission. Check out the flyer and the school's noticeboard!

Our P&C also have a Pie Drive underway. There are lots of different kinds of family pies, both sweet and savoury, for purchase and all at reasonable prices. I know the Cracknell family will be stocking up for the cold winter nights approaching, if not already here! Orders are due, with payment, to the school Monday 4th May 2015. If you would like more order forms, please call our front office.

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Mrs Cracknell's Message

We are stocked to the brim for winter uniforms! Our Clothing Pool has undergone a transformation over the holiday period with Mr Doak painting the room and erecting new storage shelving. Mrs Caslick and Mrs Dunn have been extremely busy over the last few days serving people for their winter uniform needs. Our families have also been utilising the email service and the new uniform order form located on the school's website under the P&C/Canteen icon.

Due to the number of uniforms sold, we are also putting out a call for any second hand uniforms, particularly winter. We are mostly in short supply of the smaller sizes, but all sizes donated are warmly received. Our second hand uniform items assist our families to supply their children with good quality uniforms in a cost effective manner. Thank you to families who have been able to donate old uniforms.

I would like to officially welcome Ms Claudette Ross to our teaching team at Kootingal Public School. Ms Ross has assumed the role of the Year 5 classroom teacher and comes to our school with a wealth of experience. Our year 5 class has relocated to Mrs Chegwyn's RFF classroom in Homebase 2. We are currently working on moving our Sherpa Kids before and after school care to our hall. This will enable the school to assume the classroom of Homebase 1 again and utilise this as a classroom. This won't happen immediately but we are in the planning stages.

Our class composition for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- K LW – Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Neander Walsh
- 1S – Mrs Heather Simpson
- 2M – Miss Nicole Magann
- 2/3G - Mr Ryan Griffiths
- 3M - Mrs Jan Morrish
- 4C – Ms Jillian Cook
- 5R - Mrs Claudette Ross
- 6W – Mrs Sharon Ward

Our Assistant Principals remain unchanged with Mrs Nicole Chegwyn, Mrs Kirsty Lawrence supervising classes K LW, 1S, 2M and 2/3G, and Mrs Anne Doak supervising classes 3M, 4C, 5R and 6W.

Some of our students may have noticed a rather blank looking canvas in front of Homebases 6 – 9. During the holidays, Mr Doak and Mr McDonald removed the overgrown plantings in front of the classrooms. We are using this space to create another garden filled with grasses, similar to those planted at the front of the school. Mr Doak is in the process of filling the garden with a thick layer of mulch reading for our new plantings. A ramp was also installed in front of Homebase 7 by

Mr Hazelwood. Mr Doak cut the ribbon with Mrs Morrish at the ramp's unveiling. Watch this space!



BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Jessie Johnson and Megan Bubb

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



SRC Easter Activities

Congratulations to the winners of the Colouring-In Competition:

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 - 1st Ayisha Fernando
- 2nd Lilly Thomas

Stage 2 - 1st Boston DeBelle
- 2nd Madeleine Jones

Stage 3 - 1st Taleah Pinnock
- 2nd Ashley Simmonds



Congratulations to our winners in the Easter Raffle:

- 1st - Montana Winter
- 2nd - Sophie Howard
- 3rd - Megan Johnson
- 4th - Elle Atkins
- 5th - Emily Hatton



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



The Star Café

Term 2 Menu, 2015

1st Break ONLY (11:30am to 12:10pm)

HOT Food

Chicken Burger (small bun)	\$3.40(Mayo/BBQ or Tomato Sauce)
Yummy Drummy	\$1.40
Chicken Nuggets	50c each
Ham and Pineapple Pizza	\$2.60
Cheese and Bacon Pizza	\$2.60
Large Pie (Lite)	\$3.80
Mini Pies (Lite)	\$1.30
Sausage Rolls (Lite)	\$2.80
Potato scallop	2 for \$1.00
Fish cocktails	50c each
Sauce (tom,bbq)	30c



Icecream

Ice Cream Cups	\$1.50
Moosies (Choc or Strawberry)	\$1.20
Monys (T n Ts)	50c

Drinks

Moove Milk - (Straw, Choc, vanilla malt)	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Juice 200ml (Apple or Orange or Apple & Blackcurrant)	\$2.00

Red Rock	\$1.40
Jelly Fruits	25c each

The Star Café

Volunteer Roster for Term 2

Friday 24th April - Jayne Lees
 Friday 1st May - Melissa Brennan
 Friday 8th May - Karen Crofts
 Friday 15th May - Yvette Dow
 Friday 22nd May - Lauren Witten
 Friday 29th May - Jayne Lees
 Friday 5th June - Lizzy Steadman
 Friday 12th June - Marla Shiels
 Friday 19th June - Lauren Witten
 Friday 26th June - Yvette Dow

Canteen Co-Ordinator - Noni Kasch

CLUBS @ KOOTY

MONDAY

1st BREAK IN LIBRARY- CHESS CLUB Mrs Doak

AT RECESS IN LIBRARY -POKEMON CLUB (Josh D, Cohen P, Nate S)

TUESDAY

AT RECESS IN LIBRARY -LEGO CLUB YRS 3-6 (Ryan, Dyllan, Lachlan)
 - DRAMA K-2 (Darcy and Jordy)

WEDNESDAY GAMES DAY AT HALL

THURSDAY

AT RECESS IN LIBRARY _ POKEMON CLUB (Josh D, Cohen P, Nate S)
 -HORSE INTEREST GROUP- K-2 (Natasha & Jordy)
 AT HALL - LUNCH BREAK - DANCE YEARS K,1,2 Shianne, Chenoa,Shanae

FRIDAY

AT RECESS VEGIE GARDEN- GARDEN CLUB (Charmaine & Mrs Doak)
 AT RECESS IN LIBRARY - FRIENDSHIP GROUP YEARS K, 1 & 2 (Ella, Breeanna)
 AT HALL- LUNCH BREAK- DANCE YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 (Issy, Chloe, Ebony, Courtney and Georgia)

Clubs @ Kooty is an initiative that is aimed at developing leadership skills amongst our students.

The children who are responsible for the 'Club' promote and organise the activities, which are then supervised by Mrs Doak. This week all of the co-ordinators of the groups have had a meeting with Mrs Doak to discuss how things are going and about promoting their 'Club'.

Stay tuned for reports from the children about what is happening in Clubs @ Kooty.

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