



Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 4

Thursday 14th May 2015



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Silver Award

Ebony Phillpott, Emily Nicholls,
Beau Robertson, Shania Coppola-
Smith, Alexander Cracknell,
Natasha Grant, Georgia Ford,
Dylan Dow, Shanae Roach,
Wade Holden, Lillie Walker,
Isabella Walker, Joseph Barber,
Madison Pollard and Tianna Urquhart



Uniform Award

Lily Shiels, Addyson Vernon,
Alexander Frewen, Joey Hyson,
Megan Bubb, Zane Goodfellow,
Emmielle Kingdom and
Charmaine Grant



Clothing Pool

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings
at the front office.

Winter stock now available

Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Monday 18th May - Tamworth Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 19th May - ICAS - Computers
Tuesday 19th May - P & C Meeting in Library at 6pm
Thursday 21st May - Delivery of P & C Pie Orders
Thursday 21st May - Netball NSW Schools Cup
Friday 22nd May - Tamworth RFS Day
Wednesday 27th May - National Simultaneous Story Time
Thursday 28th May - Night Disco

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

Tyler Johnson - Always being attentive in class
 Emily Hatton and Hope Clarke - Excellent spelling test results
 Xavier Wadwell - Effort in reading groups
 Mikyla Phillpott - Excellent work in Science
 Nate Symons - Great results in spelling
 Naomi Maybury - Excellent application in all areas
 Coby Hobden - Exceptional creative writing
 Darcy Harris and Zoe Reid - Being organised and ready for work
 Kobi Murray - Making an effort in writing
 Xander Murray - Improved focus in class
 Luke Sydenham - Great effort in Mathematics
 Daniel Worth - Applying himself well in class
 Georgia Ford - Participating well in class discussions
 Joshua Deasey - Great participation and contributions in class discussions
 Elle Atkins - Great participation in oral comprehension lessons
 Desean Allen - Completing bookwork neatly and carefully
 Jainah Grant - Being a respectful and hardworking member of the class
 Jack Merrick - Getting along with others in the playground
 Shannon Charters - Settling in well to his new class and school
 Ellie Caslick - Consistent effort in class
 Toby Keven-Faulkner - Settled behaviour in class
 Lyara Fernando - Demonstrating resilience, always being respectful
 Dougal Crofts - Making an effort in writing
 Harry Loftus - Working well in Mathematics
 Ryley Marsh - General citizenship, helping others
 Dyllan Thomas - Persistence in learning
 Kayla Jenner - Working hard in spelling activities
 Ryan Hobden - Developing greater confidence in his own learning
 Shianne Spurway - Developing greater maturity and being organised

Cross Country Champions

8/9 years Champions - William Heeney and Megan Johnson
 8/9 years Runners Up - Cody Turner-Bourke and Damikah Barwick-Taylor
 10 years Champions - Brendan Jarrett and Hannah Turner-Bourke
 10 years Runners Up - Zachary Parkes and Savannah Barber
 11 years Champions - Byron Lees and Ebony Phillpott
 11 years Runners Up - Guransh Makhija and Sophie Hobden
 12/13 years Champions - Ryan Hobden and Shanae Roach
 12/13 years Runners Up - Lachlan Young and Georgia Madden

Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics

May 2015



Education & Communities

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: <http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers>

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.



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Mrs Cracknell's Message

Our annual Cross Country carnival last Friday afternoon was a great spectacle. Our students tried their best with many sprinting to the finishing line. Congratulations to all our students and to those who were successful in their selection to compete at the Tamworth Zone Cross Country trial on Monday 18th May at Barraba.

Now that we have finally hit some cold weather, it is a timely reminder that our clothing pool is stocked full of new and pre-loved winter uniforms. Families are able to email or call the school with their order. On our website, we have a uniform order form located under the P&C/Canteen icon. This is useful when determining items to purchase and the associated cost. Please note that uniforms are not released until payment is received. If you require assistance in this area, please contact the school on 67603332.

Next Tuesday is our second P&C meeting for the term. 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.

Next week, our P&C will take delivery of the orders from the recent Pie Drive. All pies are available for pick up from 2pm until 4pm at the school's hall. If alternative arrangements are required, please contact the school. I know the Cracknell family are looking forward to receiving their order!

This week, students in years 3 and 5 have completed the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These assessments were conducted over three days. Thank you to Mrs Morrish, Mr Griffiths and Ms Ross for their coordination of the assessments in their classrooms. The assessments were conducted seamlessly and without disruption. It is important to note that for many of our students, this was their first time in 'sitting' a formal external assessment. Well done to all students and I look forward to seeing the results of your hard work and working with you and your teachers on our strengths and areas for development.

This week's assembly on Thursday is bound to be a special one. We have numerous awards for our students and even one for a member of staff. That will be such a big surprise! Come along and enjoy the celebration. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Also on Thursday, we are helping raise funds for cancer through the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. There is not a family that I don't think that hasn't been touched by cancer at some stage. It is such a worthwhile cause. Our students are also encouraged to wear a beanie to raise awareness of brain cancer. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and wear a beanie.

Congratulations to Emily Deasey and Emily Nicholls of 6W. Both students entered the *Write4Fun* competition. *Write4Fun* encourages young student writers with competitions, by publishing top quality books and conducting interactive, fun workshops across Australia with the opportunity to win fantastic prizes. Both students have been successful in gaining selection to the next round of judging. I can't wait to see the website next Wednesday when we find out the results! Both girls had been identified through our extension and enrichment program that Mrs Doak is currently leading across our school.



BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Megan Bubb and Jainah Grant

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



The Star Café Volunteer Roster for Term 2

Friday 15th May - Yvette Dow
Friday 22nd May - Lauren Witten
Friday 29th May - Jayne Lees
Friday 5th June - Lizzy Steadman
Friday 12th June - Marta Shiels
Friday 19th June - Lauren Witten
Friday 26th June - Yvette Dow

Volunteers could you please be at the canteen by 9am. Thank you.

Canteen Co-Ordinator - Noni Kasch

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10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi

Turn off the TV or computer and get active

Did you know?

- ★ Spending too much sedentary or 'still' time watching TV, surfing online or playing computer or electronic hand-held games is linked to children becoming overweight or obese.
- ★ Children who watch TV for more than 2 hours every day are more likely to have an unhealthy diet, less likely to eat fruit and less likely to be physically active.
- ★ More than half of primary and about three quarters of secondary school students exceeded the recommended screen time guideline.
- ★ Children are more likely to snack on foods that are high in sugar, salt or saturated fat when they're watching TV.

How much time in front of the screen?

When kids and teens spend time in front of small screens – whether it's the TV, computer or hand-held games – it takes away from the time they could spend playing sport, games or being active.

Australian guidelines recommend that kids and teens spend no more than 2 hours each day on small screen entertainment.

While computers and TV can be valuable for education and learning, the health benefits, skills and enjoyment that kids and teens get from being physically active are just as important.

“Set limits for computer games and being online”



Tips for parents

- Before you switch on the TV or the computer for your children, stop and think – could they spend the time being active and have some 'small screen' time later on?
- Set limits on TV viewing. If there is a specific program that your child wants to watch, turn the TV off once it has finished. Alternatively, record the program and watch it together later on.
- Set limits for computer games and being online – no more than 2 hours a day and not during daylight hours when they could be outside and active.
- Don't allow a TV or computer in your child's bedroom. Keep them in a common area of the family home so you can monitor use.
- Have a list of active indoor and outdoor games or activities for your children, so you can suggest alternatives to watching TV or playing on the computer.

For more information and ideas on healthy eating and physical activity, go to www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au

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