



Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

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Term 2 Week 5

Thursday 21st May 2015

Student of the Month Ashley Simmonds

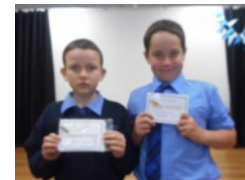
Ashley is kind and selfless, and displays many caring qualities. She displays a positive and thoughtful attitude and enjoys helping others. Ashley is an extremely reliable and attentive young lady who demonstrates initiative across all areas of the school environment, regularly offering to take on roles of responsibility. Her nurturing demeanor is especially demonstrated amongst her peers at Kootingal Public School. She is regularly found supporting children in Stage 1 in the playground and is often called upon by teachers to lend a helping hand with young friends. Ashley is patient, and encourages others to do their best and follow school rules. In the classroom, Ashley displays independent and conscientious work habits. She demonstrates the ability to maintain focus on a given task for sustained periods and always completes her work on time. Ashley is a quiet worker and always displays respect in her interactions with staff, visitors and other students. She always wears full school uniform and takes pride in herself and her school. Ashley is a fine role model at Kootingal Public School, and an excellent example of our school motto - 'Caring, Learning and Achieving Together.'

Congratulations Ashley.



Merit Award

James Grant and Luke Goodhand



Gold Award

Lillie Walker, Emmielle Kingdom,
Natasha Grant, Tianna Urquhart,
Erika Kamminga, Joshua Thompson,
Emily Nicholls, James Grant
and Luke Goodhand



Silver Award

Jack Chapple, Emmielle Kingdom,
Isabelle Marsh, James Grant,
Joshua Thompson, Erika Kamminga,
Daniel Worth and Wil Rawlinson-Harris



Student of the Month Damikah Barwick-Taylor

Damikah is a quiet achiever who strives to do her best. She is a great listener who consistently completes tasks to the best of her abilities and asks questions to clarify her understanding. She displays sound work habits and a willingness to improve in all learning areas.

Damikah is a happy student who is a pleasure to teach. She wears her uniform with pride and is respectful to both her teachers and her peers. Being new to Kootingal Public School, Damikah is proving to be a wonderful school citizen and is to be congratulated on the contribution she makes at school.

Congratulations Damikah.



Uniform Award

Molly Smith, Angus Frewen,
Shania Coppola-Smith,
Luke Sydenham, Cooper Brett,
Darcy Simpson-Craig
and Lachlan Young



BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Zachary Parkes and James Grant

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Friday 22nd May - Tamworth RFS Day
Wednesday 27th May - National Simultaneous Story Time
Thursday 28th May - Night Disco
Wednesday 3rd June - ICAS Science
Monday 8th June - Public Holiday
Thursday 11th June - School Assembly by 3M, Class item by 2M
Friday 12th June - North West Cross Country - Coolah
Monday 15th June - ICAS Writing

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



Lily Shiels - Great work in spelling and reading groups
 Liam Jarrett and Raymond Sydenham - Great weekly spelling results
 Cameron Winter - Effort in spelling and reading groups
 Addyson Vernon - Confidence and attitude in class
 Nate Symons - Great application to Mathematics and Science
 Erica Eyles - Great enthusiasm in the classroom
 Lilly Aitken - Fantastic classroom helper
 Maverick Ramage - Labelling adjectives on 'The Gruffalo'
 Brendan Thompson - Effort in Mathematics
 Bodin Wallace - Demonstrating creative flair with his stop motion video
 Amity Cork - Showing persistence in learning
 Madison Pollard - Working well in the classroom
 Chelsey Nunan - Being a helpful member of our class
 Matilda Lees - Displaying our school values
 William Siemsen - Following school rules well
 Lillie Walker - Displaying our school values
 Desean Allen - Making an effort to get along with others
 Savannah Barber - Being a hardworking student this past week.
 Impressive attitude and dedication
 Shannon Charters - Terrific bookwork showing great pride and organisation
 Jack Hyson - Wonderful attitude to learning
 Finley Wallace - Excellent results in spelling
 Emmielle Kingdom - Taking pride in work
 Brae Wilson - Improved reading skills
 Jack Witten - Effort in learning new skills
 Jordana Winter - Persistence in Mathematics
 Courtney Baker and Shanae Roach - Being focused and working well in writing
 Emily Hayne - Improvement in spelling and writing
 Emily Deasey - Commitment to learning and pursuing her personal best
 Luke Goodhand, William Morris, Ashley Simmonds and Megan Bubb - Exceptional music practice record
 Charmaine Grant - Committed and conscientious helper during Breakfast Club, always willing to lend a hand

Silver Assembly Awards - Thursday 14th May

Tyler Johnson - Excellent behaviour and always ready to learn
 Sophie Hogg - Always being attentive in class and for her excellent behaviour
 Isabelle Aitken - Listening well and always trying hard
 Joshua Thompson - Trying his best in Mathematics
 Mikyla Phillpott - Improvement in handwriting
 Jessie Johnson and Elloise Sharpham - All areas of class
 Joseph Barber and Emma Jarrett - Neat book work
 Alexander Frewen - More settled work habits in class
 Shania Coppola-Smith - Contributing to class discussion
 Jack Chapple - Being an independent worker committed to his learning
 Harry Witten - Being a settled member of the class who always tries his best
 Joey Hyson - Having wonderful behaviour
 Georgia Ford - Having a positive attitude to learning
 Keira Madden - Quiet and settled work habits
 Tyson Beard - Always trying his best
 Tianna Urquhart - Expressive writing
 Janeen Wadwell - Trying hard to complete her work
 James Grant - Outstanding behaviour and effort in class everyday
 Riley Wilson - Displaying wonderful manners and for being respectful and responsible
 Madeleine Jones - Being such a respectful, responsible member of 4C
 Luke Goodhand - Striving to do his best in class and learning to do this with greater care and pride
 Lyara Fernando - Exemplary behaviour and an excellent work ethic
 Ryley Marsh - Demonstrating leadership and taking ownership of his learning
 Sophie Hobden - Producing work of a high standard and being reliable
 Emmielle Kingdom - Commitment to learning
 Emily Nicholls - Demonstrating initiative and imagination in writing
 Toby Taggart - Being a cooperative team leader when working in groups
 Jack Howard - Displaying independent work habits and being reliable
 Guransh Makhija - Being a confident learner who asks questions



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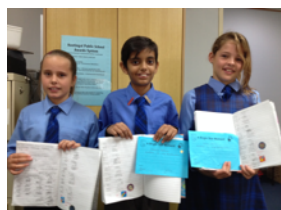
Mrs Cracknell's Message

The P&C Pie Drive orders are here! 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. A text message was sent to all families on Wednesday as a reminder.

Last week I reported that both Emily Deasey and Emily Nicholls of 6W had entered the *Write4Fun* competition and were successful in gaining selection to the next round of judging. Although they did not place, I am extremely proud of both girls and their efforts. It takes a lot of courage to enter a national competition and compete against peers in a public forum. Later in the newsletter, we have included Emily Deasey's short story 'The Dream' for your reading.

Well done to all students who participated in the Tamworth Zone Cross Country trial at Barraba on Monday. I know you represented our school with pride. Congratulations to Hannah Turner-Bourke, Lachlan Young, Ryan Hobden and Megan Johnson who were successful in their selection to the North West Region Cross Country trial on Friday 12th June at Coolah. Run hard!

This week we conducted the first of our International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) test. It was in digital technologies. We had a total of 10 students participating across years 3 – 6. Upon examining the year 3 assessment, it was quite difficult and one that would trick a number of adults I am sure.



Congratulations to year 6 students Emily Deasey, Guransh Makhija and Courtney Baker. All three students completed their Mathematics work in long multiplication perfectly. All students also received a *Bright Star Moment* for their respective families.

Bright Star Moments are a part of our new communication practices that are a quick and efficient way to let families know of the achievements of their children.

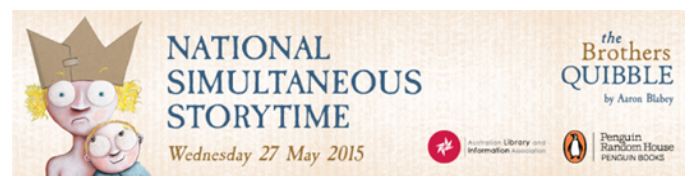
At our P&C meeting this week, I informed our community of the recent development in our staffing for 2016. We were recently notified by the Department that we are able to advertise for the Assistant Principal position recently vacated through Mrs Cheron Mort's retirement. This position is set to commence day 1, 2016. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Cath Bubb is our community representative on our panel. Mrs Bubb was a part of the panel that selected Mr Ryan Griffiths for the vacant classroom teacher position earlier this year. I will keep our community posted as to the progress of this vacancy as the weeks progress.

Also at our meeting, we scheduled our next Red Food Day. It is scheduled for Friday 5th June. Ms Noni Kasch has ideas for the types of food that will be available for sale on the day and I know they will be crowd pleasers. Our P&C also pledged two donations - one to our school for new home readers and one to the National Heart Foundation as a part of the *Jump Rope for Heart* initiative. The school has already allocated over \$400 from our school photo commission for the purchase of new readers to our school collection. The P&C donated \$640 to supplement this initiative. Thank you to the P&C for your hard work and assistance at Kootingal Public School.

Good luck to our netballers this Thursday as they compete at the Netball NSW Schools Cup tournament held in Tamworth at the Dome. We have been lucky to secure an umpire through Tamworth High School to assist with umpiring on the day. Good luck Mrs Ward and team!

Next Wednesday, we have three chess teams competing at the NSW Junior Chess League day at Nemingha Public School. Mrs Doak has been busy this year resurrecting the chess team and I am very proud of her efforts. It is wonderful to see so many students loving the game of chess, a game of strategy and intense thinking. Good luck team!

Also on Wednesday, we are participating as a whole school in the National Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously across the nation. This year at 11am, we are reading *The Brothers Quibble* written by Aaron Blabey.



Next Thursday our SRC is conducting a night-time disco. It has a fluoro theme.....oh my, it's taking me back to the hey days of the 80s! The P&C are conducting a sausage sizzle from 6pm at a cost of \$2 per sausage sling. The disco commences at 6.30pm at \$3 per student. This includes entry, a popper and a packet of chips.

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10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi

Sherpa Kids Kootingal

What's new at Sherpa Kids Kootingal?

1. Phone number – 0435 335 205
2. The families of Sherpa Kids OSHC have a chance at winning a Mini iPad.

You read right! - Our families across the Tamworth area are in the running to go into a draw to win a Mini iPad. All they need to do is fill out the forms, available from the Before & After School Care room, and return by the end of this week and the Mini iPad could be all theirs!

If you attend Before and/or After School Care, please call in and pick up the forms to fill out for your chance to WIN!

Please call Trudie and Natalie on 0435 335 205 or

Vicky on 0481 364 554 for further details.

GOOD LUCK!



Please come to the



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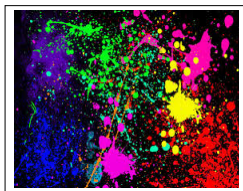
SRC Fluoro Disco!

Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm

Date: Thursday 28th May

Cost: \$3.00 (includes chips and popper)

Theme: Crazy fluoro colours



Games * Dance *** Prizes *** Great Fun**

Sausage Sizzle from 6pm \$2

The Dream by Emily Deasey

It was late at night when I finally fell asleep, but I did not only fall asleep I fell into a deep sleep. I had a dream, a very strange dream. I was being chased by zombies, vicious zombies. I was screaming and shouting in my sleep. I was all alone with nothing but zombies. I was going to die!

I kept running and running until I came to the edge of a cliff. Fog surrounded me. I could see nothing but the grave yard below and the zombies coming towards me!

I had 2 choices, I could surrender to the zombies or risk jumping off the cliff. I couldn't decide and I was freaking out. I thought I was going to have a heart attack! The zombies were only metres away.

But they stopped, only centimetres away. I opened my eyes and gasped in shock. But when I thought I was safe, one of the zombies pushed me over the edge of the cliff!

I fell and fell until crash, I hit the ground. I landed in the middle of the graveyard. But at last I was away from the zombies. At least I thought I was.

I did not know that zombies lived in this graveyard. They came out and I screamed. But the zombies looked different somehow. They were being nice. I screamed again, but the zombies asked me if I'm okay. I was speechless and in shock.

They told me to take this compass and go north. There I will find a town. I ran north and I found a town. I caught a bus back home.

Half way through the bus journey I woke up and I was safe in my bed, in my home. I'm glad it was all just a dream!

The Star Café Volunteer Roster for Term 2

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

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

Canteen Co-Ordinator - Noni Kasch

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