



# Kooting Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 6

Thursday 28th May 2015



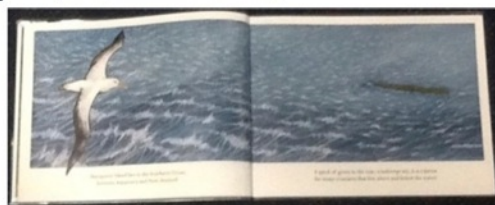
## Gold Award

Isabella Walker and Joey Hyson



## Silver Award

Beau Robertson, Jack Howard,  
Joey Hyson, Lochlan Muller,  
Shianne Spurway,  
Tyler Flemming and Jack Hyson



SR'S INTERPRETATION OF AN  
ILLUSTRATION FROM ONE SMALL  
ISLAND



## Uniform Award

Cooper Higgins, Lochlan Muller,  
Isabella Cannon,  
Grace Callaghan, Jainah Grant,  
Ellie Caslick, William Baldwin  
and Shanae Roach



## Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Thursday 28th May - Night Disco  
Wednesday 3rd June - ICAS Science  
Friday 5th June - Red Food Day  
Monday 8th June - Public Holiday Queen's Birthday  
Thursday 11th June - School Assembly by 3M, Class item by 2M  
Friday 12th June - North West Cross Country - Coolah  
Monday 15th June - ICAS Writing  
Tuesday 16th June - ICAS Spelling

**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



Cooper Higgins - Continued effort in Mathematics  
 Toby Callaghan, Emily Hatton and Menno Wallace - Excellent results in their dictation assessment  
 Lochlan Muller - Enthusiasm in Friday Music  
 Coby Hobden - Enthusiasm for Science  
 Colbie Butler - Working well in spelling  
 Chelsea Van Maanen - Working well on classroom tasks  
 Cody Turner-Bourke, Emma Jarrett and Travis Grierson - Description writing  
 Sophie Howard - Improvement in reading  
 Jessica Wheatley - Showing independent work habits  
 Isabella Walker - Being a committed learner  
 William Heeney - Working well in class  
 Zane Hyson - Being a quiet work who listens well  
 Tianna Urquhart - Pleasing work in literacy  
 Wyanete Zhong and Todd Milgate - Demonstrating our school values  
 Crystal Van Maanen - Pleasing efforts to complete all work  
 Boston DeBelle - Amazing Onomatopoeia art  
 Logan Phillpott - Some amusing writing to brighten a rainy day  
 Madeleine Jones - An outstanding story about the Lion Hearted Elder  
 Tahlia Tull-Watkins - An amazing story about the Lion Hearted Elder  
 Taleah Pinnock - Being an independent worker  
 Riley Brown - Effort in learning spelling  
 Ella Howard - Showing pride in work, eg. neat book work  
 Dylan Dow - Persistence in learning new tasks  
 Toby Taggart, Emily Nicholls, Dyllan Thomas and Ryan Hobden - Excellent Science results in a topic test

## BANKING - Thursdays

### Banking Prizes

Sophie Hobden and Ryley Marsh

### Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



## Breakfast Club

As the cooler weather begins our pancakes are a hot favourite every Wednesday at Breakfast Club. Our volunteers have been a fantastic help serving juice, cereal and toast with great enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing everyone's happy faces every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



Please come to the



Kootingal Public School's

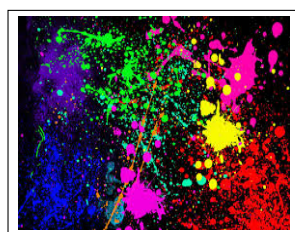
## SRC Fluoro Disco!

Time: 6.30 - 8.00pm

Date: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Cost: \$3.00 (includes chips and popper)

Theme: Crazy fluoro colours



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

Sausage Sizzle from 6pm \$2

## Support the Businesses that support our school

### Kootingal & District Bowling Club



Friday /Saturday Meat Raffles  
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### Kootingal Hotel

More than just a local



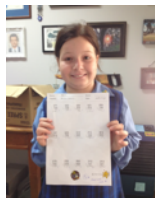
Lunch served daily 12 - 2pm  
 Dinner - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6pm - late  
 Pizzas - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6pm - late  
 Enjoy the beer garden with children's playground  
 20 Gate St, Kootingal, Ph. 6760 3203  
 www.kootingalhotel.com.au

## Mrs Cracknell's Message

Congratulations to Xavier Wadwell of Kindergarten. Xavier and his friend Riley Robinson came to my office earlier this week to show me Xavier's printing of his name. Xavier has been working hard at learning to write his name and it was lovely to see the support of a fellow peer. When asked about having his photo taken by himself or with Riley, Xavier was quick to tell me that he wanted Riley with him. As you can see, there is a lovely bond between the two boys. Keep up the wonderful work!



Tahlia Tull-Watkins of class 4C has performed splendidly in her recent Mathematics assessment. Tahlia achieved 100%! Well done Tahlia and may you continue your hard work in class.



Next week we have our second International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) assessment in Science. We have 8 students participating across years 2 – 6. With a few budding scientists, I look forward to seeing what is involved. Good luck to all students participating next Wednesday.

On Tuesday, I attended a Principals' meeting at Tamworth High School about several changes that are currently underway throughout NSW Department of Education and Communities' (DEC) schools. At this meeting, the new Principal classification was discussed at length. At the start of 2016, all Principals of NSW DEC schools have the opportunity to join the new scheme. There is a cut-off date (late February) and Principals only have the one opportunity to join. The new scheme will take full effect in 2020 or when the substantive Principal moves from their current school. I will know more in September when I am notified by the DEC.

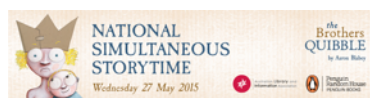
Also at this meeting, extensive discussion was conducted about the new accreditation of all NSW DEC teachers against the National Teacher Standards and our new School Plans and associated Milestone document. Our new School Plan is located on our school's website at [www.kootingal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.kootingal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/). It is important to note that there are many changes occurring at schools and have been over the last two years. This will continue and does require additional resources in order to fully implement through a transition period.

This Wednesday, we had three chess teams compete 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. The teams consisted of Finley Wallace, Zachary Parkes, James Grant, Brendan Jarrett, Bodin Wallace, Luke Goodhand, Emily Nicholls, Jack Howard and Dyllan Thomas. Unfortunately our students did not win on

the day but all did very well. As a result they will be receiving additional coaching.



Also on Wednesday, we participated 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. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously across the nation. This year we read *The Brothers Quibble* written by Aaron Blabey.



Upon reading this picture book it was quite clear that our students could make many connections with their families – the inclusion of a younger sibling. The story created good discussions about younger siblings and all the pros and cons they come with. Our students enjoyed the story immensely, noting great details in the pictures and how their construction created meaning and characterisation. We have *The Brothers Quibble* in our school library and is worth borrowing next time your student's class attends the library. If all else fails, you can watch Aaron Blabey on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqmY4zJl4Ds>

Bring out the fluoro colours, it's SRC disco time! This Thursday our SRC is conducting a night-time disco with 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 of 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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### Kootingal & District Preschool Inc



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



## Winter School Holiday Fun



## CRAFT KIDS HOLIDAY CAMP

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For more information

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Web: [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**6 - 10 July**  
2nd week of the  
Winter school holidays

**7-12 years**

**\$295.00**

Private Transport on this program only.

Participants can arrive at the centre from 11:00am on Monday and be picked up from the centre before 1:00pm on the Friday.



Office of Sport  
Sport & Recreation

Fun! Music! Games! Craft! Learning about God!

**When:** Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015  
**Where:** 9.30am- 12.30pm  
Kootingal Anglican Church  
**Who:** Infants and Primary  
**Cost:** FREE!  
**Details:** Contact Allan Beaven  
0425301640  
or Gloria Quick  
0448778023

*Plus Thursday Family Fun night BBQ - dress up as a Super Mario Character!*

## The Star Café

### Volunteer Roster for Term 2

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Jayne Lees  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Lizzy Steadman  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Marla Shiels  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Lauren Witten  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Yvette Dow

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

Canteen Co-Ordinator - Noni Kasch

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