



# Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 7

Thursday 4th June 2015

## SRC Fluoro Disco!

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

The theme was FLUORO and everyone was soooo COLOURFUL!! People were chosen to go up on stage and show off their dance moves. We had chips and a popper for supper which gave us more energy. We had a best dressed competition and danced the Chicken Dance and the Macarena. We also danced the YMCA, which was a big hit! Finally, our last song was 'Uptown Funk' and it was by far the ultimate favourite. By Ebony Phillpott 6W

### Merit Award

Natasha Grant



### Gold Award

Sophie Howard



### Silver Award

Savannah Barber, Chloe Bayes,  
Emily Hatton, Sophie Howard,  
Bodin Wallace, Menno Wallace,  
Boston DeBelle  
and Ashley Simmonds



### Uniform Award

Tahnae Roberts, Isabelle Marsh,  
Ayisha Fernando, Jaeda Symons,  
Wyanete Zhong, Chloe Burch,  
Byron Lees and Isabella Johnston



## Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

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  
Tuesday 16th June - P & C Meeting in Library at 6:30pm  
Thursday 18th June - Netball NSW Schools Cup at Tamworth

**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

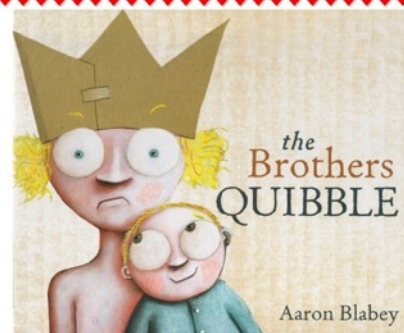


Riley Robinson - Improved results in number work and knowledge of sounds  
 Damien Nicholls - Great work in our HSIE unit 'This is Me'.  
 Angela baker - Improved counting skills and number work  
 William Jones - Improved counting skills and number identification  
 Lilly Thomas - Enthusiasm for learning  
 Angus Frewen - Fantastic results in literacy and Mathematics  
 Jessie Johnson - Excellent application to learning  
 Braidy Cork - Wonderful, enthusiastic work in Science  
 Zoe Reid - Enthusiastic and informative book talk  
 Codie Hogan, Taela McCahon and Natalie Baker - A good start with fraction work  
 Jack Chapple, Megan Johnson, Grace Callaghan and Luke Sydenham - Great comprehension results  
 Megan Bubb - Pleasing efforts in written work  
 Keira Madden - Working well with Mrs Knight  
 Cohen Parkes - Effort in Spelling  
 Janeen Wadwell - Working well with Mrs Knight  
 Matthew Kenny - Wonderfully presented bookwork and organisation in spelling  
 Izabella Vernon - Producing week's best handwriting  
 Riley Wilson - Working well in class and great success and understanding of PE  
 Jack Merrick - Effort with homework and terrific spelling organisation  
 Jasmine Hogan - Persistence in learning  
 William Baldwin - Producing work of a high standard  
 Jessica Coppola-Smith - Persistence in learning  
 Darcy Simpson-Craig - Exemplary behaviour  
 Ebony Phillpott and Charmaine Grant - Persistence in learning and doing their best  
 Lachlan Young and Jack Howard - Application to learning in class  
 Ashley Simmonds - Wonderful citizenship in assisting visitors in our school  
 Desean Allen - A wonderful volunteering student

### BANKING - Thursdays

**Banking Prizes**  
 Ryan Hobden and Sophie Hogg

**Banking Co-Ordinators**  
 Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



**National Simultaneous Storytime  
 Colouring in Competition**

#### THE WINNERS ARE:

**KLW- Toby Callaghan**

**1S- Lilly Thomas and Jesse Johnson**

**2M- Ayisha Fernando**

**2/3G-Damikah Barwick Taylor**

**3M- Ally Higgins and Lillie Walker**

**4C- Luke Goodhand**

**5R- Jessica Coppola-Smith**

**6W- Emily Deasey**

**THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO ENTERED!**

### The Star Café Volunteer Roster for Term 2

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



### Red Food Day Specials

Friday 5th June

Meatballs, pasta and sauce \$3.00  
 Spiders \$1.00  
 Lollies 25c

Normal menu also available



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### Kootingal & District Bowling Club



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## Mrs Cracknell's Message

At the start of the school year, Kootingal Public School invoiced families for their voluntary contribution fees for their children. The voluntary contribution fee is \$40 per student per year. This equates to \$1 per week for the school year. As yet, we have had a very limited response. These funds have been set aside for the purchase of more laptops to our existing mobile classroom. It is important to continue to replace technology with current trends. I am more than happy to discuss with families a payment plan.



Congratulations to Taela McCahon of class 2M. Taela has been working hard on her SMART goal of being organised and ready to learn. Taela has achieved this goal and is continuing in her hard working manner. Well done Taela. It's the small things that always help with our learning. I am looking forward to seeing more in the coming weeks.



This week we conducted our second International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) assessment in Science. All students that participated were working hard, testing their mental resolve. My photo shows Emmielle Kingdom doing her best in the Year 5 assessment. Our students were prepared and ready to give it their best shot. I can't wait to log in to the ICAS website and see our results. Good luck team!

Our class teachers are in the midst of half yearly reports. This is a time of late nights and early morning starts for teachers preparing and proofing reports. I read every report that goes out of Kootingal Public School. I am proud to read all student reports and I then have a good indication as to how they are progressing.

In our new School Plan, assessment of student performance and consistency of teacher judgement is a main focus. Assessment of student performance is integral when reporting to parents, and this can be done in a variety of ways. It is important to note that written data is not the only data that we use as education professionals to report on student achievement. Teacher observations are crucial to determining student progress. It can be during times in the classroom, outside formal testing periods, when students demonstrate their understanding and application of theoretical knowledge and skills.

I am pleased to announce the Mrs Trudie Knight and Mrs Kerrie Ardill have successfully completed the training in *Catch Up Literacy*. *Catch Up Literacy* offers structured one-to-one intervention lessons that are proven to significantly improve the achievement of learners who find literacy difficult. So far, we have students identified for this program. *Catch Up Literacy*

has added nicely to our suite of literacy interventions that are available at Kootingal Public School. It, along with MiniLit, compliments well our existing program of MultiLit. Currently, we are using *Catch Up Literacy* as an exit strategy for students exiting MultiLit.

Next Thursday, we have another assembly. This assembly will be hosted by 3M with a performance from 2M. I look forward to seeing our many parents and families members there.

Our library is very well resourced and has a number of series of books that are well loved and well read by many of our students. As a mother, who travels in the same car with my son for over 40 minutes each day, I am well aware as to what our library is missing in some series. I was informed that Mrs Doak had two missing books from the *Max Remy Super Spy* series, *The Venice Job* and *The French Code*. Much to the delight of my son, I purchased the two novels and donated them to the library to complete the series for Mrs Doak. Thank you Mrs Doak for keeping the light alive in children who love to read and encouraging others to head in that direction.



Red Food Day is upon us this Friday at the canteen. Ms Kasch has put together a menu for the students and I am sure it will more than meet their requirements.

Mrs Simpson has been at it again with her mini van Goghs! Jessie Johnson, Isabelle Marsh, Coby Hoden, Lily Thomas and Chelsea Van Maanen presented their version of *Sunflowers* by Vincent van Gogh. I was particularly impressed with Isabelle's that I had to scan it for all to see. Well done 1S!



Mr Griffiths' class of 2/3G have been studying the picture book *Meet Captain Cook*. 2/3G were fortunate to have a video conference with a specialist presenter. Students were treated to a special reading of the text with a number of activities. Some of the activities included listening to sound tracks, pretending to be a botanist and draw some of the plants within the school, provide feedback by giving reports during the video conference, interact with students from other schools on the video conference and role play some of the features of the text including heaving and hoeing the Endeavour off a reef. Luke Sydenham, Megan Johnson, Grace Callaghan and Alexander Cracknell thought the video conference was a smashing hit and the best part was pretending to be botanists.



Enjoy your long weekend!

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10am - New Eng. Hwy, Moonbi



## Winter School Holiday Fun



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

7-12 years

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# SUPER IMPOSSIBLE PROMISES

## HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB

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

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