



# Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

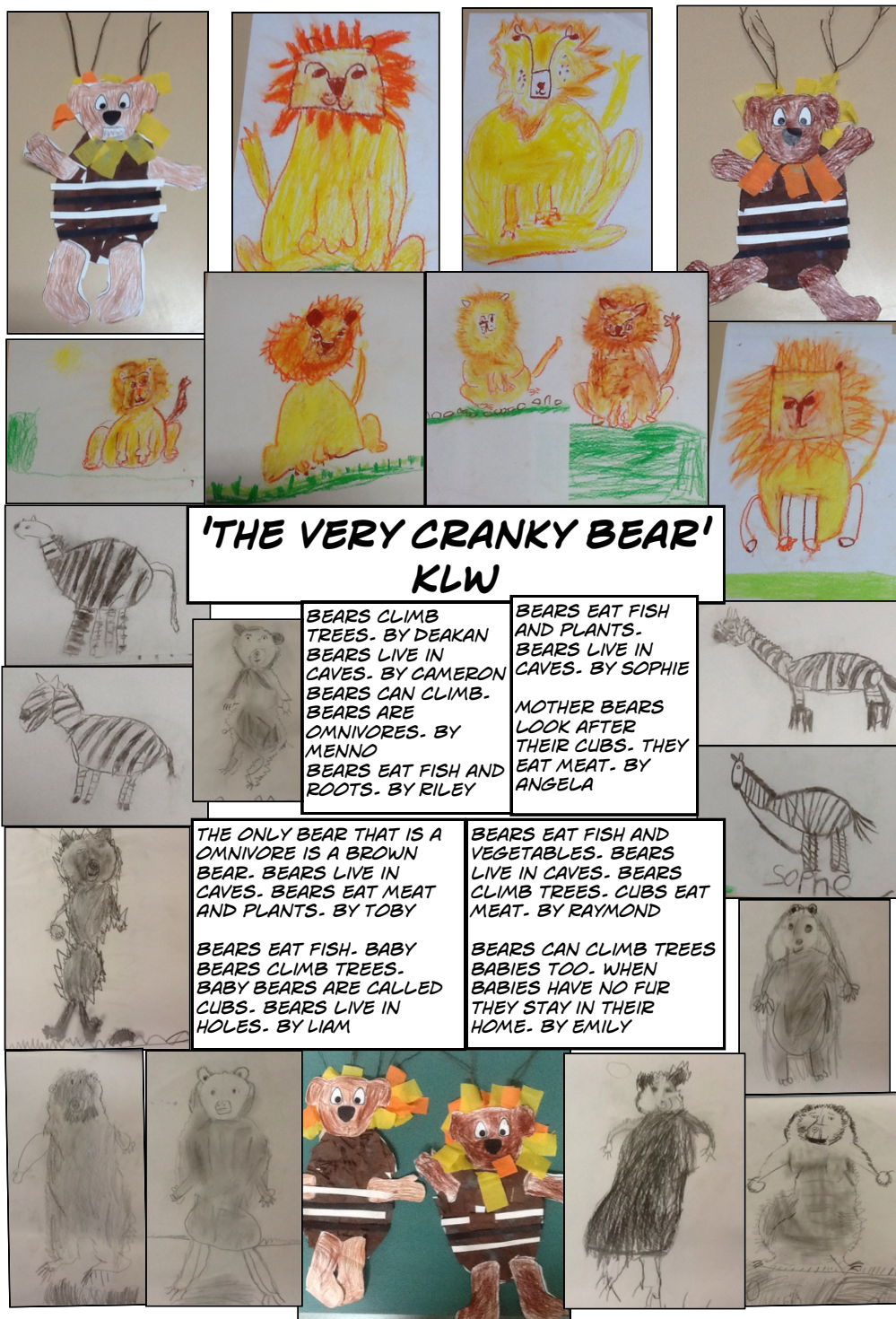
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**Term 2 Week 9**



## 'THE VERY CRANKY BEAR' KLW

BEARS CLIMB TREES. BY DEAKAN  
BEARS LIVE IN CAVES. BY CAMERON  
BEARS CAN CLIMB. BEARS ARE OMNIVORES. BY MENNO  
BEARS EAT FISH AND ROOTS. BY RILEY

BEARS EAT FISH AND PLANTS. BEARS LIVE IN CAVES. BY SOPHIE  
MOTHER BEARS LOOK AFTER THEIR CUBS. THEY EAT MEAT. BY ANGELA

THE ONLY BEAR THAT IS A OMNIVORE IS A BROWN BEAR. BEARS LIVE IN CAVES. BEARS EAT MEAT AND PLANTS. BY TOBY

BEARS EAT FISH. BABY BEARS CLIMB TREES. BABY BEARS ARE CALLED CUBS. BEARS LIVE IN HOLES. BY LIAM

BEARS EAT FISH AND VEGETABLES. BEARS LIVE IN CAVES. BEARS CLIMB TREES. CUBS EAT MEAT. BY RAYMOND

BEARS CAN CLIMB TREES BABIES TOO. WHEN BABIES HAVE NO FUR THEY STAY IN THEIR HOME. BY EMILY



**Merit and Gold Award**  
Jack Witten and Chloe Burch



**Silver Award**  
Madeleine Jones, Jack Witten, William Morris and Chloe Burch



**Uniform Award**  
William Jones, Chlesea-Lee Van Maanen, Natalie Baker, Damikah Barwock Taylor, Janeen Wadwell, Savannah Barber, Natasha Grant and Emily Merrick

### Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Thursday 18th June - Netball NSW Schools Cup at Tamworth  
Thursday 18th June - CWA Country of Study Projects Due  
Wednesday 24th June - Reports to Parents  
Friday 26th June - Last day of Term 2  
Tuesday 14th July - Students return for Term 3

**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)

## Students of the Month



**Jack Hyson**

Jack is well deserving of this award and it is very pleasing to see him being recognised for being such a caring student, for being a wonderful learner with in the classroom and for being someone who takes pride and effort when achieving together.

Jack is always very respectful and well mannered when talking to his peers or to staff. He is always very helpful to other children from other grades in the playground and doesn't hesitate to help if they are hurt, sad or just needing someone to play with.

Jack is very hard working in class, and a quiet worker too. He makes no fuss or bother and gets on with whatever is asked of him, or the task at hand. What is really wonderful, is that not only does he try his best, but he allows others to concentrate and to do their very best. Jack is confident to ask for help if he needs it and does not mind assisting others if required.

Jack is not loud or outrageous and you might not hear his name too often, but he is admired and recognised among his peers who know him best and his teachers as being one of the nicest kids at Kootingal Public School. Well done Jack on this most deserved award.



**Mikyla Phillpott**

Mikyla is a happy, smiling student who has a kind and caring nature.

She is a motivated and dedicated student who applies herself to all set tasks and works diligently. Mikyla contributes willingly to lessons and strives to get the most out of her learning. She consistently uses her time wisely and productively and is always willing to help others.

Mikyla is well-liked among her peers and has a wonderful rapport with all staff, offering assistance at any time. Her friendly disposition lends itself to all social situations, comforting students in times of need.

Mikyla Phillpott is a deserved recipient of Student of the Month. Congratulations Mikyla.



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## Weekly Bronze Awards



Hope Clarke - Fantastic diary writing  
 Liam Jarrett and Sophie Hogg - Excellent half yearly Mathematics results  
 Molly Smith - Improved knowledge of sounds  
 Sienna Butorac - Careful working in Science and Mathematics activities  
 Nate Symons - Enthusiasm for Science activities  
 Joshua Thompson and Erica-Lee Eyles - Excellent attitude and application in Friday Music program  
 Emma Jarrett, Ty Allen, Joseph Barber, Aaleyah Atkins and Shania Coppola-Smith - Lead performance in class item  
 Georgia Ford - Having settled work habits  
 Beau Robertson - Improved work habits, taking responsibility for his learning  
 Alexander Cracknell - Great explanations of factor trees using Educreations  
 Joey Hyson - Having settled work habits  
 Elle Atkins - Excellent effort in Mathematics  
 Ally Higgins - Willingness to seek assistance as needed  
 Crystal Van Maanen - Demonstrating positive attitude to learning  
 Lillie Walker - Outstanding effort in all Key Learning Areas  
 Lyara Fernando - Consistent effort and enthusiasm in learning  
 Brock Hyson - Great effort in converting mass units  
 Jasmine Hogan - Settled work habits  
 Ryley marsh - Taking responsibility for her own learning  
 Mitchell Worth - Careful, accurate work with angles in Geometry  
 Chenoa Siemsen - Taking responsibility for her own learning and doing her best  
 Georgia Madden - Improved work habits and results in spelling

Isabella Johnston - Being an interested learner in class literature

Class winners of the 'Brothers Quibble' colouring in competition - Emily Deasey, Jessica Coppola-Smith, Luke Goodhand, Lillie Walker, Ally Higgins, Toby Callaghan, Damikah Barwick-Taylor, Ayisha Fernando, Jessie Johnson and Lilly Thomas

Angela Baker - Excellent application across all Key Learning Areas

## Silver Assembly Awards - Thursday 11th June

Amity Flentjar - A big improvement in all areas and becoming a more confident learner  
 Deakan Keven-Faulkner - Trying his best in all tasks and becoming a more confident learner  
 Hope Clarke - An outstanding effort in homework and home reading all semester  
 Addyson Vernon - Excellent helper  
 Naomi Maybury - Excellent application in all Key Learning Areas  
 Thomas Atkins - Eagerness to participate in all Key Learning Area activities  
 Coby Hobden - Excellent application in Visual Arts activities  
 Sophie Hobden - Showing respect to others  
 Maverick Ramage - Settled work habits  
 Natalie Baker - Showing respect to others  
 Grace Callaghan - Showing respect to all teachers and other students  
 Bryan Zhong - Being a quiet conscientious student  
 Jaeda Symons - Having outstanding behaviour and an asset to the class  
 Bodin Wallace - Being a quiet conscientious student with a keen interest in new knowledge  
 Jainah Grant - Showing initiative when learning  
 Sophie Butorac - Working well with technology in the classroom  
 Cohen Parkes - Working cooperatively in reading groups  
 Wyanete Zhong - Excellent use of design and colour in art works  
 Finely Wallace - Wonderful, respectful and hardworking student  
 Madeleine Jones - Being a kind, responsible and hardworking student  
 Chloe Burch - Wonderful manners. Being a responsible learner who gives 100% effort

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

Byron Lees - Excellent work ethic, being a cooperative student  
 Kayla Jenner - Independent work in Mathematics  
 Shianne Spurway - Citizenship - Showing care for others  
 Charmaine Grant - Doing her best and always asking questions  
 Dyllan Thomas - Excellent number work



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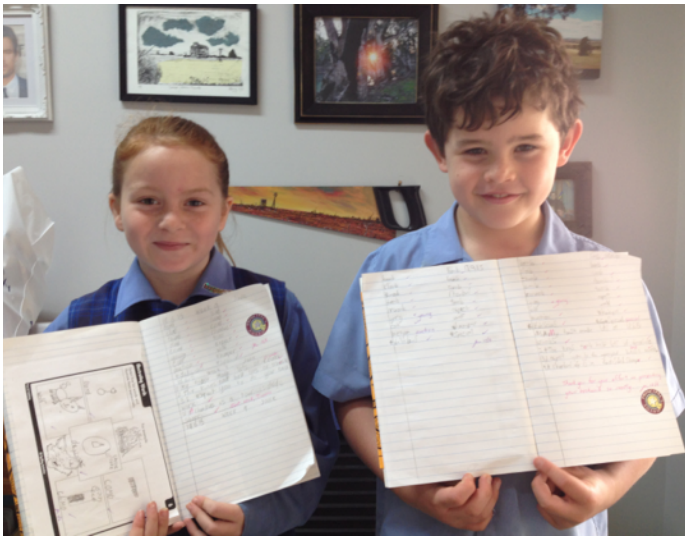
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## Mrs Cracknell's Message



Look at our students from KWL! Cameron Winter, Menno Wallace, Tahnae Roberts and Hope Clarke are some budding Mathematicians! I was fortunate to be in KWL's classroom when they were learning about groups of objects in Mathematics. I stayed to watch the students work with Mrs Lawrence, demonstrating their knowledge of how groupings work. Cameron, Menno, Tahnae and Hope were very proud of their efforts, and their large Principal's sticker. Well done!



Joshua Deasey and Tianna Urquhart of 3M have made massive improvements in their bookwork. As told to me by Tianna, she stated that chooks had been having a good scratch through their workbooks! I was pleased to see such a remarkable improvement and both Joshua and Tianna were equally as proud. Well done Joshua and Tianna for continuing to strive for improvement.

I am nearing the end of reading our students' half yearly reports. I have been very impressed with our reports. As a school, we have worked diligently to ensure a quality, professional document is produced for our families that accurately reflects the achievements of our students. The

reports will go home next Wednesday with each student. For parents, here are a few important points to remember when reading your child's school report.

Kindergarten reports contain an achievement and effort level along with written comments. Each Key Learning Area, or what we used to call "subject", is addressed. Additionally, you will find a general comment at the end of the report that provides you with more information about your child and their learning.

Students in Years 1 through to 6 have an achievement rating from Outstanding to Limited. It is important to remember that unlike reports when you were at school, a Sound is a good result. It is exactly where we expect to see the majority of children. It means they are achieving at an age and grade appropriate level. Anything above Sound is an indication of achievement above the grade/age level of that student.

Sometimes students will receive an achievement that is below Sound. There could be many reasons for this, but keep in mind that not all students learn at the same rate or pace and some school-based learning can be harder for some students. We need to appreciate not only the achievement but the effort as well. If a student receives a Basic but their teacher also says their effort is very good or excellent, value the effort that has gone into their learning.

Student achievement varies. Just because your child got a Sound last report, it doesn't mean they will get a Sound in this one. There can be many reasons why results change, from new and more challenging subject matter, changes in attitudes to learning or engagement with learning. If you are concerned about a change in a grade, talk to your child's teacher about it. They will have work samples available so you can see what they are talking about in the report and will have suggestions about ways to help your child and their learning.

You will also find a number of check boxes that give information about your child's personal and social development and their commitment to learning. There is a key for these so you can see at a glance how your child is interacting, developing responsibility, getting along with others and completing their work at school along with a number of other important skills.

Our school also provides information about extra curricular activities in which your children may participate. This is Department of Education and Communities (DEC) policy. It gives you an overview of the added extras of which your child has taken advantage.

You will find information about attendance in the report. Attendance is very important and the DEC and our school take it seriously. Did you know if students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education? For some students, poor attendance directly relates to poor learning outcomes.

Parent teacher interviews were held at the end of term 1, but you can always make an appointment to see your child's teacher at a time that is mutually convenient if you are concerned about anything.

Your child's education is something that is a shared responsibility between the school, parents and the student. Reports are just one way we communicate with you. They are not the only way, but they are an important way.

From 2015, all Australian schools are required to participate each year in the annual collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on school students with disability (NCCD) uses a model that draws on teachers' professional judgement and practices throughout the year supporting students with disability to access and participate in education. As the Principal of Kootingal Public School, I will verify the data about the students in our school who are receiving adjustments. This knowledge is based on evidence from each student's classroom teacher.

The model for the NCCD is based on obligations to students under the national *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA) and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. Understanding these obligations and the NCCD model is essential knowledge for principals and teachers. At Kootingal Public School, we have completed extensive training and development in the area of disability and supporting students who require assistance. Mrs Kerrie Ardill has been instrumental in this support to our classroom-based staff and she has overseen this collection of data. Further in the newsletter is a fact sheet for all parents.

Application forms for the Term 3 Private Music Tuition program are now available. Tuition is provided in guitar, drums, keyboard and vocal. The program commences in the first week of Term 2. Payment for the term is required in Week 2 Term 2. Application forms are available from the front office for interested students. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Due to the upgrade in our asphalt surface under our COLA in 2014, we have a surplus of pavers available for sale. We have 1000 pavers in total for sale and their

dimensions are 200 x 200 x 40mm. They are reddish brown in colour, darker than a usual terracotta paver. If you are interested they are for sale at \$1 per paver. Please contact the front office on 67603332.

Next week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week. Our Aboriginal Education Team has a number of activities scheduled throughout the week including special presentations by Mr Bob Faulkner, a colouring-in competition, a school mural and tiles to decorate our school gardens. NAIDOC Week is a wonderful week to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to Australia and our society. I look forward to sharing this with our community in next week's newsletter.

Congratulations Hannah Turner-Bourke of Year 4! She was successful in gaining selection in the North West Cross Country Team to compete at the PSSA Cross Country Championships in Sydney next term.



We wish Hannah the best of luck!



More great banking prizes being distributed to our students by Mrs Bubb and Mrs Hobden after last Thursday's assembly.



## **BANKING - Thursdays**

### **Banking Prizes**

Angus Frewen and Jessie Johnson

### **Banking Co-Ordinators**

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



## **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

### **Notification for Parents and Carers**

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at <http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

### **Privacy Protection**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at <http://education.gov.au/notices>

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Kootingal Public School on 67603332.





# The Star Café

## Term 2 Menu, 2015

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

### **HOT Food**

Meatball, pasta sauce	\$3.00
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, Banana)	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Juice (Apple or Orange or Apple & Blackcurrant) 200ml	\$2.00
Red Rock	\$1.40

### **The Star Café Volunteer Roster for Term 2**

Friday 19th June - Janine Barber  
Friday 26th June - Yvette Dow

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

Canteen Co-Ordinator - Noni Kasch