



Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 2

Thursday 23rd July 2015



3M
FAREWELL WYANETE
INVESTIGATING A
STRANGE FUNGUS
SNOW!
MATHEMATICIAN
JANEEN!



Gold Awards
Jessie Johnson



Silver Awards
Emma Jarrett, Guransh Makhija,
Sophie Hobden
and Megan Johnson



Uniform Awards
Toby Callaghan,
Jessie Johnson,
Xander Murray,
Erika Kamminga,
Brock Hyson and Chloe Bayes

Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Friday 24th July - Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 28th July - ICAS English
Thursday 30th July - Assembly by 5R and Item by KLW
Friday 31st July - Book Club due
Friday 31st July - National Tree Day
Friday 31st July - Athletics Carnival - alternate date
Thursday 6th August - P & C Movie Night
Friday 7th August - SRC Jeans for Genes Day

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



Molly Smith - Effort and participation during art and craft
 Tahnae Roberts - Being a helpful class member
 Raymond Sydenham - Excellent effort in story writing
 Damien Nicholls - Improved counting skills
 Lochlan Muller - Trying his best to complete all set tasks
 Addyson Vernon - Contributing to adjectives lesson
 Thomas Atkins - Being a responsible learner
 Mikyla Phillpott - Always trying her best in class
 Maverick Ramage and Isabella Cannon - Neat and careful writing
 Sophie Howard - Always trying her best
 Kobi Murray - Settled mornings during week 1
 Bryan Zhong - Being a wonderful member of our class
 Beau Robertson - Making an effort in class activities
 Daniel Worth - Making a great effort in class
 Luke Sydenham - Great participation in class discussions
 Wyanete Zhong - Being a wonderful friend and student at Kootingal Public School
 Desean Allen - Working well in spelling activities
 Todd Milgate - Consistent effort in English and Mathematics
 Janeen Wadwell - Working well with Mrs Knight
 Toby Keven-Faulkner - Working very well in Mathematics
 Matthew Kenny - Excellent book presentation and organisation in Mathematics
 Jakayla Tait - Working well in class and displaying lovely manners
 Kelsey Burrell - Hardworking new member of 4C
 Sophie Hobden - Showing pride in work, eg. neat book work
 Natasha Grant - Being responsible, particularly with iPads
 Byron Lees - Being organised and ready to learn
 William Baldwin - Demonstrating a positive attitude to learning
 Kayla Jenner - Improvement in spelling and sound knowledge
 Charmaine Grant - Working independently in Mathematics and asking questions
 Emily Deasey - Outstanding recall of number facts - excellent revision work
 Reign Howarth - A fantastic effort in recalling multiplication facts

CWA Country of Study Projects



1st (Senior) - Courtney Baker
 2nd (Senior) - Breeanna Howard
 1st (Junior) - Madeleine Jones
 2nd (Junior) - Savannah Barber
 Highly Commended - Georgia DeBelle, Byron Lees and Riley Brown

Term 2 Bonus Behaviour Bronze

Isabelle Aitken, Angela Baker, Hope Clarke, Emily Hatton, Cooper Higgins, Sophie Hogg, Tyler Johnson, William Jones, Deakan Keven-Faulkner, Damien Nicholls, Riley Robinson, Lily Shiels, Molly Smith, Xavier, Wadwell, Menno Wallace, Colbie Butler, Sienna Butorac, Erice Eyles, Jessie Johnson, Isabelle Marsh, Naomi Maybury, Mikyla Phillpott, Elloise Sharpham, Nate Symons, Lilly Thomas, Chelsea Van Maanen, Addyson Vernon, Aaleyah Atkins, Natalie Baker, Joseph Barber, Isabella Cannon, Shania Coppola-Smith, Darcy Harris, Emma Jarrett, Ayisha Mason-Fernando, Zoe Ried, Cody Turner-Bourke, Damikah Barwick-Taylor, Grace Callaghan, Georgia Ford, Zane Hyson, Madison Pollard, Bryan Zhong, Jack Chapple, Amity Cork, Willam Heeney, Megan Johnson, Jaeda Symons, Isabella Walker, Bodin Wallace, Jessica Wheatley, Tyson Beard, Megan Bubb, Sophie Butorac, Jainah Grant, Matilda Lees, Keira Madden, Todd Milgate, Jade Nicholls, Reba Ramage, Crystal Van Maane, Janeen Wadwell, Lillie Walker, Wyanete Zhong, Savannah barber, Chloe Burch, Ellie Caslick, Boston DeBelle, James Grant, Jack Hyson, Madeleine Jones, Toby Keven-Faulkner, Jack Merrick, Hannah Turner-Bourke, Chloe Van Maanen, Finley Wallace, Willam Baldwin, Jessica Coppola-Smith, Georgia DeBelle, DylanDow, Sophie Hobden, Macey Holden, Breeanna Howard, Emmielle Kingdom, Byron Lees, Harrison Loftus, Ryley Marsh, Lyara Mason-Fernando, Darcy Simpson-Craig, Jack Witten, Courtney Baker, Chloe Bayes, Emily Deasey, Jack Howard, Kayla Jenner, Isabella Johnston, Georgia Madden, Guransh Makija, Emily Nicholls, Ebony Phillpott, Ashley Simmonds, Shianne Spurway and Toby Taggart

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Mrs Cracknell's Message

Term 3 has started with gusto and so has our planning for 2016. While in the midst of the 2015 school year, it is important to note that we must prepare early and vigorously for the 2016 school year. We have announced our dates for our *Come and Try* and *Kootingal Public School Bright Stars Transition programs* for impending 2016 Kindergarten students and commenced planning with our anticipated student numbers, classes and potential classroom teacher organisation.

This week we held our first P&C meeting for Term 3. It was a highly productive meeting with lots of discussion regarding upcoming events for our school and community, the current academic and asset programs underway at our school and the planning for 2016. It is important to note that P&C meetings are not simply a discussion of fundraising ideas. It is critical, as a Principal, to hear the views of our parents and community members so the processes and procedures of our school are open, transparent and familiar to our school's community.

I have had the pleasure this past week to have many students through my office proudly showing me their achievements. One such group of students came from Miss Magann's class 2M. Kobi Murray, Ayisha Fernando, Sophie Howard, Isabella Cannon and Cody Turner-Bourke proudly demonstrated their handwriting prowess. There had been immense improvement by the students and that was quite clear as I went through all their workbooks. Well done children!



Joshua Deasey of 3M has been working very hard. Joshua proudly shared his hard work during an English lesson and we had an avid discussion about the picture book 3M are studying, *Why I Love Australia* by Bronwyn Bancroft. Joshua had composed a list of things that he loves about our community Kootingal. This is all in preparation for the 3M class page in the Koolangarra. Keep up the great work Joshua!



Our Year 6 students aren't shy either to get a Principal's sticker! Congratulations to Charmaine Grant, Kayla Jenner, Chenoa Siemsen, Shianne Spurway and Emily Hayne on achieving the perfect score in their spelling test last week. All students were extremely proud of their achievement and we talked extensively about their group's composition and the types of words spelt. Well done!

During this year, Kootingal Public School prepared, trained and implemented the MiniLit reading program. Mrs Chegwyn and Mrs Knight are delivering this program and we are seeing wonderful results. Alexander Frewen and Isabella Cannon are a part of this program and they work with Mrs Knight. I had the pleasure of listening to both Alexander and Isabella read their current text. Both students utilised various strategies to assist them to decode the words. I loved seeing their enthusiasm for reading and how proud they felt in their accomplishments. Well done Alexander and Isabella and may you continue to grow under the guidance of your classroom teacher Miss Magann and tutor Mrs Knight.



Last week I was informed of a new process regarding the safe guarding of our children when it comes to cyberbullying. In Australia, we now have a Children's eSafety Commissioner. This person is appointed at a Federal level and, in conjunction with schools, aims to support families of children who experience cyberbullying by social media websites and who fail to remove offensive material. Later in the newsletter, you will find the information I received directly and below I have included a link to a recent ABC News online article for further information. The link is <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-03-19/childrens-e-safety-commissioner-to-fine-social-media-sites/6332854>. It is imperative our children use the Internet safely but are also not subject to the cruel intentions of other people who choose to use it inappropriately.

This Friday 24th July, we will hold our annual Athletics Carnival. In a change to previous years, we are conducting our carnival on our school grounds. As a result, students will not require permission to board buses or assume cost for transportation. This will also allow our families to experience a whole athletics carnival and watch their children throughout the day across the full range of events at their local school. It is hoped that by conducting the carnival at our school we will have a truly local affair with the ease of access to our school's amenities. Mrs Ward, our carnival organiser, has distributed a note to all families outlining our day's proceedings, including a program of events. Our P&C will operate a canteen on the day and an order form accompanied the note as well. We are also looking for volunteers to assist in the operation of the events on the day. If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Ward at school. In the case of inclement weather, I will notify our community as soon as practicable via text message. We have set an alternate date in case of inclement weather and it is Friday 31st July.

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

Mrs Cracknell's Message

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 conducting our first assembly for Term 3. Our hosts are 5R and we will have performances from KLW. I look forward to sharing our student achievements and to seeing our many parents and community members.

BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Ally Higgins and Megan Bubb

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



Sherpa Kids Kootingal

WELCOME BACK KIDS!

Hope you all had a fun filled holiday and were able to catch up with your friends. We have a busy term ahead of us at Before and After School Care.

A lot of fun activities, new craft ideas, visits from local people to show us cool ideas for you to enjoy on the weekend, and excursions to the library and tennis courts.

Who wouldn't want to be at Before and After School Care!

Mums and Dads, if you are requiring care or would like the kids to join in the fun, please call 0435 335 205 for information or drop into the centre any time between 7am to 9am and 3.30pm to 6pm.

Looking forward to meeting you!



Families and Communities that care, share and grow

Children and Parenting Support Program (CaPS)

Our CaPS program aims to provide support for families with young children up to 12 years of age in the Tamworth and Liverpool Plains Areas. Support workers can assist families to plan, co-ordinate and implement solutions that will reduce the impact of circumstances on their day-to-day living and parenting. Services can include:

- *In-home case management to assist with: family functioning; health and self-care; safety; child development; housing; financial and employment concerns*
- *Crisis management and support*
- *Parenting programs and workshops*
- *Peer support groups*
- *School support and advocacy*
- *Community connection*
- *Inter-agency linkage and referrals*



How to contact us

For individuals and organisations, please direct your referral to our Central Intake Line on **1800 073 388**

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For more information on our Children and Parenting Support Program, please contact our support workers

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Dear Principal

Cyberbullying — important changes from 1 July 2015

I am pleased to introduce you to the newly formed Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner and to explain the cyberbullying complaints scheme administered by the Office under the *Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015*.

The Act allows children suffering from serious cyberbullying to contact the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending content after it has been reported to them.

The complaints scheme commenced on 1 July 2015. Much of the time we anticipate we will work with social media services to take down material without the need to contact schools. We recognise that schools have long been the first point of contact for cyberbullying complaints so we hope the scheme will be of assistance to you, your staff, students and their families.

There will still be times when a complaint will best be resolved by the Office working with schools and the Act allows me to share information with you for that purpose. In those circumstances it is my intention to make direct contact with your school and seek help to resolve the problem. I have attached an overview of the information we would provide in these circumstances.

The Office provides a range of resources to support schools in resolving cyberbullying and I invite you to visit www.esafety.gov.au/principals for further information. It may also be feasible for the Office to offer tailored workshops in cases where a school is experiencing systemic cyberbullying issues.

The Office has also absorbed the Australian Communications and Media Authority's Cybersmart program and associated educator materials, professional development resources and information for children and their families. These resources can be found on the Office's website www.esafety.gov.au. I encourage you to share this URL with your school community.

The Office will shortly commence discussions with the various education sectors to establish Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to formalise working arrangements. In the interim I would appreciate your cooperation and assistance as we work to resolve cyberbullying complaints when they are brought to your attention.

I look forward to working closely with you to ensure the best outcome for the students in your care.

Yours faithfully

Alastair MacGibbon
Children's eSafety Commissioner



The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner - resolving complaints with schools

What information we will give you?

When we notify a complaint to a school principal, we may provide information about:

- a) the name of the student who is the target of the cyberbullying
- b) a summary of the cyberbullying material
- c) suggested options to help resolve the complaint in accordance with your school policies
- d) action taken by us to date with respect to the complaint.

We will also advise you of any conditions that apply to the use of the information supplied by us (see below).

What actions should schools take?

If we notify you about a cyberbullying complaint concerning students in your school, you can help resolve the complaint by undertaking to do the following (to the extent you are capable of doing so):

- a) acknowledge receipt of the notification within 24 hours to an email address provided by us
- b) inform us of the types of actions the school proposes to take and the time period for that action to be taken by email within 5 working days of the notification
- c) meet any conditions placed on information that has been disclosed
- d) inform us of the outcomes of the action you have taken within 3 weeks from receipt of the notification
- e) talk to us if you feel that you are unable to resolve the complaint and/or that you have a serious concern that the bullying will continue so we can discuss any further assistance we may be able to provide.

Disclosure of information - conditions

When we disclose information to you, amongst other things we may ask you to:

1. Only discuss the information with the students involved and—with the students' consent—their parents or guardians.
2. Only disclose the information to third parties with the consent of the affected students or as required by law.
3. Comply with applicable privacy laws and policies in relation to the personal information disclosed.



Kootingal Public School

Invites all prospective 2016 Kindergarten students

to our

Bright Stars Transition Program

Come and Try Sessions

will be held on:



- Wednesday 19th August 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 26th August 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 2nd September 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 9th September 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 16th September 1.30pm – 3.15pm

(If attending without the Pre-School please register your interest by phoning the School on 67603332)

Transition Days

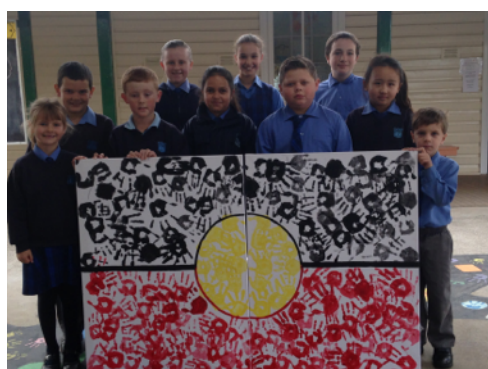
(Only for students intending to attend Kootingal Public School in 2016)

- Tuesday 6th October 9.00am – 11.30am
- Wednesday 14th October 9am – 11.30am
- Thursday 22nd October 12.30pm – 3.00pm
- Friday 30th October 9.30am – 3.00pm
- Friday 13th November 9.30am – 3.00pm

Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Morning

Friday 13th November 9.45am – 11.30am

In the School Hall



NAIDOC
Week
2015



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	13 July SDD	14 July	15 July	16 July	17 July PSSA Cross Country
2	20 July	21 July P&C Meeting	22 July	23 July	24 July KPS Athletics
3	27 July Edu Week	28 July ICAS - English	29 July	30 July Assembly	31 July KPS Athletics – Alternate Date
4	3 August	4 August	5 August	6 August P&C Movie Night	7 August SRC Jeans for Genes Day
5	10 August	11 August ICAS - Mathematics	12 August	13 August KPS Spelling Bee Pet Day	14 August Tamworth Zone Athletics Trials
6	17 August	18 August P&C Meeting	19 August KPS Jump Off – K-2 Kindergarten Come & Try	20 August	21 August KPS Jump Off – 3-6
7	24 August KPS Education Week / National Numeracy and Literacy Week / Book Week	25 August	26 August THS Transition Day Kindergarten Come & Try	27 August Assembly Grandparents Day Book Fair National Literacy and Numeracy activities	28 August North West Athletics Trials
8	31 August	1 September	2 September Kindergarten Come & Try	3 September SRC KPS Disco – Show Your Colours P&C Father's Day Stall	4 September NSW Junior Chess League @ TPS
9	7 September School Captain 2016 Letters to Parents	8 September Parent Teacher Interviews	9 September Kindergarten Come & Try	10 September	11 September Kadul – Aboriginal Performance Spelling Bee Regional Final
10	14 September	15 September Parent Teacher Interviews P&C Meeting	16 September Kindergarten Come & Try	17 September THS Resilience Day	18 September
H	21 September	22 September	23 September	24 September	25 September
H	28 September	29 September	30 September	1 October	2 October

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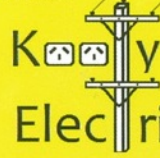
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