



# Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 4

Thursday 6th August 2015



**Gold Awards**  
Keira Madden



**Silver Awards**  
Amity Cork, Reba Ramage,  
Reign Howarth, Keira Madden  
Lillie and Isabella Walker



**Uniform Awards**  
Angela Baker,  
Naomi Maybury,  
Sophie Howard, Amity Cork,  
Sophie Butorac,  
Jakayla Tait, William Baldwin  
and Ebony Phillpott



## Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Thursday 6th August - P & C Movie Night  
Friday 7th August - SRC Jeans for Genes Day  
Tuesday 11th August - ICAS Mathematics  
Thursday 13th August - Kootungal Spelling Bee  
Thursday 13th August - Pet Day  
Friday 14th August - Tamworth Zone Athletics  
Tuesday 18th August - P & C Meeting, School Library

**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)

## Student of the Month

### Elloise Sharpham

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

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

Elloise 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. Elloise can be counted on to be a good friend to everyone.

Elloise is a deserved recipient of Student of the Month. Congratulations Elloise.



### Ebony Phillpott

Ebony is a caring and friendly student who displays excellent citizenship. She is a great support to friends in need, and is always sought by teachers to lend a hand.

Ebony is responsible, reliable and selfless. She has a positive approach to learning and is a critical thinker. She is continually striving to do her best to improve her understanding of concepts. She takes the time to present excellent bookwork with detail.

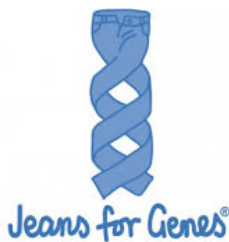
Ebony is always a team player, who follows rules, displays respect and interacts positively with others. She is a fine example of our school motto 'Caring, Learning and Achieving Together'. Congratulations Ebony.



## Jeans for Genes Day

**Friday 5th August 2015**

This Friday children are asked to wear either a denim jacket, jeans or shorts with their school shirt (or sports shirt) to support Jeans for Genes Day. This great charity supports research into childhood illnesses. Children are encouraged to donate a gold coin to the SRC on Friday. Please note, this is not a 'mufti' day and students are not to wear other clothing (ONLY DENIM) with their school uniform.



## Weekly Bronze Awards



Deakan Keven-Faulkner - Working very hard in Mathematics and drawing great clocks

Xavier Wadwell - Listening well and working hard in computers

Lily Shiels - Effort in story writing

Sophie Hogg - Effort and participation in all sporting activities

Robert Hazard - Excellent effort with spelling

Joshua Thompson - Cooperative and kind behaviour

Jessie Johnson - Enthusiastic response to poetry

Braidy Cork - Enthusiasm with class work and carnival spirit

Joseph Barber and Brendan Thompson - A good start with his written story retell

Zac Hyson and Maverick Ramage - A detailed pirate artwork

Jack Chapple - Outstanding participation during class discussion

Joey Hyson - Improved focus on classroom tasks

Grace Callaghan - Impressive knowledge of her 4 times table

Amity Cork - Being well organised in the classroom

Jainah Grant - Always being prepared to tell interesting news items to the class

Isabelle Price - Pleasing effort to complete classwork

Joshua Deasey - Effort to improve the presentation of bookwork

Sophie Butorac - Persistence in meeting the challenges of new tasks

Savannah Barber - Improvement in handwriting

Brendan Jarrett - Outstanding care and effort in handwriting

Louise Smith - Improvement in book presentation and handwriting

Chloe Burch - Dedication to choir

Dougal Crofts - Making an effort in Mathematics, improved attitude to learning

Jessica Coppola-Smith - Showing care and compassion to others

Lyara Fernando - Exemplary behaviour, always ready to learn

Dylan Dow - Working well in Mathematics

Lachlan Young and Chloe Bayes - Descriptive paragraph writing based on 'Once'

Georgia Madden and Shanae Roach - Great work in reading groups and Literature

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## Silver Awards - Thursday 30th July

Cameron Winter - Continued effort in writing and Mathematics  
 Raymond Sydenham - Effort and enthusiasm in visual arts activities  
 Cooper Higgins - Being an enthusiastic participant in all sporting activities  
 Molly Smith - Following the school rules well and being a co-operative class member



Lily Thomas - Pleasing Mathematics work and neatness  
 Angus Frewen - Improving handwriting and bookwork  
 Lochlan Muller - Improving effort with class work  
 Colbie Butler - Consistent application and behaviour  
 Ayisha Fernando and Isabella Cannon - Being organised and ready for work  
 Maverick Ramage and Brendan Thompson - Demonstrating independent work skills  
 Isabella Walker - Being an interested learner, working hard to improved  
 Megan Johnson - Being enthusiastic and keen to contribute to class discussions  
 Luke Sydenham - Being focused during class activities including improved participation  
 Damika Barwick-Taylor - Consistent effort and application to all of her work  
 Megan Bubb - Enthusiastic participation in Science lessons with Mrs Chegwyn  
 Crystal Van Maanen - Demonstrating good manners  
 Lillie Walker - Being organised and ready for work  
 Desean Allen - Working well in practical Science with Mrs Chegwyn  
 James Grant - Excellent effort and results when working with decimals, fractions and percentages  
 Hannah Turner-Bourke - Outstanding effort and skill in Cross Country. Great dedication and determination  
 Toby Keven-Faulkner - Terrific effort and displaying a happy and positive outlook towards dancing  
 Madeleine Jones - Outstanding effort in CAPA dance unit  
 Brock Hyson - Being a co-operative team member, enthusiasm for Mathematics  
 Breeanna Howard - Demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and good manners  
 Taleah Pinnock - Showing initiative when learning, being a confident learner  
 Ryley Marsh - Positive attitude to learning and school  
 Isabella Johnston - Commitment to learning and improving her work  
 Emily Deasey - Excellent leadership skills and always being helpful  
 Reign Howarth - Improved bookwork  
 Courtney Baker - Outstanding book presentation



## Mrs Cracknell's Message

I know it is mentioned nearly every week, but this term is just flying!

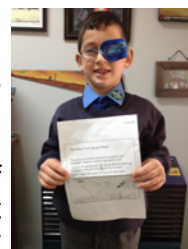
Last week, we finalised our week in the best possible way with our annual Athletics Carnival. It was truly a local affair with lots of families and community members coming to support our children at their local school. We had beautiful weather conditions and our students, families and community members basked in the glorious sun. Although all events were not finalised on the day, we can take plenty of positive notes from the day. I was particularly pleased with not only how our students participated, but also the involvement of our families and community members in supporting our children at their various events. Children looked so comfortable with their family members there supporting them and it was a lovely sight to see. There isn't a better feeling as a parent than seeing your child happy.

Of particular note, I would like to thank our parent volunteers and hardworking P&C members who operated the canteen and BBQ throughout the day. I snavelled a steak sandwich on my way back to marshall more students for the running races after working in a very busy canteen during the lunch break. I must say, Ms Noni Kasch does a wonderful job as our volunteer canteen operator each week and I was happy to return to something I knew how to do better.

A hearty thankyou to Mr Steve Porter and the students of his Year 10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) class, who assisted our students and staff expertly throughout the day. All welcomed their presence and support. This is just another example of the support we receive and the closeness of our relationship with our local partner high school, Tamworth High School.



I have had the pleasure this past week to have many students through my office proudly showing me their achievements. Robert Hazard of 1S was bursting with excitement to show me the improvement in his writing, particularly the letter 'r'. Robert and the 1S class composed a recount of *The Man from Snowy River*. Robert and I read it together. Well done Robert and I'm glad we finally caught up together!



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

## Mrs Cracknell's Message continued



Lachlan Young, Isabella Johnston, Emily Nicholls, Chloe Bayes and Toby Taggart shared their creative writing compositions with me based on the text *Once*. Not knowing the text and unaware of the nature of the text, I was perplexed as to the macabre nature of their writing. My face

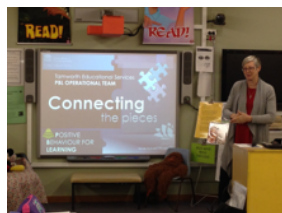
must have been a dead give away and our students savoured this. Congratulations!

Cohen Parkes, Megan Bubb, Harry Fields-Waddington and Todd Milgate of Mrs Morrish's class 3M were delighted with their success in Mathematics. We all had a wonderful conversation about place value and how you carry across the columns. Well done children!



This past week, our school has been successful in attaining additional staffing each week for the new state-wide initiative Quality Teaching Successful Students (QTSS). This initiative will provide an additional staffing resource allocation to improve the quality of teaching in all classrooms across government schools in NSW. It is being delivered to ensure that all students benefit from high quality teaching and learning practices that better meet the full range of student needs. As part of the Local Schools, Local Decisions reform, principals of NSW government schools, in consultation with their executive, decide the best use of the resource allocation. Kootingal Public School's allocation is just under two hours per week. At present, the executive and myself are examining a variety of ways in which this initiative is implemented in our school. We are not going to rush into any decisions as yet, as this initiative must be founded on data and what works best for our students. I have consulted with my Director, Ms Ruythe Dufty, and I will consult more in the coming weeks. This is exciting news for our school and I am pleased to see that we will have more time to mentor our teachers and, ultimately, enhance the educational outcomes of our students.

This week we commenced our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) process. PBL is a part of our School Plan. PBL is an evidence-based, whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. PBL



- addresses the academic and social needs of all students
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach that engages students, parents and all school staff
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community and
- provides a framework for the school and broader community to collectively support the wellbeing of all students.

Cathy Archer delivered our first instalment of PBL at our Staff Meeting this week. This meeting was part of an induction

process for all staff about PBL and what it will mean for our school. At our next P&C meeting, I will provide further information about PBL.

Please note that all classrooms are locked of a morning. Classrooms are locked due to possible confidential material located in the rooms. If you wish to make an appointment with your child's teacher, please see our front office staff.

Over the course of a week, our staff attend various meetings. These meetings assist with our communication processes within the school. As a result, there are certain times that staff are unavailable. To avoid disappointment, please make an appointment to see a member of staff. At present, I have scheduled meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. All staff have a meeting every Tuesday afternoon commencing at 3.40pm. On Tuesday afternoons, staff will not be able to address parents and community members at the front gate as properly as they would like due to our meeting time constraints. I hope this assists when making appointments with staff.

## BANKING - Thursdays

### Banking Prizes

Ella Howard and Emmielle Kingdom

### Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden

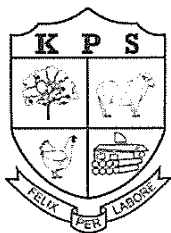


## The Star Cafe

### Volunteer Roster for Term 3

Friday 7th August - Marta Shiels  
 Friday 14th August - Yvette Dow  
 Friday 21st August - Natasha Jacobson  
 Friday 28th August - Lizzy Steadman  
 Friday 4th September - Jayne Lees  
 Friday 11th September - Lauren Witten  
 Friday 18th September - Yvette Dow

Canteen Coordinator  
 Noni Kasch



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to our

## **Bright Stars Transition Program**

### **Come and Try Sessions**

will be held on:

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm – 3.15pm



(If attending without the Pre-School could you please register your interest by phoning the School)

### **Transition Days**

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

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

### **Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Morning**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.45am – 11.30am  
In the School Hall

# Education Week / Book Week/ National Literacy and Numeracy Week

## August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> is Book Week

To celebrate the importance of books in our lives we are having a week jam-packed with activities for the students.

- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Announcement of the Book of the Year Award Winners at morning assembly. Teachers will then read one of their favourite books to another class.
- **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** - 'Buddy Reading'
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** - 'Reading Under the Covers' in the library. The library will be transformed into a huge cubby and each child will come with their class to read 'under the covers'. They will need to bring a pillow, a soft toy if they want, a torch and of course a book to read! What fun!!!!
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Open classrooms/ Assembly
  - 11.30 P & C morning tea for visitors
  - Book Fair open in library for visitors to browse
  - 12.10-Open Classrooms- Maths activity
  - 1.15 –Reading to grandparents/parents
  - Students to visit Book Fair
  - 1.40- Scavenger Hunt for children and visitors
  - Assembly at 2.15pm hosted by 2/3G with performances by KLW and 5R
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** - Literacy and Numeracy Quiz for years 3-6
  - Kootingal Library visits for Years 1 & 2



## BOOK FAIR

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August** in the school library. Books are supplied by Collins Tamworth bookstore. There will be lots of amazing titles to choose! The students will preview books **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**. They will bring home a 'wish list'.

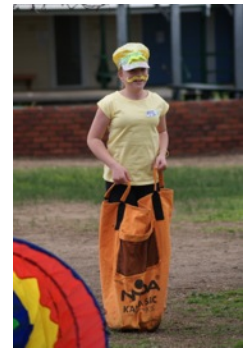
If you would like to donate a book to our school library from your family please see Mrs Doak.

Start saving your money now!



# Action shots from the Athletics Carnival

## Friday 31st July







## PEEL HIGH SCHOOL

### YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and Guardians of students currently in Year 5 and Year 6 (2015) who are interested in our Year 7 Selective Class for 2016/17 are invited to attend an information evening to share our vision for the future.

This evening is for Year 6 students who have accepted a position in the 2016 Year 7 class and also Year 5 students interested in sitting the examination to gain a place in the 2017 Selective Class.

Peel High School is the only co-educational school within a 100 km radius of Tamworth to be part of the state Selective School's Network.

The evening will include a tour of the school facilities, information about class size and structure, curriculum, scholarships and you will also learn about the unique opportunities available to the selective class. There will also be the opportunity to get to know the other students who have accepted a place in the 2016 class.

**Please come along - 6pm Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 2015**



For further information please contact Tamara Hatton or Kristen Miller on 67657 088 or email Kristen on [kristen.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kristen.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au)



## TheReadingHour

**Tuesday 18 August, 5.30-6pm**



Join us for The Reading Hour at

### Tamworth Library

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