



Kootungal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 5

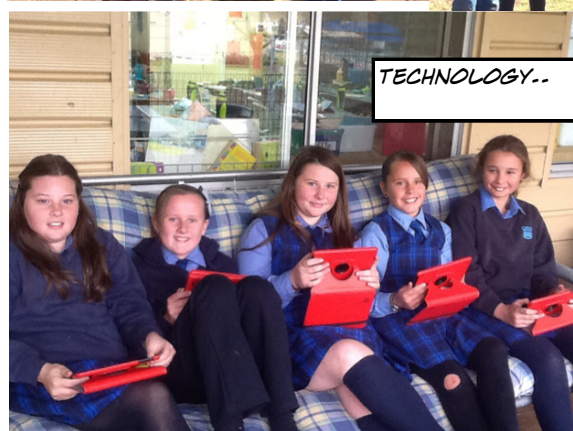
Thursday 13th August 2015



Jeans for Genes Day



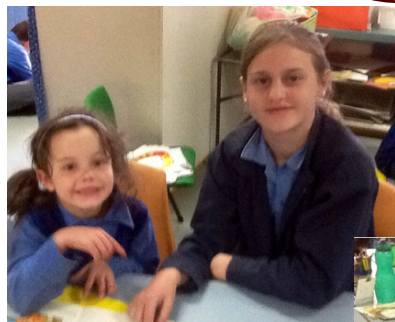
TREE PLANTING...



TECHNOLOGY...



6W



BUDDY READING
WITH
KINDERGARTEN...



Gold Awards
Angus Frewen, Alexander Frewen
and Brenden Thompson



Silver Awards
Angus Frewen, Alexander
Frewen, Chloe Burch,
Izabella Vernon, Emily Deasey,
Louise Smith, Jack Hyson,
Zoe Ried, Brendan Jarrett,
Macey Holden, Dylan Dow,
Brenden Thompson,
Jessica Coppola-Smith,
Breeanna Howard,
William Baldwin and
Emmielle Kingdom



Uniform Awards
William Jones, Nate Symons,
Zac Hyson, Alexander Cracknell,
Todd Milgate, Finley Wallace,
Lyara Fernando and
Emily Deasey



Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2015

Friday 14th August - Tamworth Zone Athletics
Monday 17th August - Spelling Bee
Tuesday 18th August - P & C Meeting, School Library
Wednesday 19th August - KPS Jump Off K - 2
Wednesday 19th August - Kindergarten 2016 Come and Try
Friday 21st August - KPS Jump Off yrs 3 - 6
Wednesday 26th August - Tamworth High Transition Day
Wednesday 26th August - Kindergarten 2016 Come and Try

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



Menno Wallace, Damien Nicholls, Toby Callaghan and Hope Clark - A well written recount about the Athletics Carnival
Chelsea van Maanen - Application to Mathematics and reading tasks

Isabelle Marsh - Improved application to reading tasks

Coby Hobden - Wonderful participation in sport activities

Lilly Aitken - Trying hard in sport activities

Alexander Frewen and Ty Allen - Being enthusiastic learners

Shania Coppola-Smith - Being organised and ready to learn

Cody Turner-Bourke - A great start with his island artwork

Harrison Witten and William Heeney - Contributing well to class discussions

Zane Hyson - Trying hard in Mathematics

Isabella Walker - Strong results in spelling

Matilda Lees - Being a helpful and responsible class member

Cohen Parkes - Working well with technology

Crystal van Maanen - Competence in fundamental movement skills

Erika Kamminga - Showing an interest in information texts

Brendan Jarrett and Matthew Kenny - Helping out with the Athletics Carnival

Jack Merrick - Improved book presentation and handwriting

Kelsey Burrell - Eager to contribute in Mathematics lessons

Jasmine Hogan - Taking the initiative with her information report writing

Darcy Simpson-Craig - Effort in learning spelling and incorporating vocabulary in her writing

Ryley Marsh - Showing persistence in learning new tasks

Jordana Winter - Improved effort in Mathematics

Courtney Baker, Isabella Johnston, Emily Deasey, Jack Howard and Shanae Roach - Being selected as class 'Spelling Bee' representatives

Premiers Spelling Bee School Challenge 'Spell Off'

This will be held on Monday 17th August at 12:10pm in the school hall. Parents who children are participating are invited to attend.

Athletics Carnival Champions

Minor Champions
Isabella Canon and Joseph Barber
Minor Runners up
Jessie Johnson and Kobi Murray



Junior Champions
Kelsey Burrell and Brendan Jarret
Junior Runners up
Montana Winter



11 years Champions
Emily Deasey and Riley Brown
11 years Runners up
Ebony Phillpott, Chloe Bayes and Byron Lees



Senior Champions
Chenoa Siemsen and Jack Howard
Senior Runners up
Emily Hayne, Reign Howarth and Mitchell Worth



Champion House - Wilson
Ball Games Champion - Gill
March Past Champion - Dwyer



Book Week Fair

All books will be for sale at a 20% reduction from Collins Tamworth Bookstore. Mrs Doak has been busy putting aside books for the 'Fair'. The children will have a preview next Thursday and will bring home a 'Wish list'. There are wonderful books for sale. If you would like to donate a book to the school library as well, come and see Mrs Doak.

Families will have a bookplate included in the front of the book acknowledging the donation.

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Mrs Cracknell's Message

Good luck to our students who were successful in gaining selection in the Kootingal Public School Athletics team to compete at the Tamworth Zone Athletics carnival this Friday at the TRAC. I know you will represent Kootingal Public School and our community with great pride and you will try your hardest. I look forward to hearing about your feats on Monday.

In 2015, our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Established in Australia in 1983, Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is renowned for being one of Australia's most popular physical activity and fundraising programs in schools. This year, Kootingal Public School P&C is providing a donation to the Heart Foundation and our students are participating in the Jump Off next week during their sport sessions. On Tuesday, I saw our classes of 1S and 3M outside practising their jumping skills. I had a little skip with 1S. It's amazing just how much your heart rate rises while skipping; not that I'm unfit!



This week, our staff commenced a review of their teaching practices of comprehension. At Kootingal Public School, we place the greatest importance on the teaching that occurs in the classroom and, as some students would know, I am disappointed when this learning is disrupted. During the years of National Partnership funding, Kootingal Public School employed the expertise of Mrs Shauna Stoker as the Highly Accomplished Teacher (HAT). During Mrs Stoker's tenure, our staff completed the training *Focus on Reading*. *Focus on Reading* is a strategy that emphasises the explicit teaching of comprehension and vocabulary to students. The review of our training has been planned for nearly a year and on Tuesday it commenced again. There has been preparatory work completed by all teaching staff, not unlike what teachers perform when needing to know the starting point for their students. A lot of time and resources have been employed to ensure that our training from the National Partnership years is renewed and explicitly taught throughout our school K-6. The professional discussions throughout Tuesday afternoon were positive and a reflection of our desire as a school to ensure our students have the best opportunities. Our professional learning in this area will continue throughout the rest of Term 3, with practice sessions and work samples required to be completed in between sessions.

It is important to note that 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.

Last Friday, our students participated in National Tree Day. Mr Doak prepared our school grounds for the planting of shady trees after the removal of trees in 2014 from the Department of Education's tree assessment initiative. In conjunction with the planting, Mr Doak, Mrs Doak and myself have been in discussions about the seating arrangements near our school oval. We are currently examining the cost of replacing the seating near our oval that has served our school well for many years. The cost of replacement seating is costly, but will be well worth the effort and funds.



Next week, we commence our *Come & Try Program* for Kindergarten 2016. This year, we have changed the way in which our transition to school program is conducted. Our *Come & Try Program* during Term 3 is designed for all children intending to enrol in Kindergarten in 2016, regardless of school. The program will operate on Wednesday afternoons each week for part of Term 3 2015. A bus will transport those students attending from Kootingal and District PreSchool from 1:30pm and return the children by 3:15pm. Parents may wish, however, to bring their child at 1:30pm and collect them at 3:15pm. The program will orientate children to school and to the Kindergarten setting, as well as help develop social skills, gross and fine motor skills, literacy and numeracy skills necessary for a confident and smooth start to school life.

At the start of Term 4, our Kindergarten *Bright Stars Transition program* will commence. This program is designed for students intending to commence Kindergarten at Kootingal Public School. All days have been advertised throughout long day care and pre-school centres and through our normal means of communication. If you know of a family that has a child who may enrol in Kindergarten next year, please direct them to the school. We welcome parents and children to our school at any time to view our facilities and as a part of our transition program. As well, we would like to offer assistance in choosing a school and ensuring a sound start for each child.

I have had the pleasure this past week to have many students through my office proudly showing me their achievements. Harry Fields-Waddington of 3M was very proud when he was showing me his work in Mathematics. Harry has been working diligently during Mathematics. He did tell me that he didn't smile for photographs, however I managed to get a wry smile out of him. Well done Harry and may you continue to shine!



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

Lilly Aitken of 1S is working hard at her reading. I had the pleasure of taking Lilly to an observed session with Mrs Doak for the Reading Recovery program. I was extremely proud of her efforts with Mrs Doak. She has developed a wonderful rapport with Mrs Doak and it is obvious in their lessons. I was fortunate to share in Lilly's writing. Lilly's writing has improved over the course of the year and it was lovely to see her excitement as we went back through her workbook. Well done Lilly!



As always, 1S are working diligently and this time it was on their handwriting. Greater control was evident as the majority of the students demonstrated their work. With stickers for improvement and wonderful presentation, our students were pleased with their efforts. Keep up the great work 1S!



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.

It has come to my attention the increasing number of students entering our school grounds prior to 9am. It is requested that if students enter our school grounds they must remain seated on the stage area until teacher supervision commences at 9am. This is purely for safety reasons. If you require care prior to 9am, please contact Sherpa Kids at our school. The staff at Sherpa Kids are only too happy to assist families in providing before and after school care for our students.

This week, I accepted a quote provided for the installation of a small kitchen facility in our hall. This kitchen will mean our before and after school care provider, Sherpa Kids, is able to move into our hall facility with potentially more enrolments available in their care service. This is exciting news for our school. With Sherpa Kids moving into our hall facility, our school is able to resume occupation of Homebase 1.

Good luck zone competitors!



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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 could you please register your interest by phoning the School)

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

The Star Cafe

Volunteer Roster for Term 3

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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