



Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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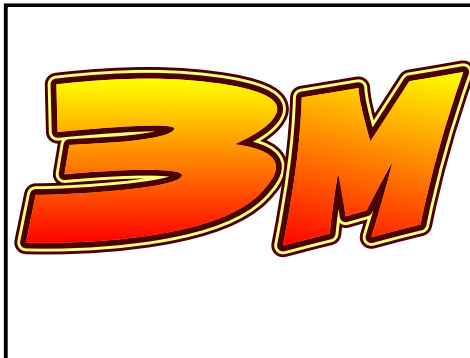
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Term 3 Week 10

Thursday 17th September 2015



Merit Award
Savannah Barber
and Brock Hyson



Gold Awards
Isabella Johnston,
Brock Hyson and
Toby Taggart



Silver Awards
Chloe Bayes, Charmaine
Grant, William Morris, Beau
Robertson, Georgia Ford,
Taleah Pinnock, Isabella
Johnston, Cooper Higgins,
Brendan Jarrett, Chenoa and
William Siemsen



Uniform Awards
Sienna Butorac, Taela
McCahon, Zane Hyson,
Kiera Madden, Brendan
Jarrett, Taleah Pinnock and
Jack Howard



Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2015

Thursday 17th September - Movie Night - *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatball* - 6pm to 8pm in the School Hall

Friday 18th September - Last day of Term 3

Tuesday 7th October - Students return to school for Term 4

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



Isabelle Aitken - Always completing her homework and home reading all year
 Sophie Hogg - Her continued effort in homework, home reading and sight words
 Meika Haak - Settling in so well to her new class and school
 Deakan Keven-Faulkner - A big improvement in his knowledge of sounds
 Lilly Thomas and Angus Frewen - Always reading and organised for activities
 Lilly Aitken - Improvement in reading and writing
 Elloise Sharpham - Always organised and ready for activities
 Zoe Reid, Emma Jarrett and Shania Coppola-Smith - Achieving plus ten in Mathematics
 Reuben Haak and Brianna Goman — Settling in to his new school and class
 Grace Callaghan - Great use of questioning during discussions about the text, *Finding Home*
 Harrison Witten - Great participation during discussions about the text, *Finding Home*
 Tianna Urquhart - Pleasing work in spelling
 Harry Fields-Waddington - Improved behaviour
 Sophie Butorac - Excellent interest and participation in the nature Art Video Conference
 Erika Kamminga - Being a helpful class member
 Jack Hyson - Always giving things a go, even the new and unfamiliar
 Kelsey Burrell - Doing so well with trick skipping in sport
 Nate Painter - Improved spelling results
 Boston DeBelle - 100% in spelling test, working hard to achieve better results
 Lyiara Fernando - Exemplary behaviour, demonstrating school values
 Sophie Burrell - Exemplary behaviour, follows directions well
 Ashton Haak - Settling in well and a positive attitude to learning
 Dylan Dow - Positive attitude to learning

BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Dylan Dow and Jordana Winter

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



NSW Junior Chess League

On Friday 4th September, 12 students represented our school at the chess competition at Tamworth Public School.

There were 49 teams from schools across the district. Kootingal entered 4 teams, which had 3 players in each. Kootingal A team scored well on the day. They came 10th overall. There were 6 games in total.

All our students played well and were great representatives of the school.



Library Happenings

Some children have taken extra books home for the holidays. They have a note in their bag if they took extra books. This is to assist them when they are returning after the holidays. Happy Reading. Mrs Doak

Mrs Cracknell's Message

Our final week of the term is here! As the final days approach, it doesn't appear to be slowing down. If anything, it is full steam ahead with no end in sight.

On Tuesday night, we held our monthly P&C meeting. At each meeting, I present a report indicating our achievements, evaluations and possible future directions. At this meeting, the P&C again discussed the future canteen service at Kootingal Public School. The decision has been made to continue our current service under a voluntary basis during Term 4. At the meeting conducted last week about the future directions of the canteen service, it was apparent that we had more volunteers than previously thought. A roster for assisting in the canteen during Term 4 is under construction. Thank you to all the people who have indicated they can assist the P&C during this time. It is hoped that with greater volunteer help, we can continue to provide a canteen service into the future. If you are able to assist and have a friend that may like to come along and assist as well, please contact the school on 67603332. Every person counts!

We are also in our final week of the *Come & Try* program. Mrs Lawrence commences each session with a picture book reading. This past week, students listened to *The Pocket Dogs* and *Pocket Dogs Go On Holiday* by Margaret Wild. Mrs Lawrence and her band of year 5 students, Mrs Knight and Mrs Buchanan ably assisted our students to make pocket dogs. This required a great deal of fine motor skills as the students hand sewed their pockets and carefully folded their dogs. As the pre-school children disembarked from the bus, one little girl lost her pocket dog from her pocket, not unlike Biff who fell out of Mr Pocket's jacket pocket. She was quick to board the bus again to retrieve her dog. Well done Mrs Lawrence!

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Mrs Cracknell's Message

Don't forget that 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.

This week is *Agriculture, Food and Fibre Week*. This week is a pilot initiative that the Tamworth Network of schools has offered to host for 2015 with the full implementation across the State in 2016.



Earlier this week, I sent a letter to all families indicating our timetable for the week. The focus of our week is food sustainability and addressing the global endemic of food wastage. So far, students have been immersed in the picture book *Let's Eat!* by author Ana Zamorano. In keeping with our continued emphasis on *Focus on Reading* strategies in our classrooms, lessons have been composed around the focus areas of Making Connections, Summarising and Questioning based on the picture book.

At the time of writing, I had not embarked on the cooking with 180-odd students. I must say, I am a little apprehensive! I look forward to sharing our experience with you next term.



Earlier in the week, students had the opportunity to try new fruits as a part of their *Crunch & Sip* fruit break with fruit platters purchased for each class as a part of the *Agriculture, Food and Fibre Week*. Mrs Lawrence's Kindergarten class first had their favourite fruits but then savoured the experience to try honeydew melon and rockmelon. Well done Kindergarten to trying something new!

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, Mrs Doak, Mrs Chegwyn and myself joined our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Jodie Bishop, for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) training in Tamworth. This training is vital to our development and implementation of PBL in Kootingal Public School. It was wonderful to spend time with our new colleague and member of our executive team and assisted with discussions about planning for 2016. Lots of ideas flowed and were pencilled in for next year, along with a comment from the PBL team of presenters that we were energetic and active

contributors over the two days. This serves to demonstrate our commitment to the PBL process for our community's school and children.



I am pleased to announce that Kootingal Public School has been successful in obtaining a grant from the Department of Education to perform a Case Study project that utilises online collaboration. Schools were invited to share and showcase their journey in online collaboration by applying for funding to support the production of a case study for online publication. At Kootingal Public School, we viewed this as an opportunity to contribute to a series of case studies and *Class Movies* that will capture good practice in classrooms with the aim being to highlight online collaboration and document great ideas and practices. The Department initiated this program as a result of the report *Rural and Remote Education – a blueprint for action*. Mr Griffiths, leader of the 21st Century project team, put together the application for this initiative. Mr Griffiths will conduct this with his class 2/3G. This is extremely exciting and has a very short turn around for completion. Good luck Mr Griffiths and thank you in advance for your time and efforts with this project. I look forward to hearing and seeing the results.

Application forms for the Term 4 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 4. Payment for the term is required in Week 2 Term 4. Application forms are available from the front office for interested students. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the closeness of family. Please note we do not start with a Pupil Free Day so all children commence Monday 5th October. See you then!

FOOD WASTE

Each year, around \$7.8 million on food is thrown away in Australia. Try these tips to minimise your food waste at home:

- Plan meals in advance so that you only buy what you need
- Store food correctly for optimal life
- Start a compost for fruit and vegetables
- Use reusable drink bottles
- Take your own bags to the supermarket

LUNCHBOX TIPS

For a balanced lunchbox we suggest:

- A main meal (sandwich, wrap, salad) containing veggies and a protein food (meat, fish, chicken, egg, cheese)
- A piece of fruit
- A healthy snack (e.g. veggie sticks)
- A drink (water is the best choice)
- An extra snack can be included once a week. Try to reserve these for days when your child needs more energy

For more ideas visit www.healthy-kids.com.au



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

Our Club

KOOTINGAL-MOONBI SWIMMING CLUB

Kootingal-Moonbi Swimming Club would like to invite you and your child/children to join our club. We have a wonderful friendly family atmosphere and great coaches.

Your child/children can join our club to become a confident swimmer and to get fit. They may also want to go on and compete in swimming carnivals around our region.

Our club has swimmers from Kootingal, Moonbi, Daruka, Bendemeer, Nemingha, Dungowan and Tamworth area. Our club has children from ages 5 to 17 years with a range of abilities, from those with only a few strokes, to others who have qualified for Country, State and Nationals.

It's never too late to start! You owe it to yourself to be swim safe!



SIGN ON DAYS

Saturday 10 October 2015, 11:30am to 1:30pm
Tuesday 13 October 2015, 5:00pm to 5:45pm

Mini Squads

Kootingal-Moonbi Swimming Club's Mini Squad is geared to those children who can confidently swim 25m using freestyle but who may need close monitoring in order to correct their stroke and improve their ability in other strokes. We have a dedicated coach who focuses solely on our Mini Squad, nurturing each child so they can achieve their potential and move up to the next level.

Our Mini Squad are encouraged to join in our point score club nights on Tuesdays, giving them the opportunity to socialise with other children their own age and make new friends. They can also see improvement in their swimming by the times that they achieve.



Mini Squad Summer Training Schedule

MONDAY: 4.30pm – 5.10pm
TUESDAY: *4.45pm – 5.45pm (Training)
*6.00pm – 7.30pm (Point Score & BBQ)
FRIDAY: 4.30pm – 5.10pm

A, B & C Squads

Kootingal-Moonbi Swimming Club coaches work with all swimmers in our C, B & A Squads to monitor, correct and fine tune their strokes in order to improve their ability and speed. At this level children can see improvement in their ability as well as achieving at school carnivals and beyond.

A, B & C Squads Summer Training Schedule

MONDAY: 5.00pm – 6.15pm (C Squad)
5.15pm – 7.00pm (A & B Squads)
TUESDAY: *4.45pm – 5.45pm (Training All Squads)
*6.00pm – 7.30pm (Point Score & BBQ)
WEDNESDAY: 5.00pm – 6.15pm (C Squad)
5.15pm – 7.00pm (A & B Squads)
FRIDAY: 5.00pm – 6.15pm (C Squad)
5.15pm – 7.00pm (A & B Squads)



Contact Kelly Williams 02 6764 2422 or 0410 387 192
Email: kootingalmoonbi@kmac.com.au
Website: www.kmac.com.au

The summer season will run from approximately Monday 12 October 2015 to Friday 25 March 2016 (24 weeks)

Location: Kootingal Pool, Denman Ave, Kootingal
Coaches: Graham Poetschka and Graham Johnstone

The Star Cafe

Special for 1st Break only
Spiders \$1.00 each

Volunteer Roster for Term 3

Friday 18th September - Karleen Charters
and Natasha Jacobson

Canteen Coordinator, Noni Kasch



Hot Shots with Mr Griffiths at Kootingal Public

KOOTY KIDS

COME AND TRY HOTSHOTS TENNIS

PERFORM WITH POWER TENNIS ACADEMY IS HOLDING A "COME AND TRY" DAY AT THE KOOTINGAL TENNIS COURTS.
ALL KIDS WELCOME AGES 4 +

26TH SEPTEMBER 9am to 12pm
BBQ LUNCH FOR ALL PLAYERS AND PARENTS TO FINISH

WE ARE LOOKING TO KICK OFF A FRIDAY AFTERNOON OF TENNIS COACHING AND EVENING JUNIOR COMP FOR ANY INTERESTED KIDS TERM 4.

FOR BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CLUB PROFESSIONAL MITCH POWER ON 0434211461 OR EMAIL mitch.power87@gmail.com

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