



# Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

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**Term 3 Week 8**

**Thursday 3rd September 2015**



**Merit Award**  
William Heeney



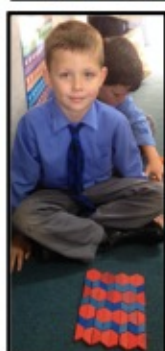
**Gold Awards**  
Savannah Barber and  
William Heeney



**Silver Awards**  
Toby Taggart, Dylan Dow,  
Brock Hyson,  
Hannah Turner-Bourke and  
Cody Turner-Bourke



**Uniform Awards**  
Jackson Burton, Isabelle Marsh,  
Aaleyah Atkins, Damikah  
Barwick-Taylor, Reba Ramage,  
Montana Winter, Macey Holden  
and Emily Hayne



## Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2015

Friday 4th September - NSW Junior Chess League at TPS

Friday 4th September - K-2 Responsible Pet Program

Tuesday 8th September - Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 9th Sept - Kindy 2016 Come and Try 1:30 to 3:15pm

Friday 11th September - Kadul Performance

Tuesday 15th September - Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 15th September - P & C Meeting, School Library 6pm

Wednesday 16th Sept - Kindy 2016 Come and Try 1:30 to 3:15pm

**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



Raymond Sydenham - Improved knowledge of sight words  
 Tahnae Roberts - Being an enthusiastic participant during dance practice and performance  
 Lily Shiels - Continued effort in homework and home reading  
 Cameron Winter - Being organised and ready to learn  
 Sienna Butorac - Working well in Mathematics with concrete materials  
 Thomas Atkins - Thoughtful questions and responses in discussions  
 Robert Hazard - 100% completion of homework  
 Jessie Johnson - Excellent commitment to learning  
 Taela McCahon - Settling back into 2M  
 Natalie Baker, Sophie Howard and Darcy Harris - A creative tessellation in Mathematics  
 Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Well organised and ready for work  
 Megan Johnson - Maintaining high work standards  
 Alexander Cracknell - Embracing new technologies in the classroom  
 Madison Pollard - Fantastic sudoku skills  
 Crystal Van Maanen - Demonstrating our school values  
 Desean Allen - Good contributions in Focus on Reading activities  
 Cohen Parkes - Clever work making a trihexaflexagon  
 Megan Bubb - Maintaining a high standard of work in all subjects  
 Brendan Jarrett, Hannah Turner-Bourke, Montana Winter, Ellie Caslick, Jack Howard and Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Representing our school with pride at Regionals.  
 William Baldwin - Exemplary behaviour, following directions well  
 Georgia DeBelle - Demonstrating creativity in writing  
 Emmielle Kingdom - Positive attitude to learning  
 Macey Holden - Persistence in learning new concepts  
 Georgia Madden - Gaining more confidence and improvement in reading  
 Charmaine Grant - Always being helpful and working hard in class  
 Guransh Makhija - Positive approach to learning and always asking questions  
 Chloe Bayes - Commitment to learning and completing all set tasks  
 Emmielle Kingdom and Izabella Vernon - Being a responsible helper at Breakfast Club

## Silver Assembly - Thursday 27th August

Toby Callaghan - Pleasing achievement in all areas of English and Mathematics  
 William Jones - Consistent effort across all areas  
 Riley Robinson - Being a kind, caring and patient friend to others  
 Emily Hatton - Displaying great skill and enthusiasm during dance practice  
 Braidry Cork, Isabelle Marsh, Lilly Aitken, Chelsea Van Maanen  
 Ty Allen - Contributions to class discussions  
 Zoe Reid - Being an independent worker  
 Shania Coppola-Smith - Showing persistence in learning  
 Wade Holden - Working hard to consolidate understanding  
 Zone Hyson - Being a quiet worker who cooperates well with others  
 Tyler Flemming - Working well in class and achieving commendable results  
 William Heeney - Being a reliable worker who focuses well on set tasks  
 Madison Pollard - Working hard in Mathematics, in particular learning her 3 times tables  
 Jade Nicholls - General citizenship  
 William Siemsen and Tianna Urquhart - Showing care and compassion to others  
 Reba Ramage - Working hard to consolidate understandings in all subjects  
 James Grant - Being a most wonderful hardworking, respectful and responsible member of 4C  
 Savannah Barber - Being a co-operative and hardworking team member. Striving to do her best  
 Jack Hyson - Always presenting his work to a very high standard. Always being respectful and responsible  
 Jack Merrick - Working very hard to improve in literacy and numeracy  
 Dylan Dow - Showing independent work habits  
 Sophie Hobden - Showing confidence to tackle new tasks  
 William Baldwin and Sophie Burrell - Follows school rules well, wonderful behaviour  
 Lachlan Young - Fantastic descriptive writing  
 Emily Merrick - Achieving super spelling results  
 Emily Hayne - Joining class discussions and improved work habits  
 Mitchell Worth - Improved effort in literacy lessons



## Support the Businesses that support our school

### Kootingal & District Bowling Club



Friday/Saturday Meat Raffles  
 2 First Class Bowling Green  
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 Excellent Chinese Meals  
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Lunch served daily 12 – 2pm  
 Dinner - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6pm – late  
 Pizzas - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6pm – late  
 Enjoy the beer garden with children's playground  
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## Education Week Awards



Alexander Cracknell- His absolute passion for reading books.  
 Ayisha Mason-Fernando - Being a quiet worker who shows persistence in her learning.  
 Bodin Wallace - Being a hard working student who has a genuine thirst for knowledge. Bodin's desire to be the best he can makes him a pleasure to teach.  
 Courtney Baker - Commitment to learning.  
 Damien Nicholls - Being conscientious and attentive and having a positive attitude to learning.  
 Darcy Harris - Developing a passion for reading books.  
 Emily Nicholls - For her passion of reading.  
 Finley Wallace - Academic excellence across all Key Learning Areas.  
 Grace Callaghan - Being a student who focuses on her work, attempting each task to the best of her ability. Grace is caring and shows genuine concern for her friends and peers, demonstrating our motto, Caring, Learning and Achieving Together.  
 Guransh Makhija - Commitment to learning.  
 Hope Clarke - Her commitment to learning, both at school and at home, and for being an attentive and enthusiastic learner.  
 Jainah Grant - A positive attitude to learning and diligent completion of classwork.  
 Macey Holden - Having a positive, respectful attitude towards learning and consistent effort.  
 Madeleine Jones - Citizenship and striving to uphold Kootinagal Public School's qualities and rules.  
 Maverick Ramage - Being a quiet and careful worker who tries his best.  
 Naomi Maybury - Being a quiet student who works diligently to complete tasks and improve her learning. She is reliable and trustworthy.  
 Nate Symons - Being a quiet, thoughtful student who works hard in class to improve his understandings in all subject areas. A good friend and reliable assistant.  
 Todd Milgate - A positive attitude to learning and diligent completion of classwork.  
 William Baldwin - Following instructions swiftly, having a positive attitude to learning and demonstrating resilience and quiet confidence.

## Student of the Month



### Cody Turner-Bourke

Year 2

Cody is a thoughtful and hard working student who always shows respect to others, both within the classroom and playground. He is a positive role model to others and wears his uniform with pride.

Cody demonstrates care and compassion to others and includes anyone in an activity or game. He follows our Play Is The Way values and 'pursues his personal best no matter who he works with'.

Cody has a positive attitude towards learning and strives to do his best both academically and in sport. He displays a willingness to improve in all Key Learning Areas. Cody is a valued class member and a worthy recipient of the Student of the Month award.

Congratulations Cody.



### Toby Taggart

Year 6

Toby is a friendly and respectful young man who is always willing to help teachers and visitors. He regularly provides guidance to his peers and to younger members of the school; he is a fantastic buddy.

Toby demonstrates he is an outstanding school leader by being a positive role model at work and at play.

Toby wears his uniform with pride and strives to achieve his personal best in all that he does. Toby is quietly humble, yet proud of his excellent academic achievements and sporting prowess.

Toby is a popular member of the school community and thoroughly deserves to be the 'Student of the Month'.

Congratulations Toby.

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### Kootinagal & District Preschool Inc



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 Ph: 6760 3861  
 Email: kooti\_preschool@bigpond.com



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



## Kootingal Public School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. It was a great success with over \$3000 worth of books sold. Orders have been placed and will be handed out as soon as they come.

Mrs Anne Doak

## Mrs Cracknell's Message

Last week was a blast! We had a wonderful Grandparent's Day that culminated in a full assembly. I think the highlight was Kindergarten's dance performance. They definitely have the moves! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and community members that came to our day. I hope it provided you with a great insight into the workings of our school and our wonderful students. Best thing is that we do it all again next year!



Our *Come & Try Program* for Kindergarten 2016 is coming along nicely. Last week, Mrs Lawrence and her band of year 5 students, Mrs Knight and Mrs Buchanan ably assisted our students in the construction of a sentence and artwork about their grandparents. In keeping with the grandparent theme, Mrs Lawrence read to the children the picture books *Grandpa Baby* and *Our Granny*. At the end of the day, I walked in to find our young children engrossed in the iPads. It is safe to say that they didn't require any introduction or assistance from our year 5 students with the iPads. The children took to them like ducks to water. All the children, Year 5 students included, are becoming more familiar with our surroundings and they ease into each afternoon seamlessly. This is an outstanding feature of our new transition program.

A reminder that our *Come & Try Program* during Term 3 is designed for all children intending to enrol in Kindergarten in 2016, regardless of school. The Program is operating each Wednesday afternoon until the end of Term 3 2015. A bus is transporting students to Kootingal Public School who are attending Kootingal and District PreSchool at 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 orientates children to school and to the Kindergarten setting, as well as developing social skills, gross and fine motor skills, literacy and numeracy skills necessary for a confident and smooth start to school life.

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.

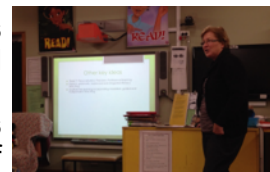


The P&C have put their name forward for involvement in a recycling initiative with TerraCycle. TerraCycle is an international upcycling and recycling company that collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products and repurposes the material into affordable, innovative products. Kootingal Public School is participating in the Cleaning Packaging Brigade. I have included a picture of the products that we can collect to recycle. Items donated for recycling are given a donation from TerraCycle and this goes directly to P&C. All the help we can get to become more sustainable is a good practice.

2M have been at it again with their handwriting. Well done to Shania Coppola-Smith, Taela McCahon, Zoe Reid, Wade Holden, Maverick Ramage, Ayisha Fernando, Emma Jarrett, Aaleyah Atkins, Sophie Howard and Cody Turner-Bourke. They are becoming quite accustomed to the Principal's office ... for all the right reasons!



In preparation for Term 4, our school has been successful in gaining additional staffing under the Quality Teaching, Successful Students initiative. This initiative is based on the premise of improving teaching in classrooms through a mentoring system. As you would be aware, we have had a focus this term on *Focus on Reading* with our previous Highly Accomplished Teacher, Mrs Shauna Stoker. In Term 4, we will use the additional staffing to release our executive teachers to assist our classroom teachers in their implementation of the *Focus on Reading* concepts and practices. It is vital that we continue our pursuit to have the universal language of *Focus on Reading* in all classrooms so that all students can benefit.



As another term approaches a very fast conclusion, it is time for Parent Teacher Interviews. Notes regarding the interviews were sent home last week with a text message highlighting their arrival in school bags. It is important to note that these interviews are scheduled over two weeks (two Tuesdays – 8th and 15th September) so that we can see as many parents as possible. Mrs Ward has made alternative arrangements due to leave taken at the end of this term. Please return your suitable times and dates to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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.



## T-BALL FOR ALL



Tamworth Softball Association and Tamworth Baseball Inc are working together to deliver T-ball to kids. All level of players welcome.

The program will run in Tamworth over 9 weeks on a Saturday morning at the Carter Street fields from the 10th October through to the 12th December 2015 from 9am.

There will be several different age divisions, depending on numbers.

We will be hosting 3 come and try days where you can bring your child alone to give T-ball a go and see if they would be interested in signing up:



29th August: 10am - 11am  
5th September: 9:30am - 10:30am  
19th September: 10am - 11am



**Cost: \$40.00 for 9 week program**

**Includes:** Team shirt and hat, Players insurance.

**Only \$20 for those who participates in the previous TBI program**  
(using shirt and hat from previous program)

T-Ball is a great non-contact sport played by boys and girls of all ages. It's a great way to get active, meeting new people and learning about teamwork. T-ball give all participants maximum involvement while gaining the fundamental skills that will carry them through all levels of baseball as well as several other sports.



**Tamworth Baseball Inc**  
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**Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Cost: \$3.00**

(includes chips and a popper)

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wearing your favourite football or sports team  
colours





## September/October School Holiday Workshops at Tamworth Regional Gallery

This school holidays the Gallery is offering classes for:

- \*5-7 year olds (\$15.00 per class)
- \*8-11 year olds (\$18.00 per class)
- \*12-15 year olds (\$18.00 per class)

To book contact the Gallery on 6767 5248

Students must wear enclosed shoes and a paint shirt



WEEK 1

**Wednesday  
23 September  
Sculpture & 3D**

### Class times

5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am  
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm

In this class you will experiment with sculptural materials to create 3D artworks of your own to take home.

Tutor: Leisel

**Thursday  
24 September  
Printmaking**

### Class times

5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am  
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm  
12-15 years 2.30pm-4.00pm

In this workshop you will learn printmaking techniques to make your own unique one off pieces.

Tutor: Pam

**Friday  
25 September  
Landscape painting**

### Class times

5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am  
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm

Using Acrylic paint and canvas boards, you can either bring along a photo for inspiration or use your imagination to create your own masterpiece!

Tutor: Kate

WEEK 2

**Wednesday  
30 September  
Portraits**

### Class times

5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am  
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm

Using the face as inspiration you will create a drawing and painting of a familiar or imagined face

Tutor: Kate

**Thursday  
1 October  
Drawing**

### Class times

5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am  
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm  
12-15 years 2.30pm-4.00pm

Using charcoal, ink, pencil and more, you will experiment with new drawing techniques.

Tutor: Kate

**Friday  
2 October  
Painting**

### Class times

5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am  
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm

Using Acrylic paint and canvas board you can let your imagination run wild in this workshop!

Tutor: Pam

### Details

- All materials provided
- An enrolment form must be completed by parents or carers
- Closed in shoes and a paint shirt MUST be worn by all participants
- No refunds



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## Mega Toy Raffle!!

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

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