



Kooting Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 Week 9

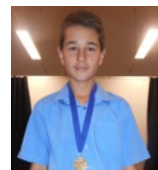
Thursday 10th September 2015

CLASS 2/3G

COLLABORATING ON A JOINT PROJECT



Medallion
Jack Howard



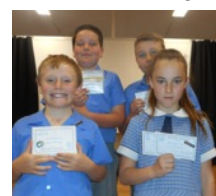
Merit Award
Harrison Loftus
and
Mitchell Worth



Gold Awards
Alexander Cracknell,
Harrison Loftus, Mitchell Worth
and Dylan Dow



Silver Awards
Alexander Cracknell, Harrison
Loftus, Brock Hyson, Darcy
Simpson-Craig



Uniform Awards
Tahnae Roberts, Lilly Thomas,
Alexander Frewen, William
Heeney, William Siemsen,
James Grant, Georgia DeBelle
and Guransh Makhij



Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2015

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
Thursday 17th September - THS Resilience Day
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



Jackson Burton, Cooper Higgins and Isabelle Aitken - Improved knowledge of sounds
 Joshua Thompson - Improved handwriting
 Lochlan Muller - Working well in Mathematics
 Isabelle Marsh - Improved bookwork
 Braidy Cork - Improvement in bookwork
 Jentzen Haak - Settling into Kootingal Public School
 Isabella Cannon - Working well in MiniLit
 Wade Holden - Assisting others when working with money in Mathematics
 Georgia Ford - Working well in class
 Beau Robertson - Accurately identifies numbers with 6 and more digits
 Amity Cork - Going about her work in a quiet, well-mannered way
 William Morris - Excellent effort and application to his work
 Isabelle Price - Consistent effort to complete work
 Tyson Beard - Working well with Mrs Knight
 Keira Madden - A positive attitude to learning
 Matilda Lees - Showing confidence to tackle new tasks
 Zachary Parkes - Being a wonderful helper in the classroom
 Logan Phillpott - Assistance and organisation with the Premier's Sporting Challenge
 Finley Wallace - Effort and excellence in Mathematics
 Chloe Burch - Dedication to homework
 Jessica Coppola-Smith - Exemplary behaviour, co-operative and caring class member
 Natasha Grant - Always willing to assist, being a good classroom helper
 Ella Howard - Settled work habits
 Jack Witten - Co-operated well with others
 Mitchell Worth - Approaching his work with greater effort
 Ryan Hobden - Challenging himself in Mathematics and asking questions
 Emily Hayne - Being helpful and mature
 Tobias Haak - Settling in well to 6W. Welcome to Kootingal Public School

Work at Kootingal Public School

Mr Doak and Mr Chegwyn working on moving soil and removing logs on Saturday. Thank you to Kootingal TrueValue Hardware for the use of the bobcat.



NSW Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals

Best wishes to Darcy Simpson-Craig, Jack Howard (Stage 3) and Finley Wallace and Ellie Calsick (Stage 2) who are representing out school at the finals on Friday.



Mrs Cracknell's Message

Our term is drawing to a close very quickly and there are a number of things that are still yet to be achieved in this very short period of time.

Our School Captain process for 2016 has commenced. Two weeks ago, students and parents of year 5 students were notified of the commencement of this process. This week, again all students and parents of Year 5 have received the next letter outlining the process to be undertaken. It is important to note the timeline for each step of the process. If students or parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak with me. I look forward to announcing the incoming School Captains and Vice Captains at our annual Presentation Evening on Tuesday 1st December.

Our Parent Teacher Interviews commenced this week. We have kept the same process as last year with interviews scheduled over two weeks (two Tuesdays – 8th and 15th September) between 4 and 6pm. It is wonderful to see so many parents taking this opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. We spend a lot of time with our children and we are always willing to talk with you about your child and the progress within the classroom. If you have not been able to schedule an

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Mrs Cracknell's Message

appointment as yet, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a time with your child's teacher.

On Tuesday night, our hardworking P&C conducted a meeting to discuss the future canteen service at Kootingal Public School. Currently, our canteen service is operated through a volunteer roster and is coordinated by our volunteer, Ms Noni Kasch. Our canteen is in desperate need of more volunteers. Without the support of more volunteers, our canteen service will not continue to operate. Our canteen service is on every Friday from 9am – 12.10pm. Kootingal Public School continues the operation in the second break with students and myself manning the canteen to provide snacks and drinks to our students. 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!



This week, Kootingal Public School was fortunate to receive a kind donation from the Kootingal Bowling Club Freshwater Social Fishing Club. This donation was to the amount of \$1200. Mr and Mrs Follington presented me with the cheque on

Monday. This money has been set aside for a plaque next to our Hedge of Remembrance, located at the entrance of our school through the double gates. Our Hedge of Remembrance was planted to commemorate the landing at Gallipoli 100 years ago. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Follington and the Kootingal Bowling Club Freshwater Social Fishing Club for thinking of our school. Your donation has been warmly received and greatly appreciated.

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 present for Father's Day. Students made a small notepad with a drawing and message on the front; a nice little keepsake for fathers to treasure. Mrs Lawrence commences each session with a picture book reading. This past week, students listened to *My Dad and Daddy's Kisses*. Students also participated in some physical activity lessons using the parachute and jumping sacks. All the children, Year 5 students included, are beaming with enthusiasm as they enter our school gates for another session. This week is the fourth of five *Come & Try* days. Be sure to spread the word!

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.

Next 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.

The initiative originated from the Review into Agricultural Education and Training in NSW, completed by Professor Jim Pratley, Professor of Agriculture at Charles Sturt University. The Government Recommendation 2 states that: *New South Wales school systems, schools and TAFE NSW Institutes establish an 'Agriculture and Food Week' within the annual school year to celebrate and appreciate the role that agriculture and food make to the health, wealth and wellbeing of society.*



Mrs Lyn Thomas, Project Officer - Rural and Remote, has been working with me in the design of this week. In keeping with our continued emphasis on *Focus on Reading* strategies in our classrooms, Mrs Chegwyn and myself have composed lessons around the six focus areas of *Predicting, Making Connections, Monitoring, Summarising, Visualising* and *Questioning* based on the text *Let's Eat* by Ana Zamorano. Students will also be taking to the kitchen on Thursday with my mother, Mrs Doreen Lockrey, and myself. I am looking forward to using this week as an opportunity to see our students working in different ways and enjoying the fruits of their labour. Look out for photos next term!

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Kootingal & District Preschool Inc



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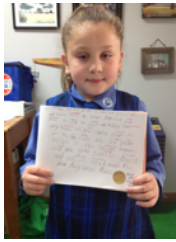
Lot 21 Chaffey Street, Kootingal
Ph: 6760 3861
Email: kooti_preschool@bigpond.com



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

Mrs Cracknell's Message

The achievements of our students never cease to amaze me. Isabella Cannon of 2M is working diligently with Miss Magann. Isabella composed a wonderful recount of the *Responsible Pets Program* that each Kindergarten to year 2 student visited and participated in last week. Keep up the great work Isabella!



We have also had more success in our recent ICAS assessments. Congratulations to Alexander Cracknell of year 3 who received two credits in Writing and Spelling. Well Done.



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.

Please note that our uniform policy has clear statements in regards to the wearing of jewellery. Our policy states that *jewellery, apart from watches, plain ear studs and sleepers, are not part of the school uniform and are therefore not to be worn. No bracelets, anklets or necklaces (except for medical reasons).* Please also note that the wearing of nail polish is not accepted.

This Friday we have an Aboriginal performance called *Kadul* at our school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to view and participate in a professional production. Kootingal Public School has subsidised the cost of the performance with the entry cost for all students being \$3. The performance reveals the richness of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures which is an integral part of our curriculum.

The Star Cafe

Volunteer Roster for Term 3

Friday 11th September - Lauren Witten

Friday 18th September - Yvette Dow

Canteen Coordinator, Noni Kasch

BANKING - Thursdays

Banking Prizes

Megan Johnson and Jainah Grant

Banking Co-Ordinators

Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden



Mega Toy Raffle!!

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Kootingal & District Bowling Club—Limbri Road

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PERFORM WITH POWER TENNIS ACADEMY IS HOLDING A
"COME AND TRY" DAY AT THE KOOTINGAL TENNIS COURTS.

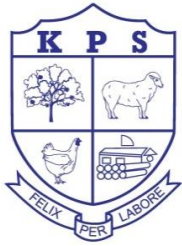
ALL KIDS WELCOME AGES 4 +



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
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Kootingal Public School P&C Association

9 September 2015

Re: Canteen Meeting

The Kootingal P&C executive would like to thank the four people who came along to the meeting about the canteen yesterday and those who have asked how they can help keep this service going at Kootingal Public School.

We urgently need volunteers to continue running the canteen. There is a very small band of volunteers and we really appreciate that these people have, and continue, to give up their time.

Please consider volunteering three hours of your time (9am- midday, Fridays) once a term, to enable us to continue the canteen operations. A volunteer form asking for contact details is attached.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS THE CANTEEN IS HIGHLY LIKELY TO CLOSE.

Please feel free to write comments on the form about your needs – if you usually work Fridays but have an RDO or can take a day off, let us know – we are happy to work with your other commitments. If you would like to be rostered with a particular person, or are worried that you don't know what to do – we will provide all the information you need.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE CANTEEN OPEN.

If you have comments, suggestions or questions about this, or any other P&C matter we would welcome you along to the ordinary P&C meeting next Tuesday (15th September, 6pm, Library).

Yours sincerely,

Vanessa Johnson
P&C Secretary



September/October School Holiday Workshops at Tamworth Regional Gallery

TAMWORTH



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



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
Carter Street Fields, Tamworth.
Renae Madams - 0423 634 119 -
cougarsbaseballclub@hotmail.com



Tamworth Softball Assoc.
Carter Street Fields, Tamworth.
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Kootingal Public School P&C Association

Volunteer Form

Parent Name (please print): _____

Child/ren's name: _____ Class _____ Name: _____ Class _____

Name: _____ Class _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

P&C MEETINGS

I can attend P&C Meetings (3rd Tuesday of the month, 6-8pm, Library).

Canteen

I can volunteer in the school canteen on a Friday from 9am - 12 noon.

Sport

I can help supervise children during swimming activities.

I am interested in helping with sport carnivals/cross country/sports activities.

In the classroom

I can help with reading groups.

I can help with art and craft activities.

Fundraising events

I can help on the Mother's Day/Fathers Day Stall.

I can help with the P&C Movie Nights.

I am happy to help with School Banking (Thursday).

I can donate baked goods for a cake stall.

I can help with a Pie Drive.

I am happy to investigate/organise new fundraising opportunities.

Denman Avenue, Kootingal NSW 2352 Telephone: 02 6760 3332