



Kootungal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."



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Term 1 Week 5

Wednesday 24th February 2016

Pink Stumps Day



Gold Award
Emily Hatton and
Thomas Atkins



Silver Awards
Erika Kamminga-Morris,
Menno Wallace,
Thomas Atkins,
Savannah Barber, Elle Atkins,
Ayisha Mason-Fernando and
Ashton Haak



Uniform Awards
Torah Humphris, Emily Hatton,
Braidy Cork, Madison Pollard,
Reba Ramage, Megan Bubb
and Harrison Loftus



Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2016

Thursday 25th Feb - Assembly by 5/6W, Item - Choir, 2:15pm
Friday 26th February - Tamworth Zone Swimming
Monday 29th February - K/1 Bus Program
Friday 4th March - Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 7th March - North West Swimming
Tuesday 8th March - Zone Boys and Girls Soccer Trials
Thursday 10th March - Selective High School Placement Test
Tuesday 15th March - P & C Meeting 6pm in school library
Wed 16th March - Zone 11yrs & Open Rugby League trials
Friday 18th March - Canteen - Red Food Day

Executive Team - Principal - Cara Cracknell
Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn (Mon - Wed)
and Anne Doak (Thur - Fri)
Assistant Principal (Yr 3 to 6) - Jill Cook

P & C Executive

President: Lauren Witten

Vice President - Cath Bubb

Secretary: Vanessa Johnson

Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jelka Schurink (Canteen)

Weekly Bronze Awards



Vanessa Holland - Being a polite and well mannered student
 Letrell Allen - A big effort in learning to write his sounds
 Cooper Higgins - Being attentive and ready to learn
 Dailen Radmore - Making a big effort to produce neat work
 Charlize Corcoran - Assisting others to learn their numbers
 Samien Nicholls and Liam Jarrett - Contributing to class discussions
 Ethan Walker - Asking questions to help his understanding of a topic
 Isabella Marsh and Addyson Vernon - Working well with Mrs Knight
 Isabella Cannon - Being a kind and helpful class member
 Kobi Murray - Working well in art activities
 Cody Turner-Bourke - Fabulous work during History
 Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Being a great member of 3SW
 Jentzen Haak - Fantastic effort in Mathematics
 Georgia Ford - Being a great class member
 William Siemsen - Being a terrific participate in BTN discussions and reports
 Daniel Worth - Showing mature and settled work habits in class
 Tianna Urquhart - Terrific results in spelling
 Jaeda Symons - Fantastic progress in spelling
 Harry Fields-Waddington - Improved attitude in Mathematics
 Isabella Walker - Demonstrating strong mental strategies when multiplying
 Jakayla Tait - Showing care and pride in her handwriting
 Jack Merrick - Demonstrating a strong understanding of how to expand and order numbers
 Chloe Burch - A confident approach to learning
 Ryley Marsh - Being a respectful and diligent student
 Natasha Grant - Showing initiative and being organised
 Lyara Mason Whitten Fernando - Being organised, helpful and ready to do her best

Clothing Pool will only be open on:
 Tuesday and Wednesday
 mornings
 9am to 9:30am



Please come to the office.

Banking - Thursday

Please attend the next major assembly (Thursday 25th February) if you would like to open a bank account for your child. There will be a Commonwealth Bank Representative on hand to open new accounts.

10 banking deposits will gain a Commonwealth Banking prize.



Banking Co-Ordinators
 Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden

JUMP UP TRAMPOLINE ZONE

GROUP FITNESS TIMETABLE

TRAMP-O-LEAN WOMEN'S FITNESS
 MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9.30AM-10AM

TRAMP-O-LEAN MIXED CLASSES
 MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 6PM-6.30PM

TRAMP-O-YOGA
 MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 6.30PM-7PM

JUMPING BEANS (KIDS FITNESS)
 MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 4PM-5PM

INNER-TRAMP (BALANCE/YOGA/PILATES)
 SUNDAY 4PM-5PM

NINJA NANNA'S (MATURE CLASSES)
 MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 12PM-12.30PM

SENSORY SESSIONS
 TUESDAY 11AM-12PM - 5PM-6PM

4-8 AVRO STREET TAMWORTH NSW 2340 | 6762 2955
 INFO@JUMPUP.COM.AU | WWW.JUMPUP.COM.AU

CHECK US OUT ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Star Cafe
 Open Fridays

Volunteers
 Friday 26th February
 Kelly Tull and Liriel Morris

Mrs Cracknell's Message

What a wonderful way to finish a week with a game of continuous cricket! That is how the students and staff celebrated Pink Stumps Day at Kootingal Public School last Friday. Pink Stumps Day provides organisations the opportunity to show off their cricket skills while fundraising for the McGrath Foundation. With our large Pink Stumps Day kit, both staff and the Student Representative Council (SRC) took to the field to play a fun-filled game of continuous cricket. There was lots of cheering for both sides and lots of puffed teachers at the end. Although the staff was victorious, the game was played in great spirit with outstanding sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Ward and the SRC for their organisation and support of the McGrath Foundation.



This week, students from Tamworth High School commenced the teaching of a Fundamental Movement Skills program with our Kindergarten and Year 1 classes. The students from Tamworth High School are completing this activity as a part of the course Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS). The students coach their younger counterparts in the 12 Fundamental Movement Skills. This week, the students focused on jumping and the sprint run. Each group of students designed the teaching activities. Needless to say, our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, learning movement skills and getting to know more 'big' people. Thank you to Tamworth High School and Mr Darren Desmid, teacher of the Year 10 PASS class, for coming to Kootingal Public School to teach our students. We look forward to seeing you more over the coming weeks.



This week, we launched the rejuvenation of our Facebook page. I had the pleasure of uploading photos of students and parents from the SRC induction, Pink Stumps Day and the Fundamental Movement Skills program. Our Facebook page is another way in which we wish to communicate with our community about the wonderful work of our students. Be sure to locate and like our Facebook page so it comes up in your news feed. I am sure you will enjoy the photos and information regarding upcoming events.

Kootingal Public School is again coordinating the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)* tests. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program that recognises and rewards student achievement. This program is an international program that has operated for the past 30 years. Students from years 2 to 6 are eligible to participate. Nomination forms are available from the front office area and on our website under *Latest News and Features*. I coordinate the tests and the dates for each test are located on the form and on our school website calendar.

Our families are reminded that Kootingal Playgroup is again operating from Homebase 1 every Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am. This is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents with small children in a fun and creative atmosphere. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter.

Application forms for the Term 1 Private Music Tuition program are now available. Tuition is provided in guitar, drums, keyboard and vocal. The program commences next week (Week 6). Payment for the term is required in Week 7 Term 1. Application forms are available from the front office for interested students. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Congratulations to Sunni and Jahmarli Fields of Kindergarten for their beautiful handwriting and English work. Both Sunni and Jahmarli worked studiously to complete their work, much to the delight of their teacher, Mrs Lawrence. Keep up the great work!



Happy birthday to Elloise Sharpham of 2/3M! Elloise turned 7 this past week and presented me with a lovely cupcake. It was delicious! Elloise shared the experience with her good friends Jessie Johnson and Mikyla Phillpott. I hope you had a wonderful day Elloise.



Sophie Hogg and Menno Wallace have been working hard in their art activities. Mrs Lawrence and Miss Magann devised an activity using resources from our old uniform supplies to create wonderful artworks. Lots of preparation in cutting out went into this artwork, but I am sure you'll agree it was well worth the effort.

P & C News

Escape Travel, in Tamworth are proud to be in partnership with Kootingal Public School.

Family and friends of the school can be a part of the Kick Back Club, that will see 1% of the cost of any holidays booked in our office in Tamworth go back in to the P & C to benefit the school.

Anyone enquiring and booking an airfare, holiday, travel insurance or accommodation just needs to mention at the time of enquiring that they are a part of the Kootingal School Kick Back program, and we will set aside 1% of the value of their holiday aside to go back to the P & C. Just remember, we don't know if you are a part of the school, so you need to tell us.

PBL News

It's a star! The school community and students have voted for a star as the logo of our PBL program. The PBL team will now liaise with a graphic artist in the design of a star logo. Look out for some images in the coming weeks.



Playgroup NSW—Kootingal

Playgroup is a lightly structured, informal gathering where parents, carers, babies and children up to school age come together in a relaxed and friendly environment to connect, play and learn. Essentially, it is one of the first, and most important, social networks for children and families.

Sessions are usually held once a week and may involve craft activities, outdoor play and morning tea.

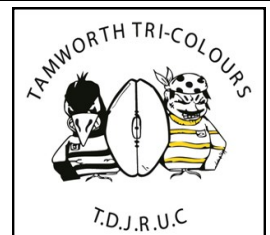
The goal of playgroup is to give children an opportunity to socialise and connect with other children. Creative and unstructured learning through play is essential to children's development, helping them explore and understand their world. Playgroup helps children develop their social skills, make friends and get ready for preschool and school. Playgroup enables parents and carers to spend quality time with their children while creating their own social networks, making friends and sharing ideas and experiences. Playgroup creates stronger communities by bringing local families together and creating grass roots connections.

Kootingal Playgroup is coordinated by Kimberley Capel and is held every Monday morning during the school term in Homebase 1 at Kootingal Public School. Interested families can contact Kimberley about the program on 0403552220. We would love to see you there!

Playgroup Meets Here



Tamworth Junior Rugby COME & TRY DAY!



Tamworth Tri-Colours will be holding their Come & Try Days on Friday 4th & 11th March 2016 from 4.30 to 5.30 pm.

Come along & enjoy the great social atmosphere & learn more about the great game of rugby. Bring a friend!

WHATS ON?

- Skills & drills
- Registration info for the 2016 season
- Sausage sizzle
- Drinks & Nibbles
- NSW Rugby Union Representative

Where: Viaduct Park, Marius St

Contacts: Leonie Phillips - Secretary 0467 671 515
Tim Elliot - President 0407 520 572

Visit our Facebook Page: [Tamworth District Junior Rugby Union Club](#)

Email: tamworthtricolours@gmail.com

Come for a day.....stay for a season!

Kootingal P&C Prawn & Chicken Night

Saturday
19th March 2016



6:00 pm til late

BYO—Drinks/Alcohol
and nibbles

- Raffles
- Games
- Lots of prizes
- Music
- ... And lots more.

So get a table organized
and come and have some
fun!

Chicken, Prawns, salads and dessert
Price: \$35.00 per person or \$250 per table of 8

Kootingal Public School Hall

Tickets available from:

Kootingal Public School Administration Office, Denman Avenue - cash only
By phone on 67603332 - payment by direct deposit

For further enquiries, contact Lauren Witten: 0403 193 955

Kooty - Moonby



** Games * Songs * Craft * Bible Stories*

Thursdays 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm (Term time)

St Andrew's Church Kootingal

Street & Denman Ave)

Cost: Free *Afternoon tea provided



For More Info: Contact Allan Beaven 0425301640

or Gloria Quick 0448778023

Dear Parents

We would like to extend an invitation to your child/children to our after school KID'S CLUB.

KID'S CLUB runs every Thursday during term time from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm at the Church Hall on the corner of Gate Street and Denman Avenue.

The KID'S CLUB is free. The program begins with a few games when the children arrive. We then provide afternoon tea at 4pm. This is followed by some singing, puppets, stories from the Bible, and concludes with a craft activity which the children take home each week.

We ask parents or a guardian to sign the children in and out each week. A number of parents have given permission for their children to meet at the school gate where Mrs Eleni Turner is waiting to escort the children to KID'S CLUB. These parents then pick their children up at 5pm.

If you would like your child to attend, and are happy for them to be escorted from the school gate, please sign the permission form attached and return it with your child.

It is important that we also let the school know which children are coming to KID'S CLUB from school.

For any information please feel free to contact myself (Allan, on 0425301640) or Mrs Eleni Turner (67603118), or Mrs Gloria Quick (0448778023).

Best wishes,

Allan Beaven (Minister, Kootingal/Moonbi Anglican Church)

KID'S CLUB PERMISSION FORM

(Please return to school with your child)

I give permission for my child/children to attend KIDS'S CLUB

.....(Name child 1)

DOB.....

..... (Name child 2)

DOB.....

..... (Name child 3)

DOB.....

Address.....

Contact Phone Number/s

(Please indicate any allergies or special needs.....

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(Please tick)

☐ I would like my child/children to be escorted to KIDS'S CLUB from school.

☐ I will be bringing my child/children to KID'S CLUB

Name of Parent/Guardian.....

Signed Date.....