



Kootungal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

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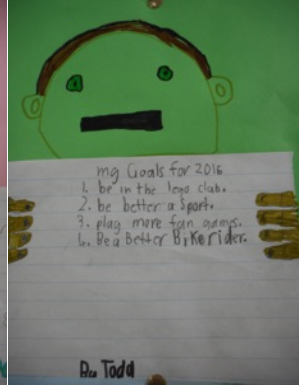
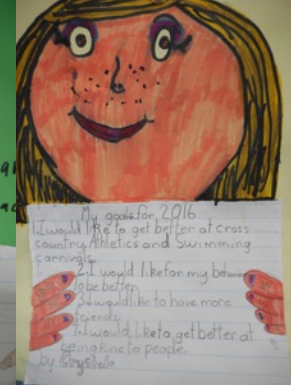
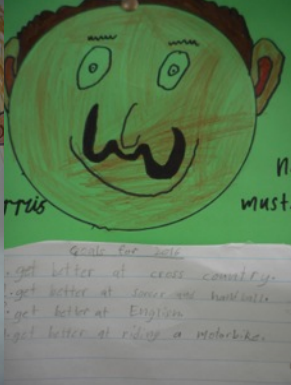
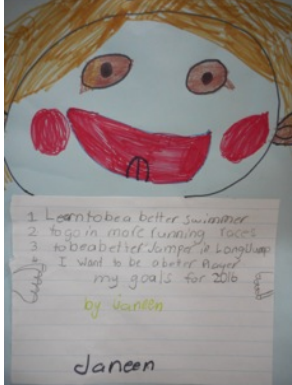
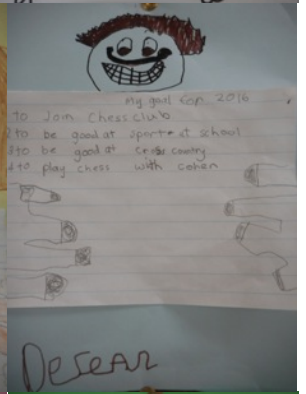
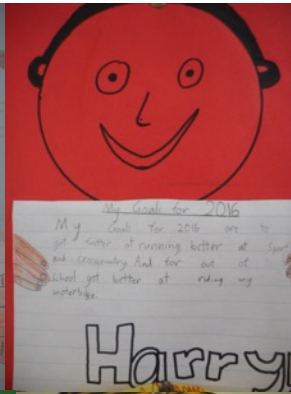
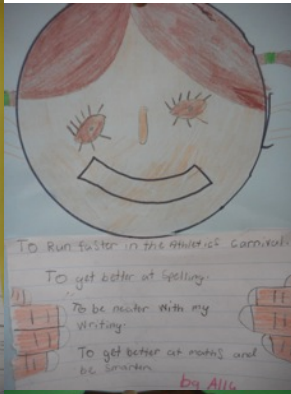
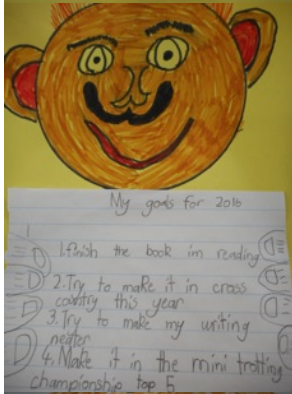
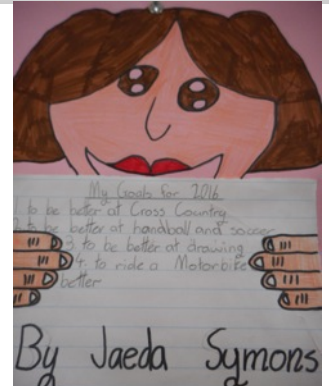
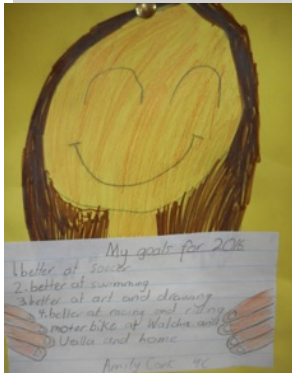


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Term 1 Week 6

Wednesday 2nd March 2016

4C Goals for 2016



Merit Award
Jack Chapple, Jack Hyson
and Matilda Lees



Gold Award
Robert Hazard, Jack Chapple,
Sophie Howard and Matilda Lees



Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2016

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)



Silver Awards

Georgia Ford, Angus Frewen,
Raymond Sydenham,
Natasha Grant, Jack Chapple
and Sophie Hogg

Uniform Awards

Lily Shiels, Ethan Walker, Angus Frewen,
Zoe Reid, Beau Robertson,
Alexander Cracknell and Byron Lees



Student of the Month Sophie Hogg

Sophie is a polite and well mannered student who greets us every morning with a beautiful smile. She is well respected by her classmates and teachers and is a role model to all her peers. Sophie wears her school uniform with pride and always displays our school values.

Sophie is always first to offer a helping hand to a peer or a teacher, often without having to be asked. She uses her initiative and knows when and how things need to be done.

Sophie is always organised and ready and eager to learn. Her work standards are meticulous and she is attentive in class.

Sophie has a kind nature and is a very caring and thoughtful friend to all. She cooperates well with all classmates and will work alongside anyone in the classroom.

Congratulations Sophie, a very deserving award.



Student of the Month James Grant

James is a quiet, diligent student who is always attentive in class and works without distraction. He is respectful and responsible and is a great role model to his peers.

James attends to all tasks with care, giving them a great deal of thought, and is always happy to lend a helping hand.

James is humble and selfless. James is a thinker and problem solver, who often shares his ideas and knowledge with teachers and friends.

James wears his uniform proudly, follows school rules and is a superb citizen of Kootingal Public School.

Congratulations James.



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



Please come to the office.

Weekly Bronze Awards



Beau Edmonds-Turnbull - His confident and detailed news presentation

Phoebe Vernon - Making a big effort to improve the presentation of all her work

Chadrick Lang - A big effort in learning his sounds both at school and at home

Tyler Francis and Taylor Mills - Ordering numbers 1 to 10

Nikita Caldwell-Harris - Identifying straight and curved lines

Shania Coppola-Smith - Citizenship

Braidy Cork - Quick recall of number facts

Erica Eyles - Pleasing efforts with homework

Coby Hobden - Artistic flair

Bailey Hilton - Becoming a more settled student in 3Sweet

Cayden Orrock - Settling well into Kootingal Public School and 3Sweet

Georgia Ford - Completing tasks on time and being an inclusive class member

Joey Hyson - Excellent application to 'Walking Together' art work

Beau Robertson - Wonderful listening and participation in class

Keira Madden - Being a mature and reliable student in class

Chloe Van Maanen - being a helpful and thoughtful student who demonstrates the school values

Jack Hyson - Demonstrating a good understanding of mental multiplication strategies

Shannon Charters and Jade Nicholls - Demonstrating a good knowledge of expanding and ordering numbers

Brock Hyson - For super leadership and citizenship

William Baldwin - Commitment to learning. A quiet diligent student

Taleah Pinnock and Luke Goodhand - For fantastic participation in Geography discussion

Banking - Thursday

10 banking deposits will
gain a Commonwealth Banking
prize.

Banking Co-Ordinator
Cath Bubb



Silver Awards - Assembly 25th February

Torah Humphris - Having a positive attitude to learning
 Liam Jarrett - His dedicated approach to learning
 Meika Haak - Being a keen and enthusiastic learner
 Mathew Pollard - Being a keen participant in class and always ready to learn
 Emily Hatton - Having a positive attitude towards learning and always having a go
 Liam Symons - Listening and carefully following instructions
 Sunni Fields - Being an enthusiastic learner and constantly offering to help
 Charli Hogg - Always having a positive attitude to learning with a big bright smile
 Mikyla Phillpott - A positive attitude to learning
 Nate Symons - Settled work habits and sensible classroom behaviour
 Angus Frewen - Being a kind and helpful class member
 Lilly Thomas - Pleasing presentation of bookwork
 Aaleyah Atkins - Working hard in all Key Learning Areas
 Zane Hyson - Being on task at all times and always trying his best
 Sophie Howard - Being a quiet and conscientious worker
 Joseph Barber - Completing all tasks with enthusiasm
 Jack Chapple - Outstanding application to all Key Learning Areas
 William Morris - Great effort and consistency in literacy
 Lillie Walker - Great persistence with spelling and homework
 Janeen Wadwell - Always willing to give things a go and for being such a well mannered student
 Matilda Lees - Being a hard worker who is well organised in the classroom
 Cooper Brett - Demonstrating persistence towards his learning
 Nate Painter - Persistent participation during classroom activities
 Madeleine Jones - Being a well organised and quiet worker in class
 Jessica Coppola-Smith - Leadership and citizenship
 Brendan Jarrett - Enthusiasm for learning and doing his best
 Harry Loftus - Outstanding citizenship
 Riley Brown - Showing commitment to improving in literacy



Mrs Cracknell's Message



Another great session was held with the students from Tamworth High School teaching 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). This week, the students focused on kicking and throwing. We have more photos on our Facebook page.

Our Facebook page is receiving lots of likes! It is always good to see parents and family members sharing in the educational experiences of their children. If you haven't already, be sure to locate and like our Facebook page so it comes up in your news feed. So far this week, we have uploaded information regarding the Tamworth High School information nights and workshops and more photos of the Kindergarten and Year 1 Fundamental Movement Skills program with Year 10 Tamworth High School students. I know your children will get a real kick out of seeing the happenings in their school.



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.

This week our local Police contacted me. Our Police are aware of the burgeoning issue of people driving through our children's crossing while children are attempting to cross the street and people dropping off children in the bus zone during the designated hours of service. I was asked to inform our community of their increasing presence. Please, for the safety of our children, make your family and friends aware of the various signs in and around our school. The school has taken many steps to make the authorities aware of the dangers for our children when attempting to enter or exit our school safely, including when on buses. Our teachers are not traffic wardens.

Mrs Cracknell's Message

I have instructed them not to enter the road but to wait with the children in the afternoon until the traffic is clear to safely cross.



I have seen more great work this week from Mrs Morrish's 2/3M class. Congratulations to Erica-Lee Eyles, Kobi Murray and Elloise Sharpham for their wonderful spelling work activities. Mrs Morrish uses diagrams for students to demonstrate their understanding of their spelling words,

helping to cement the word in their memory bank. Keep it up Erica, Kobi and Elloise!

This Friday is Clean Up Australia Day for Kootingal Public School. Students will be exiting school grounds, with their teacher, into our community and assisting with the clean up of rubbish in and around our parks and streets. All students are covered via the General Permission Note. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

It's HOT! and it doesn't look like we will get any reprieve for a while. It's great to see so many families taking advantage of the shade under the COLA in the afternoon when picking up their children. We are currently in the throes of developing a plan for a cover entrance where we will have proper seating and shade for waiting families. Until this comes to fruition, please enjoy the shade of our COLA while making enough room for our classes and teachers to exit via the main walking path.

Clean Up Australia Day

All students will need a hat, water and gloves to participate. Parents are invited to accompany us. We are leaving the school grounds at about 9:45am.

Anne Doak
Coordinator

The Star Cafe Open Fridays

Volunteers

Friday 4th March - Liriel Morris and Kelly Tull
Friday 11th March - Melissa Brennan and Jayne Lees
Red Food Day 18th March - Cath Bubb and Jayne Lees

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

P & C News

The **2016 Annual General Meeting** of the Kootingal Public School P&C Association will be held on **Tuesday 15th March 2016, at 6pm in the school library**. Members are reminded to submit an apology if they are unable to attend. The following positions will all be declared vacant and nominations will be accepted in writing or at the meeting.

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Canteen Treasurer
- Canteen Co-ordinator
- Student Banking Co-ordinator

For position descriptions or more information contact

President – Lauren – 0403 193 955

Secretary – Vanessa - 0428 662 722

It would be great if every family could send along a representative to the AGM.

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.



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!



Come & Try Hockey Days 2016

Hockey is a great sport & here are just some of the reasons why you should give hockey a go this year :

- All the family can play – tadpoles and minkey for the youngsters, Junior comps from under 9's to High School, Men's & Women's grade competitions & veterans competitions
- Caters for all levels of ability from 1st timers through to international standard
- Hockey is one of the safest team sports to play
- Tamworth boasts access to some of the best hockey facilities in the country
- Play in all weather – no washouts
- Access to some of the state's best accredited coaches
- Opportunity to meet other kids from different schools, build social circles & learn to play in a team environment
- Hockey is great for fitness
- Opportunity to represent, become a frog, or one day a Hockeyroo or Kookaburra. Tamworth boasts representatives in most NSW state teams from 13's to Masters, current national junior and senior squads, as well as numerous Olympic representatives over the years.
- Come & try days are **FREE** & you can borrow sticks, shin pads etc for the day.

Tamworth Hockey will be holding 3 come & try days on Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am (5th, 12th & 19th of March). Sessions will be held on the artificial surfaces near ALEC and will include coaching sessions & mini games for all involved. All of the local clubs will be on site to take registrations & answer any queries you might have. No need to book in – just come down to any or all of the sessions & have a go.

Please contact our Hockey Development officer Steve Littlejohns on 0438 627299 for any additional information regarding the come & try days or registration for the upcoming competitions.



Kootingal & District Soccer Club

"Northern Inland Club of the Year 2014"

Information & Sign up day for New Players

11am – 4pm Saturday 5th March
Kootingal Bowling Club (BBQ Area)

Open to boys and girls of all skill levels from kindergarten up. Why not introduce your child to Tamworth's and the world's most popular team sport.

For further information Call - **Craig Johnston 0447 186613**
Noel Corney 0412 619345

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SCREEN FREE QUIET TIME

Some families have a daily quiet time where everyone takes a break. Do your children watch movies during their quiet time?

Why not try some of these activities instead to reduce the amount of screen time they are exposed to during the day and to keep their minds active!

- Reading books
- Arts and crafts
- Puzzles
- Card games
- Listening to some relaxing music
- Spending time in the garden



Adapted from: Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bites



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Hunter New England
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