



Kootingal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1

Thursday 28th April 2016



Gold Award
Jessie Johnson



Silver Awards
Tyler Flemming,
Joseph Barber and
Jessie Johnson



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

Please come to
the office.



K/1/2/3/4/5/6 2016 FAMILY TREES

Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2016

Monday 2nd May - GRIP Leadership Conference
Monday 2nd May - Zone girls Softball
Tuesday 3rd May - Open Girls Softball v Duri Public School
Wednesday 4th May - Kootingal Public School Cross Country
Thursday 5th May - P & C Mother's Day Stall - gifts \$5 each
Friday 6th May - Zone boys Touch Trials
Tuesday 10th May to Thursday 12th May - NAPLAN - yrs 3 & 5
Wednesday 11th May - Book Club due back to the front office
Friday 13th May - Zone Girls Touch Trials

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: Cath Bubb Vice President - Lauren Witten
Secretary: Vanessa Johnson
Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jelka Schurink (Canteen)

Weekly Bronze Awards



Jahmarli Fields - Great work sounding our words in reading and writing

Charli Hogg - Excellent work in sentence writing

Liam Jarrett - Excellent term one Mathematics results

Byron Hobden, Chadrick Lang and Phoebe Vernon - Effort in Mathematics lesson on length

Lily Shiels - Consistent effort in term one home reading

Coby Hobden - More settled work habits

Elloise Sharpham and Braidie Cork - Participation in class discussion

Lilly Aitken - Being helpful in the classroom

Georgia Ford - Being an enthusiastic learner and positive class member

Dakodah Hill - Being brave to facing the challenges of a new school

Damikah Barwick-Taylor - An enthusiastic learner and positive role model

Luke Sydenham - Exemplary writing, spelling and book presentation

Christopher Burkett - Enthusiasm and effort in learning

Tianna Urquhart - Diligence and on task behaviour

Crystal Van Maanen - Settled behaviour and good work ethic

Ayisha Fernando - Effort and enthusiasm for learning

Reuben Haak - Improving book work

Megan Johnson - An impressive effort completing her two point perspective drawing

Jade Nicholls - Being a focused, quiet worker

Amity Cork - Being an interested learner who is organised and ready for work

Brendan Jarrett - Taking pride and great care in his work books

Jayayla Tait - Always striving to do her best

Chloe Burch - Being a terrific school citizen

James Grant - Considerate of others and being respectful

Brock Hyson - Great enthusiasm for Mathematics

Lyara Fernando - Being a respectful confident student

Sohie Burrell - Consistent effort in Number

Breeanna Howard - Being a cooperative and helpful class member

Jessica Coppola-Smith, Byron Lees, Lyara Mason Witten Fernando and Dylan Dow - Terrific job hosting the school's Anzac Day Ceremony

Chloe Burch - Wonderful solo performance at the school's Anzac Day Ceremony

Mrs Cracknell's Message

Welcome back to Term 2. Already, our calendar is full and this is the reporting term. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Eryn Kelly back to Kootingal Public School. Mrs Kelly is working with us one day per week as a release from face-to-face teacher. This is as a result of the addition of our 8th class.



Welcome back also to Mr and Mrs Doak. It is wonderful to see them both back at work after an extended period of leave.

We had a wonderful turnout of students for the Kootingal, Moonbi and District Anzac Day march. In total, we had 76 students march. It was lovely to see so many students and families actively supporting our local community. I was extremely proud of our choir and of our Captain leadership group. Chloe Burch sang her solo section of *In Flanders Fields* beautifully and the choir's unaccompanied version was haunting. You could've heard a pin drop. Well done to our Captains, Byron Lees and Jessica Coppola-Smith, for the recitation of *The Ode*. In front of a large audience, the students of Kootingal Public School performed splendidly. Well done!



During the holidays we had several capital works completed at school. The installation of new blinds was completed from Homebases 6 to 9. This will shade the verandahs and classrooms during our hotter months. Thank you to the P&C for funding this project.



In our workroom, we had a power upgrade. The expanding network of laptops was causing power outages on numerous occasions. Now, we have power supply that won't interfere with our normal daily activities and makes for an impressive power point. We now have the capability to safely store and charge up to 30 laptops on the one power point.

I have also been notified that our next round of security fencing is scheduled for installation at the end of May. It is envisaged that this fencing will complete the security fencing of the school site. It will also include a gate near the hall to serve as an entrance for Sherpa Kids and hall-based functions.

During the holidays, the P&C was busy purchasing for the upcoming Mother's Day Stall. The stall is set for Thursday 5th May. A shop window has also been established in Mrs Chegwyn's and Ms Cook's office window for students to view the product selection. Parents and children are able to view the selection of goods for purchase both on our Facebook page and website (Gallery). All gifts are \$5 each. Students bring their money on the day of the stall. I am sure there is something there for all mothers.

Mrs Cracknell's Message

Our Staff Development Day was jam-packed on Tuesday. While students enjoyed another day of holidays, their teachers were hard at work, working with Mrs Ardill on the next instalment of online training in personalised learning, upgrading their technology knowledge under the guidance of Mr Griffiths and viewing data associated with assessment practices with Ms Cook. All of these areas, personalised learning, technology and assessment, are integral components of our School Plan. They are focus areas for the next two years and beyond. It is important our teachers maintain pace with current methodology and pedagogical practices to ensure our students have maximised learning opportunities. Staff Development Days enable this professional learning to occur without the disruption to class teaching and routines. At Kootingal Public School, we aim to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Good luck to our senior Girls Softball Team who play Duri Public School next Tuesday in the regional quarter finals. You have been training hard throughout the last term under the guidance of Ms Cook and Mrs Bubb. We know that you will represent our school with great pride. Go Kooty!

Congratulations to the students of Mrs Ward's class 6W who had a 100% submission rate of homework in Term 1. The students were Byron Lees, Taleah Pinnock, Emmielle Kingdom, Jasmine Hogan, Jessica Coppola-Smith and Harrison Loftus. Well done team!



Congratulations to Isabelle Price of Mr Griffith's 4G class. Isabelle achieved 100% on her spelling test. This is a wonderful accomplishment Isabelle and one of which you should be extremely proud. Keep up the great work Isabelle!



PBL News

During the holidays, a meeting was held with Dr Kate McCrohon, former PBL coordinator for our area. Dr McCrohon is currently the Head Teacher Teaching and Learning at Tamworth High School. Mrs Cracknell met with Dr McCrohon to go through our plans for the launch and implementation of PBL at Kootingal Public School.

The advice from our current support person, Cathy Archer, of 'take it slow' is one that certainly resonates with Dr McCrohon. While we have changed some practices and systems in our school, we must ensure that we have the language of PBL embedded first. This is our focus for Term 2 and beyond.

To remind our community, our core values are *Safe, Supportive and Effective Learners* and our logo is a star.

Canteen News

The Star Cafe is open on Fridays.

If you are available to help out between 9am – 12.30pm on a Friday please call Karleen (Canteen Supervisor) on 0400 495403 or see Karleen at the canteen on a Friday.

Canteen Roster for Term 2

Week 1 29th April	Kelly Tull	Melissa Brennan
Week 2 6th May	Natasha Jacobson	Jayne Lees
Week 3 13th May	Cassie Cook	
Week 4 20th May	Lirel Morris	
Week 5 27th May	Cassie Cook	
Week 6 3rd June	Cassie Cook	
Week 7 10th June	Kelly Tull	Jayne Lees
Week 8 17th June	Melissa Brennan	
Week 9 24th June	Cassie Cook	
Week 10 1st July	Cath Bubb	Tracey Walker

Banking - Thursday

10 banking deposits will gain a Commonwealth Banking prize.

Banking Co-Ordinator
Cath Bubb



Commonwealth Bank Colouring in Competition

Colouring in sheets have been distributed in class.

(Please write your name on the back of your work for judging)

Due: **Thursday May 19th** to the front office.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the next major assembly on Thursday May 26th.

Term 1 2016 workshops at Tamworth Regional Gallery

Tamworth Regional Gallery is offering art workshops in Term 2.

These workshops book out quickly,
for details contact the Gallery on 6767 5248.

Smarty Arty for 5-7 year olds

This block of 4 classes designed for 5-7 year olds will give participants the opportunity to develop their skills in a range of art practices including printmaking, painting and mixed media. These classes encourage students to enjoy the creative process and have fun!

Dates: Thursday May 19, 26, June 2 & 9
Time: 4.15pm-5.15pm
Cost: \$50.00 for a 4 class block (includes all materials)
Teacher: Kate Armstrong

Block 2 is a repeat of block 1.

Students **must** wear closed in shoes (no sandals or thongs please) and a paint shirt to each class. Full payment must be made prior to the commencement of class 1 and an enrolment form must be completed.

No refunds available

Art After School for 8-12 year olds

This block of 4 classes starting in week 4 of term will be conducted by the Gallery's Education Officer Kate. Students will engage students in a program designed to encourage students to try their hand at new and familiar materials. Activities will include painting, mixed media, sculpture and drawing.

Dates: Wednesdays May 18, 25 & June 1 & 8
Time: 4.15pm-5.45pm
Cost: \$80.00 for a 4 class block (includes all materials)
Teacher: Kate Armstrong

Students **must** wear closed in shoes (no sandals or thongs please) and a paint shirt to each class. Full payment must be made prior to the commencement of class 1 and an enrolment form must be completed.

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26 APR - 1 MAY 2016

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