



Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."



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Term 3 Week 3

Wednesday 3rd August 2022

A MORNING IN 1/2M



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Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2022

Thursday 4th August - Book Club Due
Thursday 4th August - Assembly by 3/4W, item 3/4M, 2:30pm
Monday 8th August - Playgroup - 10am to 11:30am, Library
Monday 15th August - Playgroup - 10am to 11:30am, Library
Tuesday 16th August - P & C Meeting - 6pm-8pm
Friday 19th August - Tamworth Zone Athletics
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th August - Book Week/Education Week
Thursday 25th August - Assembly by 1/2C, item Stage 1
30th Aug to 1st Sept - PSSA Boys Softball
Friday 2nd Sept - North West Athletics

Executive Team - Principal - Cara Cracknell
Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn
Assistant Principal (Yr 3 to 6) - Casey Kelly
Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction - Jill Cook (Relieving)

P & C Executive
President: Maree Merry Vice President - Vanessa Johnson
Secretary: Jo Cayzer
Treasurer: Anne-Maree McGrath

Weekly Awards



PBL Focusing on Expectations when leaving school and Bus Lines

Ellie Eccleston, Jett Gorman, Chayce Tulley, Seth Gorman, Dallas Ballantine, Hallie Moxon, Kiyola-Rose Farmer, Arla Dines, Bryce Fuller, Letrell Allen and Kara Johnson



Merit

Ryan Hatton

Gold Awards

Lily Harris

Silver Awards

Hudson Zdenanovic, Isabelle De Vries, Riley McDowall, Xavier Siemsen and Harper-May Abrahams

Uniform Awards

Harlo Whittington, Kya Kaluza, Dallas Ballantine, Hamish Linton, Tate Smith, Ava Moxon, Chelsii Williams, Riley McDowall and Phillipa Cracknell



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club provides toast, fruit and vegetables to all students every morning. Parents are able to make payments online



Messages from the Front Office

by going to our website www.kootingal-p.schools.nsw.gov.au and then clicking on 'Make a Payment' (located on front page). Please email or send into the office a copy of the online receipt. If payments are made online, signed permission notes must still be returned to the front office.

- * Voluntary contribution fees can be paid at the front office or online. They are \$50 per year per student.
- * Canberra Excursion (years 5 and 6) instalment payments can be made online or at the front office.
- * Dubbo Excursion (years 3 and 4) instalment payments can be made online or at the front office.

Weekly Bronze Awards



Harlow Pipe - Improved counting number identification and recording skills

Benji Swinfield - Effort in reading and an improved knowledge of sounds

Isabelle De Vries - Working hard on her number and letter formation

Edward Glover - Trying hard during writing lessons.

Olivia Hogg - Improved effort and enthusiasm during guided reading

Clay Hamilton - Excellent effort and improvement in writing

Nevayah Loy - Completing homework each week

Kieran Perkins - Improved application in completing set tasks

Isaac Campbell-Hicks - His improved application to writing lessons

Alfred Higgins - Excellent effort in guided reading activities

Lachlan Keen - Engagement in the activities at World of Maths

Malakai Melder - Demonstrating persistence when completing activities of World of Maths

Hope Sichter - Engagement in the activities at World of Maths

Lilly Cook - Consistently making valuable contributions to discussions in History

Angus Hamer - Working hard to understand and master subtraction with borrowing

Kohden Wadling - Amazing use of oil pastels and water colours in his representation of Sydney Harbour

Lienke Janse Van Rensburg - Her effort and results in Mathematics

Riley McDowall - His keen interest and contributions to our English unit

Matthew Pollard - His continued effort and results in Mathematics

Tyler Robinson - His creative diary entry about the Snowy Mountains Scheme

Isaac Hetherinton - His keen participation in Science

Rebekka Stimson - Confidently measuring and calculating the perimeter of various shapes

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



Mrs Cracknell's Message

Thank you to our P&C for hosting their Pyjama Party last Thursday night. Our students had a wonderful evening while raising more funds for our P&C to support our school and students. This past week, the P&C fully subsidised the World of Maths program for our students. This ensured that all students had the opportunity to attend and participate in this hands on mathematical experience. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for her organisation of World of Maths and Mrs Dunn for ensuring all students had the necessary resources for the program.



While the Pyjama Party was a P&C run initiative, it was conducted on our school site. Unfortunately, there were a number of students who brought mobile phones to this event. Our digital devices policy was implemented two years ago due to the increasing demands of digital devices. While on school grounds, all digital devices must be turned off and in a bag.

For events such as the Pyjama Party, it is expected that families meet and greet their children onsite at the conclusion of the event. As such, parents and carers come to the hall to pick up their children. Mobile phones are not required at this event when the start and finish times are indicated on the note that is sent home. As a general rule, all children wait inside the hall until their parent or carer comes inside to pick them up. In the future, children will not leave the hall until a parent or carer picks them up from the hall. The *Kootingal Public School Digital Devices Policy* has been uploaded to the Sentral Parent Portal for your perusal.

Last week, I had a meeting with our Home School Liaison Officer, Ms Mel McGilchrist, in relation to our students' attendance. Student attendance is examined fortnightly during our Learning and Support Team. During this meeting, Ms McGilchrist raised concerns regarding the number of medical appointments during school hours. As a parent, I know how difficult it is to obtain a medical appointment outside school hours and, coupled with this, the transportation from Kootingal to Tamworth adds additional time. Nevertheless, taking a whole day for a medical appointment in town is not necessary and won't be granted a full day of leave in the future. A medical certificate will be required to confirm the appointment and necessary treatment.

Kootingal Public School has a range of methods in which parents and carers are able to explain the absence of their child. These include:

- Via the Sentral Parent Portal.
- Phone call to the school on 67603332.

- A note when the student returns to school from the absence.
- Replying to the daily absence text message sent from the school. Kootingal Public School has a dedicated SMS number so you can be assured it is coming from the school and you are able to save it to your phone.
- Facebook inbox. This is only seen by myself and Mrs Chegwyn.
- Text the school mobile phone.

Some parents have raised concerns in regards to ambulance calls made by the school. Each public school student in NSW is covered for ambulance care through the NSW Ambulance School and Group Cover Scheme. This scheme, managed by the NSW Ambulance Service, provides assurance that any student enrolled at a NSW public school, who has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, will have this cost met through the scheme. For the 2022 school year, coverage of the scheme includes cross-border excursions to the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria. At Kootingal Public School we are assured knowing this policy support the school and students and we don't hesitate to make the call for an ambulance. When the family receives the invoice from NSW Ambulance, it is simply returned to the school for payment by the Department.

Best of luck to Phillipa Cracknell of Year 5 this week as she competes with the North West Girls' Football team in Bathurst. Rug up Phillipa and play well!



As a timely reminder, we must take care of each other by still adhering to the mandates set out by NSW Health in relation to COVID-19. One area that requires attention at Kootingal Public School is when children are a household contact (someone who lives with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19) and close contact (someone who has been formally notified by NSW Health that they are a close contact).

Household and close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health guidelines:

- They must notify the school and/or early childhood education (ECE) service provider (including their outside of school hours care provider) if they are intending to return under this provision. **Schools will maintain this record on their local management systems.** The student or staff member's name, SRN or ID numbers, class and date of intended return is captured.
- They should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They (if in a secondary school setting) must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising. Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).
- No student or staff member identified as a household or close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.

Mrs Cracknell's Message

- No apprentices, trainees or students on placement or staff member identified as a household or close contact will be permitted to attend settings identified as high risk by NSW Health (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities)
- Any visitor to a school site who is a household or close contact is required to advise the school that they are a household or close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times. Schools should consider if the visit can be conducted virtually.

If your child is a close contact or household contact, please notify the school immediately so we can support your child. We must look after each other.

Until next week, take care.

Library

Library Borrowing Days with Mrs Morrish:

- KL - Mrs Lawrence - Tuesday
- KC - Mrs Chegwyn - Tuesday
- 1/2B - Miss Booby - Thursday
- 1/2C - Mr Cracknell - Thursday
- 1/2M - Miss Merrett - Thursday
- 3/4M - Miss Magann - Monday
- 3/4W - Miss Warden - Monday
- 5/6K - Miss Kelly - Wednesday
- 5/6S - Miss Semmler - Wednesday

All students must have a library bag to borrow books to take home. Mrs Morrish

Book Week - 22nd to 26th August

Book Week Theme - Dreaming with eyes open.



Book Week Costume Parade

For the first time in many years we are having a costume parade. Very exciting!

We would love all students to dress up as their favourite book character.

Details as to the day and time of the parade will follow in the coming week.



Kootingal Public School invites you to their
Kindergarten Come & Try Transition Program 2022

Wednesday 7th September 1.45 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 14th September 1.45 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 21st September 1.45 - 3.13pm

Any child starting Kindergarten in 2023 is welcome to attend

For more information and / or to RSVP please contact our school on 67603332

Little Stars
Playgroup

Kootingal Public School
Mondays 10 - 11.30am

Monday
10am to 11.30am
School Library

For information, please call
Kootingal School on
67603332
Facebook
Kootingal Playgroup
Kootingal School

New families
always welcome!

Enrolments now open!!

email support@thestudiopa.com



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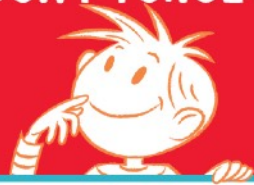
Contact: William

0410 841 628

info@esteemkidsgroup.com.au

wwwesteemkidsgroup.com.au

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

orders are due:

Thursday 4th August

Book Club

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SCHOLASTIC

swop it
everyday in the lunchbox

Stress-free fussy eating ideas

Fussy eating is common, but that still doesn't make it easy.

Does your child dislike foods because of their colour, texture or the way they are prepared?

Don't despair, SWAP IT will help with ideas on how to pack an everyday lunchbox for your fussy eater.

Try the 3:1 lunchbox rule everyday:

- Three items your child likes
- One new everyday item



For more ideas on fussy eating visit

www.swapit.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/resources/parent-resources/tips/tips-for-fussy-eaters/



Good for kids
good for life

**Kootingal Public School
P&C Canteen Menu 2022**



Hot Food	\$ Price
Cheese Pizza	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$3.50
Cheeseburger	\$4.50
Grilled Chicken Burger (lettuce, cheese, mayo)	\$4.50
Fish burger (fish fillet, lettuce, mayo)	\$4.00
Chicken Wrap (lettuce, cheese, mayo)	\$4.00
Meat Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Lasagna	\$4.50
Mac and Cheese	\$4.50
Chicken Nuggets (Minimum 3)	70c each
Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$3.00
Chicken & Cheese Toastie	\$3.00
Cheese Toastie	\$2.50
Fresh Food	
Ham and salad wrap (lettuce, cheese, carrot, mayo)	\$4.00
Cheese sandwich	\$2.50
Vegetemite sandwich	\$2.50
Chicken salad tub (sliced chicken breast, lettuce, cheese, carrot, mayo)	\$5.00
Assorted fruit	50c each

Drinks	\$Price
Chocolate milk	\$2.50
Strawberry milk	\$2.50
Apple popper	\$1.50
Tropical popper	\$1.50
Apple & Blackcurrant popper	\$1.50
Chill J: Raspberry, lemonade, Apple Cola, Orange/Passio	\$3.00 each
Bottled water	\$1.50
Frozen Snacks	
Strawberry/Vanilla Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.20
Mango/Watermelon Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.20
Chocolate Moosies	\$2.00
Quelch	50c
Chips	
Red Rock Deli: Sea Salt	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$1.50
Extras	
Tomato Sauce	50c
BBQ Sauce	50c

Please clearly label your child's name and class on a brown paper bag or lunch bag. Thank you 😊

Snacks available to purchase at first break