Merit Award
Savannah Barber and Brock Hyson

Gold Awards
Isabella Johnston, Brock Hyson and Toby Taggart

Silver Awards
Chloe Bayes, Charmaine Grant, William Morris, Beau Robertson, Georgia Ford, Taleah Pinnock, Isabella Johnston, Cooper Higgins, Brendan Jarrett, Chenoa and William Siemsen

Uniform Awards
Sienna Butorac, Taela Mc Cahon, Zane Hyson, Kiera Madden, Brendan Jarrett, Taleah Pinnock and Jack Howard

Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2015
Thursday 17th September - Movie Night - Cloudy with a Chance of Meatball - 6pm to 8pm in the School Hall
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 (Thu - 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)
Isabelle Aitken - Always completing her homework and home reading all year
Sophie Hogg - Her continued effort in homework, home reading and sight words
Meika Haak - Settling in so well to her new class and school
Deakan Keven-Faulkner - A big improvement in his knowledge of sounds
Lilly Thomas and Angus Frewen - Always reading and organised for activities
Lilly Aitken - Improvement in reading and writing
Elloise Sharpham - Always organised and ready for activities
Zoe Reid, Emma Jarrett and Shania Coppola-Smith - Achieving plus ten in Mathematics
Reuben Haak and Brianna Goman — Settling in to his new school and class
Grace Callaghan - Great use of questioning during discussions about the text, Finding Home
Harrison Witten - Great participation during discussions about the text, Finding Home
Tianna Urquhart - Pleasing work in spelling
Harry Fields-Waddington - Improved behaviour
Sophie Butorac - Excellent interest and participation in the nature Art Video Conference
Erika Kamminga - Being a helpful class member
Jack Hyson - Always giving things a go, even the new and unfamiliar
Kelsey Burrell - Doing so well with trick skipping in sport
Nate Painter - Improved spelling results
Boston DeBelle - 100% in spelling test, working hard to achieve better results
Lyiara Fernando - Exemplary behaviour, demonstrating school values
Sophie Burrell - Exemplary behaviour, follows directions well
Ashton Haak - Settling in well and a positive attitude to learning
Dylan Dow - Positive attitude to learning

**NSW Junior Chess League**

On Friday 4th September, 12 students represented our school at the chess competition at Tamworth Public School. There were 49 teams from schools across the district. Kootingal entered 4 teams, which had 3 players in each. Kootingal A team scored well on the day. They came 10th overall. There were 6 games in total. All our students played well and were great representatives of the school.

**Library Happenings**

Some children have taken extra books home for the holidays. They have a note in their bag if they took extra books. This is to assist them when they are returning after the holidays. Happy Reading. Mrs Doak

**Mrs Cracknell’s Message**

Our final week of the term is here! As the final days approach, it doesn’t appear to be slowing down. If anything, it is full steam ahead with no end in sight.

On Tuesday night, we held our monthly P&C meeting. At each meeting, I present a report indicating our achievements, evaluations and possible future directions. At this meeting, the P&C again discussed the future canteen service at Kootingal Public School. The decision has been made to continue our current service under a voluntary basis during Term 4. At the meeting conducted last week about the future directions of the canteen service, it was apparent that we had more volunteers than previously thought. A roster for assisting in the canteen during Term 4 is under construction. Thank you to all the people who have indicated they can assist the P&C during this time. 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!

We are also in our final week of the Come & Try program. Mrs Lawrence commences each session with a picture book reading. This past week, students listened to The Pocket Dogs and Pocket Dogs Go On Holiday by Margaret Wild. Mrs Lawrence and her band of year 5 students, Mrs Knight and Mrs Buchanan ably assisted our students to make pocket dogs. This required a great deal of fine motor skills as the students hand sewed their pockets and carefully folded their dogs. As the pre-school children disembarked from the bus, one little girl lost her pocket dog from her pocket, not unlike Biff who fell out of Mr Pocket’s jacket pocket. She was quick to board the bus again to retrieve her dog. Well done Mrs Lawrence!

**Weekly Bronze Awards**

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**BANKING - Thursdays**

Banking Prizes
Dylan Dow and Jordana Winter

Banking Co-Ordinators
Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden

Support the Businesses that support our school

Kootingal & District Bowling Club
Friday /Saturday Meat Raffles
2 First Class Bowling Green
Excellent Chinese Meals
Children Welcome
Station Street, Kootingal Ph: 6760 3202 or Restaurant 6760 3936

Tamworth Landscape Supplies
Open 7 Days
Dave Barratt 0427 659 992
Anthony Henney 0428 659 992
8-82 Barneys Street, Tamworth
Ph: 02 6765 9999 Fax: 02 6765 9999
dave@tamworthlandscapesupplies.com.au

Kootingal Hotel
More than just a local
Lunch served daily 12 – 2pm
Dinner - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6pm — late
Pizzas - Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6pm — late
Enjoy the beer garden with children’s playground
20 Gate St, Kootingal, Ph: 6760 3203
www.kootingalhotel.com.au
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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.

This 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.

Earlier this week, I sent a letter to all families indicating our timetable for the week. The focus of our week is food sustainability and addressing the global endemic of food wastage. So far, students have been immersed in the picture book Let’s Eat by author Ana Zamorano. In keeping with our continued emphasis on Focus on Reading strategies in our classrooms, lessons have been composed around the focus areas of Making Connections, Summarising and Questioning based on the picture book.

At the time of writing, I had not embarked on the cooking with 180-odd students. I must say, I am a little apprehensive! I look forward to sharing our experience with you next term.

Earlier in the week, students had the opportunity to try new fruits as a part of their Crunch & Sip fruit break with fruit platters purchased for each class as a part of the Agriculture, Food and Fibre Week. Mrs Lawrence’s Kindergarten class first had their favourite fruits but then savoured the experience to try honeydew melon and rockmelon. Well done Kindergarten to trying something new!

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, Mrs Doak, Mrs Chegwyn and myself joined our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Jodie Bishop, for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) training in Tamworth. This training is vital to our development and implementation of PBL in Kootingal Public School. It was wonderful to spend time with our new colleague and member of our executive team and assisted with discussions about planning for 2016. Lots of ideas flowed and were pencilled in for next year, along with a comment from the PBL team of contributors over the two days. This serves to demonstrate our commitment to the PBL process for our community’s school and children.

I am pleased to announce that Kootingal Public School has been successful in obtaining a grant from the Department of Education to perform a Case Study project that utilises online collaboration. Schools were invited to share and showcase their journey in online collaboration by applying for funding to support the production of a case study for online publication. At Kootingal Public School, we viewed this as an opportunity to contribute to a series of case studies and Class Movies that will capture good practice in classrooms with the aim being to highlight online collaboration and document great ideas and practices. The Department initiated this program as a result of the report Rural and Remote Education – a blueprint for action. Mr Griffiths, leader of the 21st Century project team, put together the application for this initiative. Mr Griffiths will conduct this with his class 2/3G. This is extremely exciting and has a very short turn around for completion. Good luck Mr Griffiths and thank you in advance for your time and efforts with this project. I look forward to hearing and seeing the results.

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.

Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the closeness of family. Please note we do not start with a Pupil Free Day so all children commence Monday 5th October. See you then!
Kootingal-Moonbi Swimming Club would like to invite you and your child/children to join our club. We have a wonderful friendly family atmosphere and great coaches. Your child/children can join our club to become a confident swimmer and to get fit. They may also want to go on and compete in swimming carnivals around our region. Our club has swimmers from Kootingal, Moonbi, Daruka, Bendemeer, Nemingha, Dungowan and Tamworth area. Our club has children from ages 5 to 17 years with a range of abilities, from those with only a few strokes, to others who have qualified for Country, State and Nationals. It’s never too late to start! You owe it to yourself to be swim safe!

**Mini Squads**

**Mini Squad Summer Training Schedule**
- **Monday:** 4.30pm – 5.10pm
- **Tuesday:** *4.45pm – 5.45pm (Training) *6.00pm – 7.30pm (Point Score & BBQ)
- **Wednesday:** 5.00pm – 6.15pm (C Squad) 5.15pm – 7.00pm (A & B Squads)
- **Friday:** 5.00pm – 6.15pm (C Squad) 5.15pm – 7.00pm (A & B Squads)

**A, B & C Squads**

**A, B & C Squads Summer Training Schedule**
- **Monday:** 5.00pm – 6.15pm (C Squad) 5.15pm – 7.00pm (A & B Squads)
- **Tuesday:** *4.45pm – 5.45pm (Training All Squads) *6.00pm – 7.30pm (Point Score & BBQ)
- **Wednesday:** 5.00pm – 6.15pm (C Squad) 5.15pm – 7.00pm (A & B Squads)
- **Friday:** 5.00pm – 6.15pm (C Squad) 5.15pm – 7.00pm (A & B Squads)

The summer season will run from approximately Monday 12 October 2015 to Friday 25 March 2016 (24 weeks)

**Location:** Kootingal Pool, Denman Ave, Kootingal

**Coaches:** Graham Poetschka and Graham Johnstone

**Contact:** Kelly Williams 02 6764 2422 or 0410 387 192

**Email:** kootingalmoonbiasc@gmail.com

**Website:** www.kmasc.com.au