Term 3 Week 8

Thursday 3rd September 2015

Merit Award
William Heeney

Gold Awards
Savannah Barber and William Heeney

Silver Awards
Toby Taggart, Dylan Dow, Brock Hyson, Hannah Turner-Bourke and Cody Turner-Bourke

Uniform Awards
Jackson Burton, Isabelle Marsh, Aaleyah Atkins, Damikah Barwick-Taylor, Reba Ramage, Montana Winter, Macey Holden and Emily Hayne

Important Dates to Remember Term 3 2015

Friday 4th September - NSW Junior Chess League at TPS
Friday 4th September - K-2 Responsible Pet Program
Tuesday 8th September - Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 9th Sept - Kindy 2016 Come and Try 1:30 to 3:15pm
Friday 11th September - Kadul Performance
Tuesday 15th September - Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 15th September - P & C Meeting, School Library 6pm
Wednesday 16th Sept - Kindy 2016 Come and Try 1:30 to 3:15pm

Executive Team - Principal - Cara Cracknell
Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn (Mon - Wed) and Kirsty Lawrence (Thur - 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)
Raymond Sydenham - Improved knowledge of sight words
Tahnae Roberts - Being an enthusiastic participant during dance practice and performance
Lily Shiels - Continued effort in homework and home reading
Sienna Butorac - Working well in Mathematics with concrete materials
Thomas Atkins - Thoughtful questions and responses in discussions
Robert Hazard - 100% completion of homework
Jessie Johnson - Excellent commitment to learning
Taela McCahon - Settling back into 2M
Natalie Baker, Sophie Howard and Darcy Harris - A creative tesselation in Mathematics
Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Well organised and ready for work
Megan Johnson - Maintaining high work standards
Alexander Cracknell - Embracing new technologies in the classroom
Madison Pollard - Fantastic sudoku skills
Crystal Van Maanen - Demonstrating our school values
Desean Allen - Good contributions in Focus on Reading activities
Cohen Parkes - Clever work making a trihexaflexagon
Megan Bubb - Maintaining a high standard of work in all subjects
Brendan Jarrett, Hannah Turner-Bourke, Montana Winter, Ellie Caslick, Jack Howard and Damikah Barwick-Taylor - Representing our school with pride at Regionals.
William Baldwin - Exemplary behaviour, following directions well
Georgia DeBelle - Demonstrating creativity in writing
Emmielle Kingdom - Positive attitude to learning
Macey Holden - Persistence in learning new concepts
Georgia Madden - Gaining more confidence and improvement in reading
Charmaine Grant - Always being helpful and working hard in class
Guransh Makhija - Positive approach to learning and always asking questions
Chloe Bayes - Commitment to learning and completing all set tasks
Emmielle Kingdom and Izabella Vernon - Being a responsible helper at Breakfast Club

Toby Callaghan - Pleasing achievement in all areas of English and Mathematics
William Jones - Consistent effort across all areas
Riley Robinson - Being a kind, caring and patient friend to others
Emily Hatton - Displaying great skill and enthusiasm during dance practice
Braidy Cork, Isabelle Marsh, Lilly Aitken, Chelsea Van Maanen Ty Allen - Contributions to class discussions
Zoe Reid - Being an independent worker
Shania Coppola-Smith - Showing persistence in learning
Wade Holden - Working hard to consolidate understanding
Zoe Hyson - Being a quiet worker who cooperates well with others
Tyler Flemming - Working well in class and achieving commendable results
William Heeney - Being a reliable worker who focuses well on set tasks
Madison Pollard - Working hard in Mathematics, in particular learning her 3 times tables
Jade Nicholls - General citizenship
William Siemsen and Tianna Urquhart - Showing care and compassion to others
Reba Ramage - Working hard to consolidate understandings in all subjects
James Grant - Being a most wonderful hardworking, respectful and responsible member of 4C
Savannah Barber - Being a co-operative and hardworking team member. Striving to do her best
Jack Hyson - Always presenting his work to a very high standard. Always being respectful and responsible
Jack Merrick - Working very hard to improve in literacy and numeracy
Dylan Dow - Showing independent work habits
Sophie Hobden - Showing confidence to tackle new tasks
William Baldwin and Sophie Burrell - Follows school rules well, wonderful behaviour
Lachlan Young - Fantastic descriptive writing
Emily Merrick - Achieving super spelling results
Emily Hayne - Joining class discussions and improved work habits
Mitchell Worth - Improved effort in literacy lessons

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Education Week Awards

Alexander Cracknell - His absolute passion for reading books.

Ayisha Mason-Fernando - Being a quiet worker who shows persistence in her learning.

Bodin Wallace - Being a hard working student who has a genuine thirst for knowledge. Bodin’s desire to be the best he can makes him a pleasure to teach.

Courtney Baker - Commitment to learning.

Damien Nicholls - Being conscientious and attentive and having a positive attitude to learning.

Darcy Harris - Developing a passion for reading books.

Emily Nicholls - For her passion of reading.

Finley Wallace - Academic excellence across all Key Learning Areas.

Grace Callaghan - Being a student who focuses on her work, attempting each task to the best of her ability. Grace is caring and shows genuine concern for her friends and peers, demonstrating our motto, Caring, Learning and Achieving Together.

Guransh Makhija - Commitment to learning.

Hope Clarke - Her commitment to learning, both at school and at home, and for being an attentive and enthusiastic learner.

Jainah Grant - A positive attitude to learning and diligent completion of classwork.

Macey Holden - Having a positive, respectful attitude towards learning and consistent effort.

Madeleine Jones - Citizenship and striving to uphold Kootingal Public School’s qualities and rules.

Maverick Ramage - Being a quiet and careful worker who tries his best.

Naomi Maybury - Being a quiet student who works diligently to complete tasks and improve her learning. She is reliable and trustworthy.

Nate Symons - Being a quiet, thoughtful student who works hard in class to improve his understandings in all subject areas. A good friend and reliable assistant.

Todd Milgate - A positive attitude to learning and diligent completion of classwork.

William Baldwin - Following instructions swiftly, having a positive attitude to learning and demonstrating resilience and quiet confidence.

Student of the Month

Cody Turner-Bourke
Year 2
Cody is a thoughtful and hard working student who always shows respect to others, both within the classroom and playground. He is a positive role model to others and wears his uniform with pride.

Cody demonstrates care and compassion to others and includes anyone in an activity or game. He follows our Play Is The Way values and 'pursues his personal best no matter who he works with'.

Cody has a positive attitude towards learning and strives to do his best both academically and in sport. He displays a willingness to improve in all Key Learning Areas. Cody is a valued class member and a worthy recipient of the Student of the Month award.

Congratulations Cody.

Toby Taggart
Year 6
Toby is a friendly and respectful young man who is always willing to help teachers and visitors. He regularly provides guidance to his peers and to younger members of the school; he is a fantastic buddy.

Toby demonstrates he is an outstanding school leader by being a positive role model at work and at play.

Toby wears his uniform with pride and strives to achieve his personal best in all that he does. Toby is quietly humble, yet proud of his excellent academic achievements and sporting prowess.

Toby is a popular member of the school community and thoroughly deserves to be the ‘Student of the Month’.

Congratulations Toby.

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8am & 5pm - Denman Ave, Kootingal
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Kootingal Public School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair. It was a great success with over $3000 worth of books sold. Orders have been placed and will be handed out as soon as they come.

Mrs Anne Doak

Mrs Cracknell’s Message

Last week was a blast! We had a wonderful Grandparent’s Day that culminated in a full assembly. I think the highlight was Kindergarten’s dance performance. They definitely have the moves! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and community members that came to our day. I hope it provided you with a great insight into the workings of our school and our wonderful students. Best thing is that we do it all again next year!

Our Come & Try Program for Kindergarten 2016 is coming along nicely. Last week, Mrs Lawrence and her band of year 5 students, Mrs Knight and Mrs Buchanan ably assisted our students in the construction of a sentence and artwork about their grandparents. In keeping with the grandparent theme, Mrs Lawrence read to the children the picture books Grandpa Baby and Our Granny. At the end of the day, I walked into find our young children engrossed in the iPads. It is safe to say that they didn’t require any introduction or assistance from our year 5 students with the iPads. The children took to them like ducks to water. All the children, Year 5 students included, are becoming more familiar with our surroundings and they ease into each afternoon seamlessly. This is an outstanding feature of our new transition program.

A reminder that our Come & Try Program during Term 3 is designed for all children intending to enrol in Kindergarten in 2016, regardless of school. The Program is operating each Wednesday afternoon until the end of Term 3 2015. A bus is transporting students to Kootingal Public School who are attending Kootingal and District PreSchool at 1:30pm and return the children by 3:15pm. Parents may wish, however, to bring their child at 1:30pm and collect them at 3:15pm. The program orientates children to school and to the Kindergarten setting, as well as developing social skills, gross and fine motor skills, literacy and numeracy skills necessary for a confident and smooth start to school life.

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 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.

The P&C have put their name forward for involvement in a recycling initiative with TerraCycle. TerraCycle is an international upcycling and recycling company that collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products and repurposes the material into affordable, innovative products. Kootingal Public School is participating in the Cleaning Packaging Brigade. I have included a picture of the products that we can collect to recycle. Items donated for recycling are given a donation from TerraCycle and this goes directly to P&C. All the help we can get to become more sustainable is a good practice.

2M have been at it again with their handwriting. Well done to Shania Coppola-Smith, Taela McCaohon, Zoe Reid, Wade Holden, Maverick Ramage, Ayisha Fernando, Emma Jarrett, Aaleyah Atkins, Sophie Howard and Cody Turner-Bourke. They are becoming quite accustomed to the Principal’s office … for all the right reasons!

In preparation for Term 4, our school has been successful in gaining additional staffing under the Quality Teaching, Successful Students initiative. This initiative is based on the premise of improving teaching in classrooms through mentoring system. As you would be aware, we have had a focus this term on Focus on Reading with our previous Highly Accomplished Teacher, Mrs Shauna Stoker. In Term 4, we will use the additional staffing to release our executive teachers to assist our classroom teachers in their implementation of the Focus on Reading concepts and practices. It is vital that we continue our pursuit to have the universal language of Focus on Reading in all classrooms so that all students can benefit.

As another term approaches a very fast conclusion, it is time for Parent Teacher Interviews. Notes regarding the interviews were sent home last week with a text message highlighting their arrival in school bags. It is important to note that these interviews are scheduled over two weeks (two Tuesdays – 8th and 15th September) so that we can see as many parents as possible. Mrs Ward has made alternative arrangements due to leave taken at the end of this term. Please return your suitable times and dates to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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.
**T-BALL FOR ALL**

Tamworth Softball Association and Tamworth Baseball Inc are working together to deliver T-ball to kids. All levels of players welcome.

The program will run in Tamworth over 9 weeks on a Saturday morning at the Carter Street fields from the 10th October through to the 12th December 2015 from 9am.

There will be several different age divisions, depending on numbers.

We will be hosting 3 come and try days where you can bring your child along to give T-ball a go and see if they would be interested in signing up:

- **29th August**: 10am - 11am
- **5th September**: 9:30am - 10:30am
- **19th September**: 10am - 11am

**Cost:** $40.00 for 9 week program  
Includes: Team shirt and hat, Players insurance.

Only $20 for those who participates in the previous TBI program (using shirt and hat from previous program)

T-Ball is a great non-contact sport played by boys and girls of all ages. It’s a great way to get active, meeting new people and learning about teamwork. T-ball give all participants maximum involvement while gaining the fundamental skills that will carry them through all levels of baseball as well as several other sports.

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**KOOTY KIDS COME AND TRY HOTSHOTS TENNIS**

Perform with Power Tennis Academy is holding a “Come and Try” day at the Kootingal Tennis courts. All kids welcome ages 4 +

**26th September**  9am to 12pm  
BBQ LUNCH FOR ALL PLAYERS AND PARENTS TO RESERVE

We are looking to kick off a Friday afternoon of tennis coaching and evening junior comp for any interested kids Term 4.

For bookings and more information please contact club professional Mitch Power on 0434211461 or email mitch.power87@gmail.com
September/October School Holiday Workshops at Tamworth Regional Gallery

This school holidays the Gallery is offering classes for:

* 5-7 year olds ($15.00 per class)
* 8-11 year olds ($18.00 per class)
* 12-15 year olds ($18.00 per class)

To book contact the Gallery on 6767 5248

Students must wear enclosed shoes and a paint shirt

**WEEK 1**

**Wednesday 23 September**

**Sculpture & 3D**

Class times
5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm

In this class you will experiment with sculptural materials to create 3D artworks of your own to take home.

Tutor: Leisel

**Thursday 24 September**

**Printmaking**

Class times
5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm
12-15 years 2.30pm-4.00pm

In this workshop you will learn printmaking techniques to make your own unique one off pieces.

Tutor: Pam

**Friday 26 September**

**Landscape painting**

Class times
5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm

Using Acrylic paint and canvas boards, you can either bring along a photo for inspiration or use your imagination to create your own masterpiece!

Tutor: Kate

**WEEK 2**

**Wednesday 30 September**

**Portraits**

Class times
5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm

Using the face as inspiration you will create a drawing and painting of a familiar or imagined face.

Tutor: Kate

**Thursday 1 October**

**Drawing**

Class times
5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm
12-15 years 2.30pm-4.00pm

Using charcoal, ink, pencil and more, you will experiment with new drawing techniques.

Tutor: Kate

**Friday 2 October**

**Painting**

Class times
5-7 years 10.30am-11.30am
8-11 years 12noon-1.30pm

Using Acrylic paint and canvas board you can let your imagination run wild in this workshop!

Tutor: Pam

**Details**

- All materials provided
- An enrolment form must be completed by parents or carers
- Closed in shoes and a paint shirt MUST be worn by all participants
- No refunds

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