Silver Awards
James Grant and Crystal Van Maanen

Uniform Awards
Meika Haak, Riley Robinson, Elloise Sharpham, Georgia Ford, Amity Cork, Nate Painter and Sophie Burrell

Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2016

Monday 15th February - SRC Induction (Morning assembly)
Tuesday 16th February - P & C Meeting - School Library 6pm
Wednesday 17th February - Book Club Due
Friday 19th February - SRC - Pink Stumps Day
Monday 22nd February - Zone Tennis Trials
Thursday 25th Feb - Assembly by 5/6W, Item - Choir, 2:15pm
Friday 26th February - Tamworth Zone Swimming
Monday 29th February - K/1 Bus Program
Friday 4th March - Clean Up Australia 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
Secretary: Vanessa Johnson
Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jelka Schurink (Canteen)
Weekly Bronze Awards

Matthew Pollard - Being an attentive listener
Lotte Boniecki - Having a positive approach to learning
Sunni Fields - Being a kind and caring friend to others
Torah Humphris - Being attentive to following instructions well
Lilly Shiels and Sophie Hogg - Being an organised and enthusiastic learner
Emily Hatton and Raymond Sydenham - Using word work book when writing
Angus Frewen, Colbie Butler, Lilly Thomas and Ayisha Mason - Settled work habits
Aaleyah Atkins and Brenden Thompson - Great participation in class discussions
Cody Turner-Bourke and Zane Hyson - Working well in Mathematics
Riley Scott - Being a cooperative member of 4C. Welcome to Kootingal Public School
William Morris - Excellent work habits in Mathematics
Tyler Flemming - Thinking of others and being a good friend
Cohen Parkes - Great effort in spelling
Zach Parkes - Demonstrating good sportsmanship and a great sense of humour during class games
Alexander Cracknell and Hannah Turner-Bourke - Great spelling test results
Megan Johnson - Making effective predictions using her knowledge of vocabulary
Dylan Dow and Sophie Hobden - Enthusiastic participation and sportsmanship at the swimming carnival
Emmielle Kingdom - Being a great helper and providing support at the swimming carnival
Ashton Haak - Showing sportsmanship and providing support at the swimming carnival

Mrs Cracknell’s Message

The school year is well and truly on a course of full steam ahead. Ending our week last week with the annual swimming carnival was a blast. It is a long awaited congratulations to Dwyer who were victorious as carnival champions. Perhaps most memorable was Mrs Griffiths’ victory celebration bomb in the pool! The Dwyer win has been a long time coming and they worked extremely hard for it. Well done Dwyer!

Congratulations to our Swimming Champions and Runners up:
- Junior Champions - Megan Johnson and William Morris
- Junior Runners up - Jessie Johnson and Luke Goodhand
- 11 year Champions - Savannah Barber, Brendan Jarrett and Boston DeBelle
- 11 years Runners up - Hannah Turner-Bourke
- Senior Champions - Sophie Hobden and Dylan Dow
- Senior Runners up - Georgia DeBelle and Shannon Charters

This past week we conducted our Meet the Teacher night. It was wonderful to see so many parents, particularly new parents, accessing our school and making themselves known to their child’s teacher. As a parent, I find this evening valuable in hearing about the aims of the classroom and the routine and structure in which my child will learn. At each meeting, the classroom teacher provided the class’s Term 1 newsletter. Please ensure you are familiar with the contents of this newsletter. As always, it is a valuable document to keep on hand.

During our Meet the Teacher night, members of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team conducted a dot placement survey regarding the future logo of our PBL program. PBL is a school-wide initiative that provides a structure of support and promotion of positive behaviour and effective learning in a safe environment. PBL is underpinned by a set of core values as determined by the school community. Kootingal Public School’s core values are SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, EFFECTIVE LEARNERS. The logo is symbolic of our school community’s beliefs and expectations of our school.

The two options for our logo are a star and a tree. The star is a design that is already familiar to our school community. Below are some of the reasons the design of a star is considered for a PBL logo:
- Kootingal is the Aboriginal word for star
- We have the Star Café
- Historical significance and link to the Aboriginal community
- Bright Star Moments are positive notes home to our families.

Banking - Thursday

Please attend the next major assembly (Thursday 25th February) if you would like to open a bank account for your child. There will be a Commonwealth Bank Representative on hand to open new accounts.

Banking Co-Ordinators
Cath Bubb and Karen Hobden
Mrs Cracknell’s Message

Reasons to consider the design of a tree as a PBL logo are:

- Trees are symbolic of our orchard history
- We have a citrus tree on our school’s crest
- Representative of growth and opportunity
- Tree roots provide grounding and stability.

If you would like to participate in the logo design survey please come to our front office or see our School Captains at the front gate in the afternoon. Our students and staff will also vote.

Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted into our Student Representative Council (SRC) on Monday 15th February at 9.30am in the hall.

2/3M  Nate Symons and Jessie Johnson
3S  Cody Turner-Bourke and Emma Jarrett
4C  Jack Chapple and Amy Cork
4/5G  Boston De Belle and Megan Johnson
5/6W  Brendan Jarrett
Year 6  Ryley Marsh, Brock Hyson, Sophie Hobden and Georgia DeBelle

Invitations to parents and families were given to students this week for the induction ceremony.

One of my favourite moments of the past week occurred as I walked through the COLA area. As I was walking, Zane Hyson came out of Mrs Simpson’s 3S class. I greeted Zane as I usually do and I asked him how he was feeling. Zane’s answer – ‘Awesome!’ Keep up your wonderful enthusiasm Zane!

This year we have moved to an electronic newsletter. Our newsletter is available through email or on our website. Those families that wish to continue to receive a paper copy must advise the school in writing. We commenced this process in Term 4 2015 with enough time for families to advise as to how they wish to receive our school’s newsletter. This was further provided in the permission materials given to each student on Thursday 28th January. It is important families keep up-to-date with events at school.

Next week is our first P&C meeting for 2016. Our P&C meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month in our school’s library and commence at 6pm with all business ceasing at 8pm. Our P&C is much more than a fundraising committee. Our P&C is a voice of the school community and is utilised by the school to source ideas, opinions and future directions for our school. Please consider joining our P&C and having a greater involvement in your child’s education.

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.

Last, but not least, 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.

PBL News

Kootingal Public School is continuing its implementation of the program Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) in 2016. PBL is a school-wide initiative that provides a structure or support and promotion of positive behaviour and effective learning in a safe environment. PBL is underpinned by a set of core values as determined by our community. The core values of Kootingal Public School are Safe, Supportive, Effective Learners.

As a part of the PBL program, Kootingal Public School is seeking the opinion of our school and broader community about the logo. The PBL team has decided upon two options. They are a tree and a star. Below we have outlined the reasons why and ask our community to consider which option is best for Kootingal Public School.

Why choose a tree?

- In our crest
- Historical significance for Kootingal
- Represents growth and opportunity
- Roots provide grounding/stability

Why choose a star?

- Kootingal means star
- We have the Star Café
- Historical significance for Kootingal
- We have the Bright Star Moment which is a positive communication to families
- Koolangarra

Please advise the school as to which option you prefer.

Playgroup

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!
WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY
OPEN DAY

9.00am – 2.00pm

We are the only boys’ agricultural Government selective school in Australia. Farrer has established an enviable reputation as a centre of excellence in academics, agriculture, welfare and sports programs. Catering to the education of both day and boarding students Farrer is set on 191 hectares of prime agricultural land, 10 kilometres from Tamworth, New South Wales.

RSVP: 6764-8607 – Kerry Hussey – Enrolments Officer
Wear casual clothing & bring a hat. Refreshments will be served.

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“Proudly committed to producing thinking, well-educated, skilled, flexible and caring people capable of confident effective participation in society.”

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FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Bicentennial Park, Tamworth
Minions (PG)

Entertainment from 5.30pm, movie from sunset
Visit newcastlepermanent.com.au/cinema or “like” us at facebook.com/newcastlepermanent

A FREE 2 week self-esteem program for children aged 10 to 12 years
Self-esteem can affect our happiness, our performance in tasks, how we interact with others and our quality of life.

I Am Important is a self-esteem program which looks at:
1. What self-esteem is
2. The role that self-esteem plays in a person’s life
3. Ways to develop self-esteem

I Am Important also includes components on feelings, resilience and problem solving.

Registrations are essential. Courses and workshops may be cancelled 7 days prior to commencement if there are insufficient registrations.
## The Star Cafe'
### Term 1 Summer Menu, 2016

### Canteen Roster
Volunteer for Friday 12th February - Melissa Brennan
Volunteer for Friday 19th February - Kelly Tull

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### 1st Break Only (11:30am to 12.30am)

**Healthy Snacks (Green)**
- Apple: $1.00
- Orange: $1.00
- Cheese & Biscuits: $2.50
- Vaalia Yoghurt (Vanilla): $1.80
- Pop Corn: 20c
- Fruit Salad Bowl smll
  - (apple, orange, watermelon, Grapes): $4.00

**Snacks (Amber)**
- Chocolate Chip Muffin: $1.50
- Lamington: $1.50

**Sandwiches**
- Chicken: $3.00
- Ham: $3.00

Available with Salad choices 50 extra per filling
- (Mayo/Sweet Chili/BBQ or Tomato Sauce)

**Hot Food**
- Chicken Tender Salad Wrap
  - (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot & Cheese)
  - Sweet Chili/Mayo sauce: $4.00
- Chicken Tender Salad Bowl
  - (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot & Cheese)
  - Sweet Chili/Mayo: $4.00
- Snack Chicken Tender Wrap
  - (Lettuce/Mayo/BBQ /Chili/ Tomato Sauce): $2.50
- Chicken Burger (small bun)
  - (Lettuce/Mayo/BBQ or Tomato sauce): $3.60
- Chicken Tender: $1.50
- Yummy Drumsties: $1.30
- Chicken Nuggets: 6 for $3.00
  - 60c each
- Fish Cocktails: 6 for $3.00
  - 60c each
- Ham and Pineapple Pizza: $2.60
- Cheese and Bacon Pizza: $2.60
- Plain Meat Pie (Lite) 200 grams: $3.80
- Junior Snack Pie (Lite) 85 grams: $1.80
- Sausage Rolls (Lite): $2.80
- Sauce: (Tom, BBQ, Sweet Chili)
  - 30c each

### Over the counter items available 1st and 2nd Break
(1.40pm to 2.10pm)

**Drinks**
- Milky Max: $2.00
  - (Straw, Choc)
- Water: $2.00
- Juice: $2.00
  - (Apple / Orange/Apple & Blackcurrant)

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**Treat**
- Ice Cream Cups: $1.50
- Moosies: $1.30
- Mony’s (TNTs): 50c
- Icy Poles: 50c
- Quelch Frozen Stick (Green): 50c
- Red Rock Chips (Honey soy): $1.40
- JJ Snacks (chicken): $1.40
- Yogurt Sticks: 20c each
- Jelly Fruits Frozen: 4 for $1.00
  - 30c each

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*Please ensure that your lunch order bag (large bag please) is clearly marked with student’s name, class and the correct money. Please add an extra 10c if lunch bag is needed.*

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Thank You

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