Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2016

Friday 4th March - Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 7th March - North West Swimming
Tuesday 8th March - Zone Boys and Girls Soccer Trials
Thursday 10th March - Selective High School Placement Test
Tuesday 15th March - P & C Meeting 6pm in school library
Wed 16th March - Zone 11yrs & Open Rugby League trials
Friday 18th March - Canteen - Red Food 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
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P & C Executive
President: Lauren Witten
Vice President - Cath Bubb
Secretary: Vanessa Johnson
Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jelka Schurink (Canteen)

Term 1  Week 6

Wednesday 2nd March 2016

4C Goals for 2016

Merit Award
Jack Chapple, Jack Hyson and Matilda Lees

Gold Award
Robert Hazard, Jack Chapple, Sophie Howard and Matilda Lees

By Jaeda Symons

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Silver Awards
Georgia Ford, Angus Frewen, Raymond Sydenham, Natasha Grant, Jack Chapple and Sophie Hogg

Uniform Awards
Lily Shiels, Ethan Walker, Angus Frewen, Zoe Reid, Beau Robertson, Alexander Cracknell and Byron Lees

Student of the Month
Sophie Hogg

Sophie is a polite and well mannered student who greets us every morning with a beautiful smile. She is well respected by her classmates and teachers and is a role model to all her peers. Sophie wears her school uniform with pride and always displays our school values. Sophie is always first to offer a helping hand to a peer or a teacher, often without having to be asked. She uses her initiative and knows when and how things need to be done. Sophie is always organised and ready and eager to learn. Her work standards are meticulous and she is attentive in class. Sophie has a kind nature and is a very caring and thoughtful friend to all. She cooperates well with all classmates and will work alongside anyone in the classroom.

Congratulations Sophie, a very deserving award.

Student of the Month
James Grant

James is a quiet, diligent student who is always attentive in class and works without distraction. He is respectful and responsible and is a great role model to his peers. James attends to all tasks with care, giving them a great deal of thought, and is always happy to lend a helping hand. James is humble and selfless. James is a thinker and problem solver, who often shares his ideas and knowledge with teachers and friends. James wears his uniform proudly, follows school rules and is a superb citizen of Kootingal Public School.

Congratulations James.

Banking - Thursday
10 banking deposits will gain a Commonwealth Banking prize.

Banking Co-Ordinator
Cath Bubb

Clothing Pool will only be open on:
Tuesday and Wednesday mornings
9am to 9:30am
Please come to the office.

Beau Edmonds-Tumbull - His confident and detailed news presentation
Phoebe Vernon - Making a big effort to improve the presentation of all her work
Chadrick Lang - A big effort in learning his sounds both at school and at home
Tyler Francis and Taylor Mills - Ordering numbers 1 to 10
Nikita Caldwell-Harris - Identifying straight and curved lines
Shania Coppola-Smith - Citizenship
Braidy Cork - Quick recall of number facts
Erica Eyles - Pleasing efforts with homework
Coby Hobden - Artistic flair
Bailey Hilton - Becoming a more settled student in 3SWeet
Cayden Orrock - Settling well into Kootingal Public School and 3SWeet
Georgia Ford - Completing tasks on time and being an inclusive class member
Joey Hyson - Excellent application to ‘Walking Together’ art work
Beau Robertson - Wonderful listening and participation in class
Keira Madden - Being a mature and reliable student in class
Chloe Van Maanen - being a helpful and thoughtful student who demonstrates the school values
Jack Hyson - Demonstrating a good understanding of mental multiplication strategies
Shannon Charters and Jade Nicholls - Demonstrating a good knowledge of expanding and ordering numbers
Brock Hyson - For super leadership and citizenship
William Baldwin - Commitment to learning. A quiet diligent student
Taleah Pinnock and Luke Goodhand - For fantastic participation in Geography discussion
Silver Awards - Assembly 25th February

Torah Humphris - Having a positive attitude to learning
Liam Jarrett - His dedicated approach to learning
Meika Haak - Being a keen and enthusiastic learner
Mathew Pollard - Being a keen participant in class and always ready to learn
Emily Hatton - Having a positive attitude towards learning and always having a go
Liam Symons - Listening and carefully following instructions
Sunny Fields - Being an enthusiastic learner and constantly offering to help
Charli Hogg - Always having a positive attitude to learning with a big bright smile
Mikyla Phillpott - A positive attitude to learning
Nate Symons - Settled work habits and sensible classroom behaviour
Angus Frewen - Being a kind and helpful class member
Lilly Thomas - Pleasing presentation of bookwork
Aaleyah Atkins - Working hard in all Key Learning Areas
Zane Hyson - Being on task at all times and always trying his best
Sophie Howard - Being a quiet and conscientious worker
Joseph Barber - Completing all tasks with enthusiasm
Jack Chapple - Outstanding application to all Key Learning Areas
William Morris - Great effort and consistency in literacy
Lillie Walker - Great persistence with spelling and homework
Janeen Wadwell - Always willing to give things a go and for being such a sell mannered student
Matilda Lees - Being a hard worker who is well organised in the classroom
Cooper Brett - Demonstrating persistence towards his learning
Nate Painter - Persistent participation during classroom activities
Madeleine Jones - Being a well organised and quiet worker in class
Jessica Coppola-Smith - Leadership and citizenship
Brendan Jarrett - Enthusiasm for learning and doing his best
Harry Loftus - Outstanding citizenship
Riley Brown - Showing commitment to improving in literacy

Another great session was held with the students from Tamworth High School teaching a Fundamental Movement Skills program with our Kindergarten and Year 1 classes. The students from Tamworth High School are completing this activity as part of the course Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS). This week, the students focused on kicking and throwing. We have more photos on our Facebook page.

Our Facebook page is receiving lots of likes! It is always good to see parents and family members sharing in the educational experiences of their children. If you haven’t already, be sure to locate and like our Facebook page so it comes up in your news feed. So far this week, we have uploaded information regarding the Tamworth High School information nights and workshops and more photos of the Kindergarten and Year 1 Fundamental Movement Skills program with Year 10 Tamworth High School students. I know your children will get a real kick out of seeing the happenings in their school.

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.

Our families are reminded that 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. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter.

This week our local Police contacted me. Our Police are aware of the burgeoning issue of people driving through our children’s crossing while children are attempting to cross the street and people dropping off children in the bus zone during the designated hours of service. I was asked to inform our community of their increasing presence. Please, for the safety of our children, make your family and friends aware of the various signs in and around our school. The school has taken many steps to make the authorities aware of the dangers for our children when attempting to enter or exit our school safely, including when on buses. Our teachers are not traffic wardens.
I have instructed them not to enter the road but to wait with the children in the afternoon until the traffic is clear to safely cross.

I have seen more great work this week from Mrs Morrish’s 2/3M class. Congratulations to Erica-Lee Eyles, Kobi Murray and Elloise Sharpham for their wonderful spelling work activities. Mrs Morrish uses diagrams for students to demonstrate their understanding of their spelling words, helping to cement the word in their memory bank. Keep it up Erica, Kobi and Elloise!

This Friday is Clean Up Australia Day for Kootingal Public School. Students will be exiting school grounds, with their teacher, into our community and assisting with the clean up of rubbish in and around our parks and streets. All students are covered via the General Permission Note. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

It’s HOT! and it doesn’t look like we will get any reprieve for a while. It’s great to see so many families taking advantage of the shade under the COLA in the afternoon when picking up their children. We are currently in the throes of developing a plan for a cover entrance where we will have proper seating and shade for waiting families. Until this comes to fruition, please enjoy the shade of our COLA while making enough room for our classes and teachers to exit via the main walking path.

All students will need a hat, water and gloves to participate. Parents are invited to accompany us. We are leaving the school grounds at about 9:45am.
Anne Doak
Coordinator

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Kootingal Public School P&C Association will be held on Tuesday 15th March 2016, at 6pm in the school library. Members are reminded to submit an apology if they are unable to attend. The following positions will all be declared vacant and nominations will be accepted in writing or at the meeting.

• President
• Vice-President
• Secretary
• Treasurer
• Canteen Treasurer
• Canteen Co-ordinator
• Student Banking Co-ordinator

For position descriptions or more information contact
President – Lauren – 0403 193 955
Secretary – Vanessa - 0428 662 722

It would be great if every family could send along a representative to the AGM.

Escape Travel, in Tamworth are proud to be in partnership with Kootingal Public School. Family and friends of the school can be a part of the Kick Back Club, that will see 1% of the cost of any holidays booked in our office in Tamworth go back in to the P & C to benefit the school. Anyone enquiring and booking an airfare, holiday, travel insurance or accommodation just needs to mention at the time of enquiring that they are a part of the Kootingal School Kick Back program, and we will set aside 1% of the value of their holiday aside to go back to the P & C. Just remember, we don’t know if you are a part of the school, so you need to tell us.

**Mrs Cracknell’s Message**

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Come & Try Hockey Days 2016

Hockey is a great sport & here are just some of the reasons why you should give hockey a go this year:

- All the family can play – tadpoles and minkey for the youngsters, Junior comps from under 9’s to High School, Men’s & Women’s grade competitions & veterans competitions
- Caters for all levels of ability from 1st timers through to international standard
- Hockey is one of the safest team sports to play
- Tamworth boasts access to some of the best hockey facilities in the country
- Play in all weather – no washouts
- Access to some of the state’s best accredited coaches
- Opportunity to meet other kids from different schools, build social circles & learn to play in a team environment
- Hockey is great for fitness
- Opportunity to represent, become a frog, or one day a Hockeyroo or Kookaburra. Tamworth boasts representatives in most NSW state teams from 13’s to Masters, current national junior and senior squads, as well as numerous Olympic representatives over the years.
- Come & try days are FREE & you can borrow sticks, shin pads etc for the day.

Tamworth Hockey will be holding 3 come & try days on Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am (5th, 12th & 19th of March). Sessions will be held on the artificial surfaces near ALEC and will include coaching sessions & mini games for all involved. All of the local clubs will be on site to take registrations & answer any queries you might have. No need to book in – just come down to any or all of the sessions & have a go.

Please contact our Hockey Development officer Steve Littlejohns on 0438 627299 for any additional information regarding the come & try days or registration for the upcoming competitions.