Welcome back to Kootingal Public School for 2012. We are very pleased to have a number of new students at our school. Welcome to Reign Howarth (Year 3), Faith Howarth (Year 6), Scarlett Kemp (Year 6), Rosie Kemp (Year 4), Nikkita Barber (Year 4), Shakaya Barber (Year 2), Montana Winter (Year 2) and Jordana Winter (Year 4) and of course we welcome our 44 new Kindergarten students. I am sure you will enjoy your time with us at Kootingal.

As I mentioned in the note sent home on Monday, I am very pleased to be the relieving principal at Kootingal Public. I have received a very warm welcome from the staff, students and those members of the community that I have met so far. Thank you.

I thought I might tell you a little about myself. I have taught in and around Tamworth for the past 24 years including Hillvue, Tamworth South and Westdale Public Schools. I was the teaching principal at Duri Public School for 10 years and then most recently I spent 2 years relieving as principal at Quirindi Public School. I have 3 children – 2 married and 1 in her last year of University. My wife, Lindy, is the teacher librarian at Tamworth Public School. I am very much looking forward to working with and getting to know everyone here at Kootingal to help provide the very best educational opportunities for our students.

You have probably noticed that there is still building happening at the school as part of the BER national funding package. There is a covered walkway being built leading from the main school buildings up to the hall. Hopefully the walkway will be completed soon so that the senior girl’s toilet and wash sheds can be in full use again.

Students will be placed in their classes on Thursday this week and our new Kindergarten students will also start on Thursday. Our enrolments are very strong this year and we are very close to being able to form another class. You need to be aware that if we get the 2 or 3 students required to get the extra teacher, there may need to be a restructure of classes. It would be great if this happened sooner rather than later. I will keep you informed.

This year classes have been formed with a mixture of abilities to best cater for all children and their learning outcomes. This aligns with the work our school has been doing on “Focus on Reading.”

Just a reminder that all students should have the appropriate black school shoes on. These can be leather shoes with laces or velcro, riding boots or leather joggers. Canvas, ballet and slip on shoes are not appropriate to wear to school due to safety reasons.
**Clothing Pool**

**Prices:**
- New girls summer dress $60
- Hat $15
- Boys short sleeve shirt $17
- Boys Grey Shorts $16
- School Jumper $23
- White or grey socks $5
- School backpack $40
- Sports shirt $26
- Sports shorts $14
- Sports trackpants $26

*New Girls dress - I currently have the following sizes 4, 6, 8, 10. I am waiting for the 12, 14 & 16 to arrive.*

*Sport shirts - currently there are no size 6 and the delivery date for them is mid March.*

*Clothing Pool will be open on Wednesday morning from 8:45 to 9:30am and afternoon from 3:35 to 4:00pm*  
*Or by special arrangement with Tara Dunn (Co-Ordinator) on 67603287*

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**The Star Café**

**Parent Helpers Roster**
- **Friday 3rd February**  Simon Keith
- **Monday 6th February**  Peta Taggart
- **Thursday 9th February**  Jayne Lees
- **Friday 10th February**  Janet Jamieson (Swimming Carnival)

**Merryn Mills, Canteen Supervisor**

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**Banking**

Volunteers for Wednesday 8th February  
Vicki Betts and Joanne Edmonds

Volunteers for Wednesday 15th February  
Yvette Dow and Vicky Appleby

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**Cricket sign up for all ages (8, 9, 10 & 11)**
- **Friday 3rd February at Kootingal Public School from 3:30pm**
- Registration is $50 for the season.
- For any enquiries please call Anne Coleman on 6760 3784

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**Tamworth Juniors Oztag**
- **Commences on Wednesday 8th February and finishes on Wednesday 4th April.**
- **Games and Rego are at Plain Street fields.**
  - Games times are 4:30 and 5:10pm
  - Cost is $40 per player and shorts $25 are compulsory.
- For further information please contact Katrina Davis 0421 019462

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**Tamworth Football Club registration day Thursday 23rd February at 4:30pm to 6:00pm at Federation Park**
- Registration fees will be
  - Players 5 - 7 years $95
  - Players 8 - 11 years $105
  - Players 12 - 18 years $115
- For further information please contact Wayne May on 67621213 (AH) or 0418 200148
Dear Parents
This year, to help parents provide some of the materials their child/ren will need to start the new year, the school has prepared a list of requirements.

Please avoid buying cheaper brands such as pencils/textas/glue sticks etc as they don't last due to the quality. This particularly applies to glue sticks. **NO WHITE OUT PLEASE**

**School Bags must be big enough to fit a library book and home reading folders.**

Please be aware that the school is mindful of the expenses parents incur in sending their children to school and therefore these have been kept to a minimum. Obviously the school will provide many other materials that your child will need in order to have a happy and successful year in his/her class.

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