



Kootungal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."



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Term 1 Week 11

Tuesday 8th April 2025



Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2025

Wednesday 9th April - Scripture students attending church in Kootingal
 Thursday 10th April - School Cross Country starting at 10am
 Fri 11th April - School ANZAC Ceremony at Kootingal Cenotaph 10am
 Friday 11th April - End of Term 1

Term 2 2025

Mon 28th and Tue 29th April - School Development Days
 Wednesday 30th April - Students return to school
 Thursday 1st May - Tamworth Zone Football Trials
 Friday 2nd May - Selective School Test

Executive Team - Relieving Principal - Rebecah Higgins
 Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn
 Relieving Assistant Principal (Yr 3 to 6) - Miss Bennett
 Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction - Michelle Lord

P & C Executive

President: Maree Merry Vice President - Nicole Chegwyn and
 Secretary: Scott Tulley Rebecca Vanella
 Treasurer: Anne-Maree McGrath

Awards

Gold Awards

Phoebe Brinkman,
 George Bennett and
 Beau Caterer



Silver Awards

Frankie Brooks, Hallie Moxon, Lachlan Witchard, Lucy Procter,
 Emillia Stevens, Zoe Lye, Shelby Fenner, Beau Caterer,
 Jackson Price and Billy Simmonds



Uniform Awards

Lily Squires, Jax Semmler, Hudson Cocking,
 Harlee-Rose Reilly, Theodore Dubois,
 Tom Jamieson, Jackson Price, Phoebe Brinkman,
 Harris Clarke, Nixon James, Evie Cain,
 Levi Hazell, Lucas De Vries, Lacey Felsman,
 Dakota Blanch, Regardt Janse Van Rensburg,
 Tyrese Austin and Jesse Adams



PBL Awards

Idah Lynch, Finn Blackwood, Harlee-Rose Reilly,
 Charlie Stoddart, Isabella Walsh, Arlo Patterson, Matilda Bulter,
 Ryder Ireland, Callum Turner, Kya Kaluza, Jack Lawson,
 Benji Swinfield, Jesse Adams, Leo Fenner, Abby Hogg,
 Dakota Blanch and Neveyah Donaldson



Bronze Awards

Sonny Glover - His pleasing Term 1 Mathematics test results and number recording skills
 Maison Manning - His effort and creativity during art and craft lessons
 Percy Bradshaw - His improved number and letter formation
 Flynn Blackler - His effort and participation in Science lessons
 Lilly Warner - Her creative ideas in writing
 Theodore Dubois - Enthusiasm to extend and challenge his mathematical skills
 Jayda Kaluza - Her confidence presenting her project
 Frankie Brooks - Using spelling strategies in her creative writing
 Oaklee Sheumack - Displaying improvement in being a independent learner
 Charlotte-Jane Scarth - Trying hard to use her imagination to write about Tiddler the Fish
 Heidi King - Verbalising her ideas before writing imaginative texts
 Mitchell Kennedy - Working hard on addition work in our mathematics lessons
 Austin Davis - Working hard to produce his best work in writing tasks
 Rubie Warner - Demonstrating persistence and working hard to consolidate learning in Spellex
 Jasmine Harris - Working hard to maintain tidy bookwork and complete set tasks
 Jett Gorman - Effort in Mathematics when attempting new tasks
 George Bennett - Always willing to contribute in Music
 Ellie Eccleston - Showing enthusiasm during Music lessons
 Dominic Mackenzie - Using manners when asking for help in Science
 Nixon Hawke - Showing interest in Science lessons
 Tyrese Austin - Working well and embracing change in Mathematics lessons with a positive attitude
 Thomas Capel - Making and explaining inferences during novel studies
 Kayden Reid - Working hard to solve problems involving fractions
 Tyler Wilkinson - Persistence and improvement in 'Big Writes'
 Heath Green - Improved engagement and participation in discussions about our novel
 Billy Simmonds - For a creative self portrait
 Luka Simpson - For making positive choices in class
 Rylie Sheumack - For trying hard to simplify fractions



Students of the Month and Silver Assembly Awards - Monday 7th April 2025

Erfa Mailk

Despite being new to our school, Erfa has quickly made a meaningful and positive impression. In a short time, she has grown in confidence and has begun to share her ideas and personality with those around her, becoming a valued and active member of our classroom community.



Erfa demonstrates consistent dedication to her learning, showing great application to her studies each day. She approaches her work with care, focus, and a genuine desire to do her best, regardless of the task at hand. Her talent for creative writing is particularly impressive with stories that captivate readers through rich detail and thoughtful ideas. Her writing reflects a mature voice and a deep love for storytelling, and it's been a delight to see her creativity flourish.

Erfa is also kind, respectful and thoughtful. She interacts well with others and is always willing to lend a hand or offer a friendly smile. She's someone her peers can rely on, quietly leading by example and contributing positively to our school community.

Whether it's participating in class, joining in school activities, helping a friend, or crafting a brilliant piece of writing, Erfa has shown that she is not only a hardworking student but also a caring and inspiring member of our school.

She should be proud of the way she has settled in, embraced every opportunity, and truly started to shine. Congratulations Erfa, you are an absolute credit to yourself, and we are so lucky to have you here.

Charlotte Hunt

Charlotte is a persistent, resilient learner who happily accepts any challenge presented to her. She consistently strives for a personal best in the classroom and is a wonderful model for participation and inclusion across the school. Charlotte is a dedicated member of both the school choir and senior dance group. She is a loyal, dependable friend to her peers and is frequently seen helping younger students during her breaktimes.



Charlotte wears her uniform proudly and takes great pride in her role as a prefect on the 2025 Kootingal Public School leadership team. She is a kind, considerate and respectful 'desk buddy' who works well with all her classmates. Charlotte consistently upholds all of Kootingal Public School PBL expectations and demonstrates a strong commitment to our core values of being a safe, supportive and effective learner.

Charlotte greets all members of our school with a smile each day and is always polite when interacting with staff. Her happy, positive attitude and enthusiasm for new experiences makes Charlotte an asset to Kootingal Public School and she is congratulated on being awarded Student of the Month.

Ellis Williamson - His excellent Term 2 Mathematics results and for being keen to learn and participating in all Key Learning Areas

Chayce Brinkman - His excellent Mathematics test and InitialLit results

Samuel Evans - His excellent achievements in English and Mathematics

Raine Barnett - Her diligence and commitment to learning

Shelby Fenner - Always following school expectations

Ellena Maher - Positive attitude in all aspects of learning

Isaac Bennett - His hard work in all learning areas and giving everything a go

Dante Smiler - An outstanding effort and result in the Science assessment

Mitchell McGrath - Working hard to use maths words to explain his understanding

Lilliana Johns - Outstanding effort and results in the History assessment about artefacts

Thomas Steers - Working to be an effective learner and eagerly completing set tasks

Caitlin Cwach - Working hard to complete set tasks and striving for continuous improvement

Layne Clarke - Asking clarifying questions to enhance her understanding of new concepts

Zoe Lye - Her willingness to give anything a go and approaching tasks with a positive attitude

Leilah Higgins - Showing continual improvement across all Key Learning Areas

Peyton Sampson - Displaying a positive attitude towards learning and improving

Kalem Marchant - Being a reliable worker who is developing solid independent work habits

Tilly Maher - Consistent application across all Key Learning Areas

Abigail Jamieson - Her consistent effort and commitment to completing all tasks thoroughly

Angela Hobbs - Excellent work with fractions in Mathematics

Ciara Cwach - Excellent written responses in class novel studies

Hunter Barnett - For outstanding effort across all Key Learning Areas this term

Havanah Williams - For always trying her best in tricky situations

Ava Moxon - For always displaying a positive attitude towards her learning

Beau Roser - For great results in spelling and writing this term

Elliot Douglas - His dedication and hard working attitude towards learning



Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students,

Wow!! Week 11 of Term1 and what a fabulous term it has been with so many things happening in our school. I love visiting students in their classrooms and seeing the wonderful work they are all producing, from the Gruffalos in Kindergarten, to the narratives in Stage 1, the music lessons in Stage 2, gardening in K/6M and the discussions in Stage 3. As a whole school and as individual students, we did very well at the Tamworth Show. Pictured are some of the winning artworks and we have been awarded the Foley Trophy which we share with Timbumburi for 2025.



There is still plenty happening to wind up the term including:

- Church visits for scripture on Wednesday
- Cross Country on Thursday with the P&C BBQ
- ANZAC service at Cenotaph at 10am on Friday

As always families and community are warmly invited to attend our cross country and ANZAC service.

Mr Cracknell, Mrs Loftus and I had a wonderful time last Thursday at the soccer gala day with Stage 2 & 3 students. I was greatly impressed with our student's enthusiasm, team spirit and displays of sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done to you all.



Congratulations to Nate Halloran and Zac Pollard who have been selected into the North West Rugby League side. We look forward to hearing how the side progresses next term.



ANZAC Day falls during the holidays on the Friday of the last week. Students that wish to march should meet Mrs Higgins, Mrs Chegwyn and other staff at 7.30am out the front of Kootingal School and be wearing full winter uniform. This is always a wonderful way to show your respect for a significant day.

Don't forget due by the end of the term are the following:

- Stage 2 & 3 Excursion deposits and expression of interest notes
- Eisteddfod notes
- CAPERS expression of interest notes (these are due Thursday as Miss Magann needs to put shirt orders in on Friday)

Thank you to our students, parents and carers for a wonderful term. I wish you all a happy and safe Easter and look forward to seeing the students back next term on Wednesday 30th April. Take care, Mrs Higgins.

Message from the front office

Parents are able to make payments online through the Sentral Parent Portal. If payments are made online, signed permission notes must still be returned to the front office.

- * Voluntary contribution fees can be paid at the front office or online. They are \$50 per year per student.

Attendance

85% Attendance

At Kootingal Public School, attendance is monitored and reported fortnightly during Learning and Support Team meetings. As a part of this monitoring, there is a level of absenteeism that is closely examined with procedures set in place to advise families when there is a concern.

It is important to note Kootingal Public School regularly undergoes roll checks from the Department of Education with our designated Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). This partnership helps our school to support families.

We, as parents, must acknowledge the role absences has on a child's education. Please see below.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= 4 weeks



= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

If you have any questions regarding attendance please contact the school during school hours.

K/6M CRAFT SUPPLIES

K/6M would love any contributions of the following to help with their life skills program next term:

- fabric (various types and patterns)
- needles, thread
- pins, tape measures, and other sewing accessories

Please ensure these are left over pieces, not new products that we can reuse to get creative!

Thank you

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

SAUSAGE SANDWICH \$2

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE - CHOCOLATES, LOLLIES,
ICECREAMS
VARIOUS PRICES

LEST
WE
FORGET

25 APRIL ANZAC DAY MARCH

Kootingal students are invited to participate in our local ANZAC Day March on Friday 25th April.

Students are to meet staff at 7.30am out the front of the school in full school **winter** uniform

CLOTHING POOL OPEN



29TH APRIL 2025
FROM THE FRONT OFFICE
2PM TO 3:30PM

**Second Hand
Clothing also
available.
Bring your own bag
and fill it for \$10**

Clothing Pool will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30am to 3pm.



Please come to the office.



Out of School Hours Care Service
Esteem Kids Group

ENROL NOW!

Contact: William

0410 841 628

info@esteemkidsgroup.com.au

www.esteemkidsgroup.com.au

Birthday Buckets

Make your child's birthday special with a birthday bucket. \$20 will get a light up bucket of zooper doopers that will be delivered to your child's classroom with a helium balloon for the birthday child to take home. Please pre-order at least one week in advance at the front office along with payment. Payment can be made online to the P & C Bank Account - BSB 932-000, account number 789117 or cash. Please SMS confirmation of payment to 0461 309 495. A photo of your child receiving the Birthday Bucket can then be sent to you.

Parent Helpers

If anyone wants to help in the canteen on a Wednesday or Friday from 9am till 12pm please email the P&C email with your availability and we will add you to the roster.



Kootingal Public School P&C Canteen Menu 2025

Hot Food

Cheese Pizza	\$ 3.00
Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$ 3.50
Chicken & Cheese Pizza w/ bbq sauce.....	\$ 3.50
Sausage Roll	\$ 4.00
Meat Pie	\$ 5.00
Grilled Chicken Burger	\$ 5.00
<i>Chicken fillet, lettuce, cheese & Mayo</i>	
Cheeseburger	\$ 5.00
<i>Lean Beef Pattie, cheese & tomato sauce</i>	
Fish Burger	\$ 5.00
<i>Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce & mayo</i>	
Lasagne	\$ 5.00
Macaroni & Cheese	\$ 5.00
Spaghetti	\$ 5.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.80each
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$ 3.50
Chicken & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$ 3.50
Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$ 3.00
Chicken Gravy Roll	\$ 5.00

Sandwiches, Salads & Wraps

Chicken Salad Tub	\$ 5.50
<i>Sliced chicken breast, lettuce , grated carrot , grated cheese & mayo</i>	
Ham Salad Tub	\$ 5.50
<i>Ham, lettuce , grated carrot , grated cheese & mayo</i>	
Chicken Wrap	\$ 4.50
<i>Chicken tender, lettuce, grated cheese & mayo</i>	
Fish Wrap	\$ 4.50
<i>Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce, grated cheese & mayo</i>	
Chicken Salad Wrap	\$ 5.00
<i>Chicken tender, lettuce, grated cheese, grated carrot & mayo</i>	
Ham Salad Wrap	\$ 5.00
<i>Ham, lettuce, grated cheese, grated carrot & mayo</i>	
Cheese Sandwich	\$ 2.50
Vegemite Sandwich	\$ 2.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich	\$ 3.00

Drinks

Bottled Water	\$ 2.00
Assorted fruit poppers:	\$ 1.50
<i>Apple, Tropical, Orange/Mango & Apple/Raspberry</i>	
Chocolate & Strawberry Milk	\$ 2.50
Chill J:	\$ 3.00
<i>Raspberry, Lemonade, Apple Cola, Watermelon, Grape & Orange/Passio</i>	

Frozen Snacks

Chocolate Moosies	\$ 2.00
Frozen Juice Cups	\$ 1.00
Quelch	\$ 0.70
Watermelon & Mango Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.50
Ice Monies	\$ 1.50

Snacks

Sunbites	\$ 1.00
Cheese & Biscuits	\$ 1.50
Cheese Stick	\$ 1.00
Apple Slices Bag	\$ 1.00
Carrot Sticks Bag	\$ 1.00
Assorted Fruit	\$ 1.00

Extras

Tomato Sauce	\$ 0.70
BBQ Sauce	\$ 0.70
Cheese	\$ 0.70



Sticky Beak Reusable Lunch Wallets
available at canteen \$15

Please clearly label your child's name and class on a brown paper bag or lunch bag.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st Break	Chess  Library	Choir  KL	Art / Craft  KS	Library / Lego  Library	Dance  Hall
2 nd Break	GEM  Library	Garden  Garden	GEM  Library	Garden  Garden	GEM  Library

Count me in.

Achieve a savings goal each month for 10 months and ANZ will match it, up to \$500.

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Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.





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KOOTINGAL KIDS CLUB

YEARS K-5

ACTIVITIES
AFTERNOON TEA, GAMES, MUSIC AND SINGING, BIBLE STORIES, CRAFT AND MORE

3.30-5.00PM
EVERY THURSDAY TERM TIME

ST ANDREWS CHURCH
CNR DENMAN AVE & GATE ST
KOOTINGAL

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welcome to KOOTY MOONBI YOUTH

term one 2025

Fri 14 Feb	youth group pool party	what is this?
Fri 21 Feb	make your own sundae	the best welcome ever!
Fri 28 Feb	end of summer water fight	why go?
Fri 7 Mar	leaders vs youth	
Fri 14 Mar	street teams	serving in our local community
Fri 21 Mar	b/g split night	
Sat 22 Mar	barraba bash	combined youth groups 10am-3.30pm @Barraba
Fri 28 Mar	park games	before, and after I go?
Fri 4 Apr	master chef kootingal	how to walk out?
Sun 6 Apr	front yard church	10am Sunday @ Kootingal Church
Fri 11 Apr	erin's mystery last night	

Kooty Moonbi Youth Group meet 5.00-6.30pm Fridays in school term at Kootingal Anglican Church. All youth years 6-12 with permission are welcome. For more info contact: Tory 0407 466 459 or Rosie 0478 419 290 or www.kootingalmoonbianglican.com or find us on Facebook

STEVE WAUGH COACHING CLINIC
TAMWORTH

STEVE WAUGH

AUSTIN WAUGH

MON 14TH & TUES 15TH APRIL
9:30AM - 3PM

RIVERSIDE 1, CARTER ST TAMWORTH

\$80.00 FOR 1 DAY, \$150 FOR BOTH DAYS

AGES 7-16 YEARS MALE AND FEMALE

20% DISCOUNT APPLIED AT CHECKOUT IF REGISTERING MORE THAN ONE CHILD FOR THE FAMILY.

PLEASE BRING ALONG WATER, LUNCH,
 SNACKS, CRICKET KIT & SUNSCREEN.

REGISTER AT:

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**SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAMS**

LEARN, PLAY & GROW



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And more! Kids Vouchers Accepted
 Book 2 days, and get the 3rd at 50% off



BOOK NOW

PCYC



**April School Holiday
Basketball Camps
2025**

Presented by
Emma Higgins and DeAngelo Adkins

Scan the QR code to register



Please bring a drink bottle and a ball (if you have one) to each camp.

Register Now – Spots Filling Fast



If you are looking for something **fun and active** for the kids to do in the School Holidays, then these camps are for you !!!

Camp 1: Wednesday 16th April

Cost: \$40

Ages: 5yrs – 8yrs

Time: 9.30am – 11.00am



Camp 2: Thursday 17th April

Cost \$50

Ages: 9yrs – 12yrs

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Camp 3: Wednesday 23rd April

Cost: \$40

Ages: 5yrs – 8yrs

Time: 9.30am – 11.00am

Camp 4: Thursday 24th April

Cost \$50

Ages: 9yrs – 12yrs

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am



**Register
NOW!**



TAMWORTH CITY SWIMMING CLUB

Registration for Shark Bait Squad: Weekly lessons for 30 minutes.

Saturday Afternoon and Sunday sessions available for Term 2.

Email: tcscinformation@gmail.com

Dates: 3rd May - 29th July 2005

Cost \$180 (9 weeks)

Age: 4 and over.

Come swim with the Sharks this Winter



Rugby League Camp



14 - 16 April 2025

Tamworth

Farrer Memorial Agricultural
High School

Boys in Years 4 - 9

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TENNIS CLINIC

\$115
or
\$40 per/day



14th to 17th April

8:30am till 11:30am



AGES:

4-14 YEARS



TAMWORTH

WEST TAMWORTH TENNIS CLUB



CONTACT US:

0434 211 461
MITCH.POWER87@GMAIL.COM



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Tennis clinics are the best way for kids to keep active, make friends and try tennis these school holidays.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED



ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!



Bust the boredom these Easter holidays with our jam-packed **School Holiday Program** run by the team from Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre!

This is the perfect opportunity to explore, learn and have a blast in a safe and supervised environment at the **Tamworth Sports Dome**.

Our experienced staff will ensure your child has fun through engaging activities and sport, and let them create memories while making new friends!

**APRIL 22, 23 & 24
9AM - 4:30PM**

**FOR KIDS
AGED 9-12**

**CAMP COST
\$95 PER DAY**

**REGISTER
NOW BELOW!**



Activities & Inclusions*

- ✓ Archery Tag & Bikes
- ✓ Initiatives (Problem Solving)
- ✓ Sport Sessions + More!
- ✓ Morning & Afternoon Snacks & Lunch

*Activities may vary based on weather and other conditions



More Information: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sport-and-recreation-centres/school-holiday-programs>



COME TRY BMX

BMX is a family-friendly sport, not to mention exhilarating and addictive.

It's the perfect sport for all Kids from 2+, Teens and Adults of all abilities.

BMX is an all year sport
No Prior BMX experience, required.

What to wear: long-sleeved pants and top (no lycra), long fingered gloves and a full-face helmet.

What to bring: your BMX, dirt jumper, or mountain bike. We have some bikes and gear available to loan.

Try our 4 week free trial Membership

For More information contact the Club via their face book page



Come down and try BMX riding.

31 Marius St, Tamworth, NSW, Australia, New South Wales





Kootingal Public School

Term 1 2025

Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Apr 7	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11
Week 11	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly - Host 3/4B, item 5/6H - 2:20pm	K-2 Sport StEPS Kindergarten Screening Yrs 4 - 6 Olympian visit Parent/Teacher Catch Up 4pm to 6pm		3-6 Sport School Cross Country	Anzac Day School Service 10am at the Cenotaph Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	April 28 School Development Day	April 29 School Development Day	April 30 Students return to school	May 1 3-6 Sport Tamworth Zone Boys and Girls Football Trials 1pm to 3pm	May 2 Selective School Test
Week 2	May 5 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	May 6 K-2 Sport	May 7	May 8 3-6 Sport	May 9 Stage 3 CPR Training
Week 3	May 12 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	May 13 K-2 Sport	May 14	May 15 3-6 Sport	May 16 Zone Cross Country - Barbara
Week 4	May 19 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly - Host 1/2W, item 1/2G - 2:20pm	May 20 K-2 Sport P&C Meeting 6pm	May 21	May 22 3-6 Sport	May 23