



Kooting Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."



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Term 1 Week 9

Wednesday 26th March 2025



Stage 3 with the Kooty Kougars



Important Dates to Remember Term 1 2025

Friday 28th March - Yr 7 High School Expression Of Interest close

Monday 31st March - Playgroup 9:30am to 11am

Tuesday 1st April - World of Maths

Tuesday 1st April - Parent/Teacher Catch Up

Thursday 3rd April - NNSW Football Gala Day

Monday 7th April - Playgroup 9:30am to 11am

Monday 7th April - Silver Assembly by 3/4B, item 5/6H at 2:20pm

Tuesday 8th April - StEPS Kindergarten Screening

Tuesday 8th April - Olympian visiting Program - yrs 4 to 6

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

Indi Maher, Hudson Hillier,
Abby Hogg and Koby-Jay Lang



Silver Awards

Indi Maher, Layne Clarke,
Thomas Jamieson, Abigail Jamieson,
Koby-Jay Lang, Lilliana Johns and
Olivia Hogg



Uniform Awards

Finn Blackwood, Sonny Glover, Lleyton Clarke, Raine Barnett,
Isaac Bennett, Isabella Walsh, Heidi King, Mitchell McGrath,
Scarlett Blackwood, Dustin Poulsen, Jett Gorman,
George Bennett, Thomas Capel, Angela Hobbs, Audrey Maher,
Billy Simmonds, Jamie Perkins and Elliot Douglas



PBL Awards

Jax Seymour, Patrick Smith, Arjay Carpenter,
Cooper Bailly, Isabelle De Vries, Olivia Hunt,
Lilliana Johns, Jackson Price, Jamahri Opie,
Zoe Lye, Lucy Procter, Avah-Rose Givney,
Bentley Brown, Hunter Barnett, Audrey Maher,
Thomas Capel and Ciara Cwach



Bronze Awards

Ollie Carpenter - His effort during our writing session on The
Gruffalo with Dr Bricknell
Dayne Poulsen - His effort, participation and results in
Mathematics
Jaxon Visser - His improved number formation
Lacey Hunt - Her keen participation in the Kootingal Cougars
soccer program
Nate Blacklock - His great efforts in writing his Zog's Kootingal
Adventure narrative
Clancy Eccleston - His enthusiasm towards InitialLit tasks

Isaac Bennett - Writing a fantastic complication in his Zog's
Kootingal Adventure narrative
Thomas Keen - His positive attitude towards all learning tasks
Axyle Curry - Careful measuring using informal units of
measure - length
Matilda Butler - Accepting feedback to improve her narrative
about Zog's Kootingal Adventure
Phoebe Brinkman - Working hard to write a detailed narrative
about Zog's Kootingal Adventure
Molly Avery - Careful measuring using informal units of measure
- length
Ella Seymour - Making excellent comparisons between the
'Runt' film and novel
Harris Clarke - Working hard to be an effective learner in
Science
Hudson Zdencanovic - Being an enthusiastic, engaged learner
during Science lessons
Emma Cook - Working hard to produce quality handwriting
Edward Glover - Showing confidence to attempt new tasks in
Mathematics
Peyton Sampson - Excellent effort during SpellEx lessons
Chayce Tulley - Effort and enthusiasm during SpellEx lessons
Maycie Frankland - Showing improved independent work habits
Jesse Adams - Working hard to read questions carefully before
answering
Elliot Douglas - His fantastic effort creating his poem about
Harmony Day
Dakota Blanch - Applying her knowledge of place value in
Mathematics
Ariah Dean - Working hard to solve multiplication word
problems
Noah Davis - For being able to explain his understanding of
fractions
Leo Fenner - Engagement and participation in History lessons
Lacey Felsman - Improved application in English lessons
Beau Caterer - Good sportsmanship and participation in PE/
Sport
Charlotte Hunt - Insightful contributions during our friendship
and mate ship English unit



Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students,

This week I wish to address a concerning issue for our school which is road safety. We are aware of the concerns our parents and community have over the crossing outside our school gates. We have witnessed ourselves the reckless and careless driving that is threatening to our student safety. As a school we are raising our concerns with Tamworth City Council in the hope to have a wombat crossing installed and a review to be completed on our need for a crossing guard. Unfortunately, school staff are not permitted to cross students on the road. I wish to thank one of our parents, Mrs Proctor, who is relentlessly pursuing this matter in support as well. She has started a petition for action to be taken so if you wish to sign, please feel free to show your support. Additionally, if you have an incident while crossing the road, please let the school know so that we can add it to our register.

While this matter will take time to pursue, I strongly encourage parents to discuss road safety with their child, as we have done, and will continue to do, at school. Things to discuss would be:

- Where to cross the road – e.g. at crossings, not behind vehicles, not in front of buses
- Visibility – why we use a crossing, why cars cannot see small children
- How to cross – waiting to ensure vehicles have stopped and seen you, not running across

As adults of our community, I encourage you to also display these road safety practices so that our students can follow your example.

On the matter of safety, it has been alarming the number of students that ride scooters and bikes to school without a helmet. These are a vital piece of head wear that protect our students from brain injuries. As stated on Transport NSW: Bicycle riders must wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. This includes children on bikes with training wheels and any child being carried as a passenger or in a bicycle trailer. Research shows helmets can reduce serious head injuries by about 70% and reduce fatal head injuries by 65%.

Please remind your child to wear the correct protective wear when riding to and from school and to push their bikes across the road.

On a positive note, I wish to congratulate our students who attended the North West Swimming carnival on Monday. While we do not have anyone continuing to state, each student's effort in the pool, sportsmanship and representing Kootinjal with pride are to be congratulated. Well done, we are all so proud of you.



We have nominated to participate in CAPERS this year. CAPERS is a regional art production that displays music, dance and drama performances by students from Kindergarten to Year 12. As a school we participate in the small schools' dance item.

An expression of interest form will be coming home shortly to indicate if your child would like to participate. As the dates of CAPERS performance clashed with our Stage 3 excursion, we have worked hard to successfully move these dates. This will allow our Stage 3 students the opportunity to participate if they wish. Stage 2 excursion dates will remain the same. Stage 3 excursion will now take place on Monday 10th November – Wednesday 12th November 2025.

We are offering a wonderful range of opportunities for our students this year. Our students are participating in the Premier's Public Speaking competition, Stage 3 students will be attending a debating workshop, and we are supporting students as they enter individual competitions at the Tamworth Eisteddfod. With World of Maths Day just around the corner, please don't forget to submit your payment. We have our whole school cross country (fun run for Infants) on Thursday April 10th with the P&C holding a sausage sizzle and having treats available to purchase. This was moved from the Wednesday to coincide with primary sport and staff availability. On the last Friday April 11th, we will be holding our school ANZAC service at the Cenotaph at 10am. We warmly welcome our parents and community to attend these events. I truly appreciate the hard work and dedication of our teachers in creating these valuable opportunities for our students.

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

Explanations of Absence

Students are required to attend school each day it is open for instruction. Where frequent absences are explained as being due to illness, schools must consult with parents regarding the health care needs of the child. Principals may request the parents to provide a medical certificate if they have concerns with the explanation provided, or where there is a history of poor attendance. Ultimately, it is the number of days away from school that is of concern.

If you have any questions regarding explanation of absences please contact the school during school hours.



Kootingal Playgroup
were welcomed with open
arms at the Kootingal
Library last week.
Thankyou to Amy for a
fantastic morning of
activities, story time
fun and friends.

Clubs Term 1

	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

Library Days

KL - Tuesday
KS - Tuesday
1/2G - Friday
1/2W - Friday
3/4B - Thursday
3/4M - Thursday
5/6B - Monday
5/6H - Tuesday
K-6M - Monday



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

Respect, Nurture, Recognise

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



TO REGISTER: 6760 3361 | 0407 466 459
OFFICE@KOOTINGALMOONBIANGLICAN.COM
WWW.KOOTINGALMOONBIANGLICAN.COM

welcome to KOOTY MOONBI YOUTH

term one 2025

Fri 14 Feb	youth group pool party	
Fri 21 Feb	make your own sundae	what is this?
Fri 28 Feb	end of summer water fight	the best welcome ever!
Fri 7 Mar	leaders vs youth	why go?
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

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.



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

> SIGN UP:

PERFORMWITHPOWERTENNIS.COM.AU

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



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

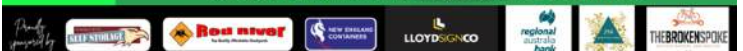
For More information contact the Club via their face book page



Come down and try BMX riding.

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

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





Kootingal Public School

Term 1 2025

Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 9	Mar 24 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am North West Primary Swimming Trials - Armidale Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	Mar 25 K-2 Sport	Mar 26 Scholastic book Club Issue 2 due	Mar 27 3-6 Sport North West Regional Softball	Mar 28 Year 7 2026 EOI closes
Week 10	Mar 31 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	Apr 1 K-2 Sport World of Maths Parent/Teacher Catch Up 4pm to 6pm	Apr 2	Apr 3 3-6 Sport NNSW Football Gala Day	Apr 4 Tamworth PSSA Zone Open Rugby League Trials at Farrer MAHS - 1pm to 3pm
Week 11	Apr 7 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly - Host 3/4B, item 5/6H - 2:20pm	Apr 8 K-2 Sport StEPS Kindergarten Screening Yrs 4 - 6 Olympian visit Parent/Teacher Catch Up 4pm to 6pm	Apr 9	Apr 10 3-6 Sport School Cross Country	Apr 11 Anzac Day School Service 10am at the Cenotaph

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	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 11	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