



Kootingal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 7th May 2025



Life Education- Harold Represent!



Hip Hip Hooray,
Everyone is here today!

3/4M 2025



Athletics skills with
Mr Stone.



Learning about Ireland.



Learning new soccer moves
with the Kooty Kougars.

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



Medallion
Abby Hogg

Merit
Leo Fenner



Gold Awards

Shelby Fenner, Hudson Zdencanovic,
Audrey Maher, Olivia Hogg
and Leo Fenner

Silver Awards

Isabella Walsh, Jayda Kaluza,
Peyton Sampson, Audrey Maher,
Lillian Johns and Leo Fenner



Uniform Awards

Charley Moxon, Chayce Brinkman, Cooper Baily,
Hudson Hillier, Ellena Maher, Oliver Murray-Head,
Ella Flemming, Lexi Byrnes, Emma Cook, Ellie Eccleston,
Lucas Sneesby, Beau Caterer, Tyler Wilkinson, Indi Maher,
Cooper Lewis, Kieran Perkins and Elliot Douglas



PBL Awards

Ellis Williamson, Fraser Clarke, Hudson Cocking,
Indie McIntosh, Frankie Brooks, Byron Squires,
Patrick Lye, Caitlin Cwach, Mitchell Kennedy,
Leilah Higgins, Olivia Hogg, Maddison Bennett,
Beau Caterer, Rylie Sheumack, Kieran Perkins
and Beau Roser



Bronze Awards

Jax Seymour - Listening attentively and working hard to present his best work
Dayne Poulsen - Contributing in health lessons and working hard to complete his work
Jaxon Visser - His eager participation in the Gamilaraay language program
Cooper Baily - His eager participation in the Gamilaraay language program
Nate Blacklock - His creative ideas during writing tasks
Jasmine Coonan - Always showing learner qualities through excellent book presentation
Jayda Kaluza - Showing great attention to detail during maths tasks
Lilly Warner - Starting the term like she never left, by working hard during writing tasks
Mitchell McGrath - Outstanding enthusiasm to demonstrate his knowledge of numbers
Molly Avery - Amazing application and focus
Lilah Blackwood - Demonstrating a sound knowledge of partitioning numbers to 20
Dante Smiler - A brilliant start to Term 2 and application to his learning
Tyrese Austin - His fantastic effort in our Gamilaraay language lesson
Emma Cook - Maintaining tidy bookwork
Harris Clarke - Asking clarifying questions in Spellex lessons
Dustin Poulsen - Being an interested and respectful learner when learning about ANZAC day
Nixon James - Excellent focus and effort in our language lesson last week
Lucy Procter - Effort and enthusiasm during Spellex lessons
Harlow Pipe - Effort and enthusiasm during Spellex lessons
Ava Avery - Active participation during athletics skills with Mr Stone
Lachlan Witchard - Participation during discus skills with Mr Stone
Isabela Robinson - A positive, enthusiastic start to Term 2
Lucas De Vries - Improved effort and application in English
Ciara Cwach - Excellent work in creative writing
Tyler Wilkinson - Showing interest in and making thoughtful contributions in Mathematics
Sophie Corbett - Participating in our physical activists and games
Hunter Barnett - Showing creativity when designing and making a math's game
Audrey Maher - Contributing well to group activities
Noah Davis - Showing leadership qualities and helping other's
Elliot Douglas - Working hard to improve his vegetable garden



Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students,

Welcome back to Term 2, it is wonderful to see all our students return, and we are looking forward to a fabulous term. Our staff started the term participating in professional development issued from the department around High Potential and Gifted Education. We have also updated our CPR and First Aid training. We have a busy term ahead with participation in the Tamworth Eisteddfod, Zone Cross Country and numerous sporting events occurring. Good luck to all our students participating in Zone Cross Country next Friday at Barraba.

Students and staff were excited to welcome Justin back to our school last Friday. Justin will be delivering Gamilaraay language program every Friday across the school. We have also had athletics training start with Jay Stone, who is working with students Year 2 - 6 every Thursday on the fundamentals for running, shot put, discus, high jump and long jump. This opportunity has been made available from our Sporting Schools grant and the generosity of our P&C which we are very grateful for.

I wish to congratulate all the students that attended the ANZAC march. All students represented Kootingal with pride, including our school captains who delivered The Ode. Well done students.



We had several students, who last week and over the weekend participated in the selective school's test. Goodluck to these students.

It was a pleasure to hand out our behaviour bronzes at the start of the term to students who followed our school expectations and had no recorded incidents on Sentral.



Congratulations to Zac Pollard who has been selected for North West Zone Rugby League Team and Dakota Blanch who has made the North West Regional Softball team.



The weather is slowing changing with cooler mornings and evenings upon us, but our days can still be a bit warm. Please ensure school jumpers and jackets are labelled so we can return them to the rightful owners. We are asking that all students be in winter uniform by the end of Week 4.

I wish to bring to your attention the information in our newsletter regarding E-scooters. Please be aware of the legalities around these and discuss with your child where they are legally allowed to ride them. Again, I also encourage parents and carers to discuss wearing helmets with your child.

Thank you to our K-2 parents who have adjusted to our new pick-up procedures in the afternoon. We have implemented this to remove the congestion at the front gate, ensure the correct students get to after school care and everyone goes home safely. Our procedures are:

K- 2 students:

- will line up under the COLA
- Esteem – students attending afterschool care sit on silver seats at the back of our COLA
- Bus students line up on the stage
- Our front gate will open at 3.30pm and parents/carers can come in and collect their child from under the COLA.
- Older siblings can collect K-2 siblings from under the COLA

Students in 3-6:

- Esteem – students attending afterschool care sit on silver seats at the back of our COLA
- Bus students line up on the stage
- Walking/picked up – exit out the top gate with teachers
- Younger siblings – collect their younger sibling from under the COLA

Esteem – if your child is not attending Esteem for the day K-2 – Please collect them from the Esteem line so that you can inform Esteem workers

3-6 – Students are to inform Esteem workers as they move past to the top gate.

We have been extremely fortunate to have donations from several business and community members. We sincerely thank them for their contributions to our school and our events:

- Bunnings – supplies for our vegetable garden
- Office Works – stationary
- Spotlight – fabric and haberdashery for MC project
- Teys – sausages for cross country BBQ and sausages and steak for Moonbi Road Show.
- Mrs Cook and Mrs Douglas - fabric and haberdashery for MC project
- Mrs Beasley – donations to Mother's Day stall
- Ms Douglas – monetary donation to our breakfast club and uniforms
- All our families who supplied cakes for the election cake stall

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.

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



Please come to the office.

Attendance - Procedures for Lateness

At times, students are late to school. This could be due to medical appointments prior to school hours, car troubles and the like. This is just a part of life and, at Kootingal Public School, we understand this.

When students arrive late to school, it is important they have an explanation for this absence. More often than not, our students are accompanied by their parent or family member to assist with this explanation. At times, some students arrive with a note of explanation. It is important we have this explanation as all absences, whether it is a full day or partial, require an explanation.

If a student presents to the office late without a parent or adult with them, an SMS message will be sent to the parent for an explanation as to why the student was late. We can't accept a student's reason, it must be from an adult.

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

Cross Country Champions and Ribbon Winners

	BOYS	GIRLS
Minors	1 st – Jackson Price 2 nd – Tom Jamieson 3 rd – Theodore Dubois	1 st – Ella Flemming 2 nd – Raine Barnett 3 rd – Idah Lynch
8/9 years	1 st – Nixon Hawke 2 nd – Levi Hazell 3 rd – Dustin Poulsen	1 st – Ellie Eccleston 2 nd – Avah-Rose Givney 3 rd – Isabelle DeVries
10 years	1 st – Cooper Lewis 2 nd – Rylie Shuemack 3 rd – Izaac Campbell – Hicks	1 st – Leilah Higgins 2 nd – Olivia Hogg 3 rd – Maycie Frankland
11 years	1 st – Beau Roser 2 nd – Heath Green 3 rd – Lucas DeVries	1 st – Zara Steers 2 nd – Madelyn Witchard 3 rd – Dakota Blanch
12/13 years	1 st – Regardt Janse Van Rensburg 2 nd – Oliver Towler 3 rd – Zac Pollard	1 st – Indi Maher 2 nd – Ciara Cwach 3 rd – Audrey Maher



Winning House - Wilson



We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

Gratitude



Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

Empathy



Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

Mindfulness



The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

@theresilienceproject_ The Resilience Project The Resilience Project theresilienceproject.com.au



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.



Thank you to the P&C for their purchase of lego for our MC Class.



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.

That looks like FUN!!

Can we go to Playgroup?
PleaZZZZZZe!

Art & Craft

Meet new friends

Everyone welcome

Outdoor play

Regular visits to Kootingal Library for Storytime.

On Monday 12th May we will be meeting at the Kootingal Library, located in Denman Ave. next to the Tennis Courts. Hope to see you there!

Morning Tea is provided.

Please bring kids drink bottles.

Coffee & Tea

Little Stars playgroup

MONDAYS 9.30AM - 11AM

KOOTINGAL PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY

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For information and updates – Kootingal School 67 603 332
Facebook - Kootingal School or Kootingal Playgroup

Thank you

Thank you so much to our families and the Kootingal Community for your support of our Election Day Cake Stall. We raised \$989!

FREE

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

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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	before and after I go?
Fri 28 Mar	park games	how to walk out?
Fri 4 Apr	master chef kootingal	
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

MOTORISED WHEELED DEVICES



NSW Police Force

Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are **ILLEGAL** in NSW.

Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.



Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723

Further information is available at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



aussie hoops



Aussie Hoops



2025 Term 2

Presented by Emma Higgins – Participation Officer

Tuesdays, 8-week program starts 6th May –

finishes 24th June

Players may register in both Programs - Active Kids Vouchers can be used

“Aussie Hoops Rookies” 5 – 9 years

4.20pm-5.05pm

Skills-based program for beginners & intermediate groups

COST: \$80 for returning participant or \$140 for new participant with Starter pack: which includes backpack, ball & personalised singlet.

“Aussie Hoops Miniball”

5.10pm-5.55pm

Game-based program for U/8's/10's players progressing from Rookies

Games played on a full court with lowered rings

COST: \$100 for returning participant or \$160 for new participant with Starter pack: which includes backpack, ball & personalised singlet.

To Register, visit [Tamworth Basketball Association | TidyHQ](#)

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT TBA OFFICE ON 67622986

Email: admin@tamworthbasketball.com.au

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TAMWORTH CITY
SWIMMING CLUB

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

Saturday Afternoon 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



Ford aussie hoops



TAMWORTH
Basketball



Shoot your Shot

Term 2
Registrations
NOW OPEN

Tamworth Basketball Ford Aussie Hoops Term 2 Program starts on Tuesday 6th May – Tuesday 24th June.

We offer a Rookies and a Miniball Program for children in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 who are keen to learn about basketball and have fun in an inclusive and safe environment.

Rookies - 4.20pm - 5.05pm Tuesdays

* Skill-based program

Miniball – 5.10pm – 5.55pm Tuesdays

* Game-based program

Scan the QR Code to register your child for Term 2 Ford Aussie Hoops today.





Kootingal Public School

Term 2, 2025

Calendar

Please be aware dates many change due to unforeseen circumstances throughout the term.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 Mother's Day Stall	May 9 Stage 3 CPR Training
Week 3	May 12 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	May 13 K-2 Sport Boccia Gala Day	May 14	May 15 3-6 Sport Scholastic Book Club Due	May 16 Zone Cross Country - Barbara Canteen Closed
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
Week 5	May 26 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Tamworth Zone Boys Softball Gala Day/Trials	May 27 K-2 Sport	May 28	May 29 3-6 Sport	May 30 Rugby League Gala Day (Minor League Fields)
Week 6 Eisteddfod Week	June 2 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	June 3 K-2 Sport	June 4	June 5 3-6 Sport	June 6
Week 7 Eisteddfod Week	June 9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY for Kings Birthday	June 10 K-2 Sport	June 11 Boys and Girls Touch Football Gala day (Gipps Street)	June 12 3-6 Sport	June 13 Netball Gala Day (Sports Dome)
Week 8	June 16 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	June 17 K-2 Sport Spelling Bee	June 18	June 19 3-6 Sport School Photos	June 20 Girls Softball Gala Day (Carter St Fields)