

Kootingal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."



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Term 2 Week 6

Wednesday 4th June 2025



Merit

Hudson Zdencanovic

Gold Awards

Isabella Walsh, Frankie Brooks, Isaac Bennett,
Luka Simpson, Evie Cain and Ellena Maher



Silver Awards

Ariah Dean, Ellie Eccleston, Scarlet Blackwood, Luka Simpson,
Ella Seymour, Tyler Wilkinson, Harlow Pipe, Evie Cain,
Nevayah Donaldson and Angela Hobbs



Uniform Awards

Finn Blackwood, Ollie Carpenter, Charlie Stoddart,
Hudson Cocking, Theodore Dubois, Ryder Ireland, Phoebe
Brinkman, Zoe Lye, Jax Semmler, Avah-Rose Givney,
Ava Avery, Angela Hobbs, Abby Hogg, Ava Moxon,
Madelyn Witchard, Jamie Perkins and Bentley Brown



PBL Awards

Lily Squires, Riley Henderson, Arjay Carpenter,
Martin Fenner, Shelby Fenner, Olivia Hunt,
Jackson Price, Lilah Blackwood, Phillip Coonan,
Jackson Attard, Kalem Marchant,
Maycie Frankland, Lacey Felsman, Tyler Wilkinson,
Luka Simpson, Ava Moxon and Elliot Douglas



Bronze Awards for Stage 1

Tahlia Byrnes - Recording and identifying numbs to 20
Finn Blackwood - Improved counting and skills in number
identifications and recording
Lacey Hunt - Demonstrating rhythm during Djembe lessons
Percy Bradshaw - Eager participation in singing during
language lessons
Byron Squires - Excellent efforts in finding maths strategies to
solve problems
Ellena Maher - Her great explanations during class discussions
Arlo Patterson - Using manipulative to help him solve maths
problems
Nate Blacklock - His increased engagement in class
discussions
Lilliana Johns - Finding confidence in Mathematics discussions
Adam-Mack Pittman - Making more effort to complete writing
tasks
Heidi King - Making good contributions in discussions with Dr
Bricknell
Ryder Ireland - Trying very hard in all writing activities
Jamie Perkins - Demonstrating independence when completing
Mathematics tasks



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

Bronze Awards - Stage 2 and 3

Joshua Adams - His increased involvement in our study on sustainability
 Lexi Byrnes - Working hard to form letters correctly and neatly in handwriting lessons
 Jax Semmler - Excellent effort in visual art lessons
 Zoe Lye - Excellent creativity in our visual art lesson
 Thomas Steers - Excellent effort and application in using addition strategies
 Edward Glover - Excellent effort during Dr Bricknell's writing sessions on perspectives
 Tilly Maher - Excellent effort during Dr Bricknell's writing lessons
 Hudson Hurley - Improved effort in writing activities, especially during Dr Bricknell's lessons
 Leilah Higgins - Excellent effort during Dr Bricknell's perspective writing lesson
 Oliver Towler - Contributions to class discussion about 'My Place' in English

Beau Caterer - Making connections and contributing to discussion in History
 Thomas Capel - Fantastic, funny wiring about the perfect class pet
 Lovayah Wightman - Her willingness to participate in all learning activities
 Audrey Maher - Terrific effort in mapping skills
 Havanah Williams - Excellent effort and presentation of her Mathematics work
 Billy Simmonds - Attention to detail in mapping skills
 Sophie Corbett - Attention to detail and presentation in mapping skills



KL GYMNASTICS



3/4B's special visitors



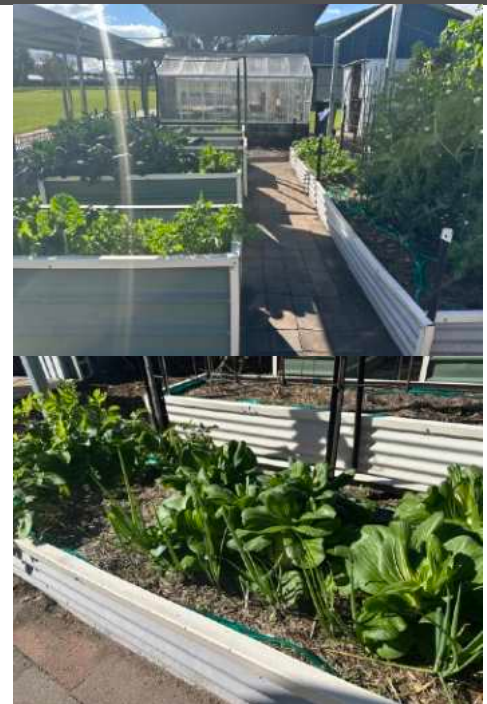
Writing in
3/4B



K/6M Vegetable Market



K/6M have worked extremely hard in our vegetable garden and would not like to see this fabulous produce go to waste. For a donation we invite community to come and harvest what you can use at home. All donations will be funded back into the garden for future plants, soil and equipment. Paper bags will be available to put your goods in.



Available to harvest:

Snow peas
Coriander
Beetroot
Mandarins
Spinach
Spring onion
Parsley
Bok choy
Cabbage
Basil

There will be future days to come and collect from the garden again

Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students,

Welcome to winter! The cold has hit us, so this is a reminder that students should now be in their winter uniforms. Please remember to label those important jumpers and jackets so they can be returned to students.



This week and next, we have students participating in the Tamworth Eisteddfod. They will be involved in dance groups, vocal performances, poetry as individuals and pairs, and public speaking. I am so proud of all these students for taking on this opportunity and look forward to sharing their experiences in our next newsletter. Thank you to Miss Merrett, Miss Booby, and our parents who have helped prepare the students for their events.

Last Friday, Ms Hearn and Mrs Lees took a group of primary boys to the Rugby League Gala Day. I wish to congratulate these students who not only played competitively but also displayed sportsmanship and represented Kootingal with pride and respect. It is always pleasing to hear positive reports when our students represent our community.



Last week, our Stage 1 and Stage 2 students had the pleasure of working with Dr Bricknell. Our students and teachers gain so much from the lessons with Dr Bricknell, and it is gratifying to see the quality of writing they are producing. Classes have also been busily preparing for the spelling bee. Each class is determining their contestants for our school spelling bee, which will be held on Tuesday, June 17th.

We are preparing for NAIDOC Week, which we will celebrate in Week 10 of this term. We warmly invite parents and the community to our assembly, which will be held on Monday at 10 am. We also extend this invitation to the community to come in during that week and share stories, conduct craft or art activities, or share any knowledge with a group you may be comfortable with—be it a class, stage, or the whole school. Please contact Miss Semmler to discuss what you would like to share. We only ask that a declaration form is completed prior to you working with our students.

Congratulations to Heath Green, Emily Moxon, Hallie Moxon, and Olivia Hogg, who participated in the Under 12's State Softball Cup over the weekend. Congratulations also to Heath, who received the MVP award for Tamworth. If you have any wonderful stories about the successes our students are achieving, please let us know so we can help celebrate them.



We have school photos coming up on Thursday, June 19th. All students should have returned their photo envelope to the office. Please remember that full winter uniform is required for photos, and we look forward to seeing those happy smiling faces on the day.

All envelopes and correct money are to be returned to the front office by Tuesday 17th June 2025. Unfortunately, the office will not provide change for photo envelopes as the money goes directly to the photographer on the day and the office will not open any envelopes. Siblings envelopes are available at the front office on request.

You may have seen on the local news and our Facebook page that the Department of Education is consulting with students, parents, staff, and key stakeholders in Term 2 of 2025 regarding enhancing educational offerings at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. There is more information regarding this in this newsletter and on our Facebook page. Please consider reading the information and participating in the consultation if you wish. I want to wish all our families a safe and happy long weekend.

Please note our canteen will be closed on Wednesday 11th June 2025.

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

Unsatisfactory Patterns of Attendance

Parents are responsible for the regular attendance of students at school. However, what do schools do if a student has an unsatisfactory pattern of attendance?

A child is considered to have an unsatisfactory school attendance when they have:

- regular absences without explanation (despite follow-up from the school)
- regular absences and explanations provided by parents are not accepted by the principal, or
- extended periods of absence without an explanation or the explanation is not accepted by the principal. An extended period of absence may be consecutive or irregular patterns of non-attendance.

The most common issue for schools is the patterns of non-attendance. Days off for shopping, birthdays, an early appointment in town, can't get organised in the morning etc are not valid reasons for absenteeism from school.

It is important to ensure there is a consistent pattern of attendance as this allows for continuity for the students both socially and academically at school. It is very difficult to assist students reach their full potential if they are not at school.

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



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

GEM Chats Empathy

CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION

GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while **building stronger connections through daily conversations.**

HOW TO USE GEM CHATS

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice empathy.

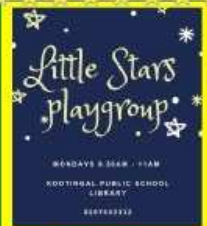
Try these prompts:

- ★ Thank each family member for something they've **done** or **said** today.
- ★ Give each family member a **compliment**.
- ★ Share a time when someone has done **something kind for you** this week. Describe how it made you feel.
- ★ Think about someone special in your life. **What makes them special**, and how will you let them know this week?
- ★ Who made you **feel cared for** this week? What actions did they take?



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

[@theresilienceproject](#) [The Resilience Project](#) [The Resilience Project](#) [theresilienceproject.com.au](#)



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY,
on the 5th June,
was the inspiration for our
CARDBOARD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
at Playgroup this week.



Fantastic teamwork!



Packing up today was super easy...straight into the recycling bin! 🌱



We enjoyed the playdough, colouring in as well as a yummy morning tea.



New families are always welcome to join us at Kootingal Playgroup, Monday 9.30am – 11am.
For information please contact the school on 67 603 332 or join our Facebook pages Kootingal Playgroup or Kootingal School

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School community consultation – school newsletter comms

Start of consultation

Community consultation for Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School

The NSW Department of Education is consulting with the wider Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School community to understand what families and community groups are looking for and if there is a need to consider co-educational day and boarding offerings at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School.

Feedback from the community consultation process will be used to inform decision-making on the future educational offerings at the school.

Students, parents, carers and staff are invited to share their feedback via this [online survey](#), open from 9am Thursday 29 May and runs until 5pm on Friday 18 July 2025.

More information is available on the department's [website](#).

If you have any questions, please email farrerconsultation@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thank you for your support.

Consultation reminder

Have your say on co-education at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School

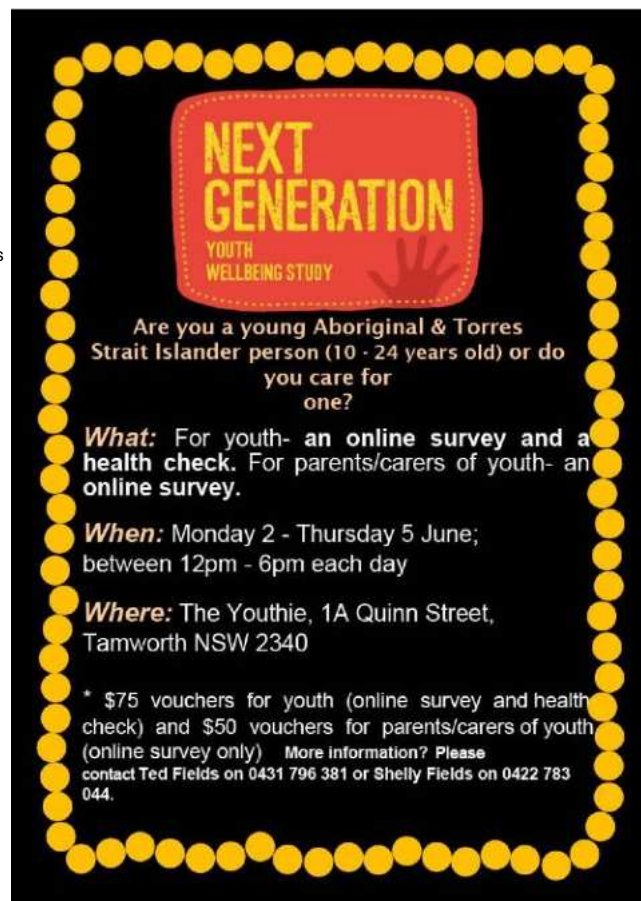
The Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School co-education community consultation is closing soon.

Share your feedback via this [online survey](#) before 5pm on Friday 18 July 2025 to inform future educational offerings at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School.

More information is available on the department's [website](#).

If you have questions, please email farrerconsultation@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thank you for taking part in the consultation process.



NEXT GENERATION
YOUTH WELLBEING STUDY

Are you a young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander person (10 - 24 years old) or do you care for one?

What: For youth- an online survey and a health check. For parents/carers of youth- an online survey.

When: Monday 2 - Thursday 5 June; between 12pm - 6pm each day

Where: The Youthie, 1A Quinn Street, Tamworth NSW 2340

* \$75 vouchers for youth (online survey and health check) and \$50 vouchers for parents/carers of youth (online survey only) More information? Please contact Ted Fields on 0431 796 381 or Shelly Fields on 0422 783 044.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TENNIS CLINIC

8th till the 10th JULY
8:30am till 11:30am
(drop off before 8 available)

AGES:
4-14 YEARS

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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

\$90 per child (3days) OR \$30 per morning



Do you want to grow your connection to Culture, Country & Mob?

Dhalbin-baa (medicine time & place) cultural health program

We're running a free 8-week cultural health program for mob aged 18+. Includes yarning circles, language sessions, medicine & food workshops, cultural camp on Country. No previous knowledge required. Men's and women's activities.

Call Ted Fields 0431 796 381 or email yaama@burruguu.org before 6th July to find out more

TAMWORTH CRICKET ACADEMY

visit tamworthcricketacademy.com.au or
contact trent@tamworthcricketacademy.com.au

WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP

All Ages, All abilities. Strictly Limited Spots.
EOIs Close Monday 16 June.

IN PERSON ACADEMY SESSION

90 minutes of skills and drills
—
Cricket technique & development
—
Video analysis
—
Live net sessions
—
Player progress tracking from head coach Trent Weir



ONLINE ATHLETE RESOURCE HUB

Weekly content from head coach Trent Weir
—
Technical analysis and skills videos
—
Mindset, preparation and goal-setting
—
Exclusive insights from guest coaches and players
—
Interactive player improvement content

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KOOTINGAL KIDS CLUB

YEARS K-5

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SINGING, BIBLE
STORIES, CRAFT
AND MORE

3.30-5.00PM
EVERY THURSDAY TERM TIME

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national donut day



Friday 6 June

8.30 - 9.30am Kootingal Preschool Free Donuts	2pm - 3pm Kootingal Library Free Donuts	3.45 - 4.45pm Kootingal Library Free Donuts
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Come on down for some free donuts and meet the Sora team

Sora
Community Services

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



Wicky 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.



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 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 Tamworth Eisteddfod - Dance group	June 6
Week 7 Eisteddfod Week	June 9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY for Kings Birthday	June 10 K-2 Sport NAIDOC Shield League Tag at Timbumburi PS	June 11 Canteen Closed Boys and Girls Touch Football Gala day (Gipps Street) Tamworth Eisteddfod - Vocal	June 12 3-6 Sport	June 13 Netball Gala Day (Sports Dome) Tamworth Eisteddfod - Poetry
Week 8	June 16 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	June 17 K-2 Sport Spelling Bee	June 18 Boys Softball KO Gala Day (Carter St Fields)	June 19 3-6 Sport School Photos	June 20 Girls Softball Gala Day (Carter St Fields)
Week 9	June 23 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	June 24 K-2 Sport	June 25	June 26 3-6 Sport Girls Football (Soccer) Gala Day (Gipps St)	June 27 Boys Football (Soccer) Gala Day (Gipps St)
Week 10	June 30 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly - 2:20pm - Host 5/6H, items 3/4M	July 1 K-2 Sport	July 2 Girls Basketball Gala Day (Sports Dome)	July 3 3-6 Sport Boys Basketball Gala Day (Sports Dome) Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Nemingha	July 4