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Term 3 Week 10

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Student of the Month

Martin Fenner

Martin is a kind and supportive student who consistently embodies the values of Kootingal Public School. He approaches all Key Learning Areas with enthusiasm and applies himself to the best of his ability. A reliable and inclusive member of our class, Martin consistently models our PBL values of being a safe, supportive and effective learner.



Martin collaborates effectively in group activities and demonstrates respect in all interactions with peers and teachers. His kindness shines through every day in the classroom. Martin always helps his peers tie up their shoelaces and pack away. He asks for help when needed and happily takes on feedback.

Martin takes pride in wearing the correct school uniform every day. He displays his best effort when participating in all school events and enjoys taking on new challenges. Since starting at Kootingal Public School this year, Martin's kind, caring and hard working attitude has been noticed by both his peers and staff. For these reasons, Martin is a most deserving recipient of the Student of the Month award. Congratulations Martin.

Gold Awards

Theodore Dubois and Jamie Perkins

Silver Awards

Harris Clarke, Fraser Clarke, Beau Roser, Byron Squires, George Bennett, Theodore Dubois, Jax Seymour, Jax Semmler and Jack Lawson



PBL Awards

Charley Moxon, Idah Lynch, Samuel Evans, Cooper Baily, Emillia Stevens, Jayda Kaluza, Lilliana Johns, Heidi King, Ella Seymour, Zoe Lye, Harlow Pipe, Leila Higgins,



Beau Caterer, Charlotte Hunt, Kieran Perkins, Rylie Sheumack and Havanah Williams

Caitlin Cwach

Caitlin is a quiet, capable student who works hard each day. She consistently conducts herself in a kind and inclusive manner. She demonstrates excellent independent work habits and works well as part of a group. Caitlin will happily assist others when she notices they need assistance. She is organised in her learning and strives to achieve her best in all she does.



She is polite, empathetic and kind in her interactions with peers, teachers and community members. She is humble in her achievements and does not seek recognition for her efforts.

Caitlin enjoys learning and thrives when faced with a challenge or a chance to extend herself, although she always takes time to revise foundational concepts carefully. She is proud of her efforts in maintaining neat bookwork and beautiful handwriting.

Caitlin follows PBL expectations in all environments and is an excellent role model for younger students and her peers. She enjoys sharing her great sense of humour with her peers.

Caitlin is a deserving recipient of the Student of the Month award and she should be very proud of this achievement.

Uniform Awards

Sonny Glover, Ellis Williamson, Lacey Hunt, Indie McIntosh, Emillia Stevens, Isabella Walsh, Mitchell McGrath, Lilah Blackwood, Peyton Sampson, Lucas Sneesby, Ciara Cwach, Abby Hogg, Hunter Barnett, Regardt Janse van Rensburg, Joshua Adams and Elliot Douglas

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

Fortnightly Bronze Awards

Ellis Williamson - His excellent effort in writing and using technology to type and publish his stories

Chayce Brinkman - His excellent effort in writing and using technology to type and publish his stories

Eshanna Brijesh - Her independent writing skills

Percy Bradshaw - His enthusiasm in reading group

Kaiden Rosier - A settled start to Kootingal Public School,

Welcome
Parker O'Brien - Working hard to discover number patterns
Isaac Bennett - His engaging enthusiasm presenting his class

project
Frankie Brooks - Always trying her best and improving in completing all class tasks

Thomas Keen - Beginning and finishing work independently Lilly Warner - Trying her best and improving in completing all class tasks

Joshua Adams - His effort and participation in Spellex lessons Thomas Steers - Working hard to show working to justify his answers in Mathematics lessons

Lexi Byrnes - Excellent effort and participation in Gamilaraay Language lessons

Phillip Coonan - Demonstrating great problem solving skills in Mathematics lessons

Mitchell Kennedy - Working hard to solve problems and show working to justify his answers in Mathematics lessons

Olivia Hogg - Excellent participation at tennis for sport Edward Glover - Consistent borrowing from the library

Levi Hazell - Excellent participation at tennis for sport

Jack Lawson - Consistent borrowing from the library Lucas DeVries - Improved effort in editing and proof reading

Isabela Robinson - Increased effort and attendance

Abby Hogg - Working hard to ensure she accurately completes all set tasks

Noah Davis - Great engagement in our drama unit

Madelyn Witchard - Showing great engagement in our drama lessons

Nevayah Donaldson - Trying hard to improve her spelling across all key learning areas

Silver Assembly Awards - Monday 22nd September

Emmett Curry - Being an attentive, co-operative and well mannered member of KL

Lily Squires - Always taking pride in her neat bookwork and for improved application in class

Indie McIntosh - Her Excellent InitiaLit results

Harlee-Rose Reilly - Her sound and digraph knowledge

Olivia Hunt - Huge effort in working independently on writing tasks

Shelby Fenner - Always striving to do her best work in all learning activities

Lilah Blackwood - Showing pleasing improvement in reading and comprehension

Phoebe Brinkman - Showing improvement in answering comprehension questions in detail using here, hidden and head strategies

Patrick Lye - Effort in reading and comprehending more complex tasks

Bentley Brown - Working hard to improve his writing skills

Jasmine Harris - Striving to achieve her best in English lessons Abeer Malik - Being a kind and cooperative classmate when completing group tasks

Kya Kaluza - Demonstrating independent work habits

Rubie Warner - Asking questions and seeking clarification to be an effective learner

Jack Lawson - Effort when writing and typing his Fire texts Evanna Brijesh- Showing continual improvements across all learning areas

Holly Elliott-Crowley - Beginning to show persistence in learning new tasks

Hudson Hurley - Improved effort towards writing tasks

Oliver Towler - Fantastic poetry writing about his bookweek character, Thing 1

Ruby Rule - Outstanding effort and improvement in English Angela Hobbs - Her commitment to completing all learning tasks

Indi Maher - Improved attitude towards her learning Beau Roser - Continued effort in English this term

Ariah Dean - Improvement engagement in her learning







Enrolments now open for

Kindergarten 2026



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

Please come to the office.





Thank you to our families for a fun filled Term 3. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

Playgroup will return on Monday 20th October,

in the School Library. (Week 2)

New families are always welcome. Wishing you a safe, happy holidays.

NSW Department of Education

Days missed = years lost

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



Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students,

As we approach the final week of Term 3, it's wonderful to reflect on the incredible learning, growth, and achievements our school community has shared over these past weeks. From exciting classroom projects to memorable events, Term 3 has been filled with opportunities for everyone to shine.

I have been fortunate enough to teach some classes recently and greatly enjoyed delivering the wonderful lessons our teachers have planned. From Kindergarten learning about celebrations and Chinese New Year to Stage 3 planning their own fractured fairytale delivered in a script form. I was delighted to be invited to 1/2W to watch them perform their scripts they had created around fairy tale characters with accompany masks for their characters. They did a fabulous job and were very entertaining. Stage 2 have also been busy learning about the explorers of Australia which has been matched wonderfully with their feature text and author 'The Goat Who Sailed the World' by Jackie French. I wish to thank our teachers for their dedication as we wrap up another successful term together. We look forward to the adventures Term 4 will bring!

Term 4 – Students return to school on Tuesday 14th October as Monday is a Staff Development Day. We look forward to seeing them all back then.

Parent Teacher Meetings – Thank you to the parents that attend our parent catch up meetings yesterday and last Tuesday. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. I strongly encourage if you were unable to attend to please reach out to your child's teacher about any concerns you may have.

Excursions – Just a reminder that all paperwork and payments need to be completed by 3pm this Friday to secure your child's participation in our excursions. If you have any concerns with this, please contact the school.

Come and Try Kindergarten 2026 - Today is the final session of our Come and Try days. It has been wonderful getting to know all these amazing students for next year. We hope to see them all for next term when our transition days will begin.

Upcoming events Term 4

- * Kindergarten Transition Fridays Week 1 to 5 at varying times
- * Silver Assemblies
 - * Week 2 Monday 20th October Hosted by KL, performance by 3/4B
 - * Week 6 Monday 17th November Hosted by KS, performance by 5/6B
 - * Please note change of class performance due to Intensive Swimming
- * Musica Viva Performance Thursday 23rd October Information early next term
- * CAPERS
- Stage 2 and 3 Excursions
- Intensive Swimming

As the holidays approach, we hope everyone gets a chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy some quality time with family and friends. Stay safe and have a wonderful break - we can't wait to see everyone back refreshed and ready for Term 4!

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.
- * Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions to be paid in full by 26th September 2025.



Kootingal Public School

Invites all 2026 Kindergarten students

to our

Bright StarsTransition Program

Transition Days

To attend these sessions, students must be enrolled at Kootingal Public School for 2026

- Friday 17th October 9.30 12.30pm
- Friday 24th October 12.30pm 3.00pm
- Friday 31st October 9.30am 3.00pm
- Friday 7th November 9.30am 3.00pm
- Friday 14th November 9.30am 3.00pm

Kindergarten Orientation Parent Information Morning

Friday 17th October 9.45am – 11.30am In the Library

<u>Please note: Students will be collected at the large front gates at the beginning of the Transition time.</u>

Students will then be delivered back to the large front gates at the end of the session time.

Students require a hat, drink bottle and wear sleeved shirts and closed in shoes for all Transition sessions.

Please also provide:

- Lunch for Friday 17th October
- Afternoon tea for Friday 24th October; and
- Lunch and afternoon tea for Friday 31st October, Friday 7th November and Friday 14th November.

Thank you





Canteen and P&C News

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

Canteen open first break Wednesday and Friday

Hot Food			Sandwiches, Salads &Wraps	SE SE	N. S. S.
Cheese Pizza	\$	3.00	All salad contains - lettuce, grated cheese, gra	ted c	arrot,
Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$	3.50	tomato, beetroot, cucumber & mayo		
Chicken & Cheese Pizza w/ bbg sauce	\$	3.50	Salad Tub	. \$	5.00
Sausage Roll	\$	4.00	Chicken Breast Salad Tub	. \$	5,50
Meat Pie		5.00	Ham Salad Tub	\$	5,50
Grilled Chicken Burger	\$	5.00	Chicken Tender Wrap	400	4,50
Grilled chicken fillet, lettuce, cheese & Mayo			Chicken tender, lettuce, grated cheese & mayo		
Cheeseburger	\$	5.00	Fish Wrap	\$	4,50
Lean Beef Pattie, cheese & tomato sauce			Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce, grated cheese & mayo)	
Fish Burger	\$	5.00	Chicken Breast Salad Wrap	. \$	5.00
Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce & mayo			Ham Salad Wrap	. \$	5.00
Chicken Breast Gravy Roll	\$	5.00	Salad Wrap	. \$	4.50
Lasagne	\$	5.00	Salad Roll	. \$	5.00
Macaroni & Cheese	\$	5.00	Chicken Breast Salad Roll	\$	5.50
Spaghetti	\$	5.00	Ham Salad Roll	\$	5.50
Butter chicken & Rice	\$	5.50	Salad Sandwich	\$	4.50
Fried Rice	\$	5.00	Chicken Breast Salad Sandwich	. \$	5.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.	80each	Ham Salad Sandwich	. \$	5.00
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$	3.50	Chicken Breast, Lettuce & Mayo Sandw	. \$	4.50
Chicken Breast & Cheese Toasted Sandv	\$	3.50	Cheese Sandwich	. \$	2.50
Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$	3.00	Vegemite Sandwich	. \$	2.50
Hash Brown	\$	1.00	Egg, Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich	. \$	3.00
Corn Cob	\$	0.50			
Chicken noodles	\$	2.00	Frozen Snacks - available after lunch orders e	aten	
Cheesy Garlic Bread	\$	2.00	Chocolate Moosies	. \$	2.00
			Frozen Juice Cups	. \$	1.00
Drinks			Quelch	. \$	0.70
Bottled Water	\$	2.00	Frozen Yoghurt	. \$	2.50
Assorted fruit poppers:	\$	1.50	TNT	. \$	1.50
Apple, Tropical, Orange & Apple/Blackcurrant					
Chocolate & Strawberry Milk	\$	2.50	Snacks - available after lunch orders eaten		
Chill J:	\$	3.00	Milo (cold or warm)	. \$	2.00
Raspberry, Lemonade, Apple Cola,			Popcorn	. \$	1.00
Watermelon, Grape & Orange/Passio			Sunbites	. \$	1.00
			Cheese Stick	. \$	1.00
Extras			Apple Slices Bag	. \$	1.00
Tomato Sauce	\$	0.70	Carrot Sticks Bag	\$	1.00
BBQ Sauce	\$	0.70	Cucumber Sticks	\$	1.00
Cheese	\$	0.70	Assorted Fruit	. \$	1.00





Term 4, 2025

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	Oct 13 School Development Day	Oct 14 Student return to school K-2 Sport Leadership nominations due	Oct 15	Oct 16 3-6 Sport	Oct 17 Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 9:30am to 12:30pm Kindergarten 2026 Parent Information morning 9:45am to 11:30am
Week 2	Oct 20 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly 2:30pm - Host KL and item by 3/4B	Oct 21 K-2 Sport	Oct 22 CAPERS Rehearsal	Oct 23 3-6 Sport Musica Viva 2:20pm to 3:20pm	Oct 24 Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 12:30pm to 3pm
Week 3	Oct 27 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Leadership interviews	Oct 28 K-2 Sport Leadership interviews	Oct 29	Oct 30 3-6 Sport	Oct 31 Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 9:30am to 3pm
Week 4	Nov 3 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly	Nov 4 K-2 Sport Stage 2 Thalgarrah Excursion	Nov 5 Stage 2 Thalgarrah Excursion	Nov 6 3-6 Sport CAPERS Rehearsal	Nov 7 CAPERS Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 9:30am to 3pm
Week 5	Nov 10 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion Intensive Swimming	Nov 11 K-2 Sport Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion Intensive Swimming	Nov 12 Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion Intensive Swimming	Nov 13 3-6 Sport Intensive Swimming	Nov 14 Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 9:30am to 3pm Intensive Swimming
Week 6	Nov 17 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly at 2:30pm - Host KS, item 5/6B Intensive Swimming	Nov 18 K-2 Sport Intensive Swimming	Nov 19	Nov 20 3-6 Sport Oxley High Taster Day	Nov 21 Intensive Swimming Leadership speeches and voting
Week 7	Nov 24 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Intensive Swimming	Nov 25 K-2 Sport Intensive Swimming	Nov 26	Nov 27 3-6 Sport	Nov 28



SPRING INTO THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT PCYC



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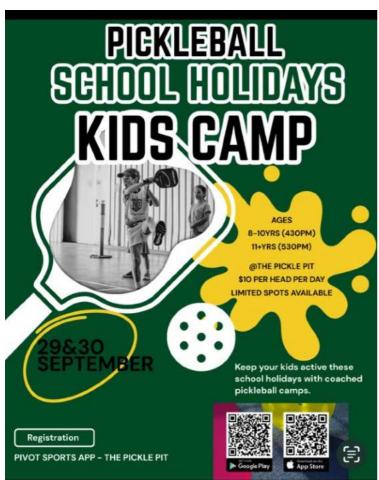
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Following extensive consultation with Cricket NSW and community members, the upcoming 2025/26 season will be seeing junior cricket in Tamworth move from a schools-based competition to a club-based competition.

The competitions will be transitioned into age-based competitions to align with junior representative and pathways cricket competitions. Furthermore, the change to clubbased cricket will also provide a clearer pathway for cricketers to move through the junior space into senior cricket as they continue to grow and enjoy the game of cricket.

Currently in Tamworth there are 6 clubs that children can register with. To make for fun competitive competition, ideally, we would like all of the clubs to have good representation in all areas of participation and all age groups.

For those starting out in cricket, all of the clubs are going to continue to run a combined Saturday morning Cricket Blast program. As per previous years, the youngest group will commence at 08:00, with the older group commencing at 09:30. Each club only has one registration point as per the links below:

Bective-East Cricket Club	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/ecd5ce		
North Tamworth Cricket Club	https://www.playhg.com/cricket- australia/register/85ff4b		
Old Boys (Stars) Cricket Club Tamworth	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/606f94		
South Tamworth Cricket Club	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/66da79 https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/7eb77e https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/779309		
Tamworth City United Cricket Club			
West Tamworth Cricket Club			

In the Junior Cricket space (under 9s, under 11s, under 13s, under 15s and under 17s), competitions will be run in a similar fashion to last year. Under 9s and 11s will be played on Saturday mornings, under 13s and 15s will be played Friday nights, and under 17s will be played on Monday nights. Currently in Tamworth there are 6 clubs that children can register with and each club only has one registration point as per the links below:

Bective-East Cricket Club	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/62d5dc		
North Tamworth Cricket Club	https://www.playhg.com/cricket- australia/register/8c6497		
Old Boys (Stars) Cricket Club Tamworth	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/386672		
South Tamworth Cricket Club	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/b7d5fc https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/f0e5c3 https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/9910a9		
Tamworth City United Cricket Club			
West Tamworth Cricket Club			

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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TAKE IT HOME ACTIVITY **EMPATHY | LESSON #3**





TAKE IT HOME ACTIVITY



GRATITUDE | LESSON #6



This week in our Empathy lesson, we explored how meaningful and heartfelt compliments have the power to uplift and empower others. We learned ways we can compliment the character strengths of others, and then described the emotions we experienced when giving and receiving complim

Developing empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we practise empathy by doing something kind for someone else, our brain releases oxytocin. This results in an increase in our selfesteem, confidence, energy levels, positivity and overall happiness.



- As you are sitting around the dinner table, give each family member a leaf template to write something kind about another family member. You may choose to do more than one leaf each
- When complete, share the leaves with each other
- Discuss how it felt to hear the kind messages and how it felt to write kind messages for others (showing empathy and kindness).
- Use the leaves and brown paper to create your own family tree of kindness to display in your home. You could continue to add or replace leaves over time

YOU WILL NEED:

- Time together as a family
- Leaf template or create
- Brown paper (could be brown paper bags scrunched up).
- Pencils and textas



Hi Families.

This week in our Gratitude lesson, we practised the attitude of gratitude by noticing and celebrating what is right in front of us. We reflected on the emotional significance of our possessions, experiences and relationships tuning into the feelings of joy, appreciation and love that accompany them

Engaging in gratitude practices helps us cultivate thankfulness and appreciation for what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have a better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression, and we are less likely to get sick. There are so many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

RY IT AT HOME FAMILY ACTIVITY: **GRATITUDE JAR**

Time together as a family.

- Recycled jar or container.
- Blank piece of paper.
- Pencils and textas.

WHAT TO DO:

- · Decorate a jar or container to use as a gratitude jar.
- As a family talk about the things and people you are grateful for in your lives.
- $\label{thm:eq:control} \text{Every day this week, encourage each family member to write down a thing or person they are grateful for, then } \\$ place this in the gratitude jar.
- Don't forget to include the reason why you are grateful for this thing or person.
- At the end of the week, sit around as a family and read out all the things and people your family are grateful for.
- This can be something you continue to do as a family and do a check in weekly to read these out.

This can also tie in very nicely with writing kind things about people in the family (practising empathy).

Family Gratitude habit builde While sitting around the dinner table, invite each family member to share three things from their day that they are grateful for.

We would love to see what you are doing at home. Please share some photos or let your child's teacher know what you have enjoyed.

Family Empathy habit builder:

When you are sitting around the dinner table, discuss what acts of kindness each family member has done that day or week. Talk about how it made them feel.

We would love to see what you are doing at home. Please share some photos or let your child's teacher know what you have enjoyed.



