



Kootingal Public School STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."



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Term 3 Week 2

Wednesday 30th July 2025

Awards

Gold Awards

Olivia Hunt, Leilah Higgins and Ellie Eccleston



PBL Awards

Fortnightly and Term 2 Bonus Behaviour

Chance Brinkman, Eshanna Brijesh, Jayda Kaluza, Clancy Eccleston, Lilah Blackwood, Ella Flemming, Lexi Byrnes, Jasmine Harris, Nixon Hawke, Lachlan Witchard, Madelyn Witchard, Dakota Blanch, Jesse Adams, Ciara Cwach and Koby-Jay Lang



Silver Awards

Leilah Higgins, Olivia Hunt, Hudson Zdencanovic, Zoe Lye, Idaho Lynch, Benjamin Walsh, Ellie Eccleston, Phillip Coonan, Jaxon Visser, Billy Simmonds, Shelby Fenner, Martin Fenner and Jasmine Coonan



Uniform Awards

Patrick Smith, Lily Squires, Arjay Carpenter, Raine Barnett, Frankie Brooks, Isabelle De Vries, Matilda Butler, Oakley Sheumack, Emily Moxon, Harris Clarke, Jack Lawson, Jett Gorman, Abigail Jamieson, Ruby Rule, Sophie Corbett, Seth Gorman, Jesse Adams and Jamies Perkins



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 Rebecca Vanella
Secretary: Scott Tulley
Treasurer: Anne-Maree McGrath

Fortnightly Bronze Awards

Ollie Carpenter - Improved skills and confidence in reading and writing
 Emmett Curry - His improved sound recognition and recording skills
 Martin Fenner - Demonstrating great sportsmanship at the Athletics Carnival
 Samuel Evans - Being a supportive and encouraging member of KS
 Frankie Brooks - Her awesome explanation during mathematical discussions
 Hudson Hillier - Settling back into routine and his outstanding sportsmanship
 Thomas Keen - His use of multiple strategies during mathematical problems
 Hunter Ryan - His great sportsmanship during athletics carnival
 Charlotte-Jane Scarth - Returning to Term 3 with the determination to be an effective learner
 Adam Mack Pittman - Accepting challenges in writing and setting writing goals
 Heidi King - Starting Term 3 with the determination to be an effective learner
 Jamahri Opie - Excellent effort, enthusiasm and house spirit at the Athletics Carnival
 Jackson Attard - Excellent effort in Spellex lessons
 Isaac Campbell-Hicks - Excellent participation and effort at the Athletics Carnival
 Saphira Sheridan - Excellent participation and effort at the Athletics Carnival
 Kalem Marchant - Consistent borrowing from the Library
 Lucas Sneesby - Consistent borrowing from the Library
 Levi Hazell - Consistent borrowing from the Library
 George Bennett - Consistent borrowing from the Library
 Rylie Sheumack - Demonstrating sportsmanship at the PSSA Softball Gala Day
 Regardt Janse Van Rensburg - Showing outstanding sportsmanship on the sporting field
 Zac Pollard - Helping others when in need
 Lovayah Wightman - Volunteering to timekeeper at the Athletics Carnival
 Thomas Capel - Volunteering ideas in class discussions
 Oliver Towler - His assistance at the Athletics Carnival
 Lacey Felsman - Her assistance at the Athletics Carnival
 Elliot Douglas - Offering insightful ideas and thoughts during PDH discussions
 Bentley Brown - His effort during Quicksmart lessons and for his application of taught strategies



Enrolments now open for Kindergarten 2026

Contact 0267603332 for more information



Kootingal Public School



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

Please come to the office.

1/2W loves working with numbers and learning new skills in Mathematics.



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Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students,

Welcome back to Term 3! What a wonderful but busy start we have had at the school. We are looking forward to another great term.

Athletics Carnival – Our athletics carnival was an outstanding success and thankful a dry one after all the rain. I greatly appreciate the time and effort that goes behind the scenes in making these days happen. So, a big thank you to Mr Cracknell and Mrs Blinman for their organisation and all the teachers for their efforts on the day.

Our day would not be possible without the assistance we receive from the Farrer students which also adds to the efficiency and smooth running of the carnival. I have also taken the time to congratulate our students on their enthusiasm, behaviour and sportsmanship which is what made the day what it was. I am extremely proud of them all.

Ribbons and championships will be handed out during our Education Week Assembly on Monday 4th August which starts at 10am. Please remember during the carnival that heats were ran and final positions are not known until all times and distances are compared across these heats.

Zone Athletics will be held on Friday 15th August and students have received notes and timetables today about what events they have qualified for. Students can only be nominated for Zone if they make qualifying distances, heights and times.

Education Week – I warmly welcome our parents to attend our Education Week assembly at 10am on Monday 4th August. With this year's theme *Ignite your Potential*, therefore our teachers have elected 2 students per class for Education week awards which recognises those students who aim to achieve educational excellence and reach their potential. Our choir and school dance group will also be performing. Our classrooms will then be open for visitors to come and see work that the students would like to share with you. I look forward to seeing you on this day as we celebrate Public Education and all that we can offer.

Pie Drive – Don't forget about our P&C Pie Drive. Orders are due next Tuesday and can be picked up Thursday 14th August. This is one of the major fundraisers our P&C holds, the P&C has elected that the proceeds for this and future pie drives will go toward costs for the Canberra Excursion. I greatly appreciate this commitment from the P&C and value what an impact it will have on our families. So please get behind this great fundraiser and support however you can.

Before and After School Care – TheirCare are taking enrolments and will be a holding parent information session on Wednesday 20th August at 5.30pm in the hall. Please use the links posted on Facebook, Parent portal or our website to enrol.

Illnesses - Just a reminder that if your child has contracted headlice, chicken pox, measles, COVID-19 or any other infectious illness to please notify the school. We can then notify classes if needed, of what is happening.

Sporting Achievements - Last Tuesday our boys softball team played 4 games of softball, winning the final to make them PSSSA North West Champions!! It was a fantastic effort by the team who are coached by Mr Cracknell and Mrs Blinman. We look forward to supporting them as then continue.



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.

Kindergarten 2026

COME & TRY DAYS

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

1.45 - 3.15

ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER IF YOUR
CHILD IS ATTENDING
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Attendance

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.



TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

Kootenai Public School

Bookings now open!

	Monday – Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM	\$23.65	\$2.37
After School Care (ASC)	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	\$26.95	\$3.70
Full Day	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$67.00	\$6.70
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM	\$67.00	\$6.70

*Based on the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for full-time care. **Based on the CCS for part-time care. ***Based on the CCS for full-time care.

Cancellation Fees
If you cancel your enrolment, you must pay a cancellation fee.
BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: \$4.00
Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: \$10.00
Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees
If you book late, you must pay a late booking fee.
BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: \$4.00
Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is \$10.00

Late Pick-up Fees
If you pick up late, you must pay a late pick-up fee.
\$1 per minute after service close time.

To register visit theircare.com.au

Save up to 90% with child care subsidy

Service phone number: 01-81 468 451
Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.



TheirCare
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Enrolments Now Open!

Up to 90% of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!

Enrolments are now open for families to enrol.

Enrolments are completed online at www.theircare.com.au and usually takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

See FAQs on our website theircare.com.au/families



TheirCare
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How to Enrol
GUIDE

Enrolment and bookings are completed online at www.theircare.com.au and takes around 15 to 20 minutes.

When doing your child's enrolment there will be some information and documents that you will need on hand to complete the process.

These include

- 1 Centrelink CRNs for yourself and the child you are enrolling
- 2 Credit card or bank account details for direct debit purposes
- 3 Emergency contact details in case you are not contactable in an emergency
- 4 Authorised nominees for drop off and collection
- 5 Doctor, Medicare, immunisations details for your child
- 6 Any medical or health details for your child

Enrolment takes approximately 15 – 20 minutes

See FAQs on our website theircare.com.au/families

SRC REPORT

JULY 2025



What happened in Term 2:

Term 2 was a busy and successful term for the SRC! We are proud to have raised \$62 for Do It For Dolly Day, helping to support mental health awareness and provide resources for those in need. We also ran an out of uniform day and school disco, raising \$185 to go towards school improvements and student resources.

During NAIDOC Week, the SRC organised and ran a variety of Yulunga games at lunchtime, encouraging everyone to celebrate and participate in traditional Indigenous games. A big thank you to all students, staff and families for your continued support!



Term 3 Events

The SRC is excited to be hosting a number of fundraising and awareness events this term to support children and families in need.

Week 5, Term 3

PYJAMA DAY!

On Friday Week 5 (22nd August), we're inviting everyone to wear their PJs and bring a gold coin donation to raise money and awareness for Children in Foster Care and Stewart House.



Week 8, Term 3

R U OK? DAY

On Thursday 11th September, we'll be hosting an R U OK? Day event to raise awareness around mental health and the importance of checking in with each other. Students will be able to wear a touch of yellow.



Week 10, Term 3

FOOTY COLOURS & JEANS FOR GENES DAY!

We will also be celebrating Jeans for Genes Day and Footy Colours Day, on September 26th, to raise funds for Children's Medical Research and support children living with cancer.

Keep an eye out for further information as each event approaches.

Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!



Building Resilience at Home Webinar

WHO'S INVITED?
Parents & Carers

DURATION
60 minutes

WHERE?
Online Webinar

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

A whole school approach is key to supporting student wellbeing. This session is designed to **connect the classroom to home**, providing a consistency and common language for your child and family.

This presentation will promote positive wellbeing and will provide you with:



A knowledge of the TRP program and how it is run in your child's school.



Tips and strategies to support your child's wellbeing at home through the GEM principles.



Ideas on how to support your own personal wellbeing.

SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT
THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.



NSW SCHOOLS MTB SERIES

FRIDAY AUGUST 8

ENTRIES INCLUDE: Entries \$25 - \$5 for Funduro
www.nswschoolsmtb.com.au

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REGIONAL COUNCIL

4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

Kootenai Public After School Program
Mondays 18th August - 8th September
3:40 - 4:40 pm

PLUS EXCLUSIVE
AFL GIDDIES

8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Kootenai Public After School Program
Mondays 18th August - 8th September
3:40 - 4:40 pm

PLUS EXCLUSIVE
SUPERKICK GIDDIES

MORE INFO: CONTACT LACHLAN 0404526607

Tamworth Touch
PRIMARY COMPETITION
 Starts Monday 18th August

Year 3 & 4 - 4:45pm
 Year 5 & 6 - 5:25pm

Individual or team nominations

Register Now

Proudly Sponsored by

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\$65 per player (includes singlet)
 + \$22 TFA National Membership & \$30 NSWTA Membership

TAMWORTH TITANS TOUCH

TAMWORTH TOUCH
LITTLE NIPPERS
 Starts Monday 25th August

10 WEEK PROGRAM

Mondays 4:45 - 5:15pm

AGES 4-8

Skills
 Drills
 Games

\$55 per player includes singlet
 + \$22 TFA National Membership

REGISTER NOW ON MYSIDELINE

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TAMWORTH TITANS TOUCH

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

ST ANDREWS CHURCH
 CNR DENMAN AVE & GATE ST
 KOOTINGAL

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 OFFICE@KOOTINGALMOONBIANGLICAN.COM
 WWW.KOOTINGALMOONBIANGLICAN.COM

Kootingal - Moonbi Swimming Club Inc.

COME AND TRY SESSIONS!

Have you ever wanted to join a swimming club and unsure about what to expect?

If so, you now have a chance to try it out at no cost as we host 3 FREE Come & Try SQUAD sessions for potential swimmers. This is open to any age that can swim 25M or more.

Kootingal Moonbi is a club that caters for all levels of swimmers with two highly experienced & qualified coaches.

When: Sunday 7th, Sunday 14th & Sunday 21st September
 Where: 360 Fitness Club
 Time: 10am-11am

Register your interest at:
 (Registration due by 12pm each Friday for the Sunday you would like to attend)
 Email: kootingalmoonbiase@gmail.com
 Call Kristy: 0429 056 010
 Message through Facebook

SWIMMING CLUB

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.



Term 3, 2025

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	July 28 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	July 29 K-2 Sport	July 30	July 31 3-6 Sport	Aug 1
Week 3 Education Week	Aug 4 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Education Week Assembly at 10am followed by Open Classrooms	Aug 5 K-2 Sport	Aug 6	Aug 7 3-6 Sport Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 order due Jackie French Author talk for Stage 2 and 3 students	Aug 8
Week 4	Aug 11 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly Host 1/2G, item KS	Aug 12 K-2 Sport	Aug 13	Aug 14 3-6 Sport	Aug 15 Zone Athletics Carnival
Week 5	Aug 18 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Book Week - Kootingal Library visits for each class	Aug 19 K-2 Sport P&C Meeting 6 to 8pm	Aug 20	Aug 21 3-6 Sport	Aug 22
Week 6	Aug 25 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	Aug 26 K-2 Sport	Aug 27	Aug 28 3-6 Sport	Aug 29
Week 7	Sept 1 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	Sept 2 K-2 Sport	Sept 3	Sept 4 3-6 Sport Book Parade and Grandparents Day	Sept 5
Week 8	Sept 8 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	Sept 9 K-2 Sport	Sept 10 Kindy 2026 Come and Try 1:45pm to 3:15pm	Sept 11 3-6 Sport	Sept 12