#### **Kootingal Public School**



### STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

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Term 3 Week 4

Wednesday 13th August 2025

#### Student of the Month

#### Jayda Kaluza

Jayda is a quiet achiever who consistently applies herself to all areas of her learning. She approaches each day with a friendly smile and a positive attitude, showing kindness and respect to everyone she meets. Jayda works well both independently and with others, and she is always willing to contribute to class discussions and activities.



Her cheerful personality and trademark giggle bring joy to those around her, creating a welcoming and supportive environment in our classroom. Jayda is dependable, responsible, and shows great initiative, whether she is completing her work, helping a classmate, or taking part in school events.

We are proud to recognise Jayda for her consistent effort, positive outlook, and the wonderful contribution she makes to our school community. Congratulations Jayda.



Gold Awards
Jasmine Coonan, Phillip Coonan and Lilliana Johns



#### Silver Awards

Lilah Blackwood, Dakota Blanch, Raine Barnett, Peyton Sampson, Zara Steers, Havanah Willams, Charley Moxon, Madelyn Witchard, Harlee-Rose Reilly and Samuel Evans

#### Leilah Higgins

Leilah is a social and well liked member of 3/4M. She is an active participant in all areas of school life and truly embodies our school motto of caring, learning and achieving together.



Leilah collaborates with her peers, showcasing responsibility and dependability. Her positive attitude significantly enhances the classroom

environment, and she demonstrates patience and compassion towards others. Leilah is always ready to assist her classmates and staff, often stepping in to help without being asked. Her commitment to following school and classroom expectations sets an example for her peers.

Leilah has shown growth in maturity and confidence, allowing her to embrace new challenges with enthusiasm and to achieve her personal best. She eagerly participates in a variety of extra-curricular activities, from academics to sports and the creative arts, always willing to try something new. She relishes the opportunity to perform on stage in front of an audience. Her hard work and dedication make her an excellent representative of our school, as she consistently models our values of being safe, supportive and an effective learner.

Leilah's commitment and support for her peers, and her contributions to Kootingal Public School, make her a worthy recipient of the Student of the Month Award. Congratulations Leilah.





#### **PBL Awards**

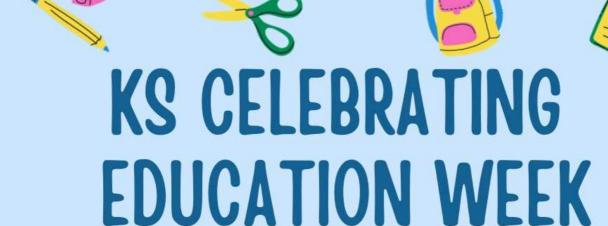
Riley Henderson, Tahlia Byrnes, Percy Bradshaw, Charlie Stoddart, Isabella Walsh, Lilly Warner, Charlee Davis, Ryder Ireland, Harris Clarke, Emily Moxon, George Bennett, Ava Avery, Jesse Adams, Abby Hogg, Angela Hobbs, Billy Simmonds and Hunter Barnett

P & C Executive

President: Maree Merry Vice President - Nicole Chegwyn and Secretary: Scott Tulley Rebecca Vanella

Treasurer: Anne-Maree McGrath

**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



**OPEN CLASSROOMS** 



















## 1/2G EDUCATION WEEK



#### **Fortnightly Bronze Awards**

Finn Blackwood - Improved InitiaLit results and effort to complete set tasks

Sonny Glover - Always being keen to answer questions and contribute his ideas during class

Arjay Carpenter - His confidence in reading groups

Indie McIntosh - Taking pride in her bookwork

Isabelle De Vries - Showing improvement through consistent effort in maths warm-ups

Ellena Maher - Always making her thinking visible by showing all her working out in Mathematics

Emillia Stevens - Helping others understand partitioning through her excellent explanations

Erfa Malik - Consistently completing work to a high standard Dante Smiler - His hard work at school and home to improve his

Axyle Curry - Trying hard to write a narrative about a new little pig

Lilliana Johns - Setting writing goals and working hard to achieve them

Abeer Malik - Working hard to master known spelling rules during Spellex lessons

Ella Seymour - Writing an excellent recount about our zoom meeting with Jackie French

Austin Davis - Working on Spellex tasks with increased focus and independence

Phillip Coonan - Producing engaging pieces of writing

Marcie Frankland - Active participation and effort in all Spellex lessons and activities

Benji Swinfield - Improved care and pride in his bookwork and handwriting

Avah-Rose Givney - Effort and participation in all Spellex lessons and activities

Tilly Maher - Taking care and pride when completing her work
Tyrese Austin - His improved independence during class
activities

Elliot Douglas - His keen interest and shared discussions about My Place

Ciara Cwach - Her enthusiasm and attentiveness during the zoom with Jackie French

Maddison Bennett - Working hard in all areas of the curriculum Charlotte Hunt - Her enthusiasm and attentiveness during our zoom with Jackie French

Ruby Rule - Improved confidence in sharing ideas within small groups

Noah Davis - Contributing well in our language lessons

Luka Simpson -Showing an improvement in his attitude towards his learning

Indi Maher - Engaging in our mathematics lessons well Beau Roser - Great multiplication recall



#### **Silver Assembly Awards**

Fraser Clarke - His excellent phonemic awareness results and keen participation during these sessions

Ollie Carpenter - Improved application and results in English and Mathematics

Flynn Blackler - Making great connections across Key Learning Areas

Martin Fenner - Working hard to be an effective and independent learner

Theodore Dubois - Tackling every challenge with determination and inspiring others with his enthusiasm for learning

Thomas Jamieson - Consistently going above and beyond in his learning, by showing curiosity and willingness to take on new challenges

Ella Flemming - Her quiet and consistent effort in all writing tasks

Matilda Butler - Consistently exhibiting the skills and behaviours of an effective learner

Jackson Attard - Working hard to achieve continuous improvement across all Key Learning Areas

Scarlett Blackwood - Being an effective learner and striving to produce high quality work

Caitlin Cwach - Consistent application across all Key Learning Areas

Benjamin Walsh - Improvement in independent work habits and striving to achieve his best

Hallie Moxon - Improved attitude towards her learning in all Key Learning Areas

Lachlan Witchard - Improved effort to continue his writing and typing

Chayce Tulley - Showing continual improvements across all Key Learning Areas, with a positive attitude

Harlow Pipe - Displaying a positive attitude towards learning and improving

Joshua Adams - His positive and hard working attitude towards learning tasks

Zara Steers - Her commitment to achieving personal goals in all curriculum areas

Tyler Wilkinson - His persistence and improvement in writing

Koby-Jay Lang - His hard work and excellent results in recent Mathematics assessments

Dakota Blanch - A huge improvement in her spelling results this term

Madelyn Witchard - Displaying outstanding sportsmanship at the Athletics Carnival

Nevayah Donaldson - Always have a positive attitude towards her learning



#### Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students.

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3 with some exciting events that have already taken place and more on the horizon.

Education Week – It was a joy to celebrate our students, staff, and community during Education Week. I am extremely proud of the dedication of our staff and the spirit of our students and community at Kootingal Public School. We strive to ensure that every student reaches their potential, not only academically but also socially and culturally. We achieve this through the diverse opportunities we provide for our students, whether through choir, dance, sport, music, or academics. I would like to thank all our teachers for their efforts in these endeavours, as it is their time and commitment that allows these opportunities to be available. We encourage our students to believe in themselves and ignite their potential, not only themselves but also each other. Let's support our peers in their achievements and celebrate their successes, allowing each other to shine.



This year, we recognised the contributions and efforts of Mrs Lawrence. She has guided our students in countless performances at both school and community events, many of which have taken place on weekends or during school holidays. For many years, she has ignited the potential in all of our Kindergarten students and has been our dedicated choir teacher for over a decade.

Our community recipient this year was Mrs Sue Simpson. Sue has dedicated many hours to the canteen, assisted at various P&C events, and is a welcome smile and presence in our school. We are grateful for her consistent support and contributions, which we greatly value.

During Education Week, our primary students enjoyed a Zoom session with author Jackie French. Students found it extremely valuable to hear about her writing process, where her ideas come from, and the experiences she has had. Students in Years 3-6 are currently engaged in a Jackie French author study, making this interaction particularly meaningful.



AFL Program – This term, our Sporting School grant allows our students to participate in AFL skills training. Students are learning the basic skills of the game from two instructors through fun and engaging activities. Additionally, there will be an after-school program running on Monday afternoons from 3:40pm to 4:40pm, starting from August 18th until September 8th, 2025. If you are interested, please see the flyer in our newsletter and sign up using the QR code.

**Pie Drive** – Thank you all for your support of our P&C's Pie Drive. Don't forget that collection is this Thursday, August 14th, from our school hall between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

**Book Parade & Grandparents Day** – On Thursday, September 4th, we will be holding our annual Book Week costume parade. We warmly invite our grandparents to come along to view the parade, followed by open classrooms and a picnic lunch with their grandchildren. The P&C will have grazing boxes available for purchase, or you can bring a goodies basket of your own. We hope you can join us for this fun day!

**Father's Day Stall** – Our Father's Day stall will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd. Siblings will be able to shop together from 9.00am to 9:30am. Gifts will range from \$6 to \$8.

**Zone Athletics** – A massive good luck to our students who are participating in Zone Athletics this Friday. We know they will all try their best and represent Kootingal School with pride.

**SRC Pyjama Day** - Next Friday 22nd August students are invited to wear their PJs and bring a gold coin donation to raise money and awareness for Children in Foster Care and Stewart House. Please ensure pyjamas are suitable for school and we ask that students still wear joggers on this day not slippers.

Wishing you all a wonderful week, take care, Mrs. Higgins

#### **Athletics Champions and Runner-ups**

Congratulations

Minor Champions - Molly Avery and Patrick Lye Minor Runners-up - Shelby Fenner, Theodore Dubois and Mitchell McGrath

Junior Champions - Olivia Hogg and Nixon Hawke Junior Runners-up - Ava Avery and Cooper Lewis 11 years Champions - Zara Steers and Heath Green 11 years Runners-up - Madelyn Witchard and Beau Roser Senior Champions - Ruby Rule, Zac Pollard and Regardt Janse Van Rensburg

Senior Runners-up - Abby Hogg and Indi Maher



#### **Uniform Awards**

Jax Seymour, Charley Moxon, Eshanna British, Flynn Blackler,
 Isabella Walsh, Thomas Jamieson, Oliver Murray-Head,
 Molly Avery, Benjamin Walsh, Saphira Sheridan, Harlow Pipe,
 Nixon Hawke, Leo Fenner, Heath Green, Ava Moxon,
 Cooper Lewis, Joshua Adams and Elliot Douglas



#### 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.



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### Days missed = years lost

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





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**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.



### FOOTY COLOURS & JEANS FOR GENES DAY!

We will also be celebrating Jeans for Genes Day and Footy Colours Day, on September 26<sup>th,</sup> 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.

## 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
0267603332

## Enrolments now open for

Kindergarten 2026

Contact 0267603332 for more information





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### **Grazing boxes \$25**



Grandparents day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September the P&C will have grazing boxes for only \$25 available for a picnic lunch. Please pre-order for catering purposes and pay on the day. Just fill in the pre-order slip and return to front office at school before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Graxing box includes -

Bread stick, ham, fruit chutney, rice crackers, cheese, dip, Greek mix, salami, cabanossi, water crackers, various sweet treats, pretzels and fruit.

#### Kootingal Public School P&C Grazing Boxes

Please return to front office before Friday 29th August 2025

Name:\_\_\_\_\_





Paper Monster

Happy times are never ending when we are playing and pretending.

- Unknown

#### **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		N. S. S. S.
Cheese Pizza	\$	3.00	All salad contains - lettuce, grated cheese, grate	ad ca	arrot.
Ham & Cheese Pizza	Ś	3.50	tomato, beetroot, cucumber & mayo		(100 PM
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	200	5,50
Grilled Chicken Burger	\$	5.00	Chicken Tender Wrap	\$	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 ea	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 3, 2025

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15
	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	K-2 Sport		3-6 Sport	Zone Athletics Carnival
Week 4	Silver Assembly Host 1/2G, item KS	Infant AFL Program		K/6M Calala Cottage Visit Primary AFL Program	
	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22
	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	K-2 Sport	BUMP in Their Care	3-6 Sport	SRC Pyjama Day
Week 5	Book Week - Kootingal Library visits for each class	Infant AFL Program	Parent Session	Primary AFL Program	Fundraiser
	Spelling Bee Finals	P&C Meeting 6 to 8pm			
AUSKICK AFL 3:40pm to 4:40pm					
	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29
	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	K-2 Sport		3-6 Sport	
Week 6 Bronze Assembly 2:45pm		Multi Sport Day		Primary AFL Program	
	AUSKICK AFL 3:40pm to 4:40pm	Infant AFL Program			
	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5
	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	K-2 Sport		3-6 Sport	
Week 7  AUSKICK 4:40pm	AUSKICK AFL 3:40pm to 4:40pm	P&C Fathers Day Stall		Book Parade and Grandparents Day	
		Infant AFL Program		Primary AFL Program	
	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12
Week 8 Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	K-2 Sport	Kindy 2026 Come and Try 1:45pm to 3:15pm CAPERS Rehearsal 9:30am to 2:30pm	3-6 Sport	
	Bronze Assembly 2:45pm			R U OK? Day	
	AUSKICK AFL 3:40pm to 4:40pm				
	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19
Week 9	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	K-2 Sport	Kindy 2026 Come and	3-6 Sport	Year 5 Aspire
		P&C Meeting 6pm to 8pm	Try 1:45pm to 3:15pm		Leadership Course
	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26
	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	K-2 Sport	Kindy 2026 Come and	3-6 Sport	SRC Fundraiser - Footy
Week 10	Silver Assembly - Host 3/4M, item KL - 2:20pm		Try 1:45pm to 3:15pm		Colours and Jeans for Genes Day



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

Please come to the office.







Memorial Agricultural High School for Year 7 in 2027 are invited to Join us for our Experience Day

This is a great day to discover what it's like to be part of Australia's only selective agricultural high school for boys.

Students will engage in interactive classes, explore state-of-the art facilities, make new friends and see what's possible. Learn about our broad curriculum which encompasses many career-focused opportunities in addition to agriculture

Register on the Farrer website. Limited spots available!

For more information email or phone 02 6764 8607. 585 Calala Lane Tamworth 2340

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FROM 8:30 AM TO 2:30 PM MORNING TEA AND LUNCH PROVIDED



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🎐 Bookings now open! 🗧

3/30 PM to 6/00 PM 7:00 AM to 6:00PM

85C/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.

Holiday Program, book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is \$10,00







## How to Enrol





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

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





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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













# Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and **ANZ will match it up to \$500**.

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:







A regular income (you or your partner)



free online financial education



Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next



Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card



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