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Term 3 Week 8

Wednesday 10th September 2025

Gold Awards

Lilah Blackwood, Joshua Adams and Havanah Williams





Silver Awards

Sonny Glover, Lily Squires, Bentley Brown and Tyrese Austin



Uniform Awards

Idah Lynch, Ollie Carpenter, Cooper Bailey, Jaxon Visser, Jasmine Coonan, Thomas Keen, Heidi King, Lilliana Johns, Lexi Byrnes, Mitchell Kennedy, Holly Elliott-Crowley, George Bennett, Maddison Bennett, Zara Steers, Cooper Lewis, Billy Simmonds, Bentley Brown and Tyrese Austin



PBL Awards

Patrick Smith, Lacey Hunt, Flynn Blackler, Jasmine Coonan, Hunter Ryan, Mitchell McGrath, Nixon James, Hallie Moxon, Peyton Sampson and Joshua Adams



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

Fortnightly Bronze Awards

Jax Semmler - Showing great sportsmanship while participating in croquet

Emmett Curry - Trying hard to improve his accuracy during croquet games and for his keen participation during AFL sessions

Samual Evans - His amazing skills playing croquet
Jaxon Visser - Improved engagement during reading groups

Byron Squires - Independently creating a fairytale with great enthusiasm

Isabelle De Vries - Demonstrating independence in writing by confidently applying spelling strategies

Hudson Hillier - Working hard and showing consistent effort in his learning

Shelby Fenner - Giving clear and thoughtful mathematical explanations

Jackson Price - Accepting feedback and taking time to make improvement to his work

Jack Watts - Working hard on his character creation and mask Ryder Ireland - Working hard in imaginative writing and discussions about Fairy Tales

Jamahri Opie - Excellent participation in Gamilaraay Language lessons

Mitchell Kennedy - Working hard during MiniLit lessons Scarlett Blackwood - Excellent effort tin writing lessons Isaac Campbell-Hicks - Displaying impressive golf shots George Bennett - Showing great enthusiasm during music lessons

Jett Gorman - Effort and focus when writing his fire description Tilly Maher - Always being willing to contribute during Science lessons

Ellie Eccleston - Participating in Science lessons

Jamie Perkins - Working hard to colouring his gold rush building carefully

Jesse Adams - Taking on advice and corrections with growing positivity



P & C Executive

President: Maree Merry Secretary: Scott Tulley

Vice President - Nicole Chegwyn and Rebecca Vanella

Treasurer: Anne-Maree McGrath







Adventures in 3/4B







Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students.

Welcome to Week 8! It's great to see how our students and staff are staying dedicated and enthusiastic as the term goes on. We know a lot of students and staff are feeling under the weather right now, so please make sure your child is getting plenty of rest and remember to keep them at home if they are not well. Let's keep supporting each other and finish the term strong together!

Book Parade / Grandparents Day – What a fantastic day celebrating our love of reading and the special bond with our grandparents! The creativity and spirit shown in the Book Parade were truly inspiring, and it was wonderful to see so many families come along to share in their special day. Thank you to everyone who made the day so memorable. Thank you to our P&C for their wonderful grazing boxes yet again, they were delicious.





Parent Teacher Meetings – Our parent teacher meetings are now open to book via Sentral. These will occur on Tuesday 16th September and Tuesday 23rd September during the hours 4pm-6pm. To book an interview parents will need to log onto Sentral Parent Portal and book 1 time slot with your child's classroom teacher. Please understand these are 10 minute interviews so they are short, and our teachers need to keep to the timeframe in order to meet booked appointments. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. It's wonderful to connect with families, celebrate student progress, and work together to support each child's learning journey.

CAPERS – Today our CAPERS students headed to Tamworth Sports Dome for a rehearsal with the other small schools. This is a wonderful event we participate in every second year, and we thank Miss Magann for all her work in preparing the students. Tickets are available to be purchased now however more information will be coming home after todays' rehearsal as well.

Excursions – Stage 2 & 3 have now received paperwork regarding their excursions next term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. All paperwork needs to be returned by Monday 22nd September and all payments need to be completed by Friday 26th September.

Come and Try Kindergarten 2026 - Today was the very first session of our Come and Try days. It was a very exciting and slightly daunting day for our 2026 Kindergartens. They had a wonderful afternoon reading books, playing games and becoming familiar with our school. We look forward to seeing them all again next Wednesday.

Boys Softball – Just a reminder there is a parent meeting regarding the boys softball team next Tuesday afternoon. We hope that all parents can make this event to organise this event. It will be held at 5pm in the school library.

North West Athletics – Well done to Olivia Hogg, Ava Avery, Beau Caterer, Ruby Rule & our Junior Girl Relay Team - Zoe Lye, Ava Avery, Leilah Higgins and Olivia Hogg. They represented our school and zone with pride at the North West Athletics.



Massive congratulations and good luck to Olivia Hogg who will now be competing at State in 100m and 200m.

Wishing all our families a wonderful week. 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.

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



Kootingal Playgroup celebrate Book Week

This week our Playgroup kids had fun making their own books to celebrate Book Week. Lots of beautiful drawings and writing as well as having fun pasting feathers, stickers and coloured paper for decoration.



NEW FAMILIES ALWAYS WELCOME

We meet in the School Library or Kootingal Library each Monday 9:30am – 11:00am. Check Facebook for updates. Morning Tea is provided for the kids, please bring drink bottles,

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Kootingal School 67 603 332 Kootingal School or Kootingal Playgroup





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RESILIENCE PROJECT.

GEM Chats Emotional Literacy

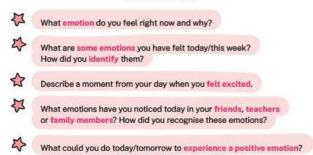
CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION

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 emotional literacy.

Try these prompts:





Days missed = years lost

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



Enrolments now open for Kindergarten 2026



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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	1	1
Cheese Pizza	\$	3.00	All salad contains - lettuce, grated cheese, grat	ed ca	arrot,
Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$	3.50	tomato, beetroot, cucumber & mayo		922.00
Chicken & Cheese Pizza w/ bbg sauce	\$	3.50	Salad Tub	. \$	5.00
Sausage Roll	803	4.00	Chicken Breast Salad Tub	- 2000	5.50
Meat Pie	222	5.00	Ham Salad Tub	\$	5.50
Grilled Chicken Burger	\$	5.00	Chicken Tender Wrap	\$	4.50
Grilled chicken fillet, lettuce, cheese & Mayo	X 25.00		Chicken tender, lettuce, grated cheese & mayo	300	
Cheeseburger	\$	5.00	Fish Wrap	\$	4.50
Lean Beef Pattle, cheese & tomato sauce	C.F.S.		Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce, grated cheese & mayo		
Fish Burger	\$	5.00	Chicken Breast Salad Wrap	Car	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	774	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 Gartic 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
Week 8	Sept 8 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm AUSKICK AFL 3:40pm to 4:40pm	Sept 9 K-2 Sport	Sept 10 Kindy 2026 Come and Try 1:45pm to 3:15pm CAPERS Rehearsal 9:30am to 2:30pm Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 due	Sept 11 3-6 Sport R U OK? Day	Sept 12
Week 9	Sept 15 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	Sept 16 K-2 Sport Parent/Teacher interviews P&C Meeting 6pm to 8pm	Sept 17 Kindy 2026 Come and Try 1:45pm to 3:15pm	Sept 18 3-6 Sport K-6 Mount Misery Mine Tour Excursion	Sept 19 Year 5 Aspire Leadership Course
Week 10	Sept 22 Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly - Host 3/4M, item KL - 2:20pm	Sept 23 K-2 Sport Parent/Teacher Interviews	Sept 24 Kindy 2026 Come and Try 1:45pm to 3:15pm	Sept 25 3-6 Sport	Sept 26 SRC Fundraiser - Footy Colours and Jeans for Genes Day





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 PIs and bring a gold coin donation to raise money and awareness for Children in Foster Care and Stewart

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.



Scully Park offers 45min-1hour Stroke

- Development sessions 7 times/week.
 - Choose your time.
 - Choose your session.
 - Come as many times as you like.

For details email:

secretaryspsc@outlook.com



AMWORTH CITY WIMMING CLUB

Summer Season Commences 13 October 2025

A range of squads to suit all swimming ability and interest

Stroke development to senior competitive squad

For more information contact tcscinformation@gmail.com

or go to tamworthcityswimmingclub.com





2025 EXPERIENCE DAY

Year 5 boys interested in applying at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School for Year 7 in 2027 are invited to join us for our

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

friends and see what's possible. Learn about many career-focused opportunities in

Register on the <u>Farrer website</u>. Limited spots available!

For more information email farrer enrolments@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 02 6764 8607. 585 Calaia Lane Tamworth 2340.

www.farrer.nsw.edu.au

FRIDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025 FROM 8:30 AM TO 2:30 PM MORNING TEA AND LUNCH PROVIDED



585 CALALA LANE, CALALA NSW 2340 T: 02 6764 8600 www.farrer.nsw.edu.au

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

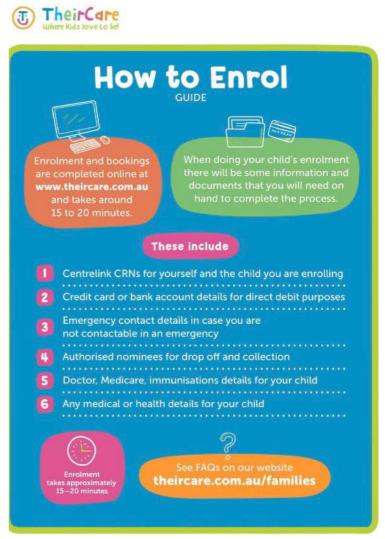
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FREE ENTRY

LOCATION acquarie Street posite Martin Place

The public café will be oper



P: (02) 9230 2047 or





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8-12 years old

PACK DELIVERED TO DOOR





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 club-based 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.playhq.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		
Tamworth City United Cricket Club			
West Tamworth Cricket Club	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/779309		

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.playhq.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			
Tamworth City United Cricket Club	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/f0e5c3			
West Tamworth Cricket Club	https://www.playhq.com/cricket- australia/register/9910a9			

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

Kind regards,

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