

Kootingal Public School

STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."



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Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Student of the Month

Theodore Dubois

Theodore is an enthusiastic and motivated learner who approaches every day with curiosity and determination. He has an incredible drive to challenge himself, constantly seeking to improve and extend his knowledge across all subjects. Theodore's passion for learning, especially in Mathematics and his newfound love of Geography, reflects his commitment to excellence.



Theodore is kind and consistently positive in all his interactions. He is a true team player, whether in the classroom or on the playground. Theodore demonstrates great sportsmanship, respect and a willingness to help younger students.

Theodore is a shining example of what it means to be a safe, supportive and effective learner. Congratulations on receiving the Student of the Month award, Theodore.

Maycie Frankland

Maycie consistently shows genuine care and support for her peers. Her easy going nature and keen sense of humour makes her an integral member of Stage Two. Maycie builds positive relationships with others and demonstrates leadership and teamwork in the classroom. She is accepting of others and often helps people without looking for praise. Her safe, supportive and effective learner behaviours make her a role model within our school community.



Maycie actively participates in school activities with enthusiasm. Her positive attitude towards learning is evident in the steady progress she is making. She is becoming more confident, which shows when tackling difficult tasks. Maycie listens to feedback and uses it to improve in the future.

We are proud to recognise her as Student of the Month. Congratulations Maycie.

Gold Awards

Molly Avery, Jackson Price, Caitlin Cwach and Billy Simmonds



Silver Awards

Ciara Cwach, Ava Avery, Benji Swinfield, Ryder Ireland, Jackson Price, Levi Hazel, Jayda Kaluza, Caitlin Cwach, Isaac Bennett, Tilly Maher, Phoebe Brinkman, Abby Hogg, Maddison Bennett and Billy Simmonds



PBL Awards - Fortnightly

Ollie Carpenter, Maison Manning, Percy Bradshaw, Raine Barnett, Clancy Eccleston, Byron Squires, Matilda Butler, Oaklee Sheumack, Abeer Malik, Kya Kaluza, Holly Elliott-Crowley, Kalem Marchant, Ciara Cwach, Ruby Rule, Noah Davis and Beau Roser



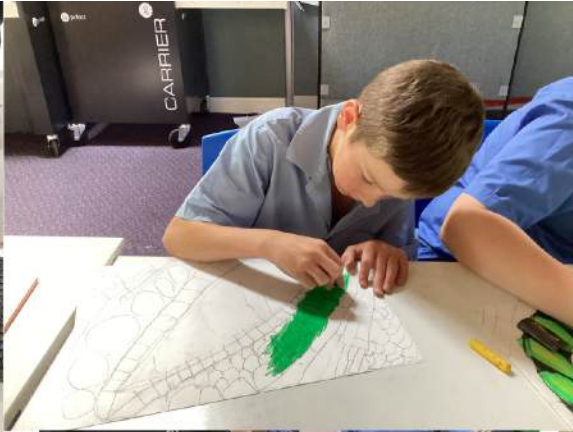
Executive Team - Relieving Principal - Rebecah Higgins
Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn
Relieving Assistant Principal (Yr 3 to 6) - Miss Bennett
Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction - Michelle Lord

P & C Executive

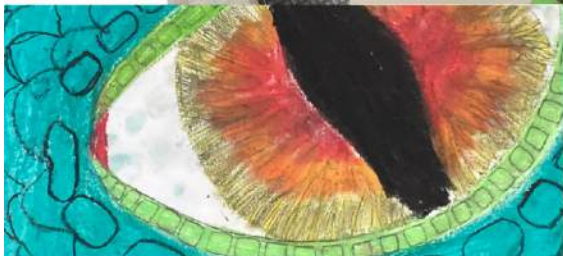
President: Maree Merry Vice President - Nicole Chegwyn and Rebecca Vanella
Secretary: Scott Tulley
Treasurer: Anne-Maree McGrath

BOOK
WEEK
in KS





5/6 H Dragon Eye art



Fortnightly Awards

Uniform Awards

Riley Henderson, Emmett Curry, Harlee-Rose Reilly, Raine Barnett, Ellena Maher, Arlo Patterson, Parker O'Brien, Ryder Ireland, Caitlin Cwach, Nixon James, Maycie Frankland, Evanna Brijesh, Nevayah Donaldson, Beau Caterer, Angela Hobbs, Audrey Maher, Bentley Brown and Jesse Adams

PBL Awards - Term 3 Bonus Behaviour Bronze

Tahlia Byrnes, Fraser Clarke, Emmett Curry, Riley Henderson, Idaho Lynch, Charley Moxon, Lily Squires, Ellis Williamson, Baily Cooper, Raine Barnett, Eshanna Brijesh, Hudson Cocking, Samuel Evans, Martin Fenner, Lacey Hunt, Indie McIntosh, Harlee-Rose Reilly, Jaxon Visser, Isaac Bennett, Jasmine Coonan, Theodore Dubois, Clancy Eccleston, Hudson Hillier, Oliva Hunt, Tom Jamieson, Jayda Kaluza, Ellena Maher, Isabella Walsh, Lilly Warner, Shelby Fenner, Thomas Keen, Molly Avery, Axyle Curry, Ella Flemming, Ryder Ireland, Patrick Lye, Jackson Price, Phoebe Brinkman, Matilda Butler, Charlee Davis, Lilliana Johns, Harris Clarke, Austin Davis, Mitchell Kennedy, Zoe Lye, Emily Moxon, Jax Semmler, Callum Turner, Benjamin Walsh, Rubie Warner, Scarlett Blackwood, Lexi Byrnes, Caitlin Cwach, Nixon James, Abeer Malik, Saphire Sheridan, George Bennett, Evanna Brijesh, Avah-Rose Givney, Levi Hazell, Jack Lawson, Tilly Maher, Benji Swinfield, Ava Avery, Holly Elliott-Crowley, Maycie Frankland, Leilah Higgins, Kalem Marchant, Lucas Sneesby, Maddison Bennett, Angela Hobbs, Ciara Cwach, Abby Hogg, Charlotte Hunt, Ruby Rule, Dakota Blanch, Nevayah Donaldson, Rylie Sheumack, Havanah Williams, Hunter Barnett, Noah Davis, Aariah Dean, Regardt Janse Van Rensburg, Audrey Maher, Indi Maher, Ava Moxon and Luka Simpson

Fortnightly Bronze Awards

Riley Henderson - His improved counting and number identification skills
Fraser Clarke - His keen participation, effort and skills during morning fitness
Lacey Hunt - Her excellent effort in daily reading groups
Hudson Cocking - His improved number skills
Tyrese Austin - A settled start to Term 4
Erfa Malik - Approaching every task with care and attention to detail
Ellena Maher - Showing great pride in the quality of her work
Emillia Stevens - Calmly settling into routine and tackling new fraction challenges
Hudson Hillier - Taking on new challenges with fractions
Adam Mack Pittman - Making interesting connections between subjects in discussions
Oliver Murray-Head - Effort and improvement in reading
Dante Smiler - A sensational improvement in reading
Thomas Inskip - A settled start in 3/4B, Welcome
Jackson Attard - Excellent effort and participation in Science lessons
Scarlett Blackwood - Asking clarifying questions to improve her understanding
Harris Clarke - Asking interesting questions during Science lessons
Chayce Tulley - Showing improvement in answering questions during whole class maths lessons
Lachlan Witchard - Showing interest and enthusiasm in history
Lucy Procter - Working hard to solve problems and show working out to justify her answers in Mathematics
Hallie Moxon - Showing interest and enthusiasm in history
Abigail Jamieson - Demonstrating great enthusiasm for all areas of learning
Koby-Jay Lang - Great work with fractions, decimals and percentages in Mathematics
Tyler Wilkinson - Working hard to complete all learning tasks
Lucas De Vries - Improved participation and engagement in Mathematics lessons
Thomas Capel - Actively engaging in team building exercises with his peers
Annabelle Inskip - Actively engaging in team building exercises with her peers
Nevayah Donaldson - A creative eye dragon artwork
Audrey Maher - Creating a image of a dragon eye with great detail
Regardt Janse van Rensburg - Taking time and care with his art project



Silver Assembly Awards - Monday 20th October 2025

Patrick Smith - His excellent effort and commitment towards home reading
Finn Blackwood - His improved effort and confidence in Mathematics
Eshanna Brijesh - Her excellent effort across all Key Learning Areas
Jaxon Visser - His enthusiasm towards sporting activities
Frankie Brooks - Returning from holidays with a strong determination to complete tasks to the best of her ability
Lilly Warner - Using clever strategies when identifying new fractions
Isaac Bennett - Consistent effort and caring attitude towards others
Lilah Blackwood - Exceptional recall of facts and information during class discussions
Ella Flemming - Her application to challenging tasks and persevering
Molly Avery - Outstanding effort in Mathematics and writing
Lexi Byrnes - Improvement in task completion and book work presentation
Hudson Zdencanovic - Striving to achieve his best across all Key Learning Areas
Callum Turner - Taking on feedback to improve his work
Emily Moxon - Being an active participant in lessons and all set tasks
Ellie Eccleston - Excellent effort when writing and trying to extend her creative writing skills
Ava Avery - Showing continual improvements across all Key Learning Areas
Evie Cain - Displaying a positive attitude towards learning and improving
Tilly Maher - Striving to do her best in all learning activities
Ruby Rule - Hard work and improvement in reading and spelling
Abby Hogg - Commitment to improvement in all areas of learning
Heath Green - Excellent effort in poetry writing
Dakota Blanch - Great improvement in her spelling results
Havanah Williams - Developing confidence when trying new things
Ava Moxon - Always having a positive attitude towards her learning



Parents are able to make payments online through the Sentral Parent Portal. If payments are made online, signed permission

Message from the front office

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 will be studying the film "How to Train Your Dragon"(PG) this term. Students will view the film in class and

Stage 2 and 3 Unit of Study

discuss the textual concepts and film techniques. If you have any concerns regarding this topic, please contact your child's teacher.

Welcome Back to Term 4!

Library Borrowing

Overdue notices were given to children last term. Please return these books so you are not invoiced for the cost to replace these books.



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

Please come to the office.

Enrolments now open for Kindergarten 2026

Contact 0267603332 for more
information



Kootenai Public School

Mrs Higgins Principal's Message

Hello families and students,
I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone and how much progress the students have made. The hotter weather has certainly arrived fast, so please ensure students have their school hats and plenty of water to stay hydrated. We are encouraging sensible play during this warmer weather.

Sporting Success

We wish Olivia Hogg all the best as she competes at the State Athletics this week in the 100m and 200m events. Our supportive P&C generously gifted Olivia's family a \$100 voucher to assist with the costs associated with this achievement.



We also have Ruby Rule competing in the NSW Swimming Championships this week in Victoria. Ruby will be taking part in freestyle, two relays, and the 50m and 100m breaststroke events. We will be cheering her on from Kootingal!



What an outstanding accomplishment for both girls!

Musica Viva Performance

We look forward to a wonderful interactive performance with Musica Viva tomorrow. This event is always greatly enjoyed by our students. Thanks to the generosity of our P&C, this activity is available at a subsidised cost.

Upcoming Excursions

Our Stage 2 and 3 excursions are coming up soon!

- Please check the "What to Pack" list carefully.
- Ensure all medications are handed into the school before the excursion day so staff can review and manage them accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Bright Stars 2026

Our Kindergartens had a wonderful start to transition last Friday. We look forward to seeing them again this Friday for an afternoon session from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

Our Year 5 students provided fantastic support helping to settle the younger children. The Parent Information Session had great attendance, and we hope parents are feeling confident about sending their little ones to Kootingal Public School in 2026.

Website Upgrade & Parent Testimonials

Our school website is currently undergoing an upgrade. As part of this, we would love to include parent testimonials!

If you could kindly email us 2-3 sentences about why you value Kootingal Public School for your child's education, or what you find positive about our school, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a busy but fantastic Term 4!
Take care, Mrs Higgins

Attendance

85% Attendance

At Kootingal Public School, attendance is monitored and reported fortnightly during Learning and Support Team meetings. As a part of this monitoring, there is a level of absenteeism that is closely examined with procedures set in place to advise families when there is a concern.

It is important to note Kootingal Public School regularly undergoes roll checks from the Department of Education with our designated Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). This partnership helps our school to support families.

We, as parents, must acknowledge the role absences has on a child's education.

NSW Department of Education

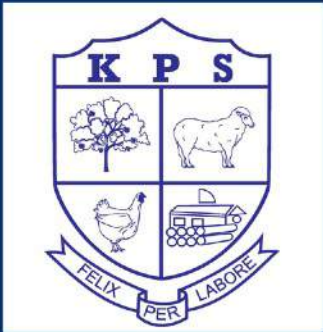
Days missed = years lost

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



If you have any questions regarding attendance please contact the school.

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO OUR



PRESENTATION DAY

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025
10:00AM
SCHOOL HALL

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

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>Grilled chicken fillet, lettuce, cheese & Mayo</i>	
Cheeseburger	\$ 5.00
<i>Lean Beef Pattle, cheese & tomato sauce</i>	
Fish Burger	\$ 5.00
<i>Crumbed fish fillet, lettuce & mayo</i>	
Chicken Breast Gravy Roll	\$ 5.00
Lasagne	\$ 5.00
Macaroni & Cheese	\$ 5.00
Spaghetti	\$ 5.00
Butter chicken & Rice	\$ 5.50
Fried Rice	\$ 5.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.80each
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$ 3.50
Chicken Breast & Cheese Toasted Sandw	\$ 3.50
Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$ 3.00
Hash Brown	\$ 1.00
Corn Cob	\$ 0.50
Chicken noodles	\$ 2.00
Cheesy Garlic Bread	\$ 2.00

Drinks

Bottled Water	\$ 2.00
Assorted fruit poppers:	\$ 1.50
<i>Apple, Tropical, Orange & Apple/Blackcurrent</i>	
Chocolate & Strawberry Milk	\$ 2.50
Chill J:	\$ 3.00
<i>Raspberry, Lemonade, Apple Cola, Watermelon, Grape & Orange/Passio</i>	

Extras

Tomato Sauce	\$ 0.70
BBQ Sauce	\$ 0.70
Cheese	\$ 0.70

Sandwiches, Salads & Wraps

All salad contains - lettuce, grated cheese, grated carrot, tomato, beetroot, cucumber & mayo

Salad Tub	\$ 5.00
Chicken Breast Salad Tub	\$ 5.50
Ham Salad Tub	\$ 5.50
Chicken Tender 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 Breast Salad Wrap	\$ 5.00
Ham Salad Wrap	\$ 5.00
Salad Wrap	\$ 4.50
Salad Roll	\$ 5.00
Chicken Breast Salad Roll	\$ 5.50
Ham Salad Roll	\$ 5.50
Salad Sandwich	\$ 4.50
Chicken Breast Salad Sandwich	\$ 5.00
Ham Salad Sandwich	\$ 5.00
Chicken Breast, Lettuce & Mayo Sandw ...	\$ 4.50
Cheese Sandwich	\$ 2.50
Vegemite Sandwich	\$ 2.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich	\$ 3.00

Frozen Snacks - available after lunch orders eaten

Chocolate Moosies	\$ 2.00
Frozen Juice Cups	\$ 1.00
Quelch	\$ 0.70
Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.50
TNT.....	\$ 1.50

Snacks - available after lunch orders eaten

Milo (cold or warm).....	\$ 2.00
Popcorn	\$ 1.00
Sunbites	\$ 1.00
Cheese Stick	\$ 1.00
Apple Slices Bag	\$ 1.00
Carrot Sticks Bag	\$ 1.00
Cucumber Sticks	\$ 1.00
Assorted Fruit	\$ 1.00



Please clearly label your child's name and class on a brown paper bag or lunch bag.

**ISSUE 7
OPEN NOW!**

FREE Book offer!



SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Providing Value to Families

Book Club

**ORDERS ARE DUE
Friday 31st
October 2025**

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



**Little Stars
playgroup**

**Monday
9.30am – 11am
Kootingal School
Library
Ph 67 603 332**









We meet in the School Library or Kootingal Library each Monday, 9:30am – 11:00am. Updates on school & Kootingal Playgroup Facebook pages.



Morning Tea is provided for the kids, please bring drink bottles. Tea and coffee is available for the adults.

New families always welcome!

**Children are great imitators.
So give them something great to imitate.**

AUSTRALIAN WATER ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL WATER WEEK
Bring Water into Focus | 20-26 October 2025

Take the Quiz!!

Come on into the Library and fill out a 'water droplet' explaining how you could save water to make a difference.

1. Which two Australian animals do not drink water?
a) Koala and desert rat
b) Desert rat and dingo
c) Dingo and koala

3. What percentage of a watermelon is water?
a) 90%
b) 93%
c) 97%



2. Where is most water used in the home?
a) Kitchen
b) Bathroom
c) Laundry

4. A tap which drips once every second wastes how much water daily?
a) 30mL
b) 30L
c) 30ML

Answers Q1.a Q2.b Q3.b Q4.b



Term 4, 2025

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24
Week 2	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly 2:30pm - Host KL and item by 3/4B	K-2 Sport P&C Meeting 6pm to 8pm	CAPERS Rehearsal	3-6 Sport Musica Viva 2:20pm to 3:20pm	Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 12:30pm to 3pm
	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31
Week 3	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am	K-2 Sport		3-6 Sport	Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 9:30am to 3pm Scholastic Book Club due Leadership Team nominations due
	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7
Week 4	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	K-2 Sport Stage 2 Thalgarrah Excursion	Stage 2 Thalgarrah Excursion	3-6 Sport CAPERS Rehearsal	CAPERS Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 9:30am to 3pm
	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14
Week 5	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion Intensive Swimming	K-2 Sport Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion Intensive Swimming	Stage 3 Lake Keepit Excursion Intensive Swimming	3-6 Sport Intensive Swimming	Bright Stars Transition - Kindy 2026 9:30am to 3pm Intensive Swimming
	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21
Week 6	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Silver Assembly at 2:30pm - Host KS, item 5/6B Intensive Swimming Leadership Interviews	K-2 Sport Intensive Swimming Leadership Interviews P&C Meeting 6pm to 8pm	Leadership Interviews	3-6 Sport Oxley High Transition Day Leadership Interviews	Intensive Swimming
	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28
Week 7	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Intensive Swimming	K-2 Sport Intensive Swimming		3-6 Sport	Leadership speeches and voting
	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5
Week 8	Playgroup 9:30am to 11am Bronze Assembly 2:45pm	K-2 Sport High School Orientation	SRE Combined Scripture - Christmas	3-6 Sport Boys Softball State Championships	Boys Softball State Championships



Oxley High 2026 Year 7 Transition Day

Save the Date

Thursday 20th November 2025

9:30am - 2:30pm

For students who have received an offer of placement at Oxley High School.

Students will get to experience a day in the life of Oxley High School. This will involve attending three classes, some fun activities & a BBQ lunch!

Please bring food for your recess & a water bottle.

Contact your primary school regarding transport arrangements.



2026 Year 7 Orientation Day

Save the Date

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

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

TO REGISTER: 6760 3361 | 0407 466 459
OFFICE@KOOTINGALMOONBIANGLICAN.COM
WWW.KOOTINGALMOONBIANGLICAN.COM



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

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

PROGRAM KICKS OFF OCTOBER 27

Age: Suitable for boys and girls aged 11-18

Time: From 5-7pm at each location

No prior AFL playing experience required.

Come and try it!



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
LOCATIONS AND TO REGISTER

EVERY CHILD COUNTS.

This Christmas, help us
bring joy to children and
young people in foster care.



Christmas can be a tough time for children and young people in foster care.

Foster carers work hard to make the season special, but we need your help
to make sure every child feels remembered, valued, and included.

Donate to our Christmas Appeal and help us raise \$50,000 to purchase
gifts for the children and young people we support.



DONATE NOW.

Your donation will help provide
personalised gifts and support for over
450 children across NSW.

All donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you for making every child count.

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SWIMVAC 2026

Thanks to Project Elevate, proudly funded by the NSW
Government, Royal Life Saving are bringing accessible
swimming lessons to regional NSW this summer.

Get access to TWO WEEKS of FREE lessons in 2026 for preschoolers,
school-aged children, and adults. Limited spots available!

12-23 January 2026

- ✓ Daily intensive swimming lessons over two weeks
- ✓ Delivered by qualified instructors
- ✓ Fee-free program participants must attend at least 8 of 10 lessons,
complete pre- and post-program surveys, and keep a card on file (a
\$100 fee applies for non-attendance unless a valid reason is provided)



Bookings Open

1 October 2025



Talking Threads community day

FREE
DAY

- FREE CLOTHING
- FREE BBQ
- ALL WELCOME

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 24, 2025

10AM - 3PM

HILLVUE SCOUT HALL
2A HILLVUE RD,
SOUTH TAMWORTH
NSW 2340



Presented by Supported by



For more information
contact Emily at Talking Threads
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Tamworth

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