



# Kooting Public School

## STAR NEWSLETTER

"Caring, Learning and Achieving Together."

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Term 2 Week 7

Wednesday 7th June 2017

### NUDE FOOD

A few weeks ago, our class watched a story on BTN about the important need to reduce school waste. Did you know, that in Australia, around 50 million Tonnes of rubbish go to landfill every year.

You may not know what the term Landfill means....it means the place where all your rubbish, like material, plastic, paper, general rubbish and food scraps go...that's right...the tip!

So we have some maths for you to do...50 million tonnes of rubbish and waste goes to landfill every year. That works out to be around 2 tonnes per person per year. So how many tonnes of waste does that equal for your family?????

We watched the BTN story about children at an Adelaide Primary School where they are trying to reduce the amount of rubbish they put into landfill. They have encouraged people to bring Nude Food to school.

Nude food means that you bring all your food in containers and to not wrap up your food and snacks with foil, plastic or put them into plastic bags.

Plastic wrap and snap lock bags are the environments no 1 enemy.

The class in the BTN report, like ours at school, provided 3 bins per classroom:

1 - Recycle and reuse- paper, cardboard, hard plastic and foil

2 - Compost - fruit scraps, bread crusts, tissues

3 - Reduce - evil plastic creatures and general waste that would go to the tip, or into landfill.

The children hope to get rid of all of their school yard bins by the end of the term.

We realised from the story just how important it is to sort out your rubbish into the 3 bins, not only in a school classroom, but in your home as well.

This BTN story encouraged us to give it a go. We hope that you and your class will challenge us for the rest of the term and give NUDE FOOD a chance and it becomes a daily habit of your environmentally friendly life.



By Riley Scott,  
Tianna Urquhart  
and Ally Higgins  
from 4/5C



### PBL Focusing on TAKING TURNS

#### PBL Award

Following PBL expectations  
Alijah Siemsen, Sunni Fields,  
Liam Symons, Mikyla Phillpott,  
Zane Hyson, Damikah Barwick-  
Taylor, Matilda Lees and  
Jack Chapple



### Important Dates to Remember Term 2 2017

Thursday 8th June - Assembly 2/3S, Item 4/5C at 2:15pm

Thursday 8th June - Movie Night

Friday 9th June - Netball Gala Day

Tuesday 13th June - ICAS Writing

Wednesday 14th June - ICAS Spelling

Friday 16th June - NW Cross Country Trials

Monday 19th June - School Photo money and envelopes to be returned to the front office

Tuesday 20th June - School Photo's - Full Winter Uniform

**Executive Team** - Principal - Cara Cracknell

Assistant Principal - (Kinder to Year 2) - Nicole Chegwyn (Mon - Wed)  
and Anne Doak (Thur - Fri)

Assistant Principal (Yr 3 to 6) - Jill Cook

#### P & C Executive

President: Cath Bubb

Vice President - Noni Kasch

Secretary: Vanessa Johnson

Treasurer: Scott Cracknell and Jelka Schurink (Canteen)

## Weekly Awards

### Gold Award

Isabelle Price and Lotte Boniecki



### Silver Award

Isabelle Price, Alexander Cracknell,  
Menno Wallace, Ayisha Mason Fernando,  
Lotte Boniecki and Charli Hogg



### Uniform Award

Dustyn Swadling, Nikita Caldwell-Harris,  
Deakan Keven-Faulkner, Lilly Aitken,  
Zane Hyson, Luke Sydenham, Charlie  
Hartshorn and Megan Johnson



## Weekly Bronze Awards



Sadie Nicholls - Being a fantastic participant in Music  
Riley McDowall - Improved counting skills  
Charli Hardy - Pleasing half yearly Mathematics results  
Heleah Lazdins and Cyrus Harrison - Excellent single sound knowledge  
Thomas McMillan - Effort in Music  
Lotte Boniecki - Quiet and attentive worker  
Katie Riley - Excellent improvement in sightwords  
Isabelle Aitken - Excellent effort in spelling activities  
Damien Nicholls and Cooper Higgins - Application in Mathematics assessment tasks  
Isabelle Marsh - Always being a helpful class member  
Dakodah Hill and Naomi Maybury - Sensible use of technology in the classroom  
Isabella Cannon - Effort in Writing tasks  
Ayisha Mason Fernando - Taking extra pride and care in her bookwork  
Isabelle Price - Working well with others in small group activities  
Georgia Ford - Working hard in Mathematics lesson and achieving wonderful results  
Cohen Parkes - A great speech on "Racism - it stops with me"  
Joseph Aitken - Contributing well in group work during English  
Desean Allen - Great results in his half yearly Mathematics tests  
Kesley Burrell, Reuben Haak and Savannah Barber - Improved sentence writing using conjunctions and connectives

## School Photos - Tuesday 20th June

Children have been given photo envelopes. This year every child has their own personalised envelope. Please look after your children's envelope as the school does not have any spare ones. These must be **returned by Monday 19th June with correct money inside**. No change will be given at the front office as they do not open the envelopes. They are given straight to the photographer on the day. Family photo envelopes can be obtained from the front office.

## Mrs Cracknell's Message

Our teachers are in the midst of half yearly reports. This is a lengthy process and one that commences well before the halfway mark of the year. It is also a time of late nights and early morning starts for teachers, preparing and proofing reports. I read every report that goes out of Kootingal Public School. I am proud to read all student reports as then I have a good indication as to how they are progressing. Our reports are scheduled for release to families in the last week of this term.

As most know, I teach the 5/6W class each Monday morning. Our focus for the semester was in Geography on the unit Diverse and Connected Worlds. This week, the students participated in the 5/6W Diverse and Connected Worlds trivia contest. Congratulations to Tahlia Tull-Watkins, Mia Stokes, Madeleine Jones and Boston DeBelle on their success as a group in the trivia. The competition was hotly contested and designed to revise the students' knowledge of Asia and Australia's global connections. Well done team!



Well done to our students who were successful in being selected in the Tamworth Zone Boys and Girls Softball trials last week. Congratulations to Brianna-Maree Goman, Savannah Barber, Megan Bubb, Kelsey Burrell, Will Morris, Brendan Jarrett and Alexander Cracknell. These students will compete against students from the other zones for a place in the respective North West Softball teams.





## Mrs Cracknell's Message

Kootingal Public School offers a range of activities throughout the week during break times. One such activity is choir. Ms Cook coordinates the senior choir while Mrs Lawrence coordinates the junior choir. Last week, Ms Cook invited me to hear the senior practise some songs in preparation for the upcoming Tamworth Eisteddfod. It's wonderful to see our students making the most of the extra curricular activities on offer and wanting to demonstrate their wares. The videos can be seen on our Facebook page. Thank you Ms Cook and Mrs Lawrence for your work with our choirs and to the students for daring to have a go. Keep up the wonderful work!

Last week, Kootingal Public School hosted the Tamworth Network meeting. This meeting comprised of Principals and School Administration Managers from the Tamworth Network of schools and was the launch of LMBR (Learning, Management and Business Reform) for our group of schools, which KPS will undertake during terms 3 and 4. There was a total of over 110 people in attendance and our P&C catered for this event. The catering was superb and was duly noted by all in attendance. Catering is always an arduous task but our P&C worked superbly, providing quality snacks and meals. Thank you to our parents and volunteers who supported all day in the canteen and to those who donated food. Thank you doesn't seem enough but your efforts are truly and greatly appreciated.

Good luck to our Open PSSA Football (Soccer) team this week as they compete in the opening round of the PSSA knockout competition. We know you will represent your families, your school and community with great pride.

This Thursday evening, our P&C are hosting a movie night in the hall. The movie commences at 6pm and usually concludes between 7:30 – 7:45pm. The cost is \$5 and this includes a popper and packet of chips upon entry. Sweets are for sale during the intermission.

Later in the newsletter, we have included a parent factsheet on the Online NAPLAN Readiness Test. This test will occur later this year and the factsheet provides information to parents and carers. Ultimately, this test is determining a school's readiness to implement the NAPLAN assessments online, rather than in its current paper-based form. Like our community, I am still learning about this and have my reservations. I will keep the community informed as further information becomes available.



## PBL News

This week our PBL lesson focuses on the value of Supportive and the skill of taking turns. At Monday's assembly, the students provided great examples of how and when we must take turns, both within and external to the school.

The PBL team developed an action plan for Term 3 based on school-based data. As such, our lessons for next term will address the behaviours that are most prominent, along with the teaching of expected behaviours in areas across the school in the matrix.

As reported last week, we have made a change to our afternoon bus procedures. At the moment, the change has had positive effects, with less congestion at the exit point of the school and greater space for students to sit while waiting for their bus.

Week 7 Supportive – Take turns

Week 8 Supportive – Assist others

Week 9 Effective Learners – Rubbish in the bin

Week 10 Effective Learners – Be honest and fair in actions/decisions

## Headlice

This is to advise parents/guardian/carers that we suspect that head lice are present in the hair of some students within Kootingal Public School.

Please check your child's hair for lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health.

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/enivonment/headlice/pages/default.aspx>

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department's website at:

<http://www.schools.nde.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice>

We appreciate your assistance in this regard.



School Banking

### School Banking Thursday

We have a wonderful banking prize on offer this term. For every student who makes three or more banking deposits they will enter a draw for this prize. It will be drawn at our whole school assembly 8th June. Let's get banking!



Clothing Pool will only be open on:  
Tuesday and Wednesday mornings  
9am to 9:30am



## SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CLINICS

2017 WINTER HOLIDAYS

NORTHERN TABLELANDS



### INCLUSIONS

All participants receive a quality soccer ball to take home with them.

### BOOKINGS CLOSE

Bookings close on

Thursday 29th June 2017.

### AGE GROUPS

- Juniors 5 to 8 years (born 2012 to 2009)
- Youth 9 to 12 years (born 2008 to 2005)

**Book Now!** Places are limited  
Enroll online at:  
[www.northerninlandfootball.com.au](http://www.northerninlandfootball.com.au)

The Northern Inland Football Zone, will run a number of Soccer Development Clinics for boys and girls during the 2017 winter school holidays.

Delivered by FFA qualified coaches, each clinic helps participants develop and/or enhance their:

- Ball skills
- Offensive and defensive skills
- Positional skills
- Game knowledge.

AGES	LOCATION	DATE/S	TIME	COST
Juniors	Tenterfield Shirley Park	3 July	8:30am to 11:30am	\$50
Youth	Tenterfield Shirley Park	3 July	8:30am to 11:30am	\$50
Juniors	Glen Innes Wilson Park	3 July	1:30pm to 4:30pm	\$50
Youth	Glen Innes Wilson Park	3 July	1:30pm to 4:30pm	\$50
Juniors	Armidale Rologas Fields	4 & 5 July (both days)	9am to 12 noon	\$90
Youth	Armidale Rologas Fields	4 & 5 July (both days)	1pm to 4pm	\$90
Juniors	Tamworth Gipps Street	6 & 7 July (both days)	9am to 12 noon (both days)	\$90
Youth	Tamworth Gipps Street	6 & 7 July (both days)	1pm to 4pm (both days)	\$90

AUSTRALIA'S

# Biggest Morning Tea

**Gather. Share. Give.**  
**COME ALONG & SUPPORT AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

*We are having raffles...*

Prizes Include:  
Accommodation Package - The Observatory Brl Macquarie  
\$200 Harvey Norman Vouchers  
\$149 Stick Vacuum Cleaner  
\$400 Bob Jane Vouchers x2  
Double Pass to The Capitol Theatre

**Tickets**  
\$2 Each OR  
3 for \$5

HOST Mandy  
DATE 10th June 2017  
TIME 10:30am - 1:00pm  
WHERE Kootingal War Memorial Hall

DETAILS Entry - Adults \$5  
Children Under 12 yrs - \$3

[biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://biggestmorningtea.com.au)



## Kootingal Public School Star Café Menu Term 2

### First Break (11:30am – 12:30pm)

Chicken Tender Wrap (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot & Cheese) Mayo / Sweet Chilli Sauce	\$4.00
Chicken Tender Snack Wrap with Lettuce Mayo / Sweet Chilli Sauce	\$3.00
Chicken Burger with Lettuce Mayo / Tomato / BBQ Sauce	\$3.60
Lasagne	\$3.50
Pizza (Ham & Pineapple Only)	\$3.60
Chicken Nuggets	6 for \$3.00
Plain Meat Pie	\$3.80
Sausage Roll	\$2.80
Tomato / BBQ Sauce	30c Each
Chicken Tenders	\$1.50 Each

### Seasonal Specials

Spaghetti & Garlic Bread \$4.00  
Slice of Fruit Toast 50c Each  
Hot Milo \$1.00

### Second Break (1:40pm – 2:10pm)

Apple / Orange	\$1.00
Pop Corn	20c
Choc Chip Muffin	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	50c
Ice Cream Cup	\$1.50
Moosies Choc / Strawberry	\$1.30
Icy Poles	50c
Chips	\$1.40

### Drinks

Milky Max Choc / Strawberry	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Juice (Apple, Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant)	\$2.00

Lunch Bags to be Clearly Marked with CLASS and NAME

**THANK YOU**



# Kootingal Public School

Denman Ave | Kootingal

## Come & Try Kindergarten Transition Program 2017

Wednesday 23rd August 2017  
Wednesday 30th August 2017  
Wednesday 6th September 2017  
Wednesday 13th September 2017  
Wednesday 20th September 2017

From 1:30 – 3:15pm

For more information please contact  
Mrs Kirsty Lawrence



Kootingal Public School Phone: 67603332



## Kootingal Public School

Presents



**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**6.00pm screening**

**Cost – \$5**

**Includes a packet of chips and popper**

**Wear Your pyjamas and bring your beanbag or pillow!**



Education



## Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

### What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

#### Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

#### Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging\*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

\* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

### NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

### For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:  
<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:  
<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:  
<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



### Frequently asked questions

#### Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

#### How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

#### How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment\* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

\* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

#### When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

#### How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

#### Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.