Football Clinic
The students had a ball participating in the Kootingal Kougars soccer clinic last Thursday. They appeared to enjoy the obstacle course set for them by the coaches Noel and Craig and everyone learnt some great new skills. They especially loved the Kootingal Kougars tattoos that they were given! The soccer ball that was donated to the school was much appreciated and has been in use most lunch breaks. We would like to thank Mrs Povea-Roworth for organising this great opportunity and to the coaches for giving up their valuable time to coach our students in this fun game.

Lunch and afternoon tea
Students have quickly settled into school routines including following expectations for lunch and afternoon tea. Students are asked to sit down to eat. They are to eat their substantial foods provided first (sandwiches, cheese / crackers/ meals from home etc) then eat snack foods.

Please discuss with your child the foods that you pack and would like them to eat as teachers on duty are often told by students that they don’t like their food and refuse to eat it. This can cause some difficulties as students are required to eat most of their food before playing. On the other hand parents are encouraged to speak to their children about the quantity of food that they pack for school as some students are eating all their food in the first break and have nothing for the second break. Whilst the school provides extra pieces of fruit we often run out due to the number of students asking for more food.
Water
To put your mind at ease, as in the case of the rest of the village, we have ceased using our bore water. Our bore water is used to service the toilets and gardens. Council will be supplying the school with rain water for these purposes. We will follow council directions and when safe to do so we will return to normal processes but not until advised by council. There are no changes to school routines and school will be operating as normal.

Debating and Public Speaking
Mrs Povea-Roworth is asking any students in Years 3 to 6 who are interested in public speaking to come to the Library during the afternoon tea break this Friday. She will have more information available then.

Peel Valley Swimming Carnival
Last Friday nine of our students represented Woolomin School at the Peel Valley Swimming Carnival. It was a good experience for our students to attend the next level of swimming. The competition was tough on the day but our students gave it their all. What stood out on the day was the determination and sportsmanship of all nine students. Both Mrs Povea-Roworth and Mrs Murray had community members congratulate the Woolomin School students for the great support and cheering of each other. If there was a first place for this we definitely would have won. This is a reflection on the great students we have at Woolomin School and the strong friendships they have. Congratulations again to each of the students, we are proud of you all.

Information night
The following information was provided to parents last Thursday at the 2016 School Information night. Please see below;

- Hats
It is a DEC requirement that children are to wear their uniform every day. This includes the correct school hat. The school hat is a yellow bucket hat that has Woolomin School embroidered across the front in blue. All students have a school hat and are required to wear it as part of their full school uniform. There have been several different types of hats being worn which are not part of uniform. Parents are asked to ensure their child wears the correct hat to school each day. If a student forgets their hat there are 4 loan hats that they can borrow. These are signed out when borrowed and signed back in on return. Whilst on loan, the hat is the responsibility of the student who borrowed it. Please discuss with your child if they are allowed to borrow a loan hat if they leave their hat at home. If you would prefer your child not to wear a loan hat they will be required to play in the shade of the cola or under the fixed equipment shelter.

- Arriving and departing school
Students being set down in the bus area of Dewhurst St are to be dropped off only. The bus zone in school hours is not a parking area. At the end of the day students catching the bus are required to line up in two lines. Students who are walking, riding or being picked up should be seated on the silver seats until the bus leaves. This method of departing is to ensure all students depart in a manner where they are least at risk of being hurt. If parents need to leave in a hurry please park on the Frederick St side of the school and we can dismiss your child from the main departure area safely.
• Variation to routines
If your child is not going home after school or if they are to be picked up by someone else after school, then the school must be notified. Under no circumstances will children be sent to another place besides their own home unless we have received notification from parents.
Students leaving excursions early are to be signed out by parents. Supervising teachers will have exit slips that should be signed by parents before leaving any venue.

• Student absences
Please if your child is going to be away ring the office and provide an explanation as to why, followed by a written note of absence on your child’s return. Any unexplained absences will be recorded on school files as unjustified. The school is audited regularly for attendance. The DEC expects all children to be at school for at least 85% of the school year.

• Working with Children’s check for all volunteers in schools
Any persons working with children are required to provide a Working with Children Check Clearance. This includes people volunteering in schools. Please see the attached information. We appreciate the time parents and community members commit to supporting programs and appreciate your time in fulfilling this request. All clearances for people volunteering in programs at our school will need to be completed by the beginning of Term 2 at the latest. Volunteer application is FREE. Please contact the school office for further information.

Healthy Harold
The life education program will be at our school tomorrow offering stage appropriate PDHPE programs for all students. Please ensure you have returned your child’s permission note and $5 if you would like them to participate in this program.

Dates for Your Diary

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Scripture
Scripture lessons will commence for 2016 on Friday 19th at 2:00pm. Father Flood delivers catholic scripture assisted by Mrs Mauger and a supervising teacher. Please ensure you have returned the permission note if you would like your child to attend these lessons.
“Northern Inland Football club of the year 2014”

The Kootingal & District Soccer Club are now looking for new players to start the 2016 soccer season. Boys and girls from kindergarten up are catered for in a caring, family orientated club. With small sided games it has never been easier to get a new team up and running. We will supply all necessary training equipment. Alternatively contact us if you would like to join one of our existing sides.

Sign up day: Saturday 5th March at the BBQ area Kootingal Bowling Club

For more information contact
Noel Corney, 0412 619 345
Craig Johnston 0447 186 613

Food:
- Junior 4 - 7 yrs $12.00
- Junior 8 -11 yrs $15.00
- Junior 12 - 18 yrs $18.00

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TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
JUNIOR SUCCESS WORKSHOP

"Understanding the changes between Year 5 and Year 8"

Tuesday 1st March 2016
7.30pm to 9pm
School Library

ALL WELCOME – Yrs 5 to 8

Written by Dr Katherine Brickell-McCraith, Tamworth High School, to assist parents and students with strengthening the relationship between home and school and supporting students at this transition time of their schooling.

Please feel free to email Dr McCraith with any questions.
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TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
YEAR 7 2017 INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday 2nd March 2016
6.30pm to 8.00pm
School Cafeteria

ALL WELCOME

For further information please email Belinda Gleeson-Barker, Community Liaison Officer, belinda.gleesonbarker@det.nsw.edu.au.