Dear Kingstown Parents and Kingstown Community

It has come to our attention how well all our Kingstown pony clubbers did at the pony camp in the holidays.

Isabella, Ruby, Gemma, D’Arcy, Hayley, Jack and Maddie all participated and enjoyed the camp.

Well done to all!

Fundraiser Night

We haven’t had a major Fundraiser since our Trivia Night at Merilba, which was a few years back now. Please come along to a great community evening and support Kingstown School at our Racing Spring Carnival Fundraiser Prawn and Chicken Night. It is fast approaching and tickets are still on sale. We do need an estimate in order to purchase the prawns, chicken and salads for the night.

Come along, join a table or get a group of friends together to make a table. If you love prawns, chicken, auctions, games, challenges and laugh-

On behalf of the school we would like to thank the P&C and parents for all their continual work and the time and effort spent approaching local businesses for prize donations. It is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the school to thank families who continue to run school cattle on their properties. We tend to take this for granted over time and in difficult conditions we would like to say how much this is appreciated. The sale of the cattle has always been the substantial fundraising avenue for our school.

Raffle Tickets

Please try and sell as many tickets as possible for the great first prize which is a family holiday in Queensland.
**Kinder Transition**
The Kinder Transition Program will be running over the next three Fridays.

Please contact the school if you have a child commencing Kindergarten next year who would like to participate in these transition days. If you know of a friend or relative in the community who may have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015, please ask them to contact the school.

**Last weekend Georgie Swales fell from a tree and unfortunately broke her leg. We wish Georgie all the best for a speedy recovery.**

**Wishing You a speedy recovery!**

**Professional learning**
This week both Emma and I will be attending Focus on Reading workshops in Armidale, (Emma on Monday and Tuesday, and me on Wednesday).

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**Lower Division Awards**

**Merit Certificates**

*Kayne Chandler* for a great start to writing and reading this term.

*Lyra Halstead* for improvement in writing.

*Kosta Cantrill-Taylor* for great reading.

**Kingstown Kids with Good Character**

*Amy White* for consistently be a kind and inclusive friend and getting along so well with others.
Upper Division have jumped into this Term and are already working hard!
After making wonderful progress in ‘Questioning’ and ‘Making Connections’ when reading, we are moving on to ‘Monitoring’ as a whole class reading focus. This involves asking questions as we read about content, context and the origin of unfamiliar words, enhancing our skills in comprehension. Connecting existing skills and understandings with new/unfamiliar texts enables students to develop deeper understandings of what they read as well as evaluate/form opinions more quickly. We look forward to reporting on our achievements later in the Term!

In Maths we have been working on Mass. The students have enjoyed the ‘hands on’ experiences associated with this topic and all put in a great effort. They have discovered that the size of an object is not necessarily an indicator of its mass and are gaining confidence with conversions between units of measurement. The photographs show the organised chaos of Maths groups, during which each year group worked together cooperatively, even assisting each other with ideas and materials!

**Student of the Week**

*Madison Mitchell* for applying herself in class and assisting others in the playground.

**Merit Certificates**

*Tristan Connolly* for quickly adjusting to new routines and working hard in reading.

*Jack Cassidy* for his enthusiasm and hard work with Mass in Mathematics.

*Jake Rizzi* for a more consistent level of application across Key Learning Areas.

*Hayley Wisemantel* for assisting other students of her own initiative, particularly in the classroom.
Swimming School

Intensive swimming this year will take place in Weeks 7 and 8 (17th November to 24th November). Further information for the students will be sent home shortly.

We will require volunteers to assist with the swimming lessons. Those volunteers will require a Working With Children Check clearance. This can be obtained by applying online at http://www.newcheck.kids.nes.gov.au Once completed an application number will be given. Present the application number along with proof of identity at a NSW Motor Registry office. Once the application has been processed, the Children’s Guardian Office will notify the outcome to the applicant by email or post. There is no application fee for volunteers. Please contact Marise or Cherie if you require further information.

Horse Sports

Don’t forget!
Bundarra Horse Sports on 24th October.
Please see Emma for entry forms.
P & C REMINDER

Don’t forget the P&C fundraiser is rapidly approaching - **Saturday 1st November at 6.00pm**. Please support this event for our school and purchase your tickets as soon as possible (available from the Kingstown shop or contact Dawn Dew). We are going to be conducting a goods auction as well as a parent auction on the night for a bit of fun so if you are able to contribute an item or a service eg gardening, mechanical, hard labour, fishing trip etc please let the school know.

**RAFFLE** - Thank you to those families who have already sent back their raffle tickets, if you haven’t done so please start selling and send them back in as soon as possible. It is a fantastic prize and all funds raised go to our school to benefit our children, so the more tickets we sell the better! More raffle tickets are available from the school.

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**KINGSTOWN P&C**

**Race Day SPRING CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER**

**Date:** 6.00pm until late
**Location:** Kingstown Hall
**BYO:** Drinks & Cheque books !!
**Strictly:** Adults only (18 yrs +)
**Food:** Prawns, Chicken & Salads provided

Fundraising Auction
Party Games
Best Dressed & Lucky Door Prizes
$40 & Much much more...

Closing Date for Ticket purchase: **Friday, 17th October, 2014**

Get your friends together or come on your own.
Book your ticket today!

**Admit One**

Tickets available to purchase at the Kingstown General Store.
Enquires contact: Dawn Dew on 67789177 or
Email: tvey_dawn@yahoo.com.au
Note: Payment via either cash or cheque only.
Cheques made payable to: Kingstown P&C (Sorry, no internet banking)

Bus available from Armidale & Uralla – depending on numbers for a small fee.
Contact Dawn to register your interest.
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