Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

I would like to congratulate the Kingstown P&C for organising such a wonderful fundraising night on Saturday. We appreciate how many hours went in to making the night the great success it was. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our school. We had a great roll up and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. The king prawns were delicious and the hall looked fantastic!

It was a huge day on Friday preparing the hall for the night, a big day and night on Saturday, and a steady clean up Sunday; Overall a pretty “huge” weekend for many, so thank you to all who contributed.

Thank you to the many people in our community and beyond Kingstown who donated prizes for the auction and who offered their skills for extra auction tickets. Thank you to those in our community who helped with child minding, so parents could attend the evening and have some fun!

Thanks Michael for doing a great job as MC and to Beau Frame, the professional auctioneer who kept the bids moving!

Thank you to the community member who organised the six day holiday at Redcliffe for the raffle prize. This was very popular and raised substantial funds for the school. Congratulations to the winning ticket holder Neil Betts.

At midnight when the last people were standing, it was Angie Swales birthday! So we hope Angie Swales had a bit of a relax on Sunday!

Welcome back Mr Jackson!!
Congratulations!

Tuesday 4th November 2014
Shade Sails
Malcolm MacFarlane worked tirelessly last week to erect the poles for the new shade sails. We did have a few hiccups locating pipes and fibre cables but gradually got it sorted.

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We have been working hard on our daily reading, starting each session with a reread of narrative books already read to improve fluency and phrase reading. Year One and Two have been doing a one minute word count on selected books to track their improvement.

Students are now reading more complex information and explanation texts, learning to navigate these texts in different ways and monitor their reading for understanding. Students are realising that some texts need to be read more carefully for understanding and this might mean slowing down to think about what they have read, to view captions, tables, illustrations and identify new vocabulary.

All Lower Division are learning to “say something” about characters and their actions, formulate ideas and provide opinions with reasons. Our class book is “James and the Giant Peach” by Roald Dahl which lends itself to great discussion.

In Numeracy students, Kinder and Year one students are learning to tell and write digital and analogue time (4:00, 4.15, 4.30, 4.45 plus extension activities) and count on and back from the largest number for addition and subtraction.

Kinders are working hard on their independent reading and writing and Year Two are learning to apply their number knowledge to two step mathematical problems. Year two students have also been working with Ms Barber producing postcards on the computer.
ICE blocks
Senior students will be selling ice blocks starting this Friday at a cost of 30 cents.

Thank you to those students who have returned trophies and shields.
Seasons of New England Market & Fair Day

Saturday 8th November

Featuring over 70 stalls of produce and products from New England producers and makers, sensational food and local wine, beer and world class gin, from 8am - 3pm at the Uralla Showground. Lots of fun for the young and young at heart, with pony rides, a jumping castle, fair bags, bubble blowing, horse shoe throwing, colouring in space, face painting, a dog jumping show, shearing demonstration and a Swagman's Picnic Lunch for children under a shady marquee ($5, provided by the Uralla CWA, tickets online).

A great day out and a sensational way to start your Christmas shopping!

Enjoy breakfast and lunch during the day under our giant marquee, and from 4pm enjoy Dinner in the Arena, with dishes provided by 5 different providers and prices ranging from $8 - $28. Tickets online at: www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au/tickets, or by calling 0434 408 163

Good for Kids good for life

Fresh Tastes @ School

Our school is committed to implementing Fresh Tastes @ school in our canteen. Fresh Tastes@school is a state-wide policy that determines the types of foods and drinks available for sale in school canteens.

All foods and drinks are grouped into three categories:

Green foods – Fill the menu. These foods are full of nutrients and should dominate the canteen menu. For example vegetables, fruit, reduced fat milk, lean meat, bread and cereals.

Amber foods – Select Carefully. These foods are mainly processed foods and have some sugar, fat and salt added to them. They should not dominate the menu. For example: Full cream milk, fruit drinks, pizzas, chicken nuggets and pies.

Red foods – Occasional foods. These foods can be sold twice per term and should not appear regular items on the canteen menu. For example confectionary and deep-fried foods.

Our school is being supported by the Good for Kids team to help make some healthy sustainable changes to our canteen menu.

Reference: Good for Kids PICNIC resources

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Swimming

Monday 17 November to Friday 28 November 2014
(Weeks 7 & 8)

All Lower Division students will be participating in swimming lessons for the morning period (11.30am to 12.45pm) in weeks 7 and 8 of term 4. Parent helpers will be required for this morning session. Upper Division will be participating between 1.45 to 2.45pm. All students will travel by bus to Merilba Pool.

Mrs Skewes will be the organising Teacher

Volunteers are required to assist with the swimming lessons. If you can volunteer your time, please fill in the availability form below.

All students will need swimmers, goggles, towel and a bag to put wet clothing in. Please ensure the goggles are in good order.

I give permission for my child/children

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to attend swimming school at Merilba from Monday, 17 November to Friday, 28 November 2014.

I fully understand that neither Mr and Mrs Cassidy nor Merilba will be in any way held responsible for any aspects for the swimming school.

Signed: ............................................................... Date: .............................................................

The School is seeking volunteers, if you can help please circle the appropriate days:

Parent helper’s name: ..........................................................................................................................

Please circle days you can help. Thank you

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Upper Division Awards

Student of the Week
Hayley Wisemantel for her exceptional work ethic in class and caring attitude in the playground.

Merit Award
Shauna Cantrill-Taylor for Terrific Tessellations!