Dear Parents and Community,

It has certainly been a busy week here at Kingstown!

**ZOO-MOBILE**

On Wednesday, the Taronga Zoo Mobile stopped by to talk to the students about some native Australian animals. They brought some of their ‘friends’ with them and delivered a very informative and interactive presentation which students thoroughly enjoyed. We were very fortunate to have this visit and send a big thank you to Matt McKenzie from Thalgarra for making it possible.

**LANTERN WORKSHOP**

On Thursday, the whole school caught the bus into Uralla for a Lantern Making Workshop. Despite the weather this was a great day out. The students made some impressive lanterns and, for the most part managed to avoid covering their uniforms in glue! The organisers were so impressed with the students’ behaviour and the lanterns we produced that they even approached Mrs Barber asking if Kingstown would lead the school children in Saturday’s parade and appear on the stage. Go Kingstown! Thank you to Tammy Armstrong, Robyn Frazier and Mel Woods for coming along and also to the Wisemantels for transporting a very excitable bus load.

Thursday also saw us say goodbye to Ms Ryan for Term 1. She is off on a fabulous adventure and we hope she has a wonderful time - it is certainly a very well-earned break!
CROSS COUNTRY
This year’s Cross Country event will take place on Friday of this week at the UNE and will follow the course used for the PSSA event in Term 2. Good practice for those looking to represent at the next level! There will be a bus leaving from school at 9.10am. Students are required to wear full sports school uniform - don’t forget a hat, sunscreen, a water bottle and warm clothing in case the weather is less than kind. Kingstown P&C will be catering for those who wish to buy a yummy morning tea and/or lunch.

In the event of cancellation due to weather a notice may be heard on 2AD. Those on the communications pyramid will be directly contacted. If the cross country is cancelled school proceeds as normal.

P&C CATERING
The P&C require helpers and home cooking this Friday, 4th April at the Cross Country. Please contact Dawn Dew on 02 6778 9177 or Pete Stevenson 02 6782 5383 for further details. This is a wonderful fundraising event for the P&C.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
Each school is required to assist with three parent helpers at checkpoints around the cross country running track. Please contact the school if you are able to assist.

HARMONY DAY
We will be celebrating Harmony Day this Wednesday with some whole school activities in the middle session. Upper Division are preparing some fun, interactive presentations for K/1/2 in which they will introduce some of the many cultures prevalent in Australia.

EASTER HAT PARADE
Don’t forget to make your Easter Hat for the Parade next Friday.

KINGSTOWN KIDS WITH CHARACTER
D’Arcy Cassidy: Wonderful manners and excellent work habits.

Jack Cassidy: Improved presentation and always completing his work.

D’Arcy Cassidy & Mia White
MERIT AWARDS

Mia White: Excellent work habits.

Jakehan Leek: Quietly achieving his personal goals and completing his tasks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Riley Stevenson - Thursday 27th March
Amy & Mia White and Georgie Swales - Saturday 29th March

Body Balance Class

Mondays at The Hall from 10am
Mixture of yoga, tai chi and Pilates
Beginners to advanced
$10 plus a gold coin donation for The Hall
Bring a yoga mat (or towel), water and wear comfy clothes

Enquires: Anna Stevenson 6782 5383

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Mia & Amy White

Georgie Swales

Riley’s Birthday cakes
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Small School Cross Country
Location: Bellevue Rugby Field, UNE, Armidale
Date: Friday, 4th of April, 2014, Time: 10.00am
1st Race Starts at 10.30am

Catering
The Kingstown P&C will be cooking a sausage sizzle on the day
- Honey Soy & BBQ Chicken Kebabs $2.50
- Bacon & Egg Roll $3.00
- Sausage Sizzle $1 & $2 Home Cooking
- Popper, $2 Water

Please RSVP for catering purposes:
To Kingstown Public School
T: 6778 9131, Fax: 6778 9122 or
Lyndal.beynon1@det.nsw.edu.au

Race 1 & 2: Kindergarten, boy and girl race: 1km
Race 3 & 4: Juvenile, boy and girl race: 2km
Race 5 & 6: Junior, boy and girl race: 2km
Race 7 & 8: Senior boy and girl race: 3km

Parking Areas will be clearly marked and signposted.
Pony will have parking areas at the back of the playground.
Zoo-Mobile

On Wednesday the 26th of March, we had Natasha from Taronga Zoo and Matt Mckenzie from Thulgarra that kindly came out to Kingston Public School to talk about Australian Animals.

The first animal that Natasha got out was a Spiny Leaf Insect. She was a female and as Natasha was holding the branch with her on it she curled over like a Scorpion. Natasha said that's what they do when they are getting threatened by an enemy which makes the attacker think "Oh No" that's not a leaf insect. I liked the Spiny leaf insect!!

The second animal was a Green Tree Frog. His name was Hermie. I thought about his skin when he was getting shown to us and Natasha said he breathes and absorbs water through his skin. That is extremely interesting. I loved the Frog.

The third animal is getting into reptiles. His lizard was a Shingleback. For an interesting fact their tail looks like their head. So when they get attacked the wiggle their tail like its their head then they turn around and bite the attacker.

The fourth lizard was a Eastern Bearded Dragon! On his belly he had spikes and on his chin which he uses to protect himself from predators. When he does that he also "glows out" to make himself fatter and bigger. I LOVED Him!!!
The fifth animal was a children's python. This python lives in the Northern QLD. The python is 10 yrs old but that doesn't mean he doesn't have energy left. He has a very good sense of humour he was really quite enjoyed having an ordinance. I liked it.

The sixth animal was Maple the Ring Tailed Possum! Maple was in a blanket when Natasha showed us her. Natasha said it was like midnight to Maple so that's why she liked hiding in the blanket. I liked Maple.

Lucky last was Spike the Echidna. Spike was an large exitment to all the kids as it was very unexpected! Spike got put in the middle of the circle and he walked around letting kids pat him. He didn't even try to spike us he was AWESOME!! I LOVED Him!!

The Taronga Zoo-Mobile was the best thing ever!!

Hayley Wisemantel, Year 6
Today the Toronga Zoo Mobile arrived at Kingstown Public School. The host Natasha and Matt McKenzie were amazing.

The first animal was an amazing spiny leaf insect. She had some pretty cool tactics like to protect her self she camouflage her self like leaves. And if that doesn’t work, she’s turns her self in to a scorpion.

The second animal was “Hermie.” A green tree frog who had some toilet too. He breaths through his skin. He’s a Amphibian. And of course he lives in trees.

The third animal was Wally the shingle back lizard. He’s got a few tricks up his sleeve. To start off, His tail looks like his head. His tail is like his damals hamptons.

The fourth contender is the eastern bearded dragon. He’s a mud climber. And he’ll puff up his body when threatened.

The fith awesome animal is the children’s python. He was 10 yrs old and lives in tropical North QLD and NT. Also his scales were so silkey.

Maple the adorable ring tule possum too. Her tule is specially designed for hanging off
trees. She’s a marsupial and a nocturnal, and grapes are lollies to her.

And last but not least my favourite spike the Echidna! He has fur under and tout out his spikes! His back legs are back to front long back claws for digging, riddle quickly when pretend! A tremendously big tongue for lapping up ants! And mammoth ears.

I think that everybody loved the Zoobilee. I thought it was fantastic.

Jack Cassidy, Year 4
The Zoo-mobile
26-3-2014

Today Natasha and Matt Mckenzie came down from Taronga Zoo. They bored some Australian animals and we got to see them.

Firstly we saw the Spring leaf insect it was a female an egg. She will camoflarsh to look like leaves or a scorpion. I found that it was very interesting how there mouth goes down there face.

Secondly a Shingback lizard is very interesting because its tail looks like its head. It has a fat store like a camels hump. It also has lary scales to keep him hydrated and make him hard to eat.

Thirdly The Maple ringtale posom is my favrare anima because it is amasingly adorarble. She loves grapes but she is only allowed to have two because they are like lollies to her.

Finally The green tree frog his name is 'Hermie'. I cannot believe that he can breath throw his skin. he lives in trees to camoflarsh.
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