Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

Would you like a follow up rain dance from the students at Kingstown?

I know the Kingstown area only received showers to dampen the surrounds, but we promise we will keep working on it! Louder drumbeats maybe...?

It has been extremely hot at school this past week and we are so very lucky to have air conditioning in all our classes. Outside sport and games of soccer have been cancelled in the hotter parts of the day. It is just too hot to be out in the sun. We continue to encourage children to drink lots of water.

Uralla Show

Congratulations to both Upper and Lower Division for winning the overall prize for a class project in the Uralla Show recently. This comes soon after taking out the top award for the “Australia Day” posters, so well done!

There were many other first and second prizes for student art work and handwriting. Con-

gratulations to all the recipients.

Merit Awards

Congratulations: Ruby Armstrong, Christie Leek and Jacob Mundy for great application in writing this week.

Preschool

It was our pleasure to provide a venue to the Kingstown Preschool last week. The hall is now finished with its new painted ceiling, looking great and the kitchen is complete. The Preschool can operate as normal this week.

Thank you Kingstown hall committee, who applied for the grant to upgrade the hall and preschool.
Welcome back
A big welcome back to Mrs Skewes, who we hear had a lovely holiday in Western Australia. She is looking extremely relaxed after her extended leave.

PSSA Swimming
Congratulations to Jack Cassidy, Charlotte Dew, Abby Stevenson, Georgie Swales and Hayley Wisemantel who will be representing the school this Thursday at the PSSA Swimming Carnival.
A special congratulations to Georgie who is competing in every stroke!

Absences
It is so important that your children attend school on a regular basis as high absences increasingly impact on children’s learning outcomes and self-esteem. Please take the time to inform the school either in writing or a phone call if your child is absent from school.
If you have any problems please feel free to contact me. All information is treated confidentially.

Lower Division Persuade Me! Convince me!
This week Year One and Two students have been learning how to write persuasively. They are learning to provide reasons for what they think and use strong words to convince.
We have written a persuasive text as to why kids should not squish ants and today students had to provide reasons to convince the reader why they should be allowed to squish ants.
In numeracy we have been looking at 2D shapes and learning about right angles. We continue to work on place value in number.
Kinder have been pretty clever learning new sounds, reading simple sentences and writing! Great work! They enjoyed working with Mrs Hamilton this week.
Thank you for returning homework folders each Friday.

New ceiling!

New Kitchen!!!
Parent Assembly
Wednesday 12.30 Week 6

P&C
This Thursday, starting at 5.30pm. Please come along. All welcome!!

Library
This year library will be on a Friday. Students will choose two books to take home and these should be returned on the following Friday. Plastic bags are fine for library bags, but if children have their own bags with their names on them, these are easier to identify if misplaced. We encourage borrowing at our school and rewards are given to those who borrow regularly (three times in a row). Please take time to read the books with your child or listen to them read their favourite part of the book. Ask them questions about the book and why they chose it.

If there are any queries about library please contact Mrs Skewes on Tuesday or Friday.

D'Arcy and Jack Cassidy brought their pet guinea pigs in today to visit both classes. Thank you! Cute and well fed guinea pigs!
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**KINGSTOWN P&C AGM**

Thursday, 20th February, 2014
5.30pm
Lower Division Classroom
Please come along!

**Tuckshop is back this week!!!!!**
Uralla Show Prizes
CALLING ALL JUNIOR RUGBY PLAYERS!

Interested in playing representative rugby?

New England Junior Rugby Union (NEJRU) is fielding teams in the Under 12s, 13s, 14s & 15s at the NSW Country Junior Rugby Union Championships coming up in May this year.

Trials for representative squad selection will be held at Moran Oval in Taylor Street, Armidale on Sunday 2nd March from 1pm - 4pm.

All rugby players within these age groups are encouraged to attend.

President of New England Junior Rugby Union John Beynon said that junior representative rugby is a fantastic opportunity for players to represent their region, and provides a pathway to higher level selection at country level.

The NSW Country Junior Rugby Union Championships will be held as follows:

U12s & U13s: 10th -11th May at Nowra

U14s & U15s: 3rd - 4th May at Newcastle

Check out the NEJRU Facebook site at https://www.facebook.com/NewEnglandJuniorRugbyUnion or for more information about the trials please contact NEJRU Secretary Sarah Broadbent on 0468 846 877.