Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

The weeks are getting busy, the weather is still warm, autumn is just about over, not any rain (when I was typing) and there is now a new bridge up over the Gwydir! I was getting use to the lovely detour over the river and in a way will miss one of our last wooden bridges in the area! Change is a constant though!

**Small School Athletic Carnival**

Thank you to Danny Spillane and the Kentucky staff and parents for running such a terrific Small School Athletic Carnival last Friday. We were kept on our toes all day in order to complete events before 2.00pm. It was a great day.

Thankyou also to our Kingstown parents and grandparents who were able to attend the day and who always encourage and support all of our students. Thanks to Angie Swales, for keeping track of photos and Heather Hamilton for keeping track of Lower Division students!

Congratulations to all our students who participated in events and those who received trophies. There was some tough competition and our students did themselves proud!
Once again the behaviour of our students at the carnival was commendable as well as their participation, positive attitude and good sportsmanship.

We will work on the marching next year now we are aware of the marking categories!

**Special Congratulations to the award winners:**

Ruby Armstrong—Junior Girl Champion

Jack Cassidy, what a run against a state champion!! You were tough competition!!

Small School Athletic Shield went to Kentucky. Kingstown were runners up in both the overall and aggregate shield.

**Visiting Author and Illustrator**

Yesterday we had a visit from Elizabeth Hale from the UNE's Children's Literature Department. Elizabeth brought with her the author and illustrator Tina Matthews. It was such a great morning.

Jack Cassidy & Zack Armstrong—Runner Up Junior Boy Champion

Parent Assembly

**Week 9— Wednesday, 25th June, 9.30am**

**School Play Night date?**

This year, our play night will once again be in Term 3. We will be presenting two short plays: a Lower Division Play and an Upper Division play. Miss Bennett has lined up a great play and Lower Division has commenced discussion on a play they have in mind.

We would greatly appreciate parent help with costumes and backdrops for both classes.

Please let us know if you are able to help.

We have also decided to hold a Grandparents Day close to the play. Thoughts and ideas for this day are welcome.

**Hockey Day**

Kingstown will be organising the Small School Hockey Gala Day which will be run by Blair Chalmers from Hockey NSW. We will travel by bus to the synthetic hock-
ey fields at Sport UNE on Thursday, 19th June. A note will be sent home next week.

**School Reports**

Teachers are presently assessing for school reports. Reports will be sent home Week 9. Interviews will be held in Weeks Two and Three (or when arranged) next term.

**Merit Awards:**

**Joe Monk**– magnificent maths and hard work in writing.

**Lillian Reynolds**– success with Spelling Rules!

**Madison Mitchell**– her positive, happy, attitude toward learning.

**Charlotte Dew**– great work in writing!

**Deuter Macalos**– working hard and helping others.

**Student of the week:**

**Hayley Wisemantel**– hard work in all areas.

In Mandarin last week Upper Division students continued with the transport theme and were introduced to the Mandarin words for “very fast” and “very slow.” Lower Division students are learning words for “liking foods.”

Very fast= hen kuai
very slow= hen man

**Teacher Focus on Reading Professional Learning**

This Wednesday Miss Bennett will be commencing Phase One Focus on Reading training and on Thursday I will be continuing with Phase Two training. Focus on Reading is a course for teachers to learn and teach literacy strategies for thinking, questioning, monitoring, summarising, predicting and making connections. We are in an information age, information will con-
continue to be at our student’s fingertips, but we need as teachers to provide our students with strategies and skills to deal with this information.

**Bus Reminder**

Please remind your children that they are not permitted to eat or have chewing gum whilst travelling on the bus.

**Money maths Lower Division**

The Juvenile Relay and Ball Games Team, well done! Just nipped at the post!

Great organisational skills, encouragement and leadership from Angus Swales!

“You can Do it!” boy!! Jacob Mundy gave it his all!

Jakehan & Deuter, Great sportsmanship boys!! Especially having a go together at the 800metres together! You should be proud of yourselves!!!
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