Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

I hope everyone had a great long weekend and time to relax!

The weeks are ticking down and only last week I was thinking that change is a constant in life. We are teaching a generation of students who will have to adapt to change at an incredible rate. They will no doubt have multiple careers in their life and they will just go with it!

Speaking of adapting to change...

Lyndie Beynon our great SAM has been offered a contract as a SRG SASS Professional Learning Project Officer at the Education Department’s District Office in Armidale. Congratulations, Lyndie!

Lyndie will still retain her position at our school whilst on this contract.

As there will be a temporary vacancy for this position until the end of the year (Terms Three & Four) the procedure is as follows: Expressions of Interest for this temporary vacancy will firstly be advertised internally in School Biz- a sight for education employees and SASS staff. Closing date: 20th June. We will go from there.

Lilly is off to Coolah for the Regional PSSA Cross Country this Friday, 13th June. Have a great time, Lilly and good luck!

Principal Award

I occasionally give out special awards to recognise students

Term 2, Week 7

Wednesday, 11th June, 2014
whose contributions to daily school life are outstanding. This week I would like to thank Haley Wisemantel for all her help over the past weeks. She is a fantastic role model! Thanks Haley!

**Lower Division Kingstown Trophy** :

Congratulations: **Christie Leek** for being such a resilient, persistent student!

Merit certificates:

- **Gemma Armstrong**: for improved reading fluency and application in class.
- **Ruby Armstrong**: for great persistence, cooperation and helping other students.
- **Amy White**: for being kind to other classmates and great imaginative writing.
- **Zac Armstrong**: Great sportsmanship and great role modelling behaviour at the Kentucky Carnival!
- **Jake Rizzi**: improved effort in writing and spelling rules. (absent from photo)
- **Jakehan Leek**: wonderful sportsmanship at the Small Schools Athletics.

**Jack Danieli**—persistence in maths.

**Staff Feature**

Kingstown School is what it is because of the contributions made by staff, students and parents.

Over the next few weeks I will pop in a little feature "snapshot" on one or two of our staff (and parents) at work to recognise and thank them for their contributions.

This week we would like to thank **Mrs Skewes** and **Ron Jackson**.

Small schools are so lucky to have part time teachers like **Mrs Skewes**, who’s teaching focus is on important curriculum areas such as Science. Mrs Skewes provides our stu-
Dents with great investigative learning opportunities. She also works with Emma and myself in Learning and Support (LaST) and takes sport when I have Principal Release one afternoon a week. Thank you so much Marise for the great teaching and learning experiences you provide to Kingstown students.

Thank you also Ron Jackson (we had so many photos of you Ron!) our groundsman, for everything he does around our school. Everyone would agree Ron takes great pride in his job. He has repaired the cubby in the playground, fixed soccer goals, planted bulbs, painted and built shelves in our sport shed. I even caught him “water divining” last week, a skill he tried to share with me!!

Mr Jackson Fixing the cubby!
Thank you Tim Dew for sourcing and collecting the wood from Tamworth.
Ron and I Water Divining!! We obviously have too much spare time, Ron!!

John Bell our school cleaner has had a bit of a run in with a chainsaw recently and has been off work. We hope those stitches mend John and you are back soon. Thank you to Celia who is standing in for John. It is greatly appreciated!

School Assembly
Our final school assembly will be the last Wednesday of term. Please come along and share your children’s achievements.

Yes Mr Boyd is back!
We have been trying for a while to get our music program up and running. Mr Boyd has agreed to come out to our school every second Tuesday for music lessons.

Mr Boyd is an experienced and highly engaging music teacher and we are so happy to have him at our school.

P&C Meeting this Thursday, 12th June commencing at 5.30pm

First Aide Course this Sunday at Kingstown School

What’s coming up….

Next week is the Hockey Clinic at UNE in Armidale. Students will go by bus into the UNE. Blair Chalmers, from Hockey N.S.W. will run the clinic. Kentucky and Kelly’s Plains will be joining us. Please return permission note attached. It will be a great day for the students.

Abby Stevenson: Congratulations Abby on your gymnastics achievement.
Abby competed in Dubbo on the weekend in Gymnastics and came 6th overall. Abby will be heading to the NSW Country Championships in Sydney. Well done Abby!!

We are very lucky at Kingstown to have such respectful and well behaved students. At times, however, things happen between students and “time out” is given, an opportunity to think about the situation. If this becomes a regular occurrence parents will be informed of what is constituting “time out” for their child and a short letter of communication will be sent home, followed up by a phone call to discuss the problem and work toward a solution. Working together we can retain our positive school culture and provide the best possible outcomes for our students.

**Reminder Book Club**
Book Club orders are due tomorrow.

**Year 6—Getting creative in reading groups (Mummies)**

**Thanks Bec for a yummy Tuckshop Day!**
Last Tuesday Lower Division went on a village walk through Kingstown. We observed the types of trees and shrubs growing in various areas, noting if they were native or introduced species. We also counted the animal and bird species in the area, did sniff tests for air freshness and noise level counts.

During our walk we identified the buildings located in the area and discussed the many functions they have in the community.

After counting eight cars and picking up 115 pieces of rubbish, we rewarded ourselves with a quick play on the play equipment and briskly walked back to school. We were all very proud of our efforts.

Well done, Lower Division.
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Hockey Skills Gala Day

On Thursday, 19th July Kingstown Public School will be travelling by bus to the Sport UNE synthetic hockey fields for a skills day. The bus will depart Kingstown School at 9.15am and return in time for the afternoon buses. The cost is $4.00 per child for the bus. Children are to wear sports uniform and bring a packed lunch, hat and water bottle.

I........................................................................................................... Give permission for .................................................................
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day on Thursday, 19th June.

I have enclosed $4.00 for the bus.

Signed..................................................................................Date.................................................................................................

REMINDER
P&C MEETING TOMORROW
THURSDAY, 12TH JUNE, 2014
5.30PM
Winter School Holiday Fun

Kreative Kids
Lake Keepit Holiday Camp

DO YOU LOVE CREATING THINGS? COMBINE ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH MORE TRADITIONAL AND FUN CAMP ACTIVITIES. LET’S SEE HOW CREATIVE YOU REALLY ARE THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

30 June to 4 July
1st week of the Winter school holidays

7–12 years
$265.00

Our kids’ camps at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre are designed and delivered by qualified instructors and focus on giving kids a taste of valuable life skills. Through a range of fun and exciting activities, the kids are encouraged to grow and develop socially, make new friends and try new things.

Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre
For more information
Phone: (02) 6769 7503 or Fax: (02) 6769 7585
Email: lake.keepit@communities.nsw.gov.au
Web: www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Private Transport on this program only.

Participants can arrive at the centre from 11:00am on Monday and be picked up from the centre before 1:00pm on the Friday.
Hockey NSW is back on the road with our 2014 **Stick 2 Hockey** U12 Development Clinics.

All sessions will be run by a current NSW State Coach and Regional Coaching Co-ordinator.

In 2013 more than 1,100 U12 players participated in the clinics and this year, we’re visiting even more Associations and hoping to meet even more young players.

The clinics are open to players of all levels born between 2002 and 2004. We’ll provide you a hockey stick if you’re just starting out or for more experienced players, we’ll make sure we put you through your paces and leave with the tools to take your game to the next level.

**COST: $53 per player (includes 4% transaction fee)**

Every participant leaves with a Hockey NSW Player Pack which includes a drink bottle and bag.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** [www.hockeynsw.com.au](http://www.hockeynsw.com.au)

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