Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

Book Week

Last Friday students celebrated Book Week by dressing up as characters from history and presenting a short talk or “famous saying”. Thank you to Mrs Skewes and Ms Barber for running the morning. The students looked terrific and we’re loving the photos!!

This Friday, to celebrate Science Week, Mrs Skewes is organising student groups to participate in science inquiry activities. Please come along and join in the fun between recess and lunch. Mrs Skewes may have a career in event organisation the way she is going!

Lake Keepit is fast approaching. It’s time to start packing! Students have a checklist of suggested clothing and items that they will need. Mrs Hamilton and I will be taking the Upper Division students this year and Ms Bennett will be on the Lower Division class.

Thank you to the P&C for subsidising this excursion to make it affordable. We do not wish any student to miss out so please let me know if you are having concerns about the payment and we can make alternative arrangements. Lake Keepit staff and teachers provide a safe student environment at all times and it is always a memorable excursion.

Please contact the school to let us know if your child will not be attending this excursion. Students not attending the excursion are expected to attend school as normal during the week.
The bus will be leaving from school Monday morning at 8.00am. We will return on Friday afternoon by school finishing time.

What's happening in Lower Division?

Lower Division have been reading Aboriginal Dreamtime stories over the past week and did a great job on their reading response to “Dunbi the Owl.” Students worked in groups to create their own dreamtime story and will be publishing these stories soon. They have also been viewing wonderful owl images on “You Tube” and in groups came up with some descriptive phrases using these visuals and captions to create a phrase poem about “Owls”.

Year Two students are presently discovering the problems faced by the “Powerful Owl” in Australia and will be writing a persuasive piece of writing on “Why you shouldn’t keep an owl as a pet!” (unless you are magical like Harry Potter and have a really cool owl like “Hedwig,” who unfortunately died on 27th July 1997).

Kinder enjoyed viewing the story “Owl Babies” and talked about the character, setting and problem in the story. We have all enjoyed the “Owl at Home” series of stories and Year One have been rereading these short stories in a phrased and fluent way, with expression and paying attention to speech marks.

Students of the Week:

Year 2 Table
Ruby, Christie, Jacob, D’Arcy and Angus

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 9th September. Envelopes with information will go home this week.

Head Lice

Please check your child’s hair for headlice. They are on the move and spread through a school like wildfire!

Teacher Focus this week:

Focus on Reading
“Questioning Strategies”

Strategies include: Asking “I wonder ..?” questions; Learning to “Stop and Say/Ask Something…”: Tagging, questioning and listing unfamiliar vocabulary to share with group; Asking inferential questions about what you are reading or viewing for other students to answer; Asking yourself ‘What is the main idea/central theme of a paragraph or story read or viewed; Learning to agree/disagree and build upon peer answers when reading, listening or viewing.
New School Plan

Over the next term we will be working towards the development of a new School Plan which will drive the direction of our school over the next three years.

This new School Plan will be achieved collaboratively, working with students, school staff and the local community to develop a shared vision for our school. We will work toward establishing three strategic directions and key educational improvements that will reflect the goals and learning needs of our students, staff and parents. Each direction will have a clearly defined purpose so that we all have an understanding of why it is important doing what we are doing.

Working with our students, staff and community we will build a shared educational vision.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

We will explore our educational priorities, dreams and ambitions and collaborate to word our new School Vision Statement of the “future we hope to create.”

There will be an inclusive, open discussion, looking at the “now” of what we are doing and openly and supportively discussing improvement areas and priorities.

Please come along to our next P&C meeting. We will dedicate 5.30-6.00pm to our present School Mission Statement and discuss a new School Vision Statement.

KINGSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT

Kingstown Public School’s mission is to create a stimulating and productive environment for children, staff and the community through the provision of high quality learning programs, school policies and curricula.

The emphasis will be on excellence and equity in all aspects of school life.
Thank you everyone for dressing up so brilliantly for our Book Week day on Friday. Thank you, also to all the parents who were able to come along to listen to our ‘people from the past’ talks and join in our Trivia Competition. We all had a great day and wonderful Book Week!
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