Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

We hope all our dads and grandfathers enjoyed their Father's Day on Sunday!

It was a busy day today with Photos and a visit from our Education Director, Sue Brown. Sue visited our classrooms and went with the flow as Photo Day can be 'One of Those Days!"

The Small School Rugby Day last Thursday was a great day. Garry Walsh and his team, as always did a fantastic job! Thank you to the parents who helped out on the day. It was greatly appreciated. The home cooking and bacon and egg rolls were delicious!

NAPLAN Results

Last week Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN results were sent home to parents. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss your child's results.

Last week was SASS (School Administrative & Support Staff) recognition week. What a talented lot we have here at Kingstown! Kingstown School is very fortunate and greatly appreciative of our non-teaching staff members who contribute so positively to the running of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cherie Patch who is doing an absolutely brilliant job as School Administrative Manager (hence SAM); Angie Swales for everything she does each Thursday; our great groundsman, shelf builder and problem solver, Ron Jackson (soon to be participating in the Alice Springs Masters Games); our cleaner, John Bell who has our school looking fantastic and Heather Hamilton our classroom School Learning Support Officer who always puts in 200%! Thank you.. Thank you.. from all the teachers, students and school community. (They did celebrate with a delicious coffee cream cake last week!!)

Our P&C Meeting this Thursday will start with a review of our new school vision and discussion on the strategic directions for
our New School Plan. A parent, community, teacher and student survey will be sent out soon. Please come along if you can or ring, write or e-mail your thoughts if you are unable to come to the meeting. We will also be discussing our Fundraising Night, a Prawn & Chicken Night, being held early next term.

Class Play Night
next Wednesday,
starting at 6.30

Next week, on Wednesday, at 6.30pm, Lower and Upper Division Classes will be performing the class plays, “The Enormous Crocodile” and “The Wrong Play”.

This year, as previously mentioned, we have moved away from a large “production” performance and toward smaller, class initiated plays. It will be a lovely family evening. Please come along and bring something to share for a light supper.

If parents would like to help Emma or myself with costumes, back drops and props this Thursday it would be great. We will provide morning tea!!!

Basketball Clinic
NSW Department of Sport and Recreation will be visiting the school next Thursday 18th September to conduct a basketball clinic with the students.

Help us celebrate Grandparents Day
next Tuesday morning!

Bring your grandparents or a special friend for morning tea and a fun time!

9.30 am- 12.00 pm

Focus On Reading “Questioning ??”

W>A>L>T> We Are Learning To:

Teachers and students are continuing with “Questioning” in modelled, guided, shared and independent reading. We want our students to be reading for meaning, understanding what they are reading and questioning what or why they don't understand what they have read. We want to develop critical thinking skills in our students so they will have the strategies and skill set to deal with the enormous amount of instant information that will be at their fingertips in the future.

Strategies include: Asking, “I wonder?” questions; Stop, Cover and Say Something about what you have just read; Questioning the use of vocabulary chosen and why illustrations are put together the way they are; Questioning the author’s purpose; Independently using poster stickers to question and monitor what you have read; Asking many , Why do you think? What if ? ques-
tions; Learning to appreciate all student contributions to discussions with “I agree and I disagree statements” and backing statements with a reason.

Kingstown Kids with Character and Merit Certificates

Merit awards were presented this morning by Mrs Sue Brown.

Jacob Mundy for being a persistent, productive and self-motivated learner who continues to be an excellent role model in the Lower Division Class, especially addressing our W.A.L.Ts across all KLA’s.

Merit Awards

Nevaeh Bateman for her wonderful imagination in writing and her hard work toward improving her spelling.

Isabella Tonkin for her productive attitude in class and excellent achievement in writing.

D’Arcy Cassidy for interesting and informative contributions to class discussions and questioning skills in shared and independent reading.

Angus Swales for using questioning strategies in shared and independent reading and excellent achievement in writing.

Christie Leek for mastering, “Stop and Say Something,” questioning when reading, and reading for meaning.

Ruby Armstrong for mastering, “Stop and Say Something,” questioning when reading, and reading for meaning.

Jack Cassidy for questioning and making great connections in HSIE.

Abby Stevenson for persistence and determination with difficult division.

Zack Armstrong for showing care and consideration for others.

The P&C are holding a raffle to be drawn at the major fundraising evening on Saturday 1st November 2014. The prize is for a 7 night family holiday at Redcliffe in QLD. The P&C would like to ask all families to help out by selling the attached four tickets, also enclosed is a flyer about the prize. If you could return the attached bag with tickets and money to school by **Monday 20th October 2014**. (Please return the bag and contents even if tickets are not sold).

The P&C appreciate your support and look forward to seeing everyone at the fundraising evening in November.

Well done!!
Lake Keepit Highlights

9.9.14

Lake Keepit 

I went on an excursion to Lake Keepit. It was a beautiful day and the water was clear blue. We learned about the different species of fish and how to catch them. It was a fun experience and I would definitely go again.

Charlotte Dew

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The giant swing at Lake Keepit is really fun. To do it, you have to pull a rope that is connected to you. Also, it was as tall as the power poles. There were lots more ropes connected to you. You have to yell out "stop!" when you want to stop. It's really scary and you don't want to go to the top. Then they countdown after that you pull a red rope and swing...

by Ugo Brassil
At Lake Keepit, one of the activities my group did was canoeing. We had to mingle and find four people to canoe with. In the canoe, there are three plastic seats in three different holes, which is covered with plastic at the bottom so it doesn't sink. In my group, I had Hayley, Paige and I. Dan, the instructor, told us how to use the paddle and some tips on if you capsize, the boathouse said to hold onto the boat because it will float away faster than you can. We paddled out to the buoy and it didn't go very well. Our team capsized the boat and Hayley, Paige and I paddled out and saved them. One girl was so frightened she picked a girl under water and she nearly drowned. We got them back to shore, it was just lucky we all had lifejackets on!

Georgie Swales

Lake Keepit Highlights

9.9.2014

A lot of people like canoeing because they use canoes for sport or adventure in the sea. Canoeing is a lot of fun. You had to find two partners so you would have good balance. Canoeing is like a boat, but it is a small boat, and you only need to have three people in one canoe. If your partners are being silly, you might tip over in your canoe. Canoeing is easy, but it's your first time, you might be scared. It is hard but is a lot of fun.

Deuter C. Marcales

Lake Keepit Highlights

9.9.2014

Wednesday, Upper division did a Winter Warrior challenge. Short, one of the instructors explained that we were doing a Winter Warrior challenge. We walked for about 500 meters on a dirt track. We saw a lot of Kangaroos.

Once we got there, we jogged to our first obstacle. Our first obstacle was to run up a board down into freezing cold and run to the other side of the water. Then we ran about 300 meters to our next obstacle. It was to run through tires. After that we rushed about 200 meters to 40 gallon drums on top of each other. We had to climb on them, then slide down into the water about 100 meters, so we had to jump from Rayak to Rayak. Another 100 meters up we went threw a mud pit. After that we crawled threw pipes and that was the end of the winter warrior challenge.

Nicholas Brasil
KINGSTOWN P&C
Fundraiser
PRAWN & CHICKEN NIGHT

Date: Saturday, 1st November 2014
Time: 6.00pm until late
Location: Kingstown Hall
BYO: Drinks & Cheque books !!
Strictly: Adults only (18 yrs +)
Theme: Spring Carnival Race Day

Fundraising Auction
Party Games
Best Dressed & Lucky Door Prizes
& Much much more...........

$40 Tickets

Closing Date for Ticket purchase: Friday, 17th October, 2014
Get your friends together or come on your own.
Book your ticket today!

Ticket purchase & payment info:

Tickets available to purchase at the Kingstown General Store.
Enquires contact: Dawn Dew on 67789177 or
Email: tovey_dawn@yahoo.com.au
Note: Payment via either cash or cheque only.
Cheques made payable to: Kingstown P&C (Sorry, no internet banking)

Bus available from Armidale & Uralla – depending on numbers
for a small fee.
Contact Dawn to register your interest.
Rugby Gala Day
Minutes - General Meeting

Tuesday, 5th August, 2014

Meeting Opened: 5.40 pm

Members Present: Sharon Ryan, Pete Stevenson, Jamie Swales, Cathy Chandler, Tammy Armstrong, Robyn Frazier, Josie Tonkin, Norma

Apologies: Nil

Apologies Moved: Tammy Armstrong  Seconded: Robyn Frazier  Carried

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (12th June 2014)
Read and distributed via email, school newsletter & school web page. Confirmed as being true and correct.

Minutes Moved: Jamie Swales  Seconded: Robyn Frazier  Carried

Business arising from previous minutes:
- **Upper Division Excursion**
  Sharon is still waiting on final numbers to come
- **Pie Warmer**
  The new one sent was too small & because of other circumstances it couldn’t be sent back, so Anna was able to resell it to Walcha. The process of replacing the old one for the same size is ongoing.

Correspondence Out: Sympathy card for Wendy

Correspondence In: Various fundraising catalogues
P & C Insurance letter
Welcome letter from Education Minister, Christopher Pyne

Moved: Tammy Armstrong  Seconded: Josie Tonkin  Carried
Reports

Treasurer's Report: See Attached
Moved: Cathy Chandler  Seconded: Robyn Frazier  Carried

Principals Report: See Attached
Moved: Sharon Ryan  Seconded: Cathy Chandler  Carried

General Business:

Fundraiser:
A holiday has been donated to the school as a raffle. It is for a week in Redcliffe, QLD, on the coast, for 2 adults & 3 children. Raffle tickets will be sold at local businesses also by parents, staff & Norma has kindly offered to take a book. A BIG thank you to Norma. The money raised will go towards upgrading the school library & for shade sails over the new paving. Raffle will be drawn at the Community Fundraising Event. A meeting to discuss the event to be held on the 28th August. Ticket price is to be set at $5 per ticket.
Moved: Jamie Swales  Seconded: Tammy Armstrong  Carried

New Supplier of School Uniform
After discussion it was decided not to change the supplier as the other was not as good quality, will stay with the current supplier.

P & C Cupboard in Hall Kitchen
The P&C cupboard used by Canteen staff is being broken into regularly. It needs to be looked at by someone who could fix it. Pete & Jamie will have a look to see what needs to be done.

Temporary Treasurer Position
Due to circumstances the position of Treasurer has become vacant & will be temporarily filled by Jamie.
Moved: Tammy Armstrong  Seconded: Josie Tonkin  Carried

RFS Community Education
The RFS education session with the school students & preschool students about fire education & planning is to occur when Sharon provides a date.

Date of Fundraising Meeting – Thursday, 28th August 2014  5.30pm

Date of Next General Meeting – Thursday, 11th September 2014  5.30pm

Meeting closed: 7.25 pm

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