Dear Parents and School Community,
Thank you to students, parents and families for another terrific term. On behalf of the staff we wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break. Enjoy ...

**Term 4 for students commences on Tuesday, October 6.**

**Kingstown Preschool Closure**
The recent, sudden announcement of the closure of Kingstown Preschool this term, three quarters through the year, has come as a shock to the local community. The IDFS board reached the conclusion that it was no longer viable for the centre to continue. They have now redirected their resources elsewhere. This has left our parents of preschoolers in somewhat of a void as to what to do and where to go. Kingstown Preschool has been a long running service, operating for the past 27 years and along with the school, it has been a a pivotal hub in providing support and access to quality early childhood education for rural families. Thank you to the parents who have actively taken it upon themselves to seek out creative solutions. Equity in access to quality preschool education for rural and remote families is a state priority in the Rural and Remote Blueprint for Action and we hope that alternate arrangements and continuing support for our rural students to access local, quality preschool education will be provided on site at Kingstown.

**Power Outage**
Tomorrow (Tuesday) the school will be without power from 9.00am to 4.00pm. It will be a timely and enjoyable excursion to Kentucky School to watch their play performance of “The Little Mermaid.” We will leave a little earlier which will allow students to have a lunch break before the play. All students are to bring their morning tea, lunch, water bottles and hats.

**New Phone System**
Thank you to Stewart Pyne for organising our new school phone system. We now have a phone in each building with a transfer button!!! We no longer have to run to a phone-connected building to answer the calls. We will miss the exer-
cise! This is a great feature in case of an emergency or lock down situation. The new phone system also has a back-up feature which is terrific as well. Thank you to Stewart who also organised the extra tank to the toilets; this is needed in a power outage when the pump is not operable.

Pets .. Pets .. Pets ..

The students enjoyed the visiting pets last week; the baby possum, two guinea pigs and a very clean and shampooed ferret.

School Play

Hopefully we should be ready to go in Week Three!!

Ms Bennett has sent a class note home with Upper Division students re “Aladdin” costumes and props.

I have caught up with a few Lower Division parents to discuss costumes for “Snow White.” I will also send a note off this week.

Thank you to Bec Oldknow who has been working enthusiastically creating props for the play over the past two weeks.

New families

We would like to welcome Kasey, Luke, Max and Jake to the Kingstown Community. Max will be commencing school at Kingstown next term in the Year 2 class.

We would also like to welcome the Rowe family to Kingstown School and the community. After discussions regarding a starting date and whether they should finish the year at their present school, we’ve been advised that Samantha (Year 3) and Aaron (Year 1) are very keen to be starting school with us next term.

So welcome!
Thank you to Michael Dawson from Milo Cricket for the four skills sessions he delivered to our students. Michael was a great resource. He had our students motivated and enthusiastic about cricket.

Next term our focus will be our swimming school and four gymnastic sessions in Armidale.
### TERM 3/4 CALENDAR

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### WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Thank you to everyone who has sent in Earn & Learn Stickers. As the promotion has now ended, would you please send in any remaining stickers **THIS WEEK** so that we are able to finalise our points.

### Calling for volunteers!!!!

Are you willing to help construct an outdoor learning area at school similar to the one pictured below? If so, please contact the school.