Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

Next week students will be starting their swimming lessons. Thank you once again Mrs Skewes for organising the swimming program and also to the parents who are able to help with swimming lessons over the two weeks. Thank you to Annette and John Cassidy for the use of the Merilba pool.

In the first week of swimming lessons Lower Division will be going in the middle session between recess and lunch. During the second week of lessons Upper Division will participate during the middle session. This will allow both classes to have a half day of school lessons for one week out of the two whilst swimming is on.

A reminder that students will need to wear goggles; if parents could organise their children’s goggles and have them adjusted and ready to go that would be great.

Ms Barber will be absent for three Thursdays as she is off to New Zealand. Mr Boyd was absent last week but will return this Thursday.

Mr Boyd is employed one half day a week each Thursday to deliver a wonderful music program to our students. Happily this program will continue next year. Thanks Mr Boyd!

School Play Photos

The school will be producing a CD of photos from the school play (from which you will be able to print the photos of your choice). Please let us know if you would like a copy. They will be $4.00 each. Please let the office know if you would like a copy.

Kingstown School Bags

New England Embroidery, who supply our Year 6 Shirts, have offered to supply a Kingstown school bag. The bags would be green and gold, with the Kingstown logo embroidered on the bag. Pictured is a sample produced for Drummond Memorial Public School. The bags are being offered at an introductory price of $25.00 each. Would you please indicate your interest on the attached tear-off slip in this newsletter and return to the school this week.

Contact us:
Phone: 6778 9131
email: kingstown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
In recent weeks Upper Division has been working on recognising and creating informative texts. We have identified the key features of informative texts and explored the many different formats and media in which they may be presented.

Last week we looked at informative reports, particularly enjoying a text about the Goliath Bird-eater Tarantula! Year 3 and 4 then developed a set of interview questions for a classmate, conducted interviews in pairs and transferred the information gathered into a structured report.
Students are also enjoying this term’s novel study of ‘Dragon Dawn’ by Carole Wilkinson, during which we are focusing on characterisation.

In Maths students have begun this term’s work with fractions and decimals. They have all done exceptionally well with multiplication and division in recent weeks – they love to demonstrate their new skills so be sure and quiz them at home!

Upper Division Awards

Week 5
Tristan Connolly for hard work and improvement in Maths.
Lilly Reynolds for fantastic work in descriptive writing.

Week 6
Sharni Oldknow for consistent improvement in handwriting and overall presentation.
Dominic Kliendienst for contributions to class novel discussions.
Samuel Rizzi for wonderful work in writing!
Jake Rizzi for outstanding results with division in Maths! 100%!!
Lower Division Awards

Lyra Halstead for a great and convincing apology letter to the neon crayon who was left behind in the basement.

Laodicia Halstead for her increased engagement in numeracy.

Jayden Harper for improved application and engagement in class.

Angus Swales for excellent work in English!

P & C FUNDRAISING

Tickets for our raffle are being sent home today. Please return tickets (sold or unsold) to the school. Please keep those non-perishable items coming in for the hamper!

If you purchase labels (for clothing) from Cash’s Labels the school is eligible for a commission. The iron-on labels are great for keeping track of clothing! If you require further information, please don’t hesitate to contact the school. Please mention Kingstown School if you make purchases from Bakers Delight as we earn points under their ‘Dough Raiser’ Program. Thank you for your support.

Thank you Wendy!

Wendy Jessep has kindly donated two books for our Library - Billy’s Story by Marie Fernando (which tells the story of Billy, who grew up on a farm, joining the Australian Army), and Gallipoli: Remembrances of a Distant Shore by John Fernando (a collection of short stories and poems).

Thank you so much Wendy, these books will be treasured by Kingstown students.
Science in the Bush

KINGSTOWN P&C
BBQ Fundraiser!!

The Kingstown P&C BBQ has been to many different events to not only cook food for our parents and local community, but also to cook food where the P&C have benefitted from raising money with outside catering. We would be lost without it!! Unfortunately our current BBQ has seen much better days and needs to be replaced. The P&C have put together a raffle to raise much needed funds to purchase a new BBQ.

First Prize
Weekend away at Redcliffe at the Waltzing Matilda Motel

Second Prize
$200 gift voucher from Grazag Armidale

Third Prize
Hamper

Tickets $5

To be drawn at Presentation Night
10 December!!!
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Birthday wishes go to Abby, Kayne, Gemma and Mrs Skewes, who have all celebrated birthdays during October.

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**Kingstown Public School - School Bag**

- [ ] Yes I am interested in purchasing _____ (number) school bag/s at a cost of $25.00 each.
- [ ] No I am not interested

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Minutes - General Meeting
Thursday, 14th October, 2015

Meeting Opened: 5.43 pm

Members Present: Sharon Ryan, Pete Stevenson, Tammy Armstrong, Robyn Frazier, Kylie Vincent, Josie Tonkin, Marise Skewes, Jamie Swales

Apologies:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (10th September 2015)
Read and distributed via email, school newsletter & school web page. Confirmed as being true and correct.
Minutes Moved: Robyn Seconded: Kylie Carried

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Preschool Update
  Opening back up after all the hard work put in by Kylie, Josie and members of the community. Aiming for a start date of 27th October. Adam Marshall is on board and all feedback has been positive, the process for re-opening has been fast-tracked. The Director has been chosen and there will be community involvement.

- Outdoor Learning Structure/Room/Play Equipment
  Michael has a plan/idea for this, Tim has seen something that could be workable. Still in progress.

Correspondence Out: Nil
Correspondence In: Bookclub, Unisite outdoor furniture catalogue, LWR uniform catalogue
Moved: Tammy Seconded: Robyn Carried

Reports
Treasurer's Report:
Kylie has advised of her involvement in the Preschool Committee.
Moved: Kylie Seconded: Jamie Carried
Principals Report:
A huge and heartfelt "Thank You" to Marise, who is retiring at the end of the year. We are enormously appreciative of all your effort and involvement throughout the years at Kingstown School. All the best for this new chapter of your life.

Moved: Sharon  Seconded: Josie  Carried

General Business:

Religious Education/Scripture
Sharon will look into the possibility of reintroducing this into the school.

Storing Play Props in P&C Shed
The P&C Shed will be cleaned out and aerated, caterpillars evicted and plastic tubs bought to store future play props in here. Will make future plays more economical as props can be re-used/recycled. Some of the props from this play will temporarily be stored in the P&C store room.

Staffing
An "Expression of Interest" has been put out for the 5 half days needed for next year.

School Presentation
This is again a Presentation Night as per the survey that went home with the school newsletter

School Play
The Matinee for McMaughs Gardens will be on Wednesday 10am, with sandwiches etc available for intermission. The night session is starting at 6pm on Thursday 22nd October, children will need to be there at 5pm for costume & make-up. A note will be going home in the newsletter to bring a plate for intermission, tea & coffee will be provided by the P&C.

New Technology for Upper Division Classroom
Sharon is waiting for the installer to put a "Com Box" in Emma's classroom.

Mandarin Language Class
Sharon will still book this for next year in Term 1

Christmas Raffle
Pete put forward a motion to buy a new BBQ for the P&C and suggested a raffle to be drawn at Presentation Night. There will be prizes to 3rd (which will be a hamper), Pete will organise these.

Moved: Pete  Seconded: Jamie  Carried

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 25th November, 5.30pm
Meeting closed: 7.00 pm

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