Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

What a great swimming school! The progress made by all our students over the ten days was amazing! Thankyou again to Mrs Skewes, Merilba, Brian and Shane and all our parent and community volunteers.

This week we are back to our normal routine.

**Next Week - Week 9**
- Monday 7th December: **Gymnastics**
- Thursday, 10th December: **Presentation Night 6:00pm**

**Week 10**
- Monday 14th December: **Gymnastics**
- Tuesday 15th December: **Year 6 Farewell at Uralla Pool**
- Wednesday 16th December: **Talent Day**
- Last day of school for students

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**Former Principal Visit**

We were fortunate to have a surprise visit last week from Mr and Mrs Ken Dransfield. Mr Dransfield was Principal at Kingstown School from January 1969 to December 1972. Lower Division really enjoyed hearing about how different Kingstown School was back then.

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Swimming at Merilba

Help Keep Kids Safe
**Part Time Teacher**

Liam McNair will be taking up the part time position on the K-2 class in 2016. Liam is a mature age graduate who is very enthusiastic about the opportunity this presents.

**Parent/Community Feedback**

As part of ongoing evidence contributing to our school milestones, parents and community are encouraged to provide feedback on the year and our school’s progress towards its School Plan directions.

This year one of our focus areas has been learning goals: WALTs – We are learning to and Success Criteria. In newsletters throughout the term teachers have published student WALTs and work samples of success to keep parents informed as to what children are learning. We would appreciate any feedback, comment, queries on the success of visible learning practices and student learning experiences this year. I will also be asking for feedback from students and teachers.

**Direction One: Students are successful 21 century learners:**

**Purpose:** To develop and motivate students to be literate, numerate, inquisitive and critically thinking individuals who see themselves as successful and continual learners; learning how to learn, through engagement in purposeful and collaborative learning experiences across an integrated 21st Century curriculum.

**Students** understand and articulate what effective learning looks like. They are involved in the conversations with teachers on learning intentions and criteria for success. They see themselves as successful and continual learners and reflect on their own and other’s learning. They set goals and make informed judgments. All students develop the confidence and capabilities of successful 21st century learners through engagement in relevant, purposeful learning experiences across an integrated curriculum.

**Products:** Visible learning practices improve all student outcomes. Progress against numeracy and literacy continuums show 100% of students meeting stage or above stage outcomes.

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**GYMNASTICS**

I give permission for my child/ren to travel to Armidale by bus to participate in Gymnastics sessions on:

- [ ] Monday 7th December
- [ ] Monday 14th December

Signed ... Date ...

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Lower Division have been working on reading and viewing persuasive texts in their unit, “Convince Me!” They have written some very convincing letters! Giving and receiving feedback based on task success criteria has been a focus for Lower Division students. Their last assessment task was marked by three peers. I did query many ten out of ten marks and received the reply “the work is just of a very high standard!!” LOL
Dear Mom,

I would LOVE a panda! Pandas are SO CUTE! I have one right now called "Harley." I really want one. Remember, I ask you to let us have our own pet. Pandas are SO ADORABLE! I love them. The pandas can eat them. WOAH!

We can teach it how to FLY like the pandas. It would be adorable! I think you would like that.

I will be straightening up my room. I promise.

Achilles

10/10

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We Are Learning To...

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A Christmas Carol Service will be held in the Kingstown Church on Sunday 20th December 2015 at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend - ability to sing well is not a requirement! We look forward to seeing you there!