Dear Parents and Kingstown Community

As this will be our last newsletter; on behalf of the Kingstown staff I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing Christmas! Enjoy yourselves!

I would also like to thank our wonderful SAM, Mrs Patch, for the amazing job she has done in the office and on the fantastic newsletters throughout the year. Celebrate! This is the final one!

Thank you to all my staff: Miss Bennett, Mrs Skewes, Mrs Patch, Mrs Hamilton, Ms Barber and Mr Boyd for always working hard and putting in the extra time beyond what is expected of you on so many occasions throughout the year! It is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to our groundsman Ron Jackson, who does an amazing job on the school grounds and John Bell for keeping our school looking so clean and tidy, even if you get ‘very hot’. Thank you to our bus drivers, Norma, Shayne and Brian and Kelly Wisemantel who provide a wonderful service to our school. We have had a few trips into Armidale over this second semester!

Thank you to our great P&C and the fantastic parents who have helped throughout the year and are helping in the holidays to paint a classroom!

Well done to the parents who challenged the closure of our Pre-school and got it up and running again! What a brilliant achievement!

To Lilly and Abby - enjoy this next exciting phase moving into Secondary School! You will grow up so quickly!

To our wonderful students ... read books and relax!

To our dear Mrs Skewes - after all the years at Kingstown it must feel a little strange to be leaving. Enjoy this next phase, you are still so young! Take more holidays to Forster! We will miss you. Please call in and visit.

Contact us: Phone: 6778 9131 email: kingstown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
This week:

**Presentation Evening**

**Thursday 10th December**

Our Presentation Evening will start at **6.00pm** this Thursday.

If students and parents could arrive around **5.45 pm** that would be appreciated.

Students please wear full school uniform.

The P&C will provide a sausage sizzle after the ceremony. Please feel free to bring along a cake or slice to share afterwards. Santa will visit!

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

**Friday 11th December**

**Dress Rehearsal** for our Talent Show

Songs and Christmas card making for McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre visit next week.

Joy to the world!

**Year 5-6**

Prepare music & activities for school dance next Wednesday.

Next Week:

**Monday 14th December**

Students will be leaving at 9.20am to go into Armidale Cinema to watch the new Peanuts Movie – followed by their last gymnastic session. Should be fun!

Please bring an easy packed lunch of sandwiches and snacks to eat, along with a water bottle.

Students should not bring money to spend at the cinema, as they shouldn’t fill up on too much food before gymnastics.

**Tuesday 15th December**

McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre – Singing and cards followed by Year 6 farewell at pool – cake, fruit and pizza (permission note attached).

**Wednesday 16th December**

- Last day for students.
- **Talent Show & Dance** – organised by Year 5/6 Parents are welcome to come along at 10:00am.

School Development Days for teachers and staff - Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December.

First day for students in 2016 is: Thursday 28th January

Small School Swimming Carnival Thursday 4th February

**KINGSTOWN SCHOOL BAGS**

For those who expressed interest in purchasing a Kingstown school bag, these have been ordered. We should have the bags for the beginning of school next year.

**KINGSTOWN P&C FUNDRAISER**

Please send in any raffle tickets (sold or unsold) before Wednesday. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday at the Presentation Evening.

The hamper is looking great but donations are still very welcome.

Thank you for your support.
Year 6 Farewell

On Tuesday, 15th December the school will be travelling by bus to Uralla. The children will be visiting McMaugh Gardens Aged Care Centre at approximately 9.30am to sing Christmas Carols and present Christmas cards. They will then be going to the Uralla Pool for the Year 6 Farewell celebrations.

Pool Entry is $2.00 (Please send this with your child on the day). Children can purchase items from the pool canteen if they wish. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Please ensure all children have swimmers, towel, sunscreen, hat, water bottle and $2.00 pool entry.

I give permission for my child/children ……………………………………………………………………… to attend the Year 6 Farewell and McMaugh Gardens excursion on Tuesday, 15th December, 2015.

I have enclosed $4.00 for the bus.

Signed ……………………………………………………...     Date …………………………………………………...

Permission to Attend ‘The Peanuts’ Movie

I give permission for my child/ren ………………………………………………………………………………… to attend a screening of ‘The Peanuts Movie’ at the Belgrave Cinema in Armidale, and then continue on to Gymnastics at the Armidale City Gymnastics Centre on Monday 14th December, 2015. I understand that travel will be by bus.

Signed ……………………………………………………...     Date …………………………………………………...
The 12 Do’s of Christmas

1. Buy good quality decorations that can be reused or make your own. I will do this.
2. Check that your work Christmas party organiser sets up well-signed recycling options for the event.
3. Find out what your recipients really want, or choose an experience or charity gift.
4. Choose reusable or recyclable wrapping like paper.
5. Download the new free RecycleSmart App for all your household recycling needs.
6. Prevent food waste – plan ahead and serve smaller portions. Compost or worm farm your food scraps.
7. Most food and drink packaging is recyclable. Sort and flatten it to fit as much as possible in your bin.
8. Recycle old mobile phones, printer cartridges, computers and tablets that get replaced.
9. Give a recharger pack with any battery-operated gifts – it’ll save money and reduce the gift’s impact.
10. Ensure your car runs efficiently by inflating the tyres and tuning the engine, and recycle your old car oil, tyres and batteries.
11. De-clutter the house – recycle from the yard, garage and attic.
12. See if your council has a special mulching service for live Christmas trees or take it to the garden section of your local recycling facility.

For more information on these recycling tips, to find local options and to reduce your eco footprint this Christmas visit 12dos.planetark.org
Tuesday 22nd December
11.00am - 3.00pm
Uralla Swimming Pool
1 Wood Street, Uralla

BBQ Lunch | Jumping Castle | Lifesaver Lil
Break Dancing | Games | Santa Claus
Prizes | Fairy floss | Stalls

$2 pool entry. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult

For information phone
6771 1146 or 6778 4413
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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!

Christmas Carol Service

Don’t forget … Presentation Evening starts at 6:00pm. Please arrive at 5:45pm.