Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break. The school is looking fantastic and very green! On behalf of the school and students a big thank you to Ron Jackson and John Bell who have put a lot of time into the grounds and rooms to have them looking so good. It is much appreciated and a welcome sight each morning.

Students are also all looking fantastic in their full school uniform. We start the year with 35 students; 18 in Lower Division and 17 in the Upper Division class.

We would like to welcome our two new kindergarten students, Corban Vincent and Kurtis Cantrill-Taylor and also Luke and Dom Pannuccio who are our new Year 3 and Year 4 students to Kingstown School.

Welcome back everyone!
Congratulations to Lyra and Laodicia and Sharona and Dale on the arrival of their little sister, Isabella.

What is happening in our school:

Monday: This term Mandarin Connected Classroom lessons will be on Mondays in the middle session. 11.40am - 12.20pm and 12.25pm - 1.00 pm. Mrs Melanato will be taking both the Lower and Upper Division classes.

Tuesday and Friday: Mrs Skewes will be continuing with Teacher and Principal Relief consisting of Science and Technology, Library and Learning and Support.

Thursday: Mr Boyd will be delivering music lessons to Upper Division and Lower Division Classes

Thursday: Ms Barber will be continuing with Learning Support and Technology lessons.

Homework for Lower Division will go home next week.

Small School Swimming Carnival:
Armidale Pool commencing 10.00am
This Thursday Rocky River School will be hosting the Small School Swimming Carnival at the Monkton Aquatic Centre in Armidale. Transport to the venue will be private. There will be no bus. All teachers will be attending the swimming carnival in Armidale. There will be no teachers remaining at school.

Non swimmers will be supervised at all times by teachers from all schools and will be participating in games and activities in the smaller pool. Mrs Skewes will be our supervising teacher for the non-swimmers. Students will also be watching the competitive races and participating in some loud cheering.

Please ensure that your child/children has/have sunscreen, hats, water, snacks and lunch. There is a canteen; however the line up at lunch time is very long so I advise students to bring their own lunch.

P&C Meeting
Thursday 12th February at 5.30pm.
Please come along.
Agenda: AGM and School Projects for 2015

Attendance: Attending school and engaging with learning is fundamentally important in helping all young Australians to acquire the skills they need for life. Successful learning cannot be built on irregular attendance. The more regularly students attend school the greater their success in learning. At Kingstown we promote high attendance and early engagement with learning to provide a strong foundation for future educational achievement. We support all students to become successful learners, confident individuals and active and informed citizens. (Melbourne Declaration)
Thank you to families who returned the school survey. It was evident from the surveys that parents and staff are very much on the same page which is great. Parents want their children to be good citizens; respectful; persistent; resilient; have good social skills; to be fair; have opportunities which widen their experiences; be connected to the wider community and other schools; achieve well academically; have a good work ethic; competent with new technologies; be able to use iPad technology and portable devices; be aware and accepting of cultural diversity; be extended; be encouraged to be imaginative and creative; to think outside the box; to develop an awareness that they can contribute; take a stand; make a difference; work as a team; collaborate to achieve more; be confident; work in a team and develop social capability.

In trying to put all these ideas into three strategic directions driven by a common purpose we have so far come up with the following draft (see next page).

Soon this draft will be placed on the school website.

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**CANTEEN COMMENCES**

**WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY!!**

The Canteen Roster for Term 1 is now being put together and will be out later this week with a term menu.

2014 helpers will automatically be put back on the roster. If you haven’t already, please contact Anna with preferred dates by Thursday or you will just be given a day!

If you are new to the school and think you can manage one Wednesday a term from 9.30am – 2pm, please volunteer to help out with Canteen. It’s pretty easy!!

Contact Anna on 6782 5383 or annastevenson@skymesh.com.au

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***SCHOOL cheques (no personal cheques accepted) must be made payable to:***

Moonbi Public School P & C Association

Schools should send one cheque to cover all of their competitors.

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**School Plan 2015-2017**

Moonbi Public School Horse Sports Day

Friday 6th March 2015

To be held at the Kootingal & District Pony Club Grounds Gaol Creek Rd, Moonbi

Entries close Friday 27th February 2015

Post to:

Horse Sports Committee
Moonbi Public School P & C
Moonbi Public School
Charles Street
Moonbi NSW 2353

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**ALL ENQUIRES:**
Justine George 0403 542 255
Moonbi Public School Horse Sports Day

in the event of rain please phone 0403 542 255 or check our facebook page

Please see Miss Bennett if you are interested in participating!
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**Reminder ....**

Please notify the school of any changes of details such as phone numbers, emergency contacts, health updates, etc. as it is most important that we have this information.

We would also appreciate you providing an email address so that correspondence may be forwarded to you. Thank you