Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

This will actually be a short newsletter - I have promised Mrs Patch!

Last week, some of our students attended the Operation Art visual art workshop in Tamworth. It was a wonderful experience and they produced some great artwork!

The School Plan and Annual School Report have been uploaded on the school website this week. Copies are also available at the office.

We wish Lilly, Tristan, Ruby and Gemma who will be competing at the PSSA Cross Country on Friday. We wish them the best of luck. They should be very proud to represent the school at this level.

P&C Meeting this Thursday 7th May at 5.30 pm. All welcome!

Today our school captains are attending a GRIP Leadership conference in Armidale.

The Life Education Van will be here TOMORROW! Permission notes were sent home last week. If you haven’t already returned the note, please do so tomorrow.

This Friday I will be attending a Principal Professional Learning workshop in Armidale.

Should you have any questions regarding sport please contact Miss Bennett.

Work on our side door of the Library has commenced!

Attached to this newsletter you will find a Stewart House Donation Drive envelope. If you wish to enter the draw to win a holiday to the value of $4,000, please complete the details and return to school by next Tuesday 12th May along with $2.00. Stewart House supports students throughout NSW and ACT.

This Thursday we will have two visitors from UNE in the school, Dr Matshidiso (Tshidi) Taole and Associate Professor Linley Comish.
Lower Division Awards
Kingstown Kids have character trophy:
Riley Stevenson for persistence & resilience
Merit Certificates
Mia White for great work in subtraction this week
Jayden Harper for excellent thinking skills and recall when reading factual texts
Laodicia Halstread for great independent reading skills
Kurtis Cantrill-Taylor for top effort in reading and writing

Upper Division Awards
Kingstown Kids have character trophy:
Ruby Armstrong for persistence, determination and her willingness to help others.
Merit Certificates
Jacob Mundy for wonderful work in Spelling and super paragraphs in Homework!
Tristan Connolly for a super effort in Spelling Rules!
Jake Rizzi for working cooperatively and productively in Maths groups.
Georgie Swales for connecting understanding and working mathematically.

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Thursday 7th May at 5.30pm.

Some of the amazing art works produced at Operation Art!
**Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2016**

Any parents of Year 4 students interested in applying for placement in an Opportunity Class in 2016, please see Sharon for details. Armidale City Public School in Armidale will be offering an Opportunity Class in 2016.

Online applications must be made by Friday 15th May and all students seeking Year 5 opportunity Class placement will be required to take the Placement Test on Wednesday 22nd July.

**eGATS**

eGATS is an innovative online learning experience for gifted and talented students in Years 5-6 who are attending public schools in the New England area. The program includes online activities, a camp at Thalgarrah EEC and Celebration Day.

If your child is interested in participating, please contact Sharon for further details. A test needs to be completed to accompany the nomination.
In May 2015 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement and will be able to compare their child’s performance against the national minimum standard.

Consideration for exemption should be discussed with the Principal. A completed parent-carer consent form for exemption or withdrawal will need to be lodged.

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### NAPLAN

**Language conventions**
- Year 3: 40 minutes
- Year 5: 40 minutes

**Writing**
- Year 3: 40 minutes
- Year 5: 40 minutes

**Reading**
- Year 3: 45 minutes
- Year 5: 50 minutes

**Numeracy**
- Year 3: 45 minutes
- Year 5: 50 minutes