Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

Congratulations to Abby, Lilly, Zac, Ruby, Gemma, Charlotte, Jacob and Tristan who participated in the PSSA Carnival in Armidale last Thursday. We might have to send a foot massager next time for those fast running sore feet!

Charlotte qualified to progress to the next level in her 200m age race, as did Zack for Long Jump. Our Senior Relay Team of Abby, Lilly, Zack and Tristan will also progress to the next level.

Well done!

Rugby Gala Day

The Rugby Gala Day is always a great day for our small school students. Kentucky, Rocky River, Kelly’s Plains, Black Mountain and Chandler Schools will be joining us.

Garry Walsh, from Rugby NSW, is running the Gala Day and will be bringing ten coaches with him from Newcastle. The coaches are just as eager and fantastic to provide fun activities and games for kinder students as they are with the older students. The aim of the day is to promote the foundation skills of rugby-running, tagging and catching. It is not a competitive day.

The bus will be departing from school at 9.15am as the carnival will be commencing at 10.00 am at Uralla Sportsground. Thank you to Brian and Kelly for transporting the students at such an affordable rate. It is always so appreciated by the school community.

Kingstown P&C will be running the canteen at the Gala Day and are asking for helpers and home cooking to sell on Wednesday. It is a great fund-
raiser for the school and parent support is much appreciated.

If you have not returned your child’s permission note and bus money, would you please do so tomorrow.

Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you

to Mel Rizzi, Robyn Frazier and Karin Barber who braced themselves to paint the background for the student mural on the cement tank in such cold weather last Monday. They froze their little hands off! Tuesday was so much warmer. Sorry ladies. It looks great, though! Students will now be designing their artwork.

Another Art Competition!
Please see the ‘Framed’ flyer attached to this newsletter.

Awards Assembly this Thursday
Open classroom 10.00-11.00am
Pop in and observe regular lessons and activities
Morning tea and light snacks

Award Assembly Commencing at 11.45pm
Music item & Presentation of Education Awards and Merit Certificates
12.30pm Paper Plane Greatest Distance Challenge
State wide -12 metres is the qualifying distance for the “Regional High Flyer!”
A second competition will be held in Week 5 Science Week – with strict adherence to paper plane flying rules!

Stay and paint a community fence plank with your child over lunch

School Plays
Lower Division Play: “Snow White”
Upper Division Play: “Aladdin”

After receiving and reading the scripts for both plays we decided to swap them around, due to their levels of difficulty. Snow White was a script more adapted to younger students and Aladdin was more appropriate for the Upper Division class. Students will have a lot of fun preparing for both plays.

We will be performing the plays in the last week of term.

We would love parent support with costumes and props.

Thank you to the SES who visited our school last Wednesday. The students loved their platypus mascot and the SES gift bags!

Open Classrooms commencing 10am followed by
EDUCATION AWARD ASSEMBLY 11.45am this Thursday 6th August

Jeans for Genes Day This Friday

Students may wear jeans this Friday. Please send in a gold coin donation for this important charity.
Kingstown staff are committed to implementing and embedding visible learning and teaching practices in our classrooms to improve student learning outcomes. Sharing our “We are Learning to” or WALTs with parents through the weekly newsletter is a great way to communicate what your children are learning. This week we will focus on Lower Division.

Over the next weeks WALTs will be communicated from Upper Division. Across the school we are focusing on the Working Mathematically area in numeracy. Targeted WALTs are visible, displayed and referred to in each classroom. The new Science Program Mrs Skewes is implementing, Primary Connections incorporates clear learning goals (WALTS) for each unit. They are up and visible. Great job!

**We are learning to:** (W.A.L.T)

Learning goals for the lesson are communicated clearly to students at the start of a lesson, referred to throughout the lesson so that students are clear on what they are expected to know. Students reflect on the learning goal at the completion of the lesson.
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**Postcards from Kiribati**
Woolworths Earn & Learn

Just a reminder that Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers are available with grocery purchases. If you could collect the stickers, completed sticker sheets can be placed in a collection box here at school.

KINGSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL VISION

To provide all students with an education that develops their capabilities to succeed and thrive as 21st century learners. Students will be confident, happy, resilient and socially adept. They will be connected to the wider community and recognised as responsible, informed citizens, both locally and globally.

All teachers will demonstrate an ongoing commitment to professional learning and quality, disciplined, collaborative teaching practices within and beyond the school, implementing initiatives to improve the educational and social outcomes of all students.

Parents, school and community will work together to develop strong, student centred partnerships which will support student well-being and learning success in a caring, safe environment.

Students are successful 21st Century Learners
Simply submit your artwork and entry form by the closing date for your chance to be in 'framed'. Please read all the conditions of entry carefully before starting your artwork. Good luck!

**Entry Fee:** Free  
**Categories:** My Backyard or Favourite Animal  
**Prizes:** Awarded in each category  
First: $100.00  
Second: $50.00  
Third: Art Supplies

**Closes:** Entries must be received no later than **Tuesday 18 August**

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**2015 framed New England Mutual Infants K-2 Student Visual Art Prize**

**Name**  
**Address**  
**Postcode**  
**Phone**  
**School**  
**Year**

**Personal Email**  
**Teacher’s Email**

**Title of Artwork**

**Secondary School Category:** (please tick only one)  
- My Backyard  
- Favourite Animal

☐ Yes, I have included a stamped self addressed envelope so my artwork can be returned.  
☐ I agree on behalf of my child/student to the conditions of the 2015 framed New England Mutual Visual Art Student Prize.

**Parent's Signature**  
**Teacher's Signature**

Artwork and entry form must be received no later than **Tuesday 18 August 2015**

to: Student Art Coordinator – Shaan Menzies, "Conningdale", 1257 Chandler Road, Armidale, 2350  
or dropped at the Office, New England Girls' School, Uralla Rd, Armidale.
Simply submit your artwork and entry form by the closing date for your chance to be in ‘framed’. Please read all the conditions of entry carefully before starting your artwork. Good luck!

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First ........................................ $100.00
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2015 framed SerVies Primary Student Visual Art Prize

Name
Address
Postcode
Phone
School
Year
Phone
Email
Teacher’s Email
Title of Artwork

Primary School Category: (please tick only one)  □ My Backyard  □ Favourite Animal

☐ Yes, I have included a stamped self addressed envelope so my artwork can be returned.

☐ I agree on behalf of my child to the conditions of the 2015 framed SerVies Visual Art Student Prize.

Parent’s Signature  or Teacher’s Signature

Artwork and entry form must be received no later than Tuesday 18 August 2015

Student Art Coordinator – Shara Menzies, "Cunningdale", 1257 Chandler Road, Armidale, 2350
or dropped at the New England Girls’ School Office, Urrala Road, Armidale 2350.
FACT SHEET #38

Winter Fire Safety Checklist

FACT
Each year, the Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30% of them occurring in winter months, and 47% of fires starting in the kitchen.

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?
We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

- Never ever leave cooking unattended. "Keep Looking When Cooking"
- Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.
- Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
- Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean, and its properly ventilated.
- If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
- Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
- Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
- Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.
- If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
- Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.
- Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.
- Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.
- Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.
- Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build up of carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS
- Use only authorised installers of fixed heating appliances.
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit.
- In Case of an Emergency Get Out Stay Out and Call Triple Zero (000).