Dear Parents and Kingstown Community

Welcome back to our 2016 school year!

It was quite a wet start to the school year but no doubt the rain is always welcome whenever it falls. The students were in fine spirits and happy to be back at school. Handball games were quickly up and happening under the cola!

Welcome back to all staff and our new casual teacher Liam McNair who has worked hard over the holidays preparing his classroom and teaching program for the K-2 class.

This year we welcome two new kinder students; Dom and Luke Panuccio’s little sister, Serina Panuccio and also Amber’s little sister, Hayley Moorfield. What a lovely pair they are!

We are also delighted to welcome two more new students to our school this year: Arabella Blanchard (Year One) and Georgiana Blanchard (Year Three) who have arrived from New York! We hope they enjoy their time at Kingstown.

We have had a few changes with new and leaving enrollments but at present we have 37 students.
This week Miss Bennett and I may do some minor juggling to balance the dynamics and adjust numbers over the two classes. There will be three teachers and three classes focusing on Literacy and Numeracy each morning up until lunchtime. After lunch I will take the K-2 class for History/Geography, Art and PE and Miss Bennett the 3-6 class for History/Geography/Art and Behind the News Sessions. Mr Boyd will take the 3-6 class on Thursday afternoons. Skill sporting workshops are being organised for the second part of the term for one afternoon session. Ms Barber will be teaching Science and Technology on Fridays.

As always, all staff are here to support you and your children and provide a fantastic learning environment. Always feel welcome at our school and please feel free to organise a time for a chat with any concerns. Both Miss Bennett and I are available Friday mornings. Mrs Patch is a font of knowledge and is happy and able to assist parents with school details and information when required.

Welcome to 2016 from your Kingstown P&C.

Just a little note to let you know what’s coming up. We have the AGM followed by a General Meeting to be held on 10th February at 5.30 pm at the school. All positions on the committee will be declared vacant at the AGM. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Attached to this newsletter are P&C AGM Agenda and previous AGM minutes (12th February 2015), along with the Agenda for the General Meeting and previous meeting minutes (25th November 2015).

Kingstown School Bags

For those families who expressed interest in the Kingstown school bags - the bags will be available for collection this Friday. Please send payment of $25.00 with your child.

Small School Swimming Carnival

The Small School Swimming Carnival is this Thursday, commencing at 10.00 am at the Monkton Swimming Centre in Armidale. Parents are required to transport their children to the carnival. There will be no teachers at school. We hope to maintain “The Golden Flipper” so parents may like to organise a swimming relay team!

Kingstown Weekly Timetable

**Monday:**
Mandarin Language class with Mrs Melanato (Connected Classroom)
Library: Ms Ryan’s class and Mr McNair’s class

**Thursday:**
Music with Mr Boyd
K-2 12.15 pm-1.00pm
Year 3-6 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Library Miss Bennett’s class

**Friday:**
Science & Technology with Ms Barber K-6
Sport: Sports uniforms on Fridays
K-2 will be involved in daily PE
Mandarin classes commenced today!

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Mr McNair and the K - 2 class are hard at work
## TERM 1 2016 CALENDAR

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**Small School Swimming Carnival**

**Armidale Pool (Monkton Aquatic Centre)**

**Thursday 4th February 2016**

**commencing 10.00am**

Next Thursday 4th February 2016 Kelly’s Plains School will be hosting the Small School Swimming Carnival at the Monkton Aquatic Centre, Dumaresq Street, Armidale.

Students will meet at the venue in Armidale. Transport to the venue will be private. **There will be no bus to take the students to, or home from, the venue.** All teachers will be attending the swimming carnival in Armidale. **There will be no teachers remaining at school.** The carnival should finish by 2.00pm.

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. 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 bottle, 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.

PS In previous years, a parent relay race has been organised on the day, so Mums and Dads - bring your swimmers!
KINGSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL – P&C ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 10th February, 2016

Welcome
Meeting Opened:
Members Present:
Apologies:

Apologies Moved:    Seconded:

Minutes - Previous Meeting (February 2015)
Read and distributed via email, school newsletter & school web page.
Confirmed as being true & correct.

Business arising from previous minutes
P&C Membership fee to be $1 per member, paid & collected at time of meeting.

Moved:

P&C President Report
Treasurers Report
Principals Report
Tuckshop Report
Cattle Convenors Report


All positions declared vacant
President
Secretary
Treasurer
Senior Vice President
Junior Vice President
Cattle Convenor
Tuckshop Committee
Meeting Closed: Next AGM:

Followed by General Meeting.
Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 12th February, 2015

Meeting Opened: 5.45 pm

Members Present: Pete Stevenson, Sharon Ryan, Tammy Armstrong, Dawn Dew, Robyn Frazier, Kylie Vincent, Josie Tonkin, Rebecca Oldknow, Mel Rizzi

Apologies: Jamie & Ang Swales

Apologies Moved: Sharon Seconded: Robyn Carried

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (20th March 2014)
Read and distributed via email, school newsletter & school web page. Confirmed as being true and correct.

Minutes Moved: Tammy Seconded: Sharon Carried

Business arising from previous minutes:
- P&C Membership - Fees to be kept as $1 per member, paid & collected at time of meeting.

Reports

P&C Presidents Report - Presented on Presentation Night in December 2014
Treasurers Report - as attached Moved: Dawn Seconded: Josie
Principals Report - Presented on Presentation Night in December 2014
Tuckshop Report - as attached Moved: Robyn Seconded: Tammy
Cattle Convenors Report - TBC at a later meeting
President:
Nominated: Pete
Nominated by: Tammy Seconded: Robyn Accepted

Secretary:
Nominated: Tammy
Nominated by: Dawn Seconded: Josie Accepted

Treasurer:
Nominated: Kylie
Nominated by: Sharon Seconded: Pete Accepted

Senior Vice President:
Nominated: Richard
Nominated by: Pete Seconded: Josie Accepted

Junior Vice President:
Nominated: Dawn
Nominated by: Robyn Seconded: Mel Accepted

Cattle Convenor
Nominated: Pete
Nominated by: Tammy Seconded: Dawn Accepted

Tuckshop Committee
Nominated: Anna & Robyn
Nominated by: Tammy Seconded: Sharon Accepted

P&C Auditor
Nominated: Sue Unwin
Nominated by: Tammy Seconded: Pete Accepted

Bookclub
Nominated: Tammy
Nominated by: Dawn Seconded: Mel Accepted

Clothing Pool
Nominated: N/A

To be run by School Office but invoices/payment via P&C Treasurer

P&C Hall Representative
Nominated: Josie
Nominated by: Tammy Seconded: Dawn Accepted
General Business:

Date for next meeting: First Meeting of 2016

Meeting Closed: 6.00pm

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KINGSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL – P&C ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

Wednesday, 10th February, 2016

Welcome

Apologies

Minutes - Previous Meeting (November 2015)

Business arising from previous minutes

- Presentation
- Year 6 Farewell
- Fundraising idea

Correspondence out

Correspondence in

Treasurers Report

Principals Report

General Business

Meeting closed

Next Meeting
Minutes - General Meeting

Wednesday, 25th November, 2015

Meeting Opened: 5.50 pm

Members Present: Sharon Ryan, Tammy Armstrong, Robyn Frazier, Kylie Vincent, Josie Tonkin, Kassy Cassidy, Jess Rowe

Apologies: Pete Stevenson, Jamie & Ang Swales, Richard Tonkin

Apologies Moved: Kylie  Seconded: Josie  Carried

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (14th October 2015)
Read and distributed via email, school newsletter & school web page. Confirmed as being true and correct.
Minutes Moved: Robyn  Seconded: Kylie  Carried

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Religious Education (Christian)
  Sharon has not had a chance to follow this up yet. Kylie has some info about Religious Education in Armidale, Robyn has connections to Uniting Church in Uralla - both will follow up. Sharon to contact other schools in the area.

- Storing Play Props in P&C Shed
  The bigger/bulkier props have already been put in the shed. There are still caterpillars in there, Robyn has researched ways to eradicate them & keep them out.

- Staffing for 2016
  Had 2 applicants - 1 is mostly suitable - first year graduate. Josie & Kylie met him today & both felt he might be an asset. Sharon said he is enthusiastic & passionate about the job, she will get him in this term to observe & participate in the classroom.

- Presentation Night
  This is on Thursday 10th December starting at 6pm. The P&C will again be providing the BBQ, tea, coffee, water & poppers. This will be from 5pm. Tammy is Event Champion for this, a list will be done & sent out via email. Sharon to find Santa. There will be icy Poles & lolly bags for the kids. Wednesday 9th after the canteen lunch rush is when lollies will be bagged.
• **New Technology for Upper Division Classroom**
  Sharon is looking at "Com Box" (like her smart-board but different). The salesperson will be at the school tomorrow. They are $6000 each, the school needs 2. Sharon's budget will afford one but the P&C will need to fundraise for the 2nd Com Box. Discussion ongoing.

• **Christmas Raffle**
  The hamper is ready to go & looks fantastic. Need more raffle books to sell. Kassy has more, Kylie has the P&C Stamp & will send out extra for whoever needs them.

**Correspondence Out:** Nil  
**Correspondence In:** Bookclub  
**Moved:** Tammy  
**Seconded:** Robyn  
**Carried**  
**Reports**

**Treasurers Report:**
**Moved:** Kylie  
**Seconded:** Jess  
**Carried**

**Principals Report:**
**Moved:** Sharon  
**Seconded:** Kassy  
**Carried**

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**General Business:**

**Presentation Gifts**
8 x half hams - Kassy to organise  
2 x Christmas Hampers - Tammy to organise  
Ham bags - Sharon (if Robyn hasn't found some tomorrow)  
2 x Cherry trees - Tammy to get

**Year 6 Farewell**
This is on Tuesday 15th December - whole school participation. There will be pizza’s & watermelon for lunch provided by the canteen. Robyn to contact Anna about this. Sharon to organise the Yr 6 cake.

**Fundraising Idea**
Kylie has suggested to start an annual cycle ride to raise funds in the Kingstown area - The Uralla to Kingstown Dash - there will be an entry fee for participants, also the P&C can put on a BBQ, a school fete with the usual things and possibly a car boot sale - which will also have a fee to "park your boot". Kylie has been researching possibilities etc. The optimum date would be the first Sunday after Anzac Day this being 1st May 2016.

**Date of Next Meeting** – AGM on Wednesday 3rd February at 5.30pm, General Meeting to follow.

**AGM** - All positions will be declared vacant. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Meeting closed:** 7.52 pm

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