Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Year Six students who did such a fantastic job delivering their captain speeches last week. Georgie, Zack, Jake, Shauna and Cody should be so very proud of themselves. Their audience was so impressed with the preparation that went into their very fine and sincere speeches! Well done!

The P&C AGM was held last Wednesday evening.

On behalf of the school community we would like to thank the P&C for their hard work last year and congratulate the new 2016 office bearers:
President: Mel Rizzi; Senior Vice President: Pete Stevenson; Junior Vice President: Dawn Dew; Secretary: Jess Rowe; Treasurer: Kylie Vincent. A full list of office bearers will be published in the AGM minutes. Thank you also to Tammy for organising book club over the past couple of years and Gabrielle for taking this on in 2016. Thank you also to Anna Stevenson for continuing to coordinate the school canteen.

On behalf of the school community, a big thankyou to Pete

Parent Assembly
This Wednesday
17th February 2016 at 12:00pm
All Welcome!
Please join us for the announcement of our 2016 School Captains

Contact us: Phone: 6778 9131 email: kingstown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Stevenson and Tammy Armstrong, for their work in the positions of President and Secretary throughout last year.

There were some great fundraising ideas raised for this coming year. Kylie Vincent has been hard at work organising a fantastic fundraiser - The Lazy Sunday Cycle!! She is onto it!! We have also been asked to organise two lunches for passing motor rallies in March and June.

Please always feel welcome to come along to P&C meetings. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute ideas please email Jess, Mel or me. We would be happy to pass on contributions from parents unable to attend.

Thank you!

Thank you to Bec and Maureen for spending a day getting the library in order. It was greatly appreciated. It's looking great!

Emergency Contacts:
Please update any changed address details, contact details such as mobile numbers, or emergency contact details with the Office.

McCrossins Mill Excursion
Our whole school will be visiting McCrossin's Mill!
Students will be leaving school at 9.30 am tomorrow morning. Mr Boyd and Ms Barber will meet us at the mill and be our guides around the museum. We will then go to Helen Lee’s Chinese restaurant in Uralla for lunch. She will be speaking simple Mandarin to us (we hope!) Thank you to Mr Boyd who kindly organised a special opening for Kingstown students at Helen Lee’s Chinese Restaurant.

Shi Li, a UNE professor of Chinese Culture and Language, will then meet with us at Alma Park to share his Chinese culture before we return home. It should be a great day!

An additional cost for the excursion is the cost of lunch at the Chinese Restaurant which will be $4.00. (The school is subsidising this cost for the students).

The menu is as follows...
Spring Rolls, Sweet & Sour Pork, Honey Chicken, Prawn Crackers, Plain Rice, Fried Rice and a drink. Chicken & Chips will be offered for those children who wish.

Please return the note attached to this newsletter tomorrow with your child.

Professional Development...
A busy few weeks for staff
Last week Mr McNair joined teachers in Armidale for a day’s Professional Learning on L3 (Language, Learning, Literacy Stage One). This Thursday Ms Bennett is off to Black Mountain to observe visible learning practices. On Friday all staff will be attending Professional Learning in Armidale with the same focus. Ms Barber will take the 3-6 class and Sophie Faria, will be the casual teacher taking the K-2 class. Mrs Patch is kindly bringing our casual teacher out to Kingstown.

Uralla Show
A big thank you to the students who represented Kingstown School in the Uralla Show. Your art works looked wonderful and were appreciated. Congratulations to Angus Swales for winning First and Second Prizes in Stage 1 Boys’ Art and the most successful exhibitor in the Schools Section. Congratulations also to D’Arcy and Nevaeh who achieved a Highly Commended, and Shami, Jake and Zac who received Highly Commended awards in the Show Sign Competition.
What a great group of students!

**Homework:**

**Spelling** lists will be sent home with students each Monday. Students will be tested every two weeks on two lists. These are themed lists from the class text, *Rowan of Rin*. Reading these words in the text and using these words in their writing will provide greater relevance, understanding and purpose for students and therefore success!

**Numeracy:** Double numbers. Practise times tables (3 x and 4 x)

**Reading:** Some students will have *Rowan of Rin* chapter or paragraph rereads to practice their reading fluency. Other students will be expected to read their own selected books for 15-20 minutes each night.

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Our focus novel this term is "*Rowan of Rin*" written by Emily Rodda. The key concept for this literacy unit is for students to recognise devices authors use to engage readers. Our initial learning intentions surround the elements that make up fantasy texts. Students will continue to examine characters, settings and ideas that reflect fantasy throughout the reading of this novel. Lessons will also explicitly focus on the super six reading comprehension strategies: Summarising; Making Connections; Visualising; Predicting; Monitoring, Inferring and Questioning.

So far students have worked together to identify key points and summarise the first few chapters. They have identified descriptive language authors use to create characters enabling the reader to visualise in detail. Students have also looked at sentence structures authors use to create impact and written their own exciting, fast sentences starting with verbs and adverbs instead of pronouns!
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### McCrossin’s Mill Excursion

I give permission for my child to visit the Yu Wah Chinese Restaurant as part of the McCrossin’s Mill excursion to Uralla on Tuesday 16th February 2016.

My child/ren ................................................................. has/have

- [ ] No problems with the listed foods
- [ ] Is unable to eat the following foods (please list details)

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Signed: ................................................................. Date: ..................................................

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The Kingstown P&C will be running an event on the 1st May 2016.

Our Mission is:
To fundraise for our Kingstown Primary and Pre-Primary Schools with a safe, fun family cycling ride from Uralla to Kingstown.

Our Vision is:
We've encouraged New England Families to go riding together regularly.
We've set the foundations for an event that can run annually.
We've created a signature annual event to showcase Uralla Shire and it's local businesses to the greater New England area.

We are now forming an event committee. If you would like to find out more about the event, please come and meet with us on Friday at 5.30pm at our house at 70 Old Kingstown Road, or phone (0437 280 844) if you can’t make Friday and still want to be involved.

Kylie and Michael Vincent