



Kingstown Public School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 10

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Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

Last week students celebrated Harmony Week with the theme *Everybody Belongs*. *Growing A Culture of Kindness* was the theme for this years Action Against Bullying Campaign.

Each year, Kingstown students enjoy a focus day of activities recognising and celebrating Australia rich multi-cultural heritage. Students did a great job with their chalk graffiti, with *Everybody Belongs* and *A Culture of Kindness* messaging around diversity, inclusiveness, valuing and celebrating difference, kindness, friendship and compassion spread throughout the school.



HARMONY WEEK



We are all trying to make the world a better place by growing a culture of kindness and by paying kindness forward. We particularly love the *Life Vest Pay it Forward* Video and provided the link for families who may not have seen it. Throughout the coming weeks students will be drawing a random act of kindness card to act on.



Random acts of Kindness Pay it Forward

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwUSZR2G3cc>

LET'S PASS IT FORWARD

New families may not be aware of the kindness and generosity shown to our students during the drought years.

Students were the recipients of many random acts of kindness. Presents came from a variety of children and adults, many individually wrapped and personalised for each student. We received Lego, cricket bats, backpacks, stationery, popcorn, videos and much more. Students were very happy to receive these presents, even though many of us were not directly impacted by the drought.

I have reminded students who were the recipients of these gifts, to now think about the students and families impacted by the floods,

people who have lost everything. I encourage all students to do some chores around the house to earn a few dollars and pay it forward. Small amounts add up. So far two students have raised \$10. Let's see if we can build on this.



BBQ AND FUNDRAISING DAY

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL



**NO ACT OF KINDNESS,
however small,
IS EVER WASTED.**
Aesop

Staff have organised a \$3 muffin, sausage sizzle and ice-cream lunch day.

Let's pay it forward

Please support the lunch. All money will contribute to our "A Fiver for the Floods" Fundraiser.



Merit Certificates



Congratulations to:

Savannah for her hard work and persistence and growth with high effort.

Brock for his improved application and independent efforts in class.

Charlie for staying focused to complete his classwork and working hard to build his reading skills.

Kassedy for demonstrating a growth mindset.

Zia and Billy received Random Act of Kindness Awards for displaying kindness always.



CROSS COUNTRY

Today's cross country event unfortunately was postponed because of weather conditions. Cross country will now be held on Friday 29 April (Week 1 next term). We will re-issue a new note at the beginning of next term. Keep practising kids!

NAPLAN OMNIBUS ASSESSMENT YEAR 3 & YEAR 5

Last week Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in the practice on-line Naplan Omnibus assessments.

No data is provided from these assessments. They are to ensure technology is in place for the Naplan Assessment Tests in Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy early next term, commencing on Tuesday 10 May.

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENTS YEAR 4 & YEAR 6

Year 4 and Year 6 students participated in the state-wide assessments for Reading and Numeracy on Wednesday. These external assessments provide teachers will valuable data around learning, student strengths and areas of weakness to inform future planning.

ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL



Anzac Day falls on a Monday this year, the second last day of the holidays. Kingstown School has traditionally participated in the March in Uralla. Could parents please let me know if their child would like to participate in the March so we can provide them with the suitable shirts and ties. A note will sent home Monday with details.

STEM SHARE KIT

Our STEM Share Kit for learning next term has arrived!

We are looking forward to lessons with Mrs Matthews with our Lego Spike technology.



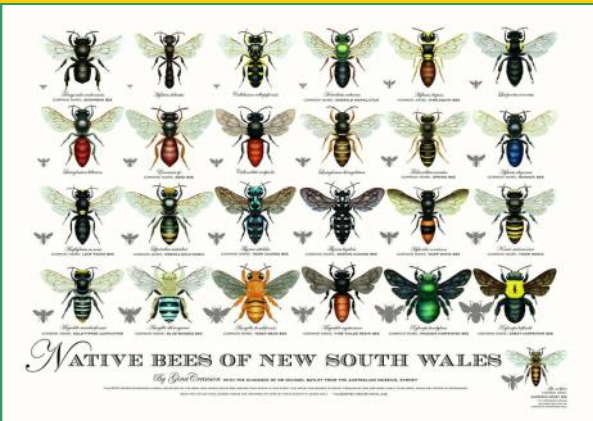
We role played and created freeze statues of friendship, kindness and inclusiveness.

BEEZOTTED

with Australian native bees

We were invited yesterday to Kingstown Pre-school where Matthew and Juliette from BeeZotted taught us about native bees.

The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about native bees, learning the pollination dance, hearing an aboriginal story and tasting the honey. Matthew was very impressed by how much our students already knew about bees! Thank you to Kingstown Preschool! It was a great learning experience.



Farewell

We would like to farewell Beau and Lincoln whose last day at Kingstown School was today. We wish Beau, Lincoln and their family all the very best.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Billy and his family who will be leaving us next Friday.

We enjoyed a little farewell cake at morning tea time today. We will miss you all.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday and Easter.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the start of next term. Students return on Wednesday 27 April.



2022 CALENDAR - TERM 1

MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
April	11	4	5	6	7	8 BBQ FUNDRAISER LAST DAY OF TERM	9	10

2022 CALENDAR - TERM 2

MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
April/May	1	25 ANZAC DAY	26 STAFF DEV DAY	27 FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS	28	29 CROSS COUNTRY	30	1