



Kingstown Public School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 10

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Dear Parents and Kingstown Community,

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

Term 3 commences **Tuesday 19th July**. Monday will be a School Development Day.

This term has been a busy one. With new staff, staff away, packing up classrooms for painting, moving classes to the library, installing and removing interactive boards, we have been under the pump in the past weeks. (As you can see in the photos!). This week everything will happen in reverse. Unpacking the classrooms, putting back boards and class displays and moving back in. We hope to have everything back in place, however, ready for Term 3!

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



I would like to thank everyone for their help. In particular, Robyn White has been amazing! Thanks, Robyn! Also, Ron and Graham, who have been "project managed" over the past two weeks! The students have also chipped in and been a great help moving furniture and tote trays to different rooms. Thanks students! It's been a big job whilst teaching.

We were hoping to have a parent assembly this week, however, after a staff discussion, we have decided to postpone the assembly to early next term and instead, send out a newsletter with all the catch-up information. There is a lot!

So, for some catch ups. You may need to sit down with a cuppa

Well done to all students on the following achievements!

SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Firstly, congratulations to all our students who participated in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Friday. What a stellar effort! It was a terrific sunshiny day and everyone obviously enjoyed themselves! We did extremely well for a very small school!!!

Champions: Savannah Carlon - 12yr girl champion

Ryan Wood - 11yr boy champion

Benji Shinner - Junior boy champion

Senior Relay - First place

NORTH WEST REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations also to Flynn Guyett and Ryan Wood who were participants in the recent Regional Cross Country at Coolah. Fantastic effort, boys! Ryan placed 23rd and Flynn 40.



JUNIOR ARCHIBALD

Congratulations also to Lykien Byers whose artwork was selected as a finalist in the Junior Archibald Exhibition at NERAM.

WHAT A TERM!!!

It has been a couple of years of not going anywhere, so we have enjoyed getting out and about this term and welcoming visitors to our school.

Students really enjoyed their recent excursion to **NERAM and viewing the 2021**

Archibald Prize winner and finalist portraits, followed by an art workshop and lunch at the new playground in Armidale. We also did a quick trip to the University of New England and Booloominbah, as some students were unaware that a university existed in Armidale! We want to give our students the expectations that they can absolutely set higher education as an achievable future goal!



Winner Archibald Prize 2021 Peter Wegner Portrait of Guy Warren at 100 the artist



Excursion
Playground
Fun

Author Visit Sami Bayley



We all enjoyed local author/illustrator **Sami Bayley's visit** to our school. Information Reports are a school focus over this term and next, so Sammi's visit was a great springboard to our new units, with her

beautifully illustrated Encyclopaedias of Ugly, Peculiar and Dangerous Animals.

Students also enjoyed the **Little Scribe's interactive online Writing Festival** this term, zooming in with a variety of authors and participating in writing workshops. We have included some of our students' writing samples inspired by Aboriginal authors, Kirli Saunders and Bronwyn Bancroft, around the theme of HOME, later in this newsletter, so please take the time to have a read!

The trip down to **Tamworth Capitol Theatre** to watch **The Thirteen Storey Treehouse** was also a great experience for all our students. They looked very smart as well!



HEALTHY HAROLD

Healthy Harold also popped in for a visit. Upper Division students discussed themes around the history of cigarettes and the impact of smoking on their bodies. Lower Division discussed safe and unsafe environments. Unfortunately we had a few students away on that day.



TECHNOLOGY DAY

Probably a big favourite this term, was the **Technology Day** with two officers from the Rural Access Gap Program visiting the school to share coding ideas for game design. Students loved it!

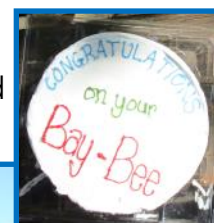


RUGBY

The **Rugby sporting schools' sessions** have also been a winner on Monday afternoons. Thanks Paddy for running them so smoothly.

KINGSTOWN STAFF

We had a lovely farewell to Miss Burton in Week 6, just before the cold snap! We will be looking forward to the exciting news very soon!!



We would like to welcome Mrs Jean Boyd, who is now a Kingstown local, to our school. Mrs Boyd will be doing the teacher release day each Thursday, Learning Support and also be available for casual or emergency days, which is wonderful! Mrs Cindi Mathews has taken on Miss Burton's class and will also work with teachers with technology, and the optimum use of our recently installed interactive boards! She will also sort out the removal of the old ones. Thank you, Mrs Matthews. We appreciate your expertise across the school. Thank you also to Robyn White our dedicated SLSO who has been working one to one with our students across the school. Mrs Sarah Harper, Kingstown School's AP Instruction and Curriculum, has fitted in beautifully and is very constructive and flexible supporting students, teachers and the SLSO each Thursday.

Mrs Blackwell is settling in well to the new SAM position and getting to know all the ins and outs of the school. Mrs Patch will continue doing the extra day for a little longer. I will keep you posted when this comes to an end. Angie Swales will continue doing the school newsletters. Thanks so much to all our multi-tasking office staff!

NAIDOC WEEK

Student will be participating in NAIDOC week activities this week with Mrs Boyd. The theme this year is **Stand up Speak out**.



ABSENCES

Just a reminder to please notify the school if your child is away. Thank you to parents who are using Skool Loop. It's the easiest way. If a reason is not provided within two days these absences will be considered unjustified.

LAKE KEEPIT

As yet I have not received any return notes. Please let the school know if your child/children will be attending as I do have to confirm the school booking. No money is required at this point, but I do have to know the numbers. Payment can be arranged with the school so I do expect to be taking all students.

LAST DAY OF TERM FRIDAY 1 JULY

Students can wear muffi on Friday for the last day of term.

Merit Award Certificates

Congratulations to:



Junior Shinner - Typing skills and his growing ability to learn from feedback.

Savannah Carlon - High effort and application of learning in Reading. Well done!

Brock Pensini - Working hard in numeracy and developing greater learning independence. Keep working tough, Brock!

Benji Shinner - Increased engagement and contributions to class discussions- Achievement of learning goal! Well done!

Ryan Wood - Determination and impressive effort to achieve learning goals and improve his performance in athletics and cross country. Congratulations!

Zia Guyett - Encouraging, positive attitude and high effort to improve cursive handwriting and typing skills. Well done, Zia!

Kassedy Carlon - Working hard in numeracy and developing his reading fluency.

Lykien Byers - Enthusiasm and application to all class tasks.

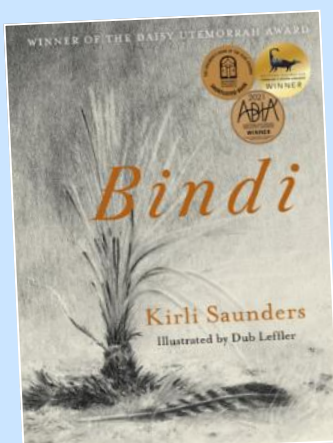
The Little Scribe's interactive online Writing Festival workshop inspired these poems written by Upper Division Students. They have also been working on persuasive texts and short stories this term.

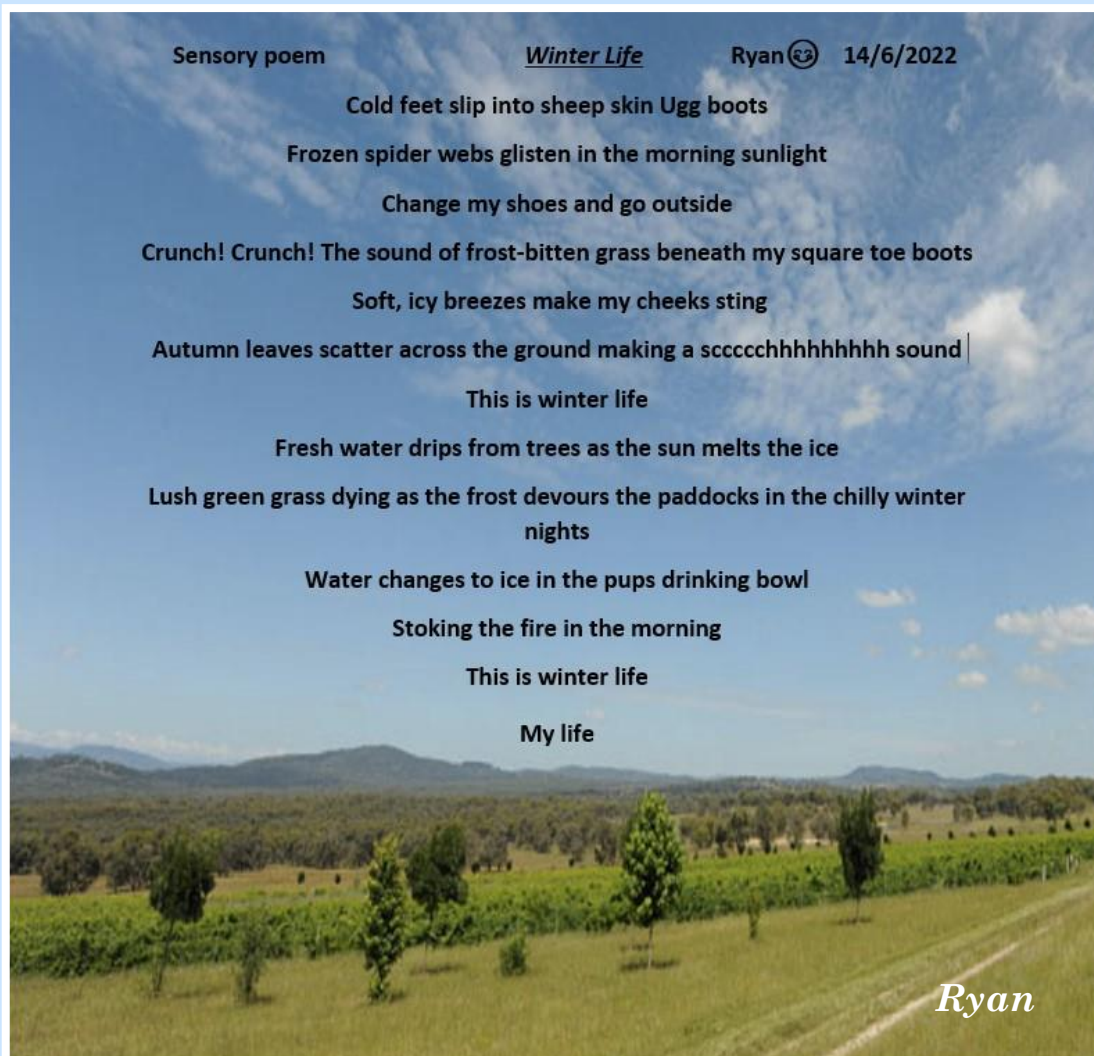
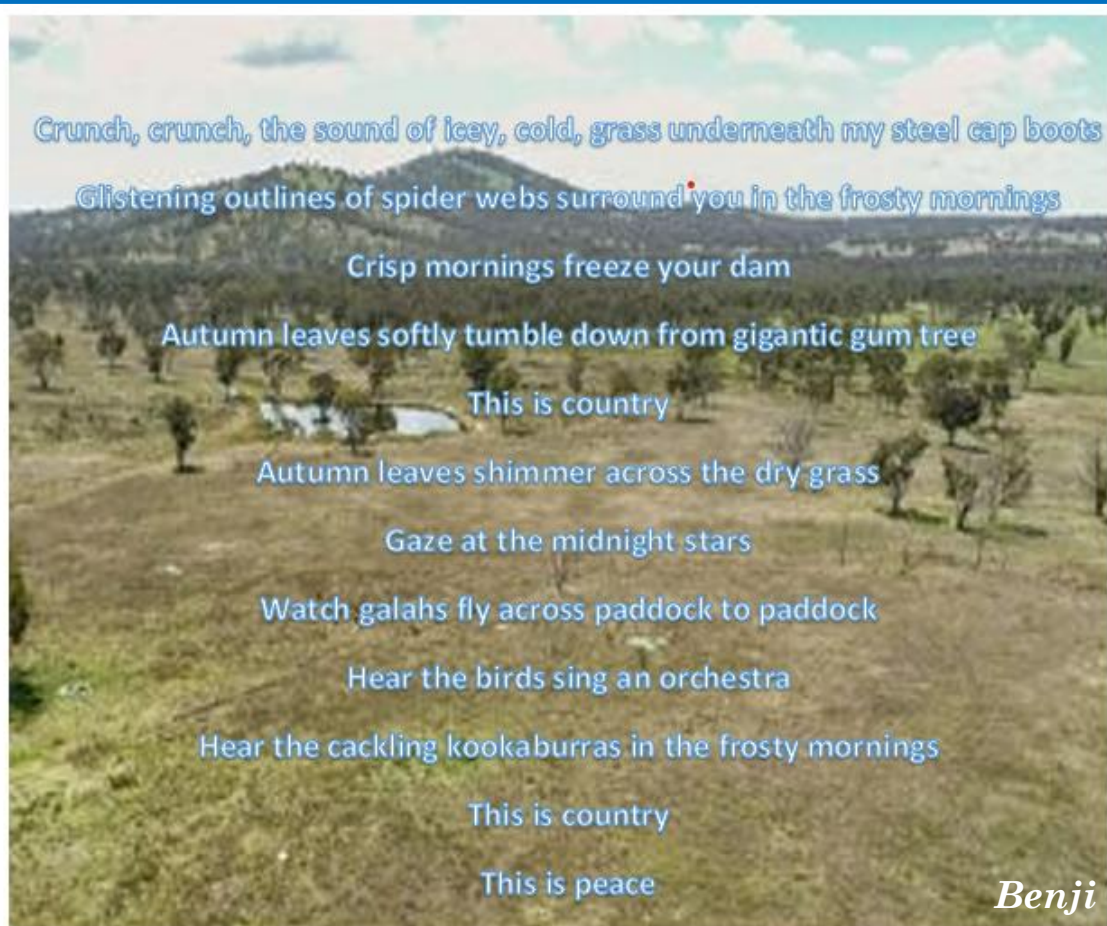
This is Home

The welcomes and thanks of the horses
As I give them their morning feed
The loving winter cuddles under my feet
From my dog, Lexie
This is home
The freedom as I kick up the horse
Into a canter with my leather boots
The cheeps of the birds and
The splashes of the river
Send me into a deep daydream
This is the home that I love
North Eureka ☺

Zia 14/6/2022

Zia





Upper Division

Upper Division

Winter Life

Junior 14/6/2022

My eyes open gently as I stumble out of bed.
 I huddle around are warm fire.
 Frozen spider webs glisten like diamonds in the frosty morning air.
 I wait patiently for the water to drizzle out of the tap.
 Jumpers on
 Shoes on
 Backpack on
 Out the door I go.
 Galas fly overhead
 Magpies sing an exhilarating song
 to welcome the day
 This is winter life



Frosty winter air bites at my legs.
 Frozen winter grass crunches under my leather boots
 The season's end brings leaves dying
 Lifeless dry leaves stumble from the sky and land on the ground.
 Water turns to ice in a dog's drinking bowl.
 The frozen air brings animals to hibernation.
 Smoke rises from giant bomb fires full of junk.
 Kangaroos hop happily down to the dam for a drink.
 Winter life
 My life

Junior

The Bear

Ryan 9/5/22 Term2

What was Jake to do? The bear was charging at him. It was gaining distance. Rummm! Jake frantically kick-started his bike, gripping the handle bars tightly. The grizzly was on his tail. Jake had to speed up or the bear would catch him. If he was caught this grizzly would rip him to shreds.

Seconds later he approached a very steep hill. Jake knew it was going to be challenging but this terrain would slow the bear down. Jake pulled in the throttle and hit power band. The bike roared off up the hill.

Finally, Jake reached the top. He scanned down the hill to see the bear lumbering slowly up towards him. There was no time to stop. Jake had to take the risk. He rocketed down the other side, hastily dodging the boulders, old branches and massive trees. Jake could feel the adrenaline rushing through his body. Suddenly he felt the ground vibrating. Jake peered back and the bear was stumbling down the hill at high speed towards him. Jake manoeuvred to the side of the hill to avoid confronting the bear. Jake was safe now.

Moments later, Jake slammed on the brakes and heard the gears strip. He stopped and checked it out. Jake had to find something like a screw driver or a spanner to fit the screw that was loose. He had time. He looked for at least ten minutes and came across a chainsaw file in the long, bushy grass. "This would do," he said. Jake picked it up it fitted the screw. He quickly tightened it. Jake was so relieved. He kick-started his bike and he was off home. What a day, he thought.

Ryan

*Savannah***My Secret Friend**

The sweet silky velvet touch of Roger's black coat
 The mooing out the window
 His alarm wakes me
 The bunting for milk
 The laughter of the milk moustache
 as we lay down on the grass
 The bucking and kicking is just
 for fun
 As we play around in the fields
 My secret friend.

Upper Division

Persuasive text: Camp Drafting is the Best Sport

Definitely camp drafting is the best sport ever. It is fun and you can make friends. It is the best time to have with your family, especially if you have a love for horses and horse sports.

Firstly, you need to have teamwork when you are camp drafting, so you can win it.

You spend money at the start, but at the end you can get money back if you have good teamwork and win.

Secondly, you can help out in the back yards so you can make the draft run quicker so then you can go, and have fun with your friends.

Lastly, when you pull up to the draft your friends come up to see if you need help to set up your camp. So, you can go and have fun with them on your horse. Once you have finished riding your horses your friends come to see if you need help to unsaddle your horses.

It is a little nerve wracking when you are waiting for your run, but when you are competing it is very exciting. When you are directing your horse, it feels good because you now know that you, could have a slight chance to get a full course. A full course is when you go around the first peg and second peg and when you go through the gate which is two pegs that are side by side. It feels great when you ride through the gate and complete your run. It feels amazing, so save up and join me today. Camp drafting is the best sport.

*Brock*

**Cattyryan**

LittleScribe (and Ms Ryan) Writing Workshop

3/6/2022

Ryan leapt out of bed and bolted excitedly outside. He kick-started his bike and flew off in a matter of seconds. He was really excited because it was an astonishing day to ride. He flew around the paddock until he felt something unfamiliar enter his nose. He didn't worry because he thought it was a fly, but little did he know, it was a caterpillar!

After a few minutes of riding Ryan felt something strange happening to his body, his body beginning to shrink. He quickly rode back to the house, tumbled off his bike and darted to the front door. By the time he arrived at the front door he was microscopic. "What's happening!" he said anxiously as he stared at his tiny arms. He was now the size of a skinny slug. His feet were the size of a bread crumb, his arms, thin as paper, his body, the size of a small pencil. There he was, Cattyryan.

Cattyryan was especially upset because he couldn't run cross-country. Also, Cattyryan was super slow. He went a whopping 1km/h. Several seconds later he found a little opening in the door. He quickly slithered through. He tried to call out for his mother, but only a little squeal came out. He slithered up the coffee table and found a fresh coffee. He was desperate to take a sip. Maybe this could help him. He climbed up the cup and accidentally plummeted in submerging under the cappuccino froth. He squealed and screamed for help, but unfortunately, the heat from the coffee had killed Cattyryan.

Later in afternoon Cattyryan's mum found him, floating at the top of a cold coffee and tossed him and the cold coffee outside. Little did she know, it was Ryan.

Benji

Writing Workshop

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Bug Benji

Junior 27/6/2022

Little Scribe (and Ms Ryan's) Writing Workshop

In a big city, lived an adventurous kid named Benji. He loved scooters and fishing. Later one afternoon, Benji was walking swiftly through a beautiful and scenic park, slurping on a giant slushy that he had bought from the store down the road. When suddenly. Out of an ancient tree flew a baby stick bug that went into his slushy. Benji took a giant sip without realizing and "Boom"! Suddenly, Benji felt his atoms and molecules move, he saw his hands shrink and then his legs! Seconds later he had morphed into a stick bug! He was now the size of a pencil! "How amazing this is!" said Benji. He would be like a superhero, Bug Benji!

No school, no homework, no annoying parents. What a great life it is to be a stick bug though Benji. Suddenly, he had seen something, something not good. How would he get across the street? He had to get home for dinner. Cars zoomed at the speed of light, people shouted, parents held kid's hands, the mayhem of traffic. His feeble body could not move fast, and a foot would squish him instantly. He had an idea; he grabbed a rust tin can of soup and hopped inside anxiously. he started running inside it and soon it started to move. Bang! A car hit the tin can, but just as he hoped he was still alive, but he was now flying in the air. "AHHHHH!" Screamed Benji from the top of his lungs as he flew like a butterfly. Crash! He hit the footpath on the other side.

Five dreadful hours later he had made it home, finally. He was just in time for dinner. But no time for that he had to do something about his body, but firstly, coffee time! He slowly climbed up the counter and turned on the coffee machine. He dived into the machine like it was a swimming pool and drank up. It was also like a hot tub.

After coffee, Benji went to work, luckily, He was making a robot that does not work. Benji made it out of cardboard, rubber gloves and a plastic space helmet. It would work, all he had to do was make four motors.

Countless unbearable hours later, Benji had finished it. The big suit nine thousand! Now he could be normal sized. He was going to take revenge. Benji had decided that being a bug is not so bad. The mayor was going to destroy the park. With all the bugs inside! He needed to stop him, so he installed other things like a knives, nerf guns and a snail slinger.

Benji stood in the park waiting for his foe. the machines came rumbling in like metal monsters and on top of one stood the mayor. Nerf darts sprayed at the mayor, but he dodged, Benji throw his knives, but the mayor dodged again. Benji's last hope was the snail slinger, he shoots, it flew... **SPLAT!** Direct hit, the snail had knocked the mayor out, and then Benji whistled. Hundreds of thousands of bugs swarmed to the park and started to eat ravenously at the machines, in a matter of seconds all the machines were gone, Bug Benji had saved the day! But Bug Benji did not know that another villain was rising, through a shadow in a dark alleyway come a..... **GOAT!!**

Good for kids good for life



Screen-free Saturday

Challenge your family to dedicate one day a week to turning off screens. Reducing screen time will give your kids more time to play and connect as a family.

Tips

- Decide what 'screen free' will mean for your family.
- Be a role model for your kids – commit to the challenge too.
- Plan some screen-free activities to do together.
- Let your kids come up with their own ideas – start a new tradition.



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Tips for Fussy Eaters: Involve your Child

- Talk to your child – what do they like? Discuss healthier options
- Involve your child in planning and preparing their lunch
- Try new foods at home before adding them to the lunchbox
- Role model how to enjoy everyday foods
- Remember, it can take a few tries to like a new food



Visit the Good for Kids website for more tips for fussy eaters.

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https://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/tips/tips-for-fussy-eaters/



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2022 CALENDAR - TERM 2

MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
June/July	10	27	28	29	30	1 Last Day Term 2 Muffi Day	2	3

2022 CALENDAR - TERM 3

MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
July	1	18 Staff Development Day	19 First Day for students Term 3	20	21	22	23	24

Help us turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL* PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 9th September.

Tip for collecting:

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](https://www.wonder.australia) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](https://www.wonderrecyclingrewards) to share all your recycling champion stories!

