RETURN I returned to school on Monday after a very successful venture with the state PSSA boys softball team at the School Sport Australia Carnival in Toowoomba last week. We played 9 games and were victorious in all the games. I must thank the staff for taking the reins, especially Mrs Spackman, who, as always, has continued to show her caring and patient ways. I thank my staff, whose support allows me to participate in these sporting endeavours. I must also thank the wider school community, for the positive acknowledgements. My feet have definitely hit the ground running as fast as my little old legs can go.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Week 8 - Home Bake Day - Peter Pan Matinee 27/11
Week 9 - Mintie Wrapper Comp - 50c per mintie (all week)
Week 10 - Pink/Yellow Day - Money to Cancer Council 10/12

SURVEY Thanks again for those who have completed and returned the survey forms. It is not too late to return it if it is still sitting on your bench top at home in the kitchen. I will be collating all the surveys over the holidays and using them to help with the Management Plan. A holiday project!

YEAR 6 FAREWELL The day is fast approaching to say goodbye to our Year 6 girls. Speeches are being written and things are looking organised. I am thinking that the Year 5 parents might need some help with the catering. If you are a Year 4 Mum or Dad and would like to help out with the night contact me and let me know. I hope I get some volunteers and negate the need to do a ring around! This year the Year 5 and 4 students will be helping the Year 6 celebrate their completion of their school here at Larnook. The Year 6 farewell will take place here at school on Thursday
11th December.

**HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAYS** This is a reminder for those students attending Richmond River High School. Two orientation days have been set. They are: **26th November- The Rivers College Orientation Day** - the day will roughly consist of ice breakers, sporting activities and music items.

**3rd December- State-wide Orientation Day** - the day will roughly consist of refamiliarisation with each other, introduction of our key people and mini-lessons. Students attending need to organise their own way to and from school. A suggestion is to take the mode of transport that you would be taking next year.

**THE FELLING** Tuesday saw the felling of our grand gum tree in our bottom playground. There is a big hole in the skyline now. The tops and branches have been mulched up, whilst the ‘barrel’ has been cut into lengths to be slabbled in the very near future.

**START THINKING** Please start thinking whether you are able to look after our chooks over the holidays. Food comes with the chooks and a bonus is that you get to keep the eggs. What more could you ask for? We do have plans that will allow us to keep the chooks in a larger enclosure over the holidays if needed. This will allow people passing by to drop in and have a look to see how they are going and top up the water or food.

** HUGE THANK YOU** 10/10 to Michael who has erected our school noticeboard. Thank you again to Hiedi for carving the Eagle. It looks great and when properly finished, will promote upcoming events and also allow us to display some artwork completed by the children. There are a few minor touches to be done to the board like staining the posts and painting the letterbox. If you have a bit of spare time, put your hand up and a time will be organised for you to help out. Talking about helping out, the mosaic has drawn quite a few comments. This would be a fantastic opportunity for people to get to know one another, a therapy session perhaps. If you would like to organise a time to add to it, just contact me and things will be organised.

**P & C NEWS** On Tuesday a discussion and planning day was held. The planning mainly involved the catering for the concert night performances coming up next Thursday. The P & C are making/preparing curries for everyone. At present we have three curries on the go and if there is a volunteer out there who is willing to make another one, could they please contact the school, Nena or Erin and let them know of your plans and for more information on the night’s arrangements.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Each family received a raffle booklet to sell, to support the P & C with their fundraising efforts. Please ask for more booklets if needed.

**BUNNINGS BBQ REMINDER:** We will also need helpers on the 21st December, we know this is a very busy time but we need your help, please contact Erin 026633 7028. Thank you.

**BUNNINGS CAKE STALL SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 9-4:** We are hosting a joint venture Bunnings Cake Stall with Cawongla Playhouse and we kindly ask for your support in providing baked goods for this great fundraiser.

The more baked goods we receive the more we will be able to raise for our school! We ask that you price and package your items ready for sale (bags or paper plates covered in cling wrap). We can only accept non-refrigerated items (no cream products).

Please bring items to the preschool on Thursday afternoon 11th December, drop them off at Larnook Public School on Friday 12th December or bring them directly to Bunnings on Saturday 13th
December before 10am.

Possible ideas are biscuits, cakes, pastries, scones, tarts, gingerbreads, slices, toffees, gluten free items. Happy Baking and please ask if you have any questions.

Many thanks for your wonderful support!

**P & C HEAD LICE** The other topic discussed at our meeting was the dreaded nits. A two part set of procedures has been talked about and it needs to be advertised before being adopted. The outline is as follows:

**STEP 1** Upon noticing live lice, a note will be sent home with the child asking parents to undertake a treatment. A note will also be sent home notifying parents that lice have been detected and to have a check of their own child’s hair. In the next newsletter, an item will appear to ‘advertise’ the fact and for parents to be a bit more vigilant in looking at hair for little critters.

**STEP 2** Upon return to the school, an inspection will take place and if live lice are detected, a phonecall will be made to the family involved. The parents will be asked to come and collect their child from school or can treat their child here at school with a natural product purchased by the school. The treatment would be something along the lines of “Head Lice Blitzer”. The school will also purchase a Robi-Comb. This little tool is an electric zapper. It can be used after the oil message. Head Lice Blitzer has had some positive reviews and is all natural. It is best used over a couple of days. Combing is recommended over the next couple of days. If you have any views about this concern, please raise them with me in an appropriate manner. I am also open to suggestions about treatments and I really don’t mind advertising them in this newsletter.

**HATS** No spare hats are available any more due to the headlice issue. Children need to have a broad brimmed hat for play and sporting activities. If your child does not have a hat at school they cannot play in the sun.

**CONCERT DAY** For the first time, we have added to our performance schedule with a matinee and an extra performance at the Billen the following week. A reminder that the matinee performance is a home bake day. The pre-school children are coming down and everyone else is invited as well. The matinee will commence at 10:30am here at school. Would children in the SRC please bring in some home bake to sell on the day. The night performance will see a curry/bbq dinner commencing at 6pm. A bowl of curry will be $5 adults, $3 children or a sausage sandwich will be $2. A reminder drinks will be available too BRING YOUR OWN DRINK BOTTLE/CUP! The Peter Pan performance will commence at 7pm sharp. Please also bring along extra change for treats after the show.

**BILLEN PERFORMANCE** Thank you to everyone for responding to our survey to participate in the Billen “Peter Pan” concert on Thursday 4th December. All children will reamin at school, be provided dinner and will be bused to the Billen at 5:30pm. The Bill Concert will start at 6pm. Parents can then collect their children after the show at approx 7pm.

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING** Please complete the permission note attached to the newsletter. The arrangements for the week are as follows. Our swimming lessons consist of two lessons per day at the following times. 10:25am-11:10am and 12:15pm to 1:00pm. Transport has been arranged and will be a mini bus driven by either myself or Dan. Cost for the week is $25 for single child, $40 for family of 2, $50 for family of 3. We will need the help of some parents throughout the week. Usually parents help out with the younger children in the toddlers pool. If you can help please complete the appropriate section on the permission note and return to school as soon as possible. If students are away for any
reason we will not be reimbursing them as this is already highly subsidised by the school & P&C.

SURF DAY  On Monday 15th December, the Year 6 students will travel to Byron Bay to participate in a Surf Day with other Big Scrub Schools. We will need someone to help with transport of our 6 students. Please contact me if you can help.

LARNOOK’S GOT TALENT/ PRESENTATION NIGHT  In the final week of school Tuesday 16th December we will have our Larnook’s Got Talent and presentation night. It will start at 6pm with a BYO picnic dinner. Formalities will start at 7pm. There may also be a visit form a special end of year visitor. Any child or adult in the community may wish to show of a talent. Ideas may include dance, karate, singing, poetry etc. Please let us know if you are interested so we can work out a program.

UNIFORMS  A uniform order will be placed next Friday 28th November. If any require new uniforms for next week please complete a uniform order and return to school. A uniform display will be erected at the concert next week. Uniforms can be tired on for correct sizing.

HANDS - RAFFLE  Our K-6 Hands canvas will be raffled and then drawn on our presentation night. One lucky member of our school community will be able to take it home. Tickets will go on sale next week 50c or 3 for $1. Good Luck. Money raised will go to the Student Council.

LISMORE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT  Last newsletter we put a note in about the Lismore City Council Christmas Carol Night at Oakes Oval on the 14th December. Don’t forget to let us know if you are able to attend this night and are happy for your child/ren to sing 2 songs.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOONELLABAH, LET’S CELEBRATE! CHRISTMAS IS COMING..

Tuesday December 9, 2014, 4:00pm – 6:00pm Goonellabah & District Soccer Club, Reserve Road, Goonellabah. Wet and wonderful! Bring your swimmers!! With a special visit from Santa! Lucky Ticket Raffle. Carols, Jumping Castle, Activities, Face Painting & Free BBQ! Plus much much more!!

BUNNINGS XMAS FAMILY NIGHT  Thursday 4th December 6pm - 8pm
Bring the family along for a great night of fun
• Santa’s little helper workshops
• Gift wrapping service
• Meet Santa in store
• Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SOUTH LISMORE CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL  is being held on 28 & 29 November 2014 in School grounds, Rhodes Street, South Lismore. There will be rides and games for the kids, BBQ, tombola, cake & craft stalls. Try your luck on the ham wheel and get tickets in our amazing Trailer Raffle valued at over $5,000 which will be drawn on Saturday night. A Christmas Tableau will be performed each night by our school community. ALL WELCOME! Enquiries 6621 5490

SPORTS CAMPS AUSTRALIA  SCA Junior Soccer Camp; Camp Name: SCA Junior Soccer Camp; Camp Location: Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre Pacific Parade, Lennox Head; Camp Director: George Lazarou; Dates: 12-14 January Times: 9am-3pm Fees: $189; Skill Level: All Skill Levels Welcome; Age Group: 6-16 Years; Gender: Co-ed; http://www.sportscampsaustralia.com.au/ Phone 1800 753 127