A BIG THANKYOU  I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff here at Larnook for the time and effort that they have put into the reporting procedures throughout the year and especially this last half of the term. From Mrs Ryan, who organised all the reports, to Sam who made sure there were decent photos of the student where possible and of course the staff who have made a really great effort putting together the portfolios

CANBERRA EXCURSION A note was sent home earlier this week with the latest information regarding the excursion to parents with: student’s code of conduct, medical information and the itinerary. Please return these notes to school if you have not already done so. There are also some families who have not finalised their final payment. Linda is going to invoice each family that hasn’t completed or finalised their payment to date. A big thankyou to those who have finalised everything. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to call and hopefully I can give you an answer.

MISS PARKES We are sad to see Miss Parkes complete her practicum with the Rainbow Lorikeets. She has made the most of the great learning opportunity here and has shown tremendous growth in her teaching skills. A tribute to her commitment and enthusiasm was her wish to come in today and complete a unit or work completely on her own volition.

SPELLING BEE Di has asked the children doing the Premier’s Spelling Bee that the homework that they are given
each Friday is completed for the following week. This is part of the commitment that both she and I are looking for from the children. Di puts in a lot of time preparing for each week plus her commitment each Friday, so please encourage the commitment in your child/ren.

PAF NEWS Its on, Peter Pan. Today the children were notified of their parts for both Performing Arts and our whole school concert. Next week, children will receive a costume list as well as their scripts. If anyone has any ideas about costumes or knows of possible contacts for Peter Pan costumes inform Deanna as soon as possible.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS Yesterday, I had the pleasure of taking a group of children into the stadium for a basketball day. We were competing at a very friendly level against some of the other schools who were doing basketball as a sport for the active after schools program. They ended up playing 4 games against other school teams and then finishing off with a friendly ‘grudge’ match between each other. It was a friendly game of course. I am sure that the children who attended would have had a very early night. A special mention must be made of Cameron Hamilton. Cameron obviously enjoys the game and has some skills in playing the game. I would just like to say what a wonderful team job he did with the other team members, including them whenever he could in every game. He looked out for everyone and passed the ball to whoever was in a good position. He was the team player of our school. Just as an aside, I spoke with Coach Jay and he is coming out next term to do basketball again. He said that he missed his Larnook connection. He made it a point to say hi to all of the Larnook children. He certainly has a wonderful way of making children feel special.

K-4 EXCURSION While the Year 5-6 children are away, a K-4 excursion has been arranged on Monday 23rd to Currumbin. There is a permission note for this excursion attached to the newsletter. As part of the fundraising for the K-4 excursion, two special home bake days are being organised. Next week on Tuesday, the 3-4 are asked to bring in some home bake for sale to everyone. On Thursday at the athletics carnival, the K-2 are asked to bring in home bake which will be sold during the day. We will also be selling frozen fruit ice blocks and other treats. So bring along some spending money. Tea and coffee will be available at no cost to parents.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL Next Thursday, we are having our annual athletics carnival. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer and encourage the attempts of all the children on the day.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN The Kookaburras have started the cooking program. Last week they made kebabs and fried rice. This week, the year 3 made frittata and salad. Yummo! Their program will finish on Thursday of the last week. The Bazas will be undertaking their cooking with Amanda at the beginning of term 3.

A CHOOK REMINDER I am calling for volunteers to look after the chook over the holidays.

BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL years 4-6 students are invited to attend on the 30th, July. Students will need to return their permission note and money before the end of next week to obtain a spot. We have 12 seats available so if we recieve more permission notes they will be all put into a hat
and 12 drawn out.

**CLASS NEWS**

**KOOKABURRAS** The kookaburras are looking to getting back into routine for at least at little while. The portfolios have been taking up a bit of time. The work that has gone into the portfolios has been tremendous form both a student’s point of view and a staff member’s point of view. If you want to make an appointment with me to discuss the work that is in them please contact me for a time and date. I know this term is jamming up so sometime early next term would probably be better.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KITTENS TO GOOD HOME** Megan has six black kittens available to give away. Call her on 66880096 or 0427467583

**HOCKEY CLINICS U12** to register go to www.hockeynsw.com.au cost is $53 per player. Go online for more details

**LISMORE SEWING CENTRE** will be running sewing classes during week 1 of the upcoming school holidays. These classes will be broken into Junior and Senior classes based on age (Primary/High school).

Class dates: Monday 30th June, Wednesday 2nd July and Friday 4th July. Children will be learning how to use a sewing machine and will take home a fun project made by themselves.

Please contact Lismore Sewing Centre on 0266213158 or email afewdesigns@bigpond.com for more information.

**COMMONWEALTH RESPITE & CARELINK CENTRE** Our Centre is here to support family members, friends or neighbours (carers) who provide a significant amount of help to someone who is a frail older person, has a disability, or chronic, terminal or mental illness. The Centre is funded until June 30th 2015.

What we provide: Information on carer support services on the Far North Coast Assistance with accessing support services that meet carer and care recipient ongoing needs. Provision of short-term planned and emergency respite to give carers a break from their caring role. If you are a carer and you need some help whatever your age - call us on FREECALL™ 1800 052 222*