URGENT Last week I sent out a request from the P & C about a Bunnings BBQ. To date the response has not been very good at all. Poor in fact. We need your help in the form of two hours, sometime on Saturday 24th May. Keep in mind that this is the major fundraiser for the year and that if this does not go ahead, the P & C will not be able to supplement the programs for the children throughout the year including the Canberra excursion, the K - 4 excursion, the end of year activities including the Year 6 surf day. Please make the effort to help out.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN Amanda, along with Megan, Kelly and Erin has organised Master Chef cooking classes for this term and into the third term. Beginning today and for the next three weeks, Amanda and her co-workers, will be helping the Rainbow Lorikeets, prepare a lunch for themselves. Today, they will be preparing Amanda’s Fried Rice with kebabs. Sounds yummy. Beginning week 6, Amanda will be working with the Kookaburras till the end of term. For a four week period in term 3, Amanda will be working with the Bazas on some culinary delights. Menus for both the Kookaburras and the Bazas will be given to the students when their turn comes around.

PREMIER’S SPELLING CHALLENGE Yes it is that time of year again. Di has kindly put up her hand to take the children through this worthwhile program. Today we will be asking who would like to participate in this program. It is strictly on a volunteer basis as there is a big weekly commitment needed by the children to undertake this program and to prepare for the spell-offs. They will be given extra spelling work to be completed at home. Work that has been prepared by Di.

We love playing out in the sun, please remember your hat so you can join in too.
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WONDEROUS WEDNESDAYS They are happening again, starting next Wednesday (and Thursday as well next week!). The year 5 students are to bring in home bake on Wednesday for sale at recess, and lunch if there is any left over. Year 6 students are bringing in home bake on Thursday for sale at recess and lunch if there is any leftover. Cost is 50c and $1 per item. There is also a handball competition in the pipeline to be conducted during the playtimes. More information on that when details are finalised.

ALDI A reminder for the students going on the Canberra excursion. Aldi have their winter sale on the gloves, beanies and thermals plus lots more will be on sale on Saturday. Be there early as the Aldi sales tend to be crash and grab affairs.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS TRAINING COURSE Just a reminder that it is not too late to enrol in the course. More information forth coming upon request. Thanks Megan for putting up your hand. The training takes place in Lismore on the 23rd May.

GRIP LEADERSHIP The GRIP leadership course went well and the students appeared to have had a great time. They came back buzzing, even after a weekend.

The year 6 students attended a Grip conference on Friday 9th May to encourage and facilitate their roles as leaders in our school. The day was filled with fun, laughter and a lot of loud noises as the children mingled and met 500 other students from around the area. I think the students gained confidence and were filled with ideas to utilise at school and in their future endeavours. We would like to thank the P&C for enabling this participation as it is a worthwhile venture for the leaders in our school.

The students in the Baza class are currently working on a new novel called the Rowan of Rin by Emily Rodda. We are trialling a new way of reading our novel that has enabled every student to have a copy of the book to read either at school or home by using an on line Library. Our writing is underway with Ms Slade and the students are currently working on a procedure which they are busily planning. Homework is being sent out every week for the students to complete, this will have some spelling, literacy and numeracy activities.

Please feel free to come and see our class in action and any offers of help in any area would be always welcomed.

NAPLAN The testing program will wind up today. Well done to all who sat the test.

CWA BOTSWANA PROJECTS A reminder that the children participating in the CWA Botswana competition need to let the staff know if you require assistance. All projects, the colouring-in competition for K, Poster for 1/2, flyer for 3/4 and booklet for 5/6 are to be completed by 30th May and we will deliver them to CWA that day.

INTEREST DAY Keep Friday 30th May free if you can. Here is an update on the day so far. Stage 1 will be going to Caniaba with Mrs Spackman. I heard a rumour about colours. More information will follow. Stage 2 will be going to Blakebrook with Mr C. The stage 2 children will be having a maths day (don’t tell them that though!) They will be undertaking half hour maths related tasks. I wonder how
many will return home not knowing how much maths they actually did! Stage 3 will be going to Coffee Camp with Sandi. I heard a rumbling about environmental activities but that has to be confirmed. Remember that transport is privately organised by each family. If you are having trouble please contact the school so that arrangements can be made for your child to get to their destination. Please complete the attached form and return to school to facilitate the organising of transport for the day.

SHOP ONLINE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL We have registered with SchoolBuy to raise money for the school whenever you go shopping online. SchoolBuy has partnered with 200+ online stores including great brands like Big W, Booktopia, Expedia, Priceline, Rebel, Bonds, and many more. Every time you shop online with one of these stores, a financial contribution is generated for our school - just visit http://www.schoolbuy.com.au/ first, select ‘Larnook Public School’ on the home page and then go shopping and your favourite stores!

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY Next Friday 23rd May, we have Liam and Elka representing themselves, the school and Terania PSSA at the cross country at Corndale. We wish them well.

SMALL SCHOOLS CHOIR REHEARSAL The year 5/6 children, (Tianna, Ursi, Tara, Angel, Holly, Elkan, Djinn and Maja) who have nominated to participate in the small schools choir at this year’s Performing Arts Festival in Lismore, have a rehearsal on Monday afternoon, 19th May, at Blakebrook. They need to be there by 1.15pm. Ms Moy will be able to take 4 children so we need help with the other 4 children, if you can help please let us know tomorrow. They will receive their music disc at this time. Travel again will be by private transport. If you can help out please let me know.

NEWS FROM MISS SLADE Thank you for making me feel welcome in your school, I am certainly enjoying my small school experience at Larnook Public School. I have been working with the students in the Pacific Baza class whilst also interacting with students in the Kookaburra and the Lorikeet’s class.

In the Baza class we have been focusing on Australian Parliament for HSIE, Animal Classification for Science and Procedural writing in English. The students are currently collaborating with a partner to develop a board game of interest. They will then have to demonstrate the procedural structure to provide the other students in the classroom with the outline of the game.

Futhermore, the Baza’s are currently in discussion organising another fundraiser to raise much needed funds for their Canberra trip. This fundraiser will be held during week 5 of this term. This will be a great opportunity for the Baza’s to undertake leadership roles within the school, whilst also developing skills in collaboration and working together. Stay tuned for further information on this fundraiser.

I look forward to the rest of my Practicum at this school. Miss Slade.

CLASS NEWS

KOOKABURRAS Things will get back into a better routine following the NAPLAN tests. They tend to have a disorganising effect on the class happenings. The students are busily preparing the work samples for the portfolios.

BASA NEWS We have been very busy lately with NAPLAN testing for year 5. Today was the last test for Numeracy. Our Year 6 students have completed the Year 7 tests for a practice for next year. Thank you to Miss Slade for her high level of support, encouragement and feedback that she has provided to students for the NAPLAN practice tests. Now that NAPLAN is over, we will be able to focus back on our learning.

We have continued to focus on Grammar this term, which is proving very worthwhile. Evidence of
this, is coming through in the Baza’s improved writing efforts. Well done Bazas! In Maths we have had some great lessons from Miss Slade on Multiplication & Division, Measurement (Mass) and this week, Time. The students have been enthusiastic about creating a Timeline of significant events in Australian Democracy which links in with the Canberra trip.

I am very pleased with the fantastic Information Literacy inquiry research projects the Kookaburras and Bazas have been doing on Australian Exports and the Lorikeets on the 5 Senses. Over the next few weeks, Ms Slade and myself will be looking forward to some class presentations and displaying project posters in the Library.

**LORIKEETS** Today our class started cooking as part of the Kids in the Kitchen program. Delicious fried rice and kebabs were prepared and consumed by K/1/2. We will also be cooking for the next 2 weeks as well.

A reminder to parents about the importance of home reading. Please return home packets for the change over of readers.

Alphabet sound charts for kinder and blended sounds flip cards are also in home packets. Please revise these sounds with your child to enhance correct pronunciation and better visual recall.

**LIBRARY NEWS** Could all students please remember that Library borrowing and return days are on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Don’t forget there will be a Library Reward at the end of term to the Student in each class who has borrowed the most books.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is in full swing, so if your child/ren are participating, please go online to the website at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html to update the books that have been read. I have been encouraging all students and in particular the Lorikeets, to borrow from our selection of PRC books.

The Library has had a ‘Wish List’ up now for a few weeks and the students have been adding any books to the list that they think would be good to add to the Larnook Library collection. Parent/Carers if you have any suggestions, please feel free to add to this list.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB** Bookclub orders for Issue 3 were due in today. I will be placing the orders tonight and so the order should arrive at school next week.

**Lismore Workers FC** Are looking for more Junior Players We have a few spots in most age groups especially in the 8yrs and 9yr olds age group. Games for these age groups 3rd May 2014 after the school holidays. Come and see as at training on Thursday at Lismore Workers Club House, Richards Oval, Brewster St, next to the Lismore Square. Registrar: Sharon Lane, Mob. 0466 388 422 www.lismoreworkersfc.org.au

**GEMFEST** 17th May 9am-5pm & 18th May 9am-3pm Lismore Showgrounds. Entry $5 adults $1 child

**SEESPACE MAY DAY** Fundraiser for Lismore’s Community Arts Centre Sunday 25th May starts 12 Noon. Flea Market, Performance, screen printing, live bands great food. Behind Library 110 Magellan Street, Lismore Contact sunta@realartworks.org