WELCOME BACK Welcome back to all our students and parents. From all the stories I heard on Tuesday, I gather that everyone had enjoyable times during their break. Talking about breaks, no broken bones this time. This is certainly a plus. There is a farewell too. Noah and Kim have made the very difficult decision of leaving our school for Blakebrook. Noah has a big year ahead of him next year and moving to Blakebrook, making friends and developing closer ties to a larger group of students moving to high school, will make the transition just that much easier. We wish him well. We certainly will have opportunities to catch up with him during the last half of the year. The last half of the year, this is certainly a scary thought.

A BUSY TERM AHEAD It certainly is a busy term ahead. On Monday part of our day was spent organising for the term. Part of this included a revamped timetable that will allow or make it easier for the very busy times ahead. We also noted the events during the term. This term is centred round the Performing Arts Festival (PAF) and the school concert. Thrown in there also are my North Coast and State softball responsibilities and commitments this term. All is good though and we know what is install for all of us this term!

PORTFOLIOS Thanks to those who have returned their portfolios already. Please ensure the survey is completed when returning your portfolio. Be open and, more importantly honest, when completing it. Thanks to those families who have already returned them. There was quite a deal of effort that went into them and they looked fantastic.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS AAS is starting up Week 3 (Tuesday 29th July from 2-3pm and Friday 1st August 3-4pm) Please make sure you let us know in writing if your child’s routine has changed from last term. The sports we have this term are basketball and cricket. Coach Jay is again undertaking the basketball and a rep from the local cricket association is doing the cricket. The program starts Tuesday 29th August and continues until Friday 12th September.

P & C NEWS This coming Sunday, we have a working bee on at school. There is quite a bit of tidying up needed and the pizza hut roof construction, undertaken by John, needs to be painted. The pizza oven is also being fired up and Darren is giving a Master Class on how to cook a pizza. The next meeting of the P & C is Tuesday 22nd July at 9:30am in the staff room. There are many things to discuss, including the upcoming Principals meeting here at school and the catering for it.

CANBERRA EXCURSION The students from Larnook had a great
last week of term 2 down in Canberra. They saw many wonderful sights for the first time. Some of sites visited included Parliament House, where the group saw a total of 4 members ‘tossed’ from the house, the snow, War Memorial, National Museum, The Mint, Australian Electoral Commission and the favourite one of all, Questacon. We shared many wonderful experiences along the way, ones that I am sure will be remembered for a long time to come. I would like to acknowledge the help provided by the Government through the PACER group which helped fund this excursion. Their $60 subsidy for each student certainly made it easier for each student to attend. On the whole, this group were the most respectful group that I have had the pleasure of being involved with. The manner in which they conducted themselves, including the very thoughtful questions asked and the responses they gave to questions in each of the venues was fantastic and was commented on by many of the presenters in a very positive way. Well done.

**ATHLETICS** The athletics commitments have already started with the handing out of notes for the Terannia District High Jump and Shot Putt events. Thanks to Sandi and Mrs Spackman for conducting the school trials on Tuesday afternoon to see who was going to represent the school in the shot put. The high jump invites were decided on last year’s results as the weather and timing have not enabled us to conduct our normal school trials. The Terannia carnival is on Friday 25th July, tomorrow week, at Riverview Park. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school. Just a reminder that travel is organised privately. So please ring around friends and arrange your own transport if you can’t attend yourself.

**BYRON BAY WRITERS’ FESTIVAL** This great opportunity has presented itself for us again this year on Wednesday 30th July. The only problem is that Lismore is booked out and Ballina is the closest venue available with vacancies. This shouldn’t cause a problem if we get enough helpers with the transport. Please complete the attached permission note. All the year 6 students have indicated that they are going with the rest of the spots will be taken up with year 4/5 students on a first in basis. So year 4/5 children, if you would like to go return the note with the money as soon as possible. The cost for the event is $7.

**SCIENCE DAY** Sandi has organised a special science day here at school on Friday 1st August. This is conducted by the same people who showed us some great science experiments. The cost for the show is $2 for the K-2 children and $4 for the stage 2-3 children.

**CHOOKS** I would like to thank Amanda and Kohan for looking after the chooks over the holidays.

**CREATIVE TERM AHEAD** This term we have the Performing Arts and the school concert timetabled in. To be able to fit everything in, we have had to revamp the timetable. For this term we have joined some things together and made room for rehearsals. Initially we will focus on getting PAF performance down and then work on the concert item. At the end of term two, each student was given a complete costume list. We would like everyone to start looking around for all the different costumes, not just their own childs. This will make the organising of the costumes much easier.

**SCHOOLBUY** To date we have raised $4.50 for the school. We have registered with SchoolBuy to raise money for our school through online shopping. SchoolBuy allows you to shop online with over 200 stores and a percentage of every purchase will generate much needed funds for our school. Contributing stores include popular brands like Big W, Booktopia, Bonds, Priceline, Rebel, Zodee, Garden Express and many more.

Supporting our school with SchoolBuy is really easy. Here’s how it works:

• 2. Nominate ‘Larnook Public School’ on the home page
• 3. Click through to the website where you want to shop
• 4. A percentage of your purchase will be contributed to the school!

There are millions of products that can be bought to support our school. For example - mobile phones, flights, hotels, holiday packages, flowers, gifts, shoes, electronics, sporting equipment, clothing for women, men and kids, health insurance and much, much more. It doesn’t cost you anything extra, and can make a big difference for our school! Visit SchoolBuy.com.au and start supporting our school when you shop online! If you are making layby’s for Christmas with shops like big w- you can also do it through the school buy website which will contribute to our fundraising.

**CLASS NEWS**

**KOOKABURRAS** We have a new timetable which will mean quite a few changes. The changes mainly involve working with the Bazzas on editing skills with Mrs Spackman on a Wednesday morning and Information Skills with Miss Moy on a Thursday Morning. The children are looking forward to the new changes. There will also be quite a deal of time spent on performances this term with both the PAF and concert. Time well spend though. Thanks to those parents who have responded to our survey. Your comments were most favourable so far. It was great to see the high regard in which you hold the portfolios and how useful they are now and in the future.

**LORIKEETS** This term we will be focusing our learning around push and pull forces and transport. Literacy groups will take place again as well. We will also focus on Narrative writing and poetry.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KIDS ART CLASSES.** Weekly Class Schedule Term 3 Primary Students Tuesday & Friday 4-530pm. Tuition $18 per class/$180 per semester. Kids Art Lab@The Northern Rivers Conservatorium, cnr Keen/Magellan St, Lismore, Phone: 0429 384 677 email: admin@kidsartlab.com

**LISMORE BASKETBALL** proudly presents “HOTSHOTS VS HOTFLUSHES”. A fundraising event pitching Mums Vs Daughters in a basketball match that will prove highly entertaining. If you wish to attend please call Tanya on 0410777572 to secure your lucky door tickets! Your ticket also entitles you to stay and watch the Lismore Storm State League Men Vs Newcastle Hunters in their last home game for 2014!

Adults $10 Child $5 Family $25

Lismore Basketball Stadium 2nd August 4pm Tip Off (Doors Open at 3pm)

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN’S FAMILY FUN DAY** - Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre, Monday Aug 4th 11am-1pm. For more information contact Zoe Dodd at YWCA NSW on 6625 5809 or 0425 366 979 Activities include: Traditional Indigenous Children’s Games, Storytelling with Dorothy Gordon, Aboriginal Dance performance by the ‘Deadly Dancers’ and much more, Free BBQ Lunch.

**GIRLS QUICK KICKS** - Register now, a fun relaxed football experience for Girls only aged 5-12 commencing in Term 4. All skill levels are welcome and you receive a free ball and Quick Kicks jersey. Registrations open 1st August. Visit www.quickkicks.com.au