THANK YOU I would like to thank everyone who helped out or participated in any way with the Athletics Carnival. This was the first time that we have had a teacher available to help out with the organisation of our kids on the day. Mrs Spackman helped organise the children with their events and made sure that they participated in all that they could. I am sure the parents who watched appreciated and enjoyed the carnival just that much better for having her available and doing ‘that’ job. They even went in some that they should not have! Congratulations to everyone who had a go. Special mention must be made of those who succeeded in the respective events.

9yr Boys 1st Liam;        10yr Girls Elka; 
11yr Boys 2nd Cameron;                 11yr Long Jump 3rd Cameron
High Jump Junior 3rd Elka;             11yr 2nd Amy;
Shot Put Jun 2nd Heaven;      11yr 1st Cameron; 
800m Jun 3rd Elka;       Sen 3rd Ursi; 
Juv Ball Games 3rd;                        PP5 Relay-2nd Larnook.

A GREAT JOB To all who helped out in any way in the organisational aspects of yesterday, the Principal’s meeting. Take a bow. There were only positive comments from the visiting Principals about the morning tea and the lunch that was provided. Of course with any meeting, it is the morning teas and lunch, that create the most comment! To the small band of volunteers in the staffroom who helped prepare the great lunches, what a great job! To all who brought in cakes and slices for our homebake day, a huge thankyou. I felt parents went to an extra effort with their homebake. It certainly added to a very informative day, where much was discussed.

SCIENCE DAY What a fabulous session we have had today with rockets shooting through the air and helicopters buzzing around.
The students and teachers enjoyed the demonstrations, explanations and
hands on activities that the Discovery Science people, Jo and Paul, have provided for us today. We have learnt about how gravity keeps us in place and bring us back to earth and how we are kept in balance. We even saw what would happen to the Earth if there was no gravity, we would disappear into space. This has been a valuable learning activity and was done in a fun and exciting environment. We would like to thank the Discovery Science Team for providing this valuable learning opportunity.

On the 1st of August, Paul and Jo from Discovery Science came to Larnook to teach us about forces and motion. Firstly, we went in and learned about gravity. They showed us what would happen if we removed gravity and what gravity is. Then they showed us how helicopters, planes and birds fly. We did a science experiment with equipment they had brought in. After first break Yr 5 and 6 used Jo and Paul’s water and air rockets. **By Djinn**

One day K/1/2 went to a science show. Firstly we sat down and listened to Paul. He taught us about gravity and force. Secondly we played with some of the science things. Then we went out side and played with the helicopters and we played with rockets. Then we watched a toy train. I enjoyed it very much. **By Jasmine**

**VISUAL ARTS CAMP** Next Monday and Tuesday, we have two students attending a visual arts camp being held at Dorroughby Environmental Centre. Have a great time and come back with only positive experiences. Make sure there are some photos.

**PERFORMING ARTS CAMP** The following week, we have four Year 6 students going to Dorroughby for a performing arts camp. They will be undertaking things that require a deal of imagination and creativity. I am sure they are well equipped to undertake all the activities whilst they are there. These camps are always fun and enjoyable.

**PERFORMING ARTS AND CONCERT ITEMS** We are looking for more costumes to be brought in. Please keep an eye open when you are out and about for anything that you think might be useful as costumes for any character in our play and dance. The more eyes we have the better and it will make the costuming that much easier.

**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN** Next Thursday, Amanda will finish her cooking sessions with the Stage 2 Class (the Kookaburras). I believe that they are going to prepare some scrumptious vegetable lasagne. I am sure that they will be able to source some of their vegetables from our garden which is growing so well at the moment.

**BYRON BAY WRITERS’ FESTIVAL** On Wednesday Ms Moy along with Nina and Di ..... and some very excited Larnook bookworms, attended the Writer’s Festival at Ballina RSL Auditorium. We enjoyed a very entertaining talk by Sally Rippon and Andy Griffiths. Sally talked about how she started writing books and demonstrated some great ways to get writing started. Andy was very entertaining and had the whole audience laughing with his quick wit and jokes. He also provided the children with some great ideas on how to write and said he would be continuing on with his Treehouse stories. Later on, the students had time to purchase books and have them autographed by Andy or Sally. Soon we will have signed copies of Andy’s “Bad Books” and Sally’s “Angel Creek” book in the Library for
borrowing. Tara and Aaron had a photo taken with Andy Griffith. Tianna, Djinn, Ursi and Holly were lucky to have a photo taken with Sally Rippon. If you’re thinking of getting out and about this weekend, the Byron Bay Writer’s Festival is on in Byron Bay. Ms Moy.

On Wednesday, the 30th July 12 Larnook students drove to the Byron Bay Writers Festival in the Ballina RSL Club. We were to see Andy Griffiths and Sally Rippin. There were a lot of other schools and it was noisy in the auditorium before the speeches started. Sally went first. She talked about writing good stories and how she had used some of her life experiences in her writing. Then all of us could ask questions. Andy Griffiths went next. His speech was more of a comedy and trying to make us laugh. He told us about some of the drawings Terry Denton had done and how he had gotten ideas for some of his stories. He read some sections out of some of his books. After his speech we got to ask him questions too. Someone asked him if he was going to write another treehouse story and he said yes. After that had finished we could buy books that were written by Sally Rippin and Andy Griffiths and get them signed. It was a great experience for all of us and I think we all thoroughly enjoyed it. By Ursi.

On Wednesday the 30th July 2014 Heaven, Amy, Aaron, Elka, Ursi, Tianna, Maja, Djinn and I all went to the Ballina RSL to see Sally Rippin, author of the Billie B Brown series, Hey Jack series, Hey Lina and Angel Creek, we also saw Andy Griffiths, Author The Day, My Bum went Phycho, The 13 story Treehouses series, the Just series (for example Just Doomed). Sally Rippin was very different to Andy she told us ways of writing stories by thinking of something that has happened to you then adding imagination into it. Andy was just really funny but didn’t really give us any ideas to start a story. We really enjoyed the festival and would like to do it again. By Tara

RECYLING VISIT On Tuesday 12th August, we are getting a visit from the Council’s ‘recycling’ lady. She will be looking at how and why we recycle, and the recycling systems and processes we have here at school. This could lead to an excursion into town to see how the new multi resource facility (MRF) is going and how they recycle their goods. More may come of this.

BOOK WEEK Its that time of the year where the teachers and students get to be a little bit silly and have some fun dressing up as a book character! Book Week goes from 18th to 22nd August and the theme this year is “Connected to Reading.” Put Thursday 21st August in your calendars for Larnook’s Book Week Fun Day and Book Fair. We welcome Parents/Carers to come and join in the fun of the Book Week Parade, costume prizes, storytelling, yummy food (possibly pizza for lunch) and fun activities.

You will also be able to attend the Scholastic Book Fair and all purchases made will go towards raising Scholastic Rewards to purchase new books for Larnook’s Library. Last year, from memory, we raised over $600 which was fantastic. On the Wednesday, your child/ren will have the opportunity to view the books at the Book Fair and may come home with a “Wish List” of books. If you would like your child/ren to purchase books please send them into school with the funds (correct amount would be appreciated) or alternatively, you can pay by credit card. I’m looking forward to the day and seeing some wild and wonderful book characters arriving at school!

LIBRARY NEWS It is really lovely to see the children coming in for library and trying out our new bean bags! We have a range of new books in and I am keeping track of the regular borrowers but would like to see the Lorikeets do more borrowing each week. It would be really helpful if Parents/Carers could remind their child/ren that Wednesdays and Thursdays are Library days and make sure they pack their Library books and bag to return and borrow again on these days. With this cold
weather, it's always nice to snuggle up with your child and read a good Larnook Library book before bedtime!

**SCHOOLBUY** 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!

**P&C NEWS** Last week's P&C meeting minutes will be available on the website, under the Parent Space tab, Getting Involved, P&C minutes.

**BASSAS** We are busy working away in the class at the moment completing our book study on Rowan of Rin. Next week we will be starting our visual literacy and will be watching a movie and completing activities that will enhance comprehension and vocabulary in Literacy understanding. The Kookaburras are also very keen to undertake these tasks and Mr C and I thought it would be a good idea for them to participate in these activities on Tuesdays. Some movies are PG rated and if you have any concerns about your child viewing these could you please contact me and I will fill you in on the content. The movie the 5/6 students have chosen this term is Narnia (The lion, witch and the wardrobe).

In Science we are looking into forces and conducting experiments to gain understanding of gravity and friction. The students are enjoying this unit and we have more excitement ahead. Feel free to come in and join us at anytime or contact us if you have any concerns. Sandi

**WOW** ... it's already week 3, the term is speeding by again and the Bazzas are busy! This term we have been busy doing Roman Numerals, Geometric Patterns, Addition/Subtraction and Multiplication/Division in Maths and everyone has done well with their class activities and Mathletics set tasks. We have also been working on Transportation for research projects in Information Literacy whereby each student has chosen a particular type of land, air or water transportation and they are researching specific criteria and some of their own inquiry questions. This research is then transformed from information into knowledge which each student will present to the class. I’m looking forward to these presentations as I can already see the interesting work that is going into this research and learning activity. Maria

**KOOKABURRAS** We have had a need to be flexible this week. Things will settle down next week and it will be heads down and tails up. I would like to add that flexibility is a huge positive virtue for our class. The other is that when back into routines they are very focussed on all work tasks that are presented. I must say that not only is it the students who need to be flexible but also the staff and I am blessed in having the staff that I have. We work together so well and continue the work of the class or stage. Please remember that homework is handed out each Friday along with spelling words that Di is working on and words forms our weekly spelling lists.

**LORIKEETS** We have had a fantastic week with our student teacher, Linden. We look forward to another two weeks with him. The children have been working hard on Narrative writing this term - creating text with an orientation, a complication, fix up events and conclusion. Ask your children to tell you about the one they have been creating themselves.