**WHATS NEW ON THE WEBSITE?** The latest updates on the website include; photos from PAF, news articles, book week photos and the calendar is being updated as we speak. Don't forget the website is ours, so if there is something you would like to see or any feedback please let me know.

**REMINDER** This is the second last week of term 3 for 2014. If I don’t get the opportunity in person, I wish you all a safe holiday, filled with many memorable experiences.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING** The children have undertaken some great work and it has been on display this week. Firstly with the class presentations and then the school presentations. We had the finals take place this morning and boy were they of a high standard- you bet they were. Congratulations to all who took part and gave their presentations to the
whole school this morning. Congratulations must also go the students who will represent the school at next week’s presentations at Jiggi they include Tara, Tianna, Ryan and Amy. The biggest pat on the back though, goes to everyone, because of the standard of presentations. Thursday includes the whole preparation process. It is getting better and better each year. Congratulations also to Daniel and Stella for winning the Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 grades.

**SPELLING BEE** Good Luck to Tara, Tianna, Ryan and Joseph who have made it to the finals to be held at Wyrallah Road Public School on Monday. Thanks to Diane for transporting the children to the event, and for all the time she spent at the school training all the children, we have noticed a great improvement in their spelling.

**BUNNINGS BBQ** Just a heads up on the bbq that we have for the 21st December. I know that it is in the holidays but we need everyone’s support as it should be a BIG day being the last Sunday before Christmas. We have a meeting on Tuesday week 2 next term. Keep it free.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS** There will be NO AAS this Friday due to the Milo Cricket Gala Day. We will have one more AAS session during school hours next Tuesday, if it works out with our coaches.

**MILO CRICKET GALA DAY** This will be held tomorrow Friday 12th September. Mr C will be driving a bus from Larnook to Casino and return. Students need to be at school ready to leave at 8am, Friday morning. Students living in Lismore can be picked up by Mr C from Norco at 7:30am or meet him at the Tuncester turn off at approx 8:20am. Students will return to school and travel home via normal arrangements. (NEED: HAT, water, fruit, morning tea and lunch and sunscreen) Let’s hope for fine weather and lots of good sportsmanship.

**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN** That is Kids In The Kitchen Program. This is the Baza’s last week with this great program. I must again thank all the parents who have given of their time, in particular Amanda and Erin. All the students gained quite a bit out of the experience they were given.

**ROCK VALLEY HALL CENTENARY PLAY** Rehearsals are going to take place at school on Monday and Wednesday afternoon for the big show! We will be learning ‘It’s a Long Way to Tipperary’ and ‘God Save the King’ as well as the Grand March. Everyone from Larnook is invited to be in the play. There is a chance to sing, dance and act at the Rock Valley Hall Centenary on October 4th. Rehearsals are on Sunday September 14 and 21 2-4:30pm and on Thur 2nd and Fri 3rd in the evening all at the hall. If your child would like to be in the play, please give me a call to let me know.

Thanks Ajita 0403988682

**CHOOKS** Thanks Ajita for offering to look after the chooks over the holidays. I am sure that they will be continued to be loved and well looked after while they are in your care.

**NAPLAN** The test results have been received here at school and they are attached to the newsletter for those who should be receiving them. If you have queries, please make a time to meet with your child’s teacher/s to discuss your
concerns.

2015 MANAGEMENT PLAN  Yesterday I went to a meeting about the changes to the way we formalise the management plan. I will be discussing the new processes at the next P&C meeting held early next term. In a nutshell, the plan is more encompassing and involves input from all the stakeholders in our school community. It involves setting three overall goals identified by all parties with little ‘milestones’ along the way. This includes the parents, the students and the staff. Some of the other changes include putting the plan up on the website.

THE NEW AWARD AGREEMENT  I attended another meeting on Monday at Woodburn P.S. about the new award agreement and the proposed changes to the principal classifications for small schools, including Larnook. It seems that we do have a choice, or at least input into the choice for now, with the decision resting with the Director General in consultation with our school community. Things won’t change till 2016 and then only if I retire or vacate the position or if in consultation with the present community, decide to ‘opt in’ to the new restructure. Basically it means that if I opt in, I don’t lose anything except some duties which they can’t tell me which ones they are or at least hasn’t been defined, plus my 35 days release a year which means that I get 2 hours release from face to face teaching. What am I expected to do seems to be a mystery to one and all at the moment! I am sure that one of the duties would be finance which may mean that Linda’s hours are cut back a bit. So you can gather that I won’t be pushing the opt in clause in the near future or any time for that matter. At the present, I can only see too many questions that can’t be answered or defined. It appears to be a waiting game.

SCIENCE DAY  On Tuesday, four students went to Jiggi for a science day. From all reports they had a marvellous day. Comments from Quinn: It was good. The best thing was doing the run. My favourite activity was making a flying car. It didn’t quite fly but it was fun. It was a hovercraft.” Thank you to John Coulter for transporting the children to and from Jiggi.

SOFTBALL  My last commitment with softball this term is next week. We have the State Championships here in Lismore beginning on Monday. I am there in my capacity as the State Boys coach and one of my roles will be the selecting of the state team. It is always a very enjoyable experience. I will be back on Friday for a special morning tea for those who did a great job with the spelling bee.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kids Art Lab - School Holiday Art Classes - Sept 22 - Oct 3.  Monday 22/9 - Landscapes with oil pastels Wed 24/9 - Painting in the style of Henri Rousseau Friday 26/9 - Sculpture with found objects.  Monday 29/9 - Self Portrait with water colours Wednesday 1/10 - painting in the style of Kees van Dongen  Friday 3/10 - Mask-making  Class time 10am-12 noon  Tuition $18.00 per class  Bookings essential.  Contact Us: Kids Art Lab @ The Northern Rivers Conservatorium  Address: Keen/Magellan St, Lismore  Email: admin@kidsartlab.com  Phone: 0429 384677

Peppah Pig & Dora’s Dance Party!!  Come along and dance and play with Dora & Peppah: Singing, games, prizes and much more  Venue: Lismore PCYC Dawson Street (Main Hall)  Dates 20th & 21st September  Times 10am - 12 noon  Suitable for children aged 0 to 8 years.  To book or for more information please email goldcoastkisclub@outlook.com  Cost $$30 p/child.
THE LISMORE STORM welcomes Blair Smith, a former professional basketball player with the Melbourne Tigers. Blair will conduct the following clinics for Lismore Storm junior players. **Saturday, 13 September 2014** at the Lismore Basketball Stadium. U12 – U14s 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Goal Setting – 3.30pm to 4.00pm (all players welcome) U16 – U18s 4.00pm to 5.00pm **Cost $5.** Come along and learn from a National Basketball League legend and championship winner what it takes to get to the best out of yourself.

LISMORE WORKERS SOFTBALL CLUB - Looking for a club that encourages fun, sportsmanship, improvement in skill levels then we are the Club for you. Catering for all levels of abilities from the first timer to the more experienced player, Workers Softball will help you enjoy your “Softball Experience” Teams ranging from Lil Sluggers (3 years old) through to Under 19’s, Women’s, Men’s and Open Mixed we welcome all. **Sign on** Saturday, 13th of September at Albert Park from 10.30am to noon & Wednesday, 17th of September at the Lismore Workers Club from 5.00 to 6.30pm If you are unable to make these times or want more information please Email: LismoreWorkersSoftballClub@outlook.com

FAR NORTH COAST SOFTBALL ASSOC. - Little Sluggers (3-6 years) Batter Up (7-10 years) Modball (under 13’s) Softball (Under 15’2 & 17’s) Little Sluggers and Batter Up now running in Lismore and Ballina.

KYOGLE YOUTH ACTION ALLSORTS SOCIAL -19th September 7-10pm. Kyogle Memorial Hall. **Free entry** 12-24 Age Event. DJ Nexus Live No Pass Outs No Drugs or Alchol On site security. Glo Sticks, food and drinks available. Call 6632 2972 for more info.

RAINBOW RIDGE SPRING FAIR/OPEN DAY -20th Sept Craft workshops, maypole dancing, great music, old style side show, yummy food

GO4FUN -Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for kids 6.5 to 13 years. Helps kids reach a healthy weight; fun games & exercise for kids; build self-esteem & motivation Starting Term 4 @ Goonellabah. Call 1800 780 900

KIDS CAMPS FROM $45 PER DAY THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMPChoose from over 30 exhilarating camps at 10 locations across NSW these school holidays. Our Sport and Recreation Centres offer over 40 activities for kids aged 5 to 16 years. Try your hand at fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, crafts, cooking or flying fox. You’re sure to find a camp the kids will love. fb.com/nswsportandrecreation www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps 13 13 02

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT LISMORE LIBRARIES! - All activities for school-aged children. Bookings essential 6621 2464

**Monday 22/9 Lismore** 10-10:30am Baby bounce (babies 1-2 yrs) 11-11:30am Baby bounce (babies 0-1 yrs) 2-3pm Sand Art (limit 40)

**Tuesday 23/9 Goonellabah** 10:30-11:15am Storytime (children 2-6 years)

**Lismore** 11-12am Weaving Stars (limit 40)

**Wednesday 24/9 Lismore** 10:30-11:15am Storytime (children 2-6 years) 2-3pm Cardboard Creations (limit 30)

**Thursday 25/9 Lismore** 10:30-11:15am Storytime (children 2-6 years) **Lismore Race Day Closed from 12 noon**

**Friday 26/9 Goonellabah** 10-10:30am Baby bounce (babies 1-2 yrs) 11-11:30am Baby bounce (0-1 yrs) 2-3pm Create your own Jigsaw (limit 30)

**Monday 29/9 Lismore** 10-10:30am Baby bounce (babies 1-2 yrs) 11-11:30am Baby bounce (babies 0-1 yrs) 2-2:30pm Tales & Songs (Ages 3-8) (limit 25)

**Tuesday 30/9 Goonellabah** 10:30-11:15am Storytime (children 2-6 yrs) 2-3pm Pop Stick Craft (limit 30) **Lismore 11-12am Pom Pom Making (limit 30)**

**Wednesday 1/10 Lismore** 10:30-11:15am Storytime (children 2-6 yrs) 2-3pm Badge Making (limit 30)

**Thursday 2/10 Lismore** 10:30-11:15am Storytime (children 2-6 yrs) 2-3pm Badge Making (limit 30)

**Friday 3/10 Goonellabah** 10-10:30am Baby bounce (babies 1-2 yrs) 11-11:30am Baby bounce (0-1 yrs)