WELCOME BACK to a new year. I would like to take this early opportunity to officially welcome everyone back after the holidays. A very special welcome of course must go to the Kindies who have decided to make Larnook their school. To Sonic, Poppy, Jada, Eva and Amaya, I hope you had a great first day and that it was a special moment in your life that you will remember for a long time to come. It was absolutely welcoming to see the beaming faces, smiles and positive feel that everyone came to school with yesterday. I and the staff thank you for that.

NEWSLETTERS This is a special newsletter to begin the term. Beginning from next week, they will come out on the even weeks on a Thursday for this term. They will also be put on the school website for perusal, especially if newsletters are lost or something needs checking.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Year 3-6 students and those Year 2 students turning 8 this year, have a swimming carnival to attend on Friday 6th February. Please complete the permission note and return to school early next week. Entry is $3 for swimmers and $2 for spectators, correct change is to be paid at the gate. Parents are more than welcome to attend and help with the organisation throughout the day. There will be events for everyone. If is a great way to start the school year. Remember parents you will need to organise your own child’s transport for the day. If you can’t do it try ring a friend who might be able to help you out. School as normal for K/1 class.

OUR SCHOOL THIS YEAR:

STRUCTURE There are a couple of changes to the classroom structures that have been made that will initially affect your child. Mrs Spackman - Kindergarten and Year 1 (Early Stage 1, Stage 1) M/s Moy and Sandi - Years 2 -4 (Late Stage 1, Stage 2) Mr C - Years 5-6 (Stage 3).

TIMETABLE CHANGE Last year my office day was on a Tuesday. This term at least, I have changed my office day to a Wednesday.

NUMBERS We have 27 students on our books: 10 in Stage 1, 7 in Stage 1-2 and 10 in Stage 3. This means that the class structures that we
planned for last year will go ahead. Please keep promoting the school in the wider community and let’s try to increase the student numbers, even if it is just a little bit.

**Canteen** The hot food ordering on Friday will no longer be available. What we intend to do is to have a home cook day, or I should say a school cook day. Once in a while, say fortnightly or three weeks, a parent comes and helps prepare a lunch for those who order. It could have a theme such as Mexican or Italian or be as simple as make their own hamburgers or sausage sandwiches. More details to follow. If you would like to help out in this venture, please book a day and an idea. We could run it on a day that suits the helper rather than on a particular day of the week, as long as there is enough time to organise orders and ingredients.

**Congratulations** I was notified late last week that we were successful in our auditions to go to the Opera House later this year. To Amy, Cameron, Elkan and Djinn, we now have to work and work and attend the rehearsals. More information will be available after the teacher inservice which takes place next week.

**Working Bee** Next Sunday, there is a working bee set down. Boy, does the school need a bit of a makeover or clean up. I have to apologise but I am unavailable for next Sunday but I am available for the following Sunday. What I propose is that the day go ahead for next Sunday for those who can make it and that the following Sunday be set down as a date for those who can't make the first one. For those keen enough and with enough time on their hands, they can come to both! The jobs that need doing are cleaning up in and around the fantasy garden. Lots of whipper snipping in and around the edges. Lots of garden weeding and mulch spreading. The vegetable garden needs a complete prepare, so lots of digging out and turning of the sods there.

**P & C meeting dates** The next date for the P & C meeting is Wednesday 4th February at 9:30am. Please note the change of day as it fits into the school timetable much better. Things to be discussed include date for the AGM, Woody Head and BBQ fundraiser.

**Yearbook orders** Just a reminder to those who ordered their yearbooks at the end of last year and didn’t pay. They have been printed and are ready to go home once we receive payment. For anyone who still would like a yearbook, please call school or send in a note with money and we will get it printed off for you. Again, thanks Sam for a fantastic job on last year’s yearbook.

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**Kyogle Soccer – Season 2015**
Calling all soccer players young and old our season is about to start
Senior training commences on Thursday the 29th January at 6pm
Junior training will start on Thursday the 19th March
Players should register online using the “My Football Club” Website
Any questions can be directed to kyoglefc@ffnc.net.au or to Glenn Rose on 0418 264 968

**Lismore City United Physie Sport & Dance** is excited to announce it is adding a new Saturday morning venue to its class schedule for 2015. The downstairs room at the Lismore Heights Sports, Recreation & Community Club (also known affectionately as the Lismore Heights Bowlo) will accommodate classes for 3-4 year old Little Lorikeets (8:30 am) and 5-8 year old girls (9:00 am), commencing 31 January. These classes are additional to the Tuesday afternoon classes at the Red Dove Centre in Keen Street from 4 pm. If you’re keen to get your daughter into an activity that fuses sport and dance in a fun way please direct enquiries to Sharyn (0400 242 340) or Kyleen (0438 616 830) or check out the Club’s web site at www.lismorecityunitedphysie.com
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