KINDY ORIENTATION DAYS Just a big reminder for everyone to start spreading the word about Larnook and letting everyone know about our Kindy orientation days this year. The Orientation days are on every Friday in November, and are for the whole day or part there of. If these days don’t suit please ask about alternative days and dates. These may be arranged in consultation with Mrs Spackman. We are in need of some extras for next year, just to get us away from the dreaded number. This year was the first time we had started with under 30 children ever since I have been here. Next year I hope is not number two.

MRS RYAN’S BIRTHDAY Happy birthday Mrs Ryan for birthday number ........ Whatever. Just have a great day and make sure you are spoilt which I am sure you will be.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING A big thankyou to everyone who has helped out with the swimming last week. I know there were a few parents who helped out and from all accounts enjoyed the experience. The two days that I was there was very rewarding indeed. To see young ones being helped to gain confidence in the pool and overcome reluctance was enjoyable to say the least. It was also very good to see teachers in a new environment, even one as wet as this one, plying their trade and working with children, very enjoyable indeed.

SHOW TIME The last two days have been very hectic indeed, especially for a
couple of the staff and all of the children. When I look back and reflect on the last two days I am again in awe of the children and staff we have here at Larnook. The work undertaken by the children, the flexibility that they have shown was just amazing. The cooking and produce that they made under the tutelage of Mrs Spackman, Sandi and Sam was nothing short of amazing as well. The organisational skills demonstrated by all filled me with wonderment! I hope everyone gets to see their efforts at the show, either with us on Thursday when we all go to perform our Recycled song, or sometime over the coming days whilst the show is on.

A reminder for all students to wear their maroon and blue Larnook shirts tomorrow. A reminder to bring a water bottle, food and appropriate shoes as we will be walking around all day. Students may bring some spending money to purchase a show bag at the end of the day. From memory they start at $12, so a maximum of $20 each is encourages. Please find a secure place in your child’s bag to keep the money for the day.

WINNERS AT THE SHOW We have already brought home a prize from the show! A big congratulations to Aaron for winning the Aboriginal art prize. Also congratulations to Elkan and Amy for entering their own cooking at the show, Elkan’s Mad Hatter inspired patty cakes certainly impressed the staff. Amy entered her walnut and date loaf which is sure to be a hit, we know it is here at school!

SCHOOL BAKE SALE This Friday we will be selling excess cooking for the show. $1 or 50c for decorated cakes and slices.

OUR VOICE CONFERENCE Our students have been invited to attend the Our Voice Conference held at Southern Cross University next Friday. This is an opportunity for students to voice their ideas about sustainability and the environment. We will be hosting one of the session on the day, this will give us an opportunity to discuss with other schools the importance of preserving the Koala habitat and to display what we have learnt in the past year about our koala friends. Please look at the attached permission note for more details and return by Monday next week.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS Renee started working with the children yesterday on their softball skills. Next week she will work on their golf skills and this will continue till the end of the term. Genevieve will start working with the children on Friday. Remember that this is during the school afternoon and goes from 1.50 till 2.50. Genevieve will also be working with the Knob Tails and the Thorny Devils on a Tuesday afternoon 2.00 till 3.00 pm beginning in week 5, 3rd November. (Thinking about events in November already!). The students who play softball on a Saturday morning will be having training during one/two lunchtimes during the week.

MOSAICING A big thankyou must go to the parents, Nena, Yasmin, Erin and Janu, who were able to come out and work on the mosaic during the day today. It is a project that needs finishing to help complete the area. There are quite a few other little jobs that need a bit of attention if anyone has a bit of time to spare. Time, I know, is one of those little things that you can’t buy and once you lose it you can never get it back again, which makes it so very precious to everyone. This makes volunteering
anywhere so greatly appreciated by those on the receiving end.

**DRUMMING** Just a reminder that our drumming man Peter will be back on board with us this Friday. I have a feeling that the children are looking forward to it. I have asked that Peter prepare something for us for the end of year performance.

**LARNOOK’S GOT TALENT** One of the great events of the year needs some thinking about now. Some thought and even some rehearsing needs to be happening now in preparation for this year’s Larnook Got Talent. I know some of the bigger kids have been taking about it already. It is time to get the younger ones thinking about it. I do hope that some of the parents are thinking about it as well.

**MEETINGS** Both Mrs Spackman and myself will be out one day each in the next fortnight with meetings. They are a necessary part of our job but are usually rewarding resulting in making differences in the way we approach things.

**OPERA HOUSE CHOIR** Well it is happening next week. On Wednesday evening, the four children, Elkan, Amy, Djinn and Cameron and I will be jumping on a bus and heading to Sydney to perform in front of a huge audience. Our quick itinerary goes something like this:

Get on bus Wednesday evening- sit on bus for many hours- get off bus and change into performing clothes- eat breakfast- walk over Sydney Harbour Bridge- rehearse- eat lunch – eat an early tea- perform - sleep- wake up spend Friday in and around Darling Harbour- get on bus sleep get off bus in Lismore Saturday morning very tired. I am so looking forward to it because it really is an exciting adventure and an experience of a life time.

**COMING UP:**

**MOVIE NIGHT** Please keep Wednesday evening free of the 11th November. This is the date for the movie night. The student council will have more details including costs, times and food choices closer to the date.

**BAHA’I PERFORMANCE** Christobel has organised a mini performance for us which has been planned for the Wednesday morning of November 4th. This is week 5. Everyone is more than welcome to come along and watch the performance. This is the same morning a the next P&C meeting.

**P&C MEETING** The next P&C meeting has been set for the 4th November beginning at 9.00am. We are calling for everyone to make an effort to come along and join in. We have had two regular contributors leave due to moving and work commitments. We need others to make a small commitment to our school by attending and contributing to the school organisation through the running of the P&C.

Studies have shown that we use less energy watching TV than just sitting still.