SWIMMING CARNIVAL  What a great day was had by all and the weather was very kind to us as well. Here are the results from the swimming carnival held on Friday 6th February.

Girls 8 yrs - Amethyst 2nd; Boys 12yrs - Cameron 3rd; Boys 12yrs breaststroke - Djinn 3rd; Boys 12yrs backstroke - Cameron 2nd, Elkan 3rd.

The school also won the Boyd Shield (this is for small schools only) The school wishes, Cameron Elkan, Amy and Elka the best when they compete in the Northern Rivers PSSA Swimming Carnival next Thursday. They are representing the school in the PP5 small schools relay. Swim fast.

ABSENTEEES  Recently I went to a Principal’s meeting and one of the things discussed was changes to the School attendance policy and procedures for 2015. Please read the following changes to the Policy. There are also quite clear guidelines and procedures for when there are frequent explained absences. These include contacting parents and seek approval to contact the family doctor and proof of illness explained with medical certificates. If you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to ask.

In a nutshell, the major changes are:

We love playing out in the sun, please remember your hat so you can join in too.
Principal Steve Clough Phone 6688 0133 Email larnook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Our newsletters are published on our website along with permission notes and events.
• An explanation for an absence must be provided to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

• Principals or their delegate will undertake all reasonable measures to contact parents promptly and within 2 days of an absence being unexplained. An absence is unexplained if parents have failed to give an explanation to the school with 7 days.

• Exemptions can no longer be granted for holidays during the school term.

Attached to this newsletter are notification forms that we use and which are suitable to inform us of any absenteeism. Please remember that a phone call informing someone at school is also a suitable method of notification.

**ASSEMBLIES** This year, we plan to have two special assemblies a term. The dates for this term are Friday 6th March and Friday, 27th March. At these assemblies, students from each class will be recognised for their efforts. There will also be examples of children’s work, some special items for groups and individuals and some singing. The assemblies will start at 2pm. Everyone is encouraged to come, where they will be warmly welcomed by everyone.

**THE SCHOOL GROUNDS** I am still in need of a couple of volunteers to prepare the garden beds for the year. Are there any willing people out there? If you are able to help out, please let me know. If you are after something else to do around the school, please let me know. One other job that needs doing is making the green house into a larger chook shed. If this little task tickles your fancy let me know. The school will purchase materials once a plan has been prepared, so there will be no cost to the ‘tradie/s’.

**P & C MEETING** The next P & C meeting will be held tomorrow 20th February at 9am. At this meeting, final preparations for the P & C fundraiser at the pool (4th & 5th March) will be finalised. Woody Head will be discussed. Some other fundraisers will also be discussed. The next meeting, which is being advertised as the AGM will be held on Friday 20th March.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:** This year’s student Representative Council (SRC) fundraising activities have begun. The SRC students have been selected from Years 1 to 6. In term 3, the SRC members will change to include all students by the end of the year. At a meeting held last week, the SRC created a sports shed roster, a computer roster and selected the term 1 activities to be held. They include:

- **Week 4** - (Wed 18/2) Ice-cream day $1
- **Week 5** - (Fri 27/2) Slip n Slide $2 + Ice cream $1 (leftover)
- **Week 6** - (Tues 3/3) Pirate Day (dress up) $ for tattoos, and other treats
- **Week 7** - (Fri 13/3) Special Lunch - TBA in next newsletter
- **Week 8** - (Wed 18/3) Home Bake Day (SRC students to provide) 50c-$1
- **Week 9** - (Fri 27/3) Special Lunch - TBA

**SCHOOL HATS** The SRC have decided to purchase a navy blue broad brimmed hat for each student to use at school. The hats will belong to the school and will not be taken home. This will ensure that all students have a hat during play and sporting sessions. If students take the new hats home and they are lost the parent will be asked to pay for a replacement. Students still require their old hats until the new ones arrive. Mrs Spackman

Yesterday your child/ren had their heads measured! Boy, were there some stunning results! The hats have been ordered. I must thank the student council on helping solve a problem that our school has
had for quite some time. Mr C.

**CLASS NEWS** I thank the staff for letting you know in their class newsletters what is happening this year.

**BLUE TONGUE LIZARDS** Wow! What an excellent start to the year. Homework is being completed and handed in and the children are completing lots of home reading. Well done kids - this is fantastic!!

**KNOB-TAILED GECKOS** Things are slowly getting into routine. The timetable is working well. The different movement around the school during class times are getting much better. Homework is being given out on Mondays. Please ensure that it is returned by Friday. Homework is an important part of the school program, especially seeing that it is incorporated into our Thumbs Up Chart. To gain their bronze and to progress on to silver, gold and beyond, the students need to earn 5 stickers in the social and academic areas and 7 stickers in the homework area. It makes it very hard to achieve if they don't complete homework on a regular basis. The homework project, on their animal, is due in next Friday. I am a bit concerned about several students who don't appear to have made much of a start. If any parents have any queries about the project please contact me and I will fill you in.

**K-6 SCIENCE** The children are busily working together in small groups to research and present projects on a group selected living thing and it's environment. Each group has been asked to create a 3D model of their animal, a diorama of it's habitat, a poster or computer powerpoint of it's life cycle and a TV documentary using the ipads, covering specific information to educate others. These completed tasks will be presented to the rest of the school in Week 9. It has been fantastic to watch the children plan and create these pieces of work. Noisy but productive science sessions.
CIRCUS EXPRESS CLASSES 2015  Barkers Vale Public School Hall
KINDERGYM- Thursdays 10-11am; PRIMARY AGE CIRCUS SKILLS/GENERAL GYM-Tuesdays 3-30-5pm; **Kyogle Showground Circus Shed**; KINDERGYM-Mondays-3pm-4pm; PRIMARY AGE CIRCUS SKILLS/GENERAL GYM: Mondays 4-5.30pm; TEEN/ADULT TRAINING; Thursdays 5.30-7pm
Contact Genevieve 66897531
Sign on will be held at **South Lismore Celtics Club House - 2 Caniaba St South Lismore** (behind the tender centre) from 12pm-3pm on Saturday 21st Feb 2015
We are open to all juniors to seniors so even mum and dads can join the fun.
Contact Sally Bates - 0403791566 (after 3pm) for any additional information

**Kyogle Soccer – Season 2015** Calling all soccer players young and old our season is about to start Senior training has commenced, every Tuesday and Thursday from 6pmJunior 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
COME AND PLAY WITH US! **LISMORE WORKERS FC’s SOCCER SIGN ON** Saturday February 14th, 21st & 28th; 9am til 1pm at the Club House in Brewster St. (Next to Lismore Shopping Square) Junior boys and girls from 5yr to 17yrs; Senior Men and Women in all Divisions. Contact