LICE The dreaded little critters seem to have become very active again. To this end, a process has been put in place to try to control them. If your child is observed with lice in their hair, a note will be given to them notifying you of the fact. We would like you to undertake some form of treatment that night before returning to school. A general note will be sent home notifying everyone that lice have been detected and for a general look in your child’s hair that night. If they are evident, then some form of treatment needs to be undertaken before returning to school. The school has purchased an electric zapper that will kill live lice. If you would like to borrow this you are more than welcome to but must come back cleaned and disinfected. For help with treatments, there is an attachment to this newsletter from the Department of Health in regards treatments for head lice. There is more information on the Health Department’s website. This initiative is a joint program supported by the P&C. If you have any concerns about this please contact me and discuss at a convenient time.

UP COMING EVENTS There are quite a few events coming up, some that will require a permission note or two. Please make sure you have these on your calendar, especially if they relate to you and your family.

JUMBLE SALE This is an event that will be held at Goolmangar School this Saturday. It sounds like a chance to set up a stall if you like or a place to hang out on a Saturday morning and have a bit if fun and perhaps snag a bargain.

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT This is happening Friday morning at 10.00a.m. The fire brigade will visit and give the students a chance to see the fire truck up close. Perhaps they will get a chance to work the hose or ring the bell (probably push the button for the siren these days!)

SUPER HERO DAY Come dressed up as a super hero. This is a student council initiative for this week.

TIP DAY A reminder for those living in the Lismore City Council area that it is a free tip day this coming Sunday. Linda, Sam and Dan have been busy cleaning out storerooms and areas around the school in preparation.

KOALA DAY On Monday 25th May, we are going to Dorroughby Field Study Centre for a day of environmental activities centred around koalas. Activities will include, koala food tree propagation, Poster and film session and an introduction to Koalas run by the Friends of the Koala group. The travel arrangements are we will be picked up from school by Wallers bus line at 9.00a.m. or as close to that as possible, and return to school at approx. 2.45 p.m. There is no cost for this excursion. Please complete the
permission note and return to school when completed.

**YEAR 5/6 CAREERS DAY** On Tuesday 26th May, a careers day organised by the Nimbin Central School is being held. The day goes all day. I need help with transporting the 9 students to and from Nimbin. If you can help out with the transport it would be much appreciated. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school as soon as possible.

**ASSEMBLY** Thursday 28th May: A reminder that it is a mid-term assembly and you are all invited along. There is a special lunch also. For $5 there will be a bowl or two of soup, pumpkin or vegetable with bread for dipping and slurping. Please order and pay prior to the day.

**INTEREST DAY** This year the interest Days are at the following venues: Stage 1 Coffee Camp Stage 2 Caniaba and Stage 3 Blakebrook on Friday 29th May. As always, transport is by private car and needs to be arranged by each family. If you are having trouble organising transport, please contact other student’s parents and then the school and we will see if arrangements can be made. To help with the organising of the transport, please complete the permission note and return as soon as possible so that all transport arrangements can be organised.

**SPELLING BEE** The students have started looking at the words properly now. Dianne had been very busy organising herself and the work and getting the students into a routine. Please encourage your child to complete the homework and help where necessary.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS** Last week, we started gymnastics on a Friday afternoon. This will continue for this term. Next week on Tuesday afternoons we will be starting after school sports activities for everyone. We will be doing softball and baseball skills till the end of term.

We will need to know who is doing it and travel arrangements for each student. I need to let Rose and Matt who is doing what. The sessions will go from 3pm to 4pm. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

**GRIP** The year 6 students had a great day out last Friday, learning lots about leadership. We will have to hone those skills and give them lots of opportunity to do some leading around the school. Thanks to the P&C for helping support this most worthy program.

**NAPLAN** By the time that you have this newsletter, the testing for this year’s NAPLAN will have been completed. I must say that on a quick perusal of the tests, the students have done quite well. Hopefully, I will be able to give parents a better insight after I have had a better look at each one.

**STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS:**
- **Week 4 15/5 Character/ superhero dress up day.** Please come dressed as a character/super hero. Gold coin donation will be greatly appreciated
- **Week 5 19/5 Mango smoothies $2.** Please pay and order by this Monday.
- **Week 6 27/5 Home bake (choir kids) for morning tea - 50c to $1.**
- **28/5 Soup lunch before assembly.** Payment can be made now. $5 per person
- **Week 7 2/6 Movie night-dinner/popcorn.** Stay after school - watch 2 movies for $5 (Money to the Hill Tribe School) A pasta dinner will be available to purchase between movies as well as treats from a little stall. Parents welcome to stay for movies $5 each for the night. More information in the next newsletter.
- **Week 9 home bake (choir kids) Wednesday**
- **28/5 Soup lunch before assembly $5**

**Sydney choir fundraising** These 4 students have decided to fund raise to assist with the cost of taking part. They will provide homebake to sell in weeks 3, 6 and 9. All monies raised will be divided
between these students if they provide. Well done everyone, 3 of the choir kids raised approx $28 each last week.

**P & C Bunnings BBQ** The P&C wants to say another big thank you to all those who helped out at the last Bunnings BBQ. We raised a total of $820, a great effort by our small school and a nice start to the year.

**Winter Solstice Celebration June 23rd** The P&C are planning a very special family night out to celebrate the winter solstice. We will be making delicious curries, cooking naan bread and damper in the pizza oven, holding our own lantern making competition and parade, sparklers for the kids, and a trivia night with prizes! Feel free to bring the ukulele or guitar to play around the fire. We will send out more information soon.

Thank you, The P&C.

**SPORT AND DAILY FITNESS** At the start of week 6, the students along with the staff will be undertaking the Premiers sporting and fitness challenge. For the remainder of the term, we will be writing down all our fitness or sporting activities both in and out of school. The challenge is over a 10 week period, so another 5 weeks at least will be undertaken in term 3. I am looking forward to seeing the results. We are also doing the 20m shuttle run (beep test) once a week or fortnight.

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY** The special night is for World Environment Day: This year, this day is being celebrated on Friday 5th June. We have the opportunity to go into Lismore to see the MRF in action. There will be more information on starting times etc. The transport is being arranged and will be a bus from school to the Resource and Education Centre. There will be no cost for this as it is being funded by the City Council.

**CHANGE OF ROUTINE** Please remember if you have a change to your child’s normal routine, that Rose requires a written note. If you have an unexpected change you can ring the school and a written note will be provided for you. Thank you.

**CAR KEY FOUND** A Toyota car key was found outside the school. It can be picked up from the office.

The first **Blakebrook PS and Community Bonfire Night** will be held on Friday 12th June, 5.00-9.00pm. Local craft and fresh produce stalls will be on show. Fun activities for the whole family including face painting, glow sticks, competitions, raffles and dancing around the bonfire under the stars. Blakebrook P&C will be serving a delicious BBQ all evening and a selection of homemade baked goods will be on sale. Non hot food related stall sites are available for booking $25 per site. Please email louisetate@bigpond.com for further information or to book a stall site.

**GEMFEST** Colour you world with a fun filled family outing at Lismore’s 25th Anniversary.

2 full days - Saturday 16th May, 9am-5pm and Sunday 17th May, 9am-3pm

Venue - Lismore Showground.

Entry $5 per adult, $1 per child (under 5yrs free)

Featuring: Gold, Sapphires, Jewellery, Opals, Gemstones, Rare Fossils.