FRIDAY’S FIRE BRIGADE VISIT The fire brigade visit was a hit, especially when Mrs Spackman was sprayed when taking a child’s photo as she was using the hose. On calling out her name to look at her, Mrs Spackman copped the blast as Eva turned to see who was talking to her! I do hope that parents had a chance to talk their child/ren about the things the firemen talked about, knowing your phone number, address etc. I did walk past the little kids classroom as they were getting down low and go go go out to recess, practising what they had been shown.

INTEREST DAY Tomorrow, we are heading out to different schools for a day of fun activities. Stage 1 will be going to Coffee Camp, Stage 2 are going to Caniaba and Stage 3 are going to Blakebrook. Please notify us of your child/ren’s transport arrangements. Please remember to wear sports uniform shirts that were given out on Monday except the Year 3-4 students who have to wear a certain colour.

KOALA DAY Last Monday the children attended a koala day at Dorroughby. The day was spent creating koala books, learning about koalas and their needs and planting food tree seeds. The other side of the day was to create opportunities for the children to alert the community about the plight of the koala. The stage 3 children will have the opportunity, especially the year 6 who recently went to a GRIP leadership course, to practise their leadership skills and undertake some activities designed to promote koala awareness within our local school community. More on this, probably next term, when we have had the necessary
discussions to initiate the awareness program.

**YEAR 5/6 CAREERS DAY** On Tuesday, the stage 3 children participated in a careers day at Nimbin Central school. It was a great day and the discussions and comments that came out of it were very positive. I do hope that parents again had the opportunity to discuss the day with their children.

**SPORTING & PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE** Congratulations to Elka, Amy, Ryan and Liam for representing the school and Terannia District PSSA at last Friday’s cross country at Corndale. Thanks Ryan for competing even though you weren’t 100%. Other results were Amy (47th) and Liam (28th) and Elka who ran a personal best and achieved 14th place in her race.

Tomorrow, Ryan and Djinn are playing their second soccer knockout game after winning a thriller last week against Lismore Public. The score was 6-5 and the winning goal was scored right at the end of the game.

At the start of week 7, 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 once a fortnight.

**MOVIE NIGHT** Next Tuesday the student council have organised a pasta, popcorn and movie night. See attached flyer and order form.

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY** Next Friday, 5th June, we are going into Lismore to attend the World Environment Day Activities at the Waste Facility Centre. Travel will be by bus leaving from school as close to the second bus arrival as possible. Students from town have the choice of meeting us there at about 9.45am or coming to school and leaving from here. We will spend the day there, undertaking environmental activities, culminating in a tour of the Management Resource Facility (MRF). It is linked into our participation in the Lismore City Council Waste reduction and Recycling campaign. Students need to wear the Maroon sports shirt, bring water bottle, recess and lunch. There is no cost for the day. Parents are asked to complete the permission note and return to school early next week.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** A reminder that school photos are to be taken on Tuesday 9th June. This is the day after the long weekend. We need the envelopes in beforehand. Please let Linda know if you need another envelope.

**THERAPY DAY** I walked passed the pizza oven and the mural is in desperate need of completing, at least the side fronting the road. If there are some ‘volunteers out there who are able to make a bit of time, please let me know and arrangements can be made to get stuck into it to complete at least the ‘front’ of it. Looking forward to hearing from people in need of therapy.

**P & C** Next P&C Meeting will be held on Friday June 12th 9.30am.

**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.

**LIBRARY NEWS** Scholastic Bookclub My apologies for a mix up with Issue 2, Scholastic has been upgrading their online order system and unfortunately the order did not go through. I’ve arranged
with the children that didn’t receive their books to order something else from Issue 3 and 4. If you
intending on ordering something from Issue 4, could the order forms together with the correct money
please be returned to school by Tuesday 2 June 2015. I will place the order that evening so it should
hopefully arrive early the following week and before the end of the school term. Ms Moy

Library K/1 have been enjoying some wonderful library time this term and its great to see the
borrowing improving. Could you please make sure if your child/ren wish to borrow that they have a
library bag and they remember to return the books after they have been read. On Tuesdays we have
been having a wonderful time “buddy reading” where I have enjoyed watching a some delightful
rapports develop between younger and older students while sharing good books. This year the
Children’s Book Council of Australia celebrates its 70th anniversary and the theme for 2015 is “Books
light up our world”. Book Week will be held in Term 3, so its time to start thinking about what costume
or character you might like to be! Ms Moy

SMALL SCHOOLS CHOIR I hope everyone has been busy learning the words and singing their
songs. It has been a lovely experience for our students to participate in the small school’s choir each
year at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival. I expect there may be another rehearsal in Term 3 just
prior to the performance date. I’ll keep you posted. Ms Moy

CLASS NEWS

BLUE TONGUES DENTAL HEALTH CHECK/LESSON On Thursday 11th June, the children
in K/1 will take part in a dental health awareness lesson. Once this has been completed, the Kinder
children will have a free individual dental health check. A permission slip is attached.

THORNKY DEVILS We have been working hard this term on Exposition planning, writing and
editing with some very persuasive points of view on different topics being explored and presented. At
assembly this week there will be some class and bronze “Thumbs Up” awards given out to our class
and I’d like to congratulate everyone for their efforts this term. In week 8, we will be having a maths
assessment. Ms Moy

STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS:

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
    Thursday 18th June - Athletics carnival-shop
Week 10 soup before assembly $5

Sydney choir fundraising Homebake is being sold again in Week 9. Well done everyone, 3 of
the choir kids raised approx $28 each in Week 3 and another $17 this week.

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.