WELCOME BACK

It is a welcome back to everyone for the start of Term 3. I hope everyone had a great relaxing break. It seems as though many people did a variety of fun activities. I think the staff turned around three times on Monday and said, “Holidays, what holidays! “ I would like to welcome Leif to our school. Leif is spending the remainder of the year with us before venturing onto high school. Here’s to a very busy term.

TERM 3

Please have a look at the upcoming events for this term. There are two things happening very shortly, Life Ed van and Byron Bay writers festival. There are permission notes attached to this newsletter for both of these events. Also happening this term are Performing Arts festival in week 7 (24th- 27th August), public speaking events (in class 6th August and school final on 13th August), softball carnivals (week 7 and 10), koala projects (continuing throughout the term), assemblies in week 5, Thursday 13th August and week 9, Monday or Tuesday, spelling challenges and book weeks, and to top it off, a MRF performance in week 8. Not bad for Term 3. On Monday, the staff decided to postpone the planned school concert and class performances till Term 4!

REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

I hope everyone had a chance over the holidays to browse through the portfolios and reports. Please make the time to have an interview or discussion with your child’s teacher sometime this term. Please return them to school next week and your child will receive a small treat.

LARNOOK ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a great day was had by all yesterday. It was great to see all children participating in their races in their respective running races and events. I have an idea that we need some serious training for the ball games this year! I would like to thank Sandi for volunteering for organising the marching. A huge thank you must go to ‘my’ staff for their efforts in making this carnival another successful one. There is lots that go on behind the scenes to make this carnival happen- from Dan marking out the fields to Mrs Ryan preparing the recording sheets and Mrs Spackman running the ball games to Sandi organising the kids to do jobs. I look forward to seeing many people at Riverview Park next Friday for the Terannia PSSA carnival.

TERANIA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Cameron, Amy, Elka and Liam who will go onto the next step and represent our school at the high jump qualifiers at Blakebrook being held today. The Terannia PSSA athletics carnival is being held on Friday 24th July and all of the school will be attending and competing in different events during the day. Each student is to make their own arrangements to get to and from the park. Please remember that the bus is available but you have to make
those arrangements yourself with Rose. There will not be anyone at school that day - we will be at the carnival.

**ATHLETICS CANTEEN - HELP!!!!!** This carnival is especially important one to us as we are running the canteen so it is a call out for helpers throughout the day. A note has already gone home seeking volunteers and also letting everyone know that we will be in need of plenty of home bake goodies to sell during the day. Plenty of biscuits, slices and muffins are the go. Please complete the note below and return to school ASAP as the organising people need to ensure enough helpers are willing and able to help out at all times during the day. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school ASAP.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS** At this stage, we are proceeding with the Active After Schools program. We are doing tennis on a Friday between 1.30 and 2.30 and fitness and fundamental movement on Tuesday afternoons after school with Renee. Tennis will start on Friday 31st July and the fitness will start next Tuesday on 21st July.

**SOFTWARE TRIALS** Good luck to Amy, Elka and Heaven who will be representing the Northern Rivers at the North Coast trials held on Monday 3 August here in Lismore.

**LIFE ED** On Monday 3rd August, Jiggi Public School students will join us at Larnook, to take part in the Life Education Van. The full cost to take part in the lesson is $11 but the Student Council will assist with a $4 subsidy bringing the cost down to $7 per student. Please complete the permission note attached and return to school with payment.

**BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL** On Tuesday 4th August, all K-6 students will travel by bus to Murwillumbah to interact with 2 children’s book authors: Jackie French and Jacqueline Harvey. The cost of the day will be $15 per child (subsidised by School and P & C Association). There will be no one staying at school that day - everyone will leave on the bus from school at approx. 10am and return at approx 4pm. The bus will make stops at Wadeville @ 3:45pm, Cawongla @ 3:50, Larnook School @ 4:05, Rock Valley Post Office @ 4:30pm and Lismore City Hall @ 4:45pm. Please come a little early as these are approx times. Please complete the attached permission note and return with money - also please indicate which pick up point you will be at in the afternoon to collect your child.

**SYDNEY CHOIR HOMEBAKE** The Sydney Choir students wish to continue selling homebake on Wednesdays of Week 3, 6 and 9 this term. I’m sure we will support this great cause when the time comes.

**PAF** All students in K-6 are taking part in a 5 minute drama/dance performance at the Lismore Worker’s Club in Week 7. We have 6 weeks to prepare the children and organise costumes. The theme of our dance is “Centenary of Anzac”. A note with further details will go out next week.

**HOMEWORK** Our Thumbs Up reward system is reliant on students completing and handing in their homework and it was very obvious that many students, in all three classes, were falling behind in their pursuit of their yearly gold because of a failure to either complete their homework or hand their homework in on a regular basis. To this end, a more consistent and concerted effort has been called upon with all staff to ensure homework is handed out on a Monday for completion, ready to be returned on the Friday. Parents are asked to encourage the completion and the returning of homework at the end of the week to ensure that their children have the best opportunity to achieve their gold for the year. If you are unsure of your child’s homework, a quick call to school should shed some light on their homework responsibilities.