WEEK 3 Week 3 and the term is well under way. We have some exciting things coming up in the next couple of weeks.

INFORMATION NIGHT A big thankyou to the parents who attended the night. There wasn’t one sausage left over and very little salad. Upon talking to the other teachers and from my own experiences, there were suggestions that came out of all meetings that will improve the happenings in and around the class and the school. Thankyou for your thoughtfulness and insight. That old expression: can’t see the forest for the trees is apt here. If you are unsure of anything or have thought of something following the meeting please let your class teacher know straight away. One of the key points made during the night was the need for close communication between everyone. Thanks to my staff who made the night that much more successful. A big thankyou also to Mrs Spackman for making the effort to be a part of the night and lending your support to Nikki.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS Active after schools started this week. Sam worked the children very hard and it was great to see so many red faces appear as they were leaving for the bus. We are trying to get one of our former students to come along and help out with touch, Bob Mullenberg. He has made great in roads into the touch scene and I believe he has been selected to represent NSW. On Friday, Bianca is working with the children on their tennis skills. Please complete the Sport form, especially with the travel arrangements for Tuesday afternoon.

WOODY HEAD Just a reminder to start thinking about making some payments for Woody Head, or even putting down a deposit. Starting now and making little payments make is so much easier when finalising things.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL We were very lucky with the weather being very kind to us. A huge congratulations to everyone who swam at the carnival in either the 30m or 50m races. I know everyone got in and had a go. There is always a couple of surprises that come out of carnivals like this one and this year was no exception. One of the highlights for me was the look on one of the parents faces excited about how well her child swam, surprising both mum and daughter in the 30m race. Blitzed it. With great confidence, she participated in the junior relay and swam very well indeed. Congratulations to Amy and Elka who are participating in the next carnival held in the coming weeks. Good luck and swim well. Thanks to all the parents who were able to attend and lend their support to all Larnook children. Well done to the lilo team who came close to winning the race and with a bit of an inquiry I am sure the result would have been overturned and had us winning.

We love playing out in the sun, please remember your hat so you can join in too.
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Our newsletters are published on our website along with permission notes and events.
Results:
12yr age                Elka Luthi     1st
13yr age                Amy Corbett    1st
                        Aaron Blackney  2nd
13yr Breaststroke      Amy Corbett    3rd

P & C NEWS

WORKING BEE TOMORROW  Friday the 12th of Feb starting at 9.30am. If you have some time to spare tomorrow please come down and help do some weeding, gardening and tidying up the school grounds. Bring your gloves, boots, hats, pruners etc. Many hands make light work! We hope to see you there.

P & C ASSOCIATION AGM  Wed 24th Feb 9.30am. All parents, care givers and interested citizens are invited to attend. We will be voting in new executive members so please think about putting your hand up for the positions of President, Treasurer or Secretary. New general members are always welcome too. Membership is $2 for the year. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a plate of food to share. Thank you, P&C

DRUMMING  Peter is starting his 5 week drumming session with the students this week. He has had to change his time this week and will work with the children between recess and lunch rather than the
morning session as he has other morning commitments this week. All should be back to normal in the coming weeks.

**LIFE EDUCATION** We are travelling to Jiggi this time to undertake our life education visit. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school as soon as possible. Transport is by private car so if you are having trouble with transport please let us know early to organise all transport. Please return the permission note attached early next week.

**BUNNINGS - SANDPIT** Next week, on Wednesday 17th, Bunnings are coming to school to help erect a sandpit for the children. If you would like to come along and lend a hand with the project you are more than welcome. There is also a little job of getting the sand into the sandpit which will require a bit of wheelbarrow work. All hands on deck please.

**CANBERRA EXCURSION** The Canberra excursion is on again this year and will be on the last week of term 2, 27th June 1st July. I am making parents of the stage 3 children aware of this as payment needs to be finalised before students will be allowed to attend. Please start thinking about payment and even a payment plan of tiny instalments this term and next. Start early to make it easier in the end.

**HOME BAKE DAYS** As part of the fundraising for the Canberra excursion, the year 5 and 6 children have decided that they would love to do a home bake day. Due to the large number this year, we are going to start doing this weekly on a Thursday at recess and lunchtime with anything left over to be sold on Fridays. Most things will cost between 50c and $1. Students from year 5 and 6 will take it in turns to cater for the school each week. They know whose turn it is next week. So biscuits, cakes, slices are the go.

**STUDENT COUNCIL** The student council had their first meeting for the year this week. Congratulations to Amy, Heaven, Elka, Jazz, Shanan, Quinn and Charlie who have been elected or chosen to form the student council this term. We have decided on two projects this term. The first one will be on Tuesday 8th March and will be a green day. Children are asked to come along dressed in green and participate in green activities which will be part of the Clean Up Australia Day program. We have planned some other activities to go with this as well. More information closer to the date. The other activity is a streamwatch day coming up in the last week of the term. Rosters have also been made for the sportsroom monitors and computers and these will start next week.

**GARBAGE BINS** I hope everyone is still looking out for our Larnook garbage bins. Let me know if see them. This year we are again participating in the Waste Wise Challenge. Mrs Spackman set the bar extremely high last year. I am sure though, with everyone’s support we will overcome the hurdles and improve on what we did and what we achieved last year.

**LIBRARY NEWS** Library days are Monday and Tuesdays and borrowing for all students is on Monday mornings from 9.10 to 9.30am and on Tuesdays for K/1 from 9.10 to 9.30 and all students again at lunch time. This week some new books were put on the shelves in the library to the great delight of students who immediately were eager grab hold of them. Thank you to the P & C for your ongoing financial support to buy new books and resources for our library, it is very much appreciated. I will be looking to purchase a few more of the shortlisted and awarded CBCA books to share in the library very soon. If I am not at school and your child/ren wish to return borrowed books, they can do so by putting them (and their bag) into the Library Return Tray.
LIBRARY BORROWING BAG  Could Parents/Carers PLEASE make sure that their child/ren have a library bag for borrowing this year as I cannot allow a student to borrow without one and it makes it really difficult for me to say no to a student who is keen to borrow when they don’t have a library bag. A library bag ensures more protection for our library books travelling to and from home in school bags where drink bottle and food leaks can happen. Mrs Spackman assured me that all new Kinder students were given a draw string library bag last year during their Kinder orientation so if Kinders could remember to bring this bag for borrowing on a Monday or Tuesday, that would be excellent.

BLUE BELLS NEWS  It has been a wonderful busy start to the year with Stella, Delilah and Charlie starting year 2 and joining Amethyst, Shanan and Quinn. Everyone has settled in nicely as books have been organised, assessments done and we even have new headphones for the class computers. It was a lovely surprise to welcome Lily back to Larnook as well. I’ve notice that the boys no longer outnumber the girls which has made Amethyst smile. A democratic style vote was conducted and we are now know as the “Blue Bells” which is a spectacular Australian native flower. It was great to meet and talk with parents at our information night last week and if you have any concerns please contact Sandi or myself. Any parent/carer help in class would be most welcome if you happen to have some spare time.