WELCOME BACK  It is a very warm welcome back to our ‘oldies’ and a very special, very warm welcome back to our ‘newbies’. To all our new kindergarten students we extend a huge welcome to you. I know you will enjoy our learning community here at Larnook and that you will make the most of the opportunities that will be presented to you over the coming years.

STAFF CHANGES  This term sees Mrs Spackman take up a relieving position at Corndale that came vacant after Jane Varcoe was successful in her application to Coffee Camp. I wish Mrs Spackman all the best in her new relieving position. I know she will do well. We look forward to her return in term 2. Nikki Benson will be taking over the reins in the K-1 classroom whilst she is away. I look forward to working with Nikki and helping her develop her teaching experience at Larnook. Mrs Spackman and I spent quite a deal of time and thought into her replacement and know that she will do a marvellous job.

INFORMATION NIGHT  Next Tuesday we have organised an information night. The night is all about letting you know what is happening this year in terms of directions and priorities. It is also a time when you can seek information about what is happening in your child’s classroom. Mrs Spackman will be attending to lend her support to Nikki. The night will begin at 5.30 with a sausage sizzle with the sit down chat beginning approximately 6.00p.m. I envisage the night concluding at around 8.00p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL  This year’s carnival is on Friday 5th February. This carnival is only for the children in year 2 to year 6. The children in Kindergarten and year 1 will have classes as normal with Nikki. Please complete the permission note attached and return to school tomorrow or early next week.

WOODY HEAD CAMP  Woody Head has been booked. This year we will be camping at Woody Head from Monday 21st March till Thursday 24th March. This is a whole school camp. Kindergarten children need to be accompanied by their parents or at least attend with another family. I am looking for volunteers to help with the organising of the catering and menu. The cost will be in the vicinity of $60 per child. Please start thinking about volunteering and the payment of the camp. Please contact Linda if a payment plan needs to be organised.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT  We have been lucky enough to get funding for the term 1 and 2. The times will be the same as in previous years, after school on Tuesday and during school on Friday afternoon.

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.
2-3.00p.m. On Tuesday Sam is going to be doing circuit training with touch skills thrown in. Bianca will be doing tennis with children and continue the skills development program from last year. Please let us know if you have any change in transport ie Matts Bus home on Tuesday arvo.

**GARBAGE BINS** It seems we have ‘lost’ a couple of the yellow recycled garbage bins. The four bins were left out for collection last week and two were put away on Tuesday and two were left out because of the rain. It appears as though someone has helped themselves to the two remaining ones on Tuesday as they were not there on Wednesday morning when we returned to work. If you see them around please let the school know so that they can be relocated to their rightful owners. I hope that it is not the same person/people who have been helping themselves to our plants from the water pond in the fantasy garden or to the herbs that are for sale along the road to Lismore.

**IT LOOKS LIKE WE’RE DRUMMING** Peter is once again working with our cherubs on a Friday between the start of the day and recess. He will be with us for 5 weeks beginning on the 12th Feb and concluding on the 11th March. You are more than welcome to come along and show your support by watching and helping out.

**P & C MEETING** This is to notify everyone that the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Larnook P&C will be held on Wednesday 24th at school beginning at 9.30a.m. All positions will become vacant and the election of the 2016 office bearers will take place. Please attend, as the P&C are a vital part of the school and the Larnook learning community.

**BUNNINGS** We have been lucky getting the support of Bunnings in two projects this term. On Wednesday 17th February, they are coming to school and working on re-doing our sandpit. The only commitment that we need to make to the project is to supply the sand. They will again be coming back in the last week of term to add some more herb gardens to our pizza area. If you would like to help out with either activity, please let me know. The sand will be a bit of a challenge as I think they will only be able to get the sand as far as the end of the classroom. It will mean plenty of wheelbarrows.

**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. We will have a chat with the students about what they can do for some fundraising to help out with the cost.

**WEBSITE** At the end of last year I sent out a survey regarding our website and online publication. After having a look at them I will be making a few changes to the website with the addition of children’s recounts and work samples eg art.

Along with this I am looking for your opinion on the creation of a Larnook Facebook page. Many of our local schools are using facebook to their advantage as it is a great way to get our name out there in the wider community as well as a quick easy way to keep you up to date with events, newsletters, school reminders etc. Please let me know if you would find this useful or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of social media.

**WHAT YOU CAN FIND ON THE WEBSITE** The school website is a great place to find out more information about our school and staff, find past newsletters, check for events on our calendar, view photo’s from recent events and read recounts/recaps of events. So please make use of it. Thanks Sam.