Principal's Message
Firstly a huge thankyou to Mrs Mac, the SRC, students and community for the fantastic SRC Market Day on Wednesday. Well done to all!

I was so proud of our Year 6 students who attended the COLOURSS Camp on Thursday and Friday. They did themselves and their school proud by the positive manner in which they participated in a variety of activities and showed respect to others. They also made some great friends and had loads of fun!

On Wednesday this week we celebrate cultural diversity where "everybody belongs" with Harmony Day. Thank you to parents and community who have volunteered to run some of the activities. It promises to be a fantastic day!

We invite you to be part of the fun at our Cross Country on Thursday. Students have been training several times a week (weather permitting) for this event. We wish them all well. The Kyogle district Cross country is the first week back, so I'm sure many students will continue to do some training during the holidays.

Thank you to parents of students in years 3-6 who have already expressed an interest in their children attending the Lake Ainsworth Camp in September. We trust we receive more responses very soon!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back next term.

Regards Kath Johnston
Principal

Market Day
Market Day last Wednesday was a great success thanks to great help from the SRC, stallholders, children, parents and teachers. There were lots of happy faces and full bags (and tummies...) after the event. Thank you especially to those helpers who stayed to clean up, wash dishes, pick up rubbish etc. Thank you also to the kind people who donated the great food. I’ll let the following pictures show just how much fun it was!

P&C News
I would like to invite parents and community to come along to our P&C meeting on this Wednesday 1st April at 4.00.pm. This will be another AGM, as we were unable to fill the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer at our meeting in February.

We hope you are able to attend. Remember, ‘many hands make light work’.

Regards Kathy
For and behalf of 2014 P&C Committee
This year BVP are showcasing their music at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival! This is an event that will be held at the Workers Club in Lismore on the 27th of August. The festival incorporates performances by around 30 schools in the Lismore region. This is a very exciting opportunity to polish up Barkers Vale's awesome music skills!

So far, Music sessions for years 3-6 this term have been dedicated to familiarising students with Bekky G's hip hop style tune “shower”. At the festival, Barkers Vale Students will perform an instrumental version of this piece on marimbas, bucket drums, guitar, choir and possibly ipads.

I'm making harnesses for bucket drums so that drumming can be performed standing up and hopefully choreographed. Harnesses will be made from up-cycled school backpacks and school desk legs. If you have any old school bags that are no longer in use or are slightly damaged, please feel free to send them in to the school to be made into bucket drum harnesses. We'll need seven backpacks altogether. Old backpacks can be left in the music room.

At this stage, all students in years 3-6 are welcome to be part of this performance, it's not a compulsory activity, however students enthusiastic about taking part will need to be dedicated to sticking with their job so they can be extra familiar with their role. This is especially important for having a fun and groovy time on stage. Students may also need family support to get transport to and from the event, however that aspect of the performance has not yet been organised.

Stay tuned for more details! Thanks, Jamie.
Dear Parents & Carers, the canteen in going to be up & running from the beginning of Term 2. If you can spare a few hours on a Monday to help preparing/serving please let me know ASAP because a roster needs to be put together.

If you can make or bake something please let me know.

If you are interested in helping out with a make/bake bee in the canteen kitchen on a day during the holidays please let me know.

Contact Lisa on: lisa-timeisart@hotmail.com or text on 0414411435
Expressions of Interest for Lake Ainsworth Camp
8th—11th September 2015

Dear Parents,

This year we are offering students from Years 3 – 6 the opportunity to attend a camp at Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre at Lennox Head.

The camp offers a wonderful range of activities that, in previous years have given the participants a unique and enriching experience.

The range of activities that are on offer include sailing, kayaking, canoeing, water safety, rock wall climbing, bike riding, orienteering, snorkelling, archery, beach activities, outdoor cooking, ropes course, raft building, marine studies, initiatives and water games. As you can see the activities and equipment available is far beyond what we can offer at school.

Staying at the camp also has a strong social aspect. The students have the opportunity to mix with other children in a social setting – there are evening activities to foster this. They are encouraged to contribute to camp life and be responsible campers.

This year are booked to attend in Term 3 Week 9, 8th – 11th September. The cost will be $295 per child. We are happy to have people pay this amount off over the time before the camp. If you feel you will require some financial assistance please ring the school and talk to Ms Johnston.

We are asking you to fill in the attached form as we have to notify Lake Ainsworth of the number of students we will be bringing with us. We also ask for a $50 non refundable deposit. Please return both of these to school by WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL at the latest as I have to send our numbers notification.

If you have any queries please contact myself or Ms Johnston at school.

Kerry Behrend

Lake Ainsworth Camp, 8th – 11th September 2015

My child/ren _____________________________________________ will be attending the Lake Ainsworth Camp in Term 3 with the school.

I have enclosed $____________ non-refundable deposit.

Signed______________________________________________ date __________________

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 30th MARCH 2015