Principal’s Report

It has been another busy week at Zig Zag Public School. Last Thursday’s breakfast “Meet and Greet” gave me the opportunity to meet some of our parents and to have an informal chat.

To all those parents I haven’t met as yet, please pop in and say “hello”. It is nice to be able to connect children with parents.

This week was the first week for cooking for the Primary children. The delicious smells of potato recipes wafting through the school, was very enticing. The kitchen was a beehive of activity.

On Friday, we will be holding our Captain and Vice Captains induction Assembly, where our school leaders will be presented with their school badge.

Kindergarten Best Start testing is under way and will continue into next week.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Savath to Zig Zag School. Mrs Savath will be supporting a student with a language program and will be teaching my class (K/1), on the days I am absent at Principal meetings.

On a Sad Note

I would like to extend our sympathy to Vicki Wilson’s family. I have been told what a wonderful lady Vicki was for the school. Vicki volunteered and helped Zig Zag school for many years and her sudden passing was a shock to everyone. Our deepest sympathy to her family, she will be sadly missed.

UNSW Competitions

I have received information about the 2012 UNSW competition and assessments for students who would like to challenge themselves in the following areas: Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics. The assessment provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. If you are interested in your child sitting for this state wide test please contact the school.

Parent Information Newsletter

Teachers will be sending home information newsletters this year which will give an overview of classroom routine, homework expectations and information regarding general expectations for your child’s classroom. If you have any further questions or need to speak to your child’s teacher or myself, we will be happy to make an appointment with you.

Fruit Break

Each day we encourage the children to have a small piece of fruit mid-morning. This rejuvenates their concentration, thinking skills and boosts energy for academic work. All students are asked to bring a small piece of fresh fruit to munch on and a bottle of water each day.

Swimming Carnival

Our Lithgow District PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 17th February. Zig Zag PS will hold our own Carnival in the following week, Friday 24th February. More details and permission note to follow.

Vicki Gillmore
Relieving Principal

UNSW Competitions

If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter by email to home or work, please send an email to Ms Pieper at zigzag-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will add you to our mailing list.

The school newsletter will be uploaded to our school website each week.
Update your details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

CALENDAR

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P&C NEWS

We will be holding our first P & C meeting next Tuesday, 14th February at 2.00pm.

The P&C would like to extend an invitation to all parents. New parents to our school are most welcome, as well as existing parents who would now like to become involved.

At this meeting we will be discussing the canteen and preparing for next month’s AGM.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Zig Zag Junior Boys Hockey

Are you interested in playing hockey? Zig Zag Junior Boys Hockey Club is looking for hockey players. There are teams to suit boys and girls aged from 5 - 16 years. Muster day is Thursday, 1st March, 2012 from 4:00pm - 5:00pm at the Hockey Clubhouse. For further details please call Rebecca on 0431644235.

LITHGOW CITY BRASS BAND

Would you like to learn to read music and to play a brass instrument?

➢ To have low-cost TUITION?
➢ The use of an instrument.
➢ Free music
➢ Free uniform.
➢ Be eventually involved in playing in Lithgow City Brass and as a Junior Member.

And to have a great deal of fun in the process.

A beginner band will be established in early 2012 for Junior Players.

Limited places

Enquiries: Judy Kinnear - Ph 63552218 or Don White - Ph 0413034508

Email: tradon@bigpond.net.au

Futsal Competition

Interested in playing Futsal at Wallerawang Indoor Centre, Barton Ave, Wallerawang (next door to Wallerawang Public School)?

Junior Futsal Competition (Friday Night).

Under 6 to Under 15’s Girls and Boys.

Email expressions of interest to Carleen at cpc_chook@bigpond.com or call 0402205070, register a team or yourself by 15th Feb 2012.

Competition fees will apply and rego fees if applicable.

FREE JUNIOR SOCCER TRAINING CAMP

Are you 5 – 16 years old and interested in playing soccer for Lithgow City Rangers?

Then come along to Delta Park, Castlereagh Hwy, Lidsdale on Sunday, 4th March, 2012 from 10am until 1:00 pm.

To book your place at camp, or for further information call us on 0422 369 276 or send an email to http://lithgowcityrangerssoccerclub.hopout.com.au.

District Football Trials

There will be District Football Trials for age groups U10-U16 yrs at 4.30 pm on Friday, 17th and Friday, 24th February, 2012 at Marjorie Jackson Sporting Fields.

Enquiries: Mitch Tomazin 0466 356 302
Steve Jennings 63512912
1st Portland Scout Group

Being a Cub Scout is SO MUCH FUN!!!

You can join Cub Scouts for excitement, independence, and some SERIOUS FUN! There are SO MANY THINGS a Cub Scout can do.

Outdoors
Try exciting outdoor adventures like rock climbing, abseiling, camping, bushwalking, sailing, gliding and flying, canoeing, and billy-karting! Learn traditional Scouting skills like tying knots and using a map and compass!

Friends
Play games and make friends! Learn to ‘do your best’ at whatever you try and help others to ‘do their best’ too! Visit exciting places! Help with community events or environment projects!

Adventure
You will also learn heaps of useful things that will help you when you move up to the older Scouting Sections, as well as throughout your entire life.

Do your Best
All Cub Scouts are good at and enjoy different things, but everyone gets to have a go at all the activities and you can earn heaps of cool badges to sew on your Cub Scout uniform.

If you are 7.5 to 11 years old and are interested in joining Cubs please contact Anna on 6351 3275 or Susan on 6359 0140.

The 2012 Lithgow Flash Carnival will see the introduction of a sport Expo from 1pm with sporting clubs and associations invited to participate by having stalls with information and demonstrations about their club activities. Tennis NSW will be setting up a mini court and a speed serve zone for spectators to test their tennis skills and the Greater Western Sydney Giants AFL team will be hosting information and a fun skills program along with Little Athletics NSW holding and “come and try” program.

The Lithgow Flash Carnival will also include a Growers, Producers and Artisan Market from 8.30am with a diverse range of local and regional artisans. Producers and specialty retailers will be amongst the many stall holders at this years inaugural Lithgow Flash Carnival Market with products including fresh produce, healthy frozen drinks, great coffee, balsamic vinegars, wine flavoured fudge, pate mousse, jams, jellies, marmalades, condiments and preserved fruits. Stalls with handmade clothing, woodcraft, soap, candles, jewellery, natural body bath perfumes as well as second-hand books will be found along with a large display of unusual perennials, shrubs and trees.

The Lithgow Flash Carnival is supported by Destination NSW and will be held at the Tony Luchetti Showground, Lithgow, on Saturday, 25th February, 2012.

For more information on the Lithgow Flash Carnival, contact Lithgow Tourism on 1300 760 276 or tourism@lithgow.com.

Lithgow City Council - Motorists Reminder
As children and teachers head back to school, Lithgow City Council is reminding motorists to slow down and drive carefully near all schools. Drivers should always observe the school zone signs which require you to travel at lower speeds during certain hours which are 8am to 9.30am and 2.30 to 4pm. This will help you prepare for the unexpected around schools.

Some children, parents and caregivers may have forgotten about road safety after the long holiday break and this means that motorists and pedestrians have to be extra careful during the first few weeks of the new term especially. Drivers need to particularly careful and look out for children riding bikes, crossing roads and getting off buses or out of vehicles.

Always obey the instructions of the school crossing supervisor. Stop if they ask you to and wait until they return to the kerb and signal for you to proceed. Being cautious and slowing down will not make much difference to your travel time, but it could save a child’s life. Leave home a little earlier so you have extra time to find a parking space around the school. When you are driving your child to school, use the time to remind them of what they need to do to be safe.
Potatoes are on the menu!

This week students began their cooking program. Our potatoes grown in the ‘tyre gardens’ were dug up and used for Potato Soup and Potato Bake. A garden salad with French dressing was also made. All students have settled back into the kitchen routine well and enjoyed this menu.

The weather has stopped us getting out into the garden, however, we are hoping next week will allow us outside to start replanting.