Term 1 – Week 3
Thursday, 14th February, 2013

Principals Report

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Unfortunately, we will have to cancel our involvement in this activity this year.

The increase in transport cost to Portland pool has made this excursion too expensive for 50% of our families. To those families who returned the survey, thank you for your quick response.

I regret this decision as it was such a fun and rewarding day last year.

I will be bringing this matter forward at the WGEC Principals meeting this afternoon. Hopefully as a collective group, we can come up with a plan to reduce transport costs. We are now looking for an alternative swimming activity for our children.

Leaders Induction Ceremony
There will be a special assembly at 10am Tuesday 19th February to present the Leaders Badges to our school leaders.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Meet and Greet
The Teachers would like to invite Parents and Carers to afternoon tea on Thursday 21st February between 3 and 4pm.

This is an opportunity for Parents, Carers and Teachers to have an informal chat about your child/children’s class.

Teachers are happy to answer any questions you may have.

The Bully is Back!
The Bully is Back is part 3 in the bullying trilogy of productions for students.

Trishna Starrs has been writing and directing plays for young people for the last 20 years. The Bully is Back promotes resilience in children and offers practical strategies to cope with bullying at school and at home.

The actors involved in the production are drama graduates and have strong backgrounds in theatre and working with children.

During The Bully is Back the principles of resilience are introduced to the children through the dramatization of Alex’s return to the school. Poppy had been bullied by Alex in “Return of the Bully” but this time she attempts to make friends and discovers all about Alex’s home life and how that has contributed to the bullying. Poppy asks sensai for help and he teaches her all about resilience.

Sensei and Poppy decide to help Alex discover his resilience in terms of adversity so that he doesn’t have to be a bully.

The three sources of resilience: I Have, I am and I Can, are dramatized through the play’s story to encourage the children to foster trusting relationships, pride in oneself, the ability to problem solve and grow towards autonomous and independent behaviour.

The cost of the performance is $3.00 per child, money and permission notes need to be returned to school by Wednesday 27th February.

The performance will be here at Zig Zag School on Friday 1st March.

SAKG
The garden suffered slightly over the holidays as a result of the heat and the storms. Mrs Simpson has been working very hard to get it back on track and in tip top condition.

Years 4/5 students are working together in the kitchen on Mondays.

Year 3 and Year 6 students are working together in the kitchen on Tuesdays.

The week’s menu was Duck Egg and Spinach Quiche and Garden Salad. The salad ingredients could not get any fresher; picked from the garden and straight to the kitchen.

Welcome back to Mrs Phillips! We greatly appreciate her returning this year.

Lost Property
We currently have a HUGE amount of lost property. It is becoming quite an unmanageable pile. PLEASE come in and check through the lost property for any items that may belong to your family.

P & C News
The first P&C meeting for this year will be 2.15pm Tuesday 19th February. All new parents/carers are very welcome.

Vicki Gillmore
Relieving Principal
CALENDAR

Week 3
Fri 15/2/13 9.30 – 11.00 LHS transition information visit for 5/6 students

Week 4
Tues 19/2/13 10 am Leaders Induction Ceremony
2.15pm P&C Meeting

Thurs 21/2/13 3-4pm Meet and Greet

Week 5
Fri 1/3/13 Return of the Bully

Community News

Is your sporting club looking for funding to improve its facilities?
Does your club want to increase opportunities for people to play sport?
Do your sporting club volunteers need training/accreditation?

Funding available NOW through Sport and Recreation’s Participation and Facility Grant program
Go to www.dsr.nsw.gov.au for more details.
Applications close 26 February.

Are you interested in playing hockey?

Zig Zag Junior Boys and Girls Hockey is holding a muster day at Club Lithgow on Tuesday 19 February from 5:30 – 6:30pm.

Come and join us for a free sausage sizzle.

There are teams to suit boys and girls aged from 5 - 15 years. New players welcome.

Please call Chris on 0418395927 (Girls) or Rebecca on 0431644235 (Boys) for further information.