Principals Report

Leaders Assembly

On Tuesday we held a special assembly to award our School Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Monitor their badges. Very proud Parents and Teachers pinned the badges on the leaders. Our leaders this year are already doing a marvellous job at setting a good example for the rest of the school. Well done Leyton, Sophie, Jamaica, Am and Rorey.

Meet and Greet

The Teachers would like to invite Parents and Carers to afternoon tea today, 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.

Merit Awards

Each week at our Friday assembly, children will be awarded Merit Awards for various reasons such as their work habits, social skills, friendship, academic achievement and effort. Merit Awards will be collected at Zig Zag Public School from 2013 onwards and as children accumulate merit awards specific milestones will be acknowledged. Special awards will be awarded when children collect 15, 25 and 50 merit awards. Fifty Merit Awards collected will be celebrated with a special morning tea and the presentation of the 50 Award certificate.

I encourage children to store their Merit Awards in a sleeved folder for easy storage and collection.

Have your details changed?

Have you moved house, changed your phone number, did you get a new mobile phone for Christmas with a new number, have your child's emergency pickup details changed….oh the things we have to remember! Shortly a set of forms will be sent home for annual update of student records. Please complete and return these forms to the office as soon as possible. A reminder that should your details change through the year it is the parent/carer’s responsibility to notify the school of these changes in order to help us to reach you if we need to contact you or if your child is unwell. Any changes to medication, allergies etc. are ESSENTIAL to advise so that we can jointly take care of our Zig Zag students.

i-extend Program

Congratulations to Jamaica, Am and Olivia who were successful in gaining a place in the i-extend program for 2013. i-extend is an online enrichment program designed to cater for the needs of gifted and talented students in the middle years of schooling. Students are selected through school nomination and on-line selection process. i-extend is an initiative of the Western NSW Region.

Notification of Absence notes

Attached to the newsletter is a small bundle of pre-printed notes to send in when your child returns to
school after an absence. Please keep these notes handy and let the office know if you need more.

**Voluntary School Contributions**
Voluntary school contributions go directly to supporting your child’s education. These funds help with the cost of providing resources such as classroom text books and equipment provided to the children.

Fees this year have been set at $30.00 for 1 child and $50.00 for a family.

Please fill in the attached envelope and return to the school office.

Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

**P & C News**
Thank you to those parents who attended the P&C Meeting on Tuesday.

During the meeting it was decided to send home a survey asking for canteen volunteers and for suggestions for the menu (if the canteen operates). These surveys will be sent out shortly.

A form will also be sent out to establish how many people would be interested in placing an order for the winter grey check skirt. We will be asking for an indication of how many you would be ordering and what sizes. No price details are known at this stage.

The **Annual General Meeting** has been set down for the next meeting on Tuesday 19th March.

P&C Meetings will be scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

**Vicki Gillmore**
**Relieving Principal**

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**Community News**

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**Fun, Food and Faith! Franky Friday.**
Lithgow Catholic Youth Group
Friday 22nd February, 6pm-8pm
St Pat’s Primary School PAC (entry off Bent St)
‘Years 5 – 8, you’re invited’
$5 single entry
Leaders from Years 9 – 12 are welcome.
Contact Marie: 6355 0261 or
St Pat’s Presbytery: 6351 3092

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**LITHGOW THISTLE SFC**
**2013 MUSTER DAY**

Saturday, 23rd February, 11pm-2pm
Marjorie Jackson Oval Clubroom

Players required in all age groups from Under 6 through to Senior Ladies & Men for the Lithgow Competition.
All new & past players will be made most welcome.

For more information, please phone

Lorraine Keay
0419 621 426

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**Workies Redbacks Football Club**

Muster Days
New Players
Friday 22nd February 2013 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 1st March 2013 3.30pm – 5.30 pm
Marjorie Jackson Sporting Complex
Enquiries: Lia Jennings 0407897890
Fiona Slater 0429070471

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Ironfest 2013 – “Time Travel”

The annual Lithgow District Ironfest will be held in Lithgow over the weekend of 20th – 21st April, 2013.

Aiming to educate through entertainment, Ironfest features two major historical events: the annual St George’s Day Jousting Tournament and the annual colonial battle re-enactment event entitled “the Battle of Lithgow”. Both events involve participants from all around the world; and both depict accurately two extremely interesting periods in history. The re-enactments are very dramatic, featuring artillery, cavalry and infantry, and there is a fully authentic military encampment, hospital and blacksmith’s workshop.

But there is much more. Ironfest showcases art, particularly metal art, through exhibitions, blacksmithing demonstrations and workshops, live music, automotive displays, street theatre, a World War II era two–up game (no gambling), and lots more. Ironfest is brilliant for students studying history and art.

For more information you can visit the Ironfest website at www.ironfest.net.au also on facebook – Ironfest in Lithgow; and The Kingdom of Ironfest.

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Evans Crown Combined Schools Horse Sports Day

Monday 11th March 2013

All enquiries please phone Trish – 6337 5725

For riders: 7 yrs – 18 yrs

Venue: Lithgow Pony club

Entries close Friday 1st March 2013