Term 1 – Week 6
Thursday, 7th March, 2013

Principals Report

It will be a busy and exciting time for Teachers over the next coming years. Lots of changes are occurring designed to enhance teaching and learning for your children.

Teachers at Zig Zag Public School will be participating in several training courses over the next few months.

Last week I attended the first School Education Group meeting for 2013 where we were updated on the next stages of the Australian Curriculum implementation.

Mrs Savath is undertaking a course to assist children with speech and language difficulties.

Mrs Wallace will be leading the school through the requirements under “Every School Every Student” policy. Many of our children will require Individual Learning Plans and all parents/carers will be invited to become involved in the process of developing these plans.

All staff will be training in the first module of the Australian Curriculum this coming Friday.

The Bully is Back

This performance was enjoyed by all students and as well as being entertaining, the children received a strong message about how to deal with bullies in a positive manner.

My favourite part was when Alex squirted the water gun at us. Shyaleigh Forgham

I liked it when Sensei danced. He was a crazy dancer. It was AWESOME! Clare O’Neil

We will be holding our clean up Australia Day activities tomorrow Friday 8th March, last Friday was just too wet!

If you do not want your child to participate in this activity please send in a note to your child’s teacher tomorrow.

Don’t forget to bring in a plastic bag, some rubber gloves, your hat and sensible shoes.

Voluntary School Contributions

Thank you to those families who have paid their voluntary School contributions.

You can send your payments in to the office in the envelope previously provided or simply write a note and send it in another envelope. 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. Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Expressions of Interest Form for placement in Year 7 in 2014 in a NSW Government School

Year 6 students will be receiving these forms today. Please complete the form including nominating which school your child will be attending. Forms are to be returned to the office by Friday 15th March.

Please complete and return the form even if your child is not intending to go to a Government High School.
Notes to be returned
Please complete and return the coloured notes that have been sent home. The information from these notes is essential for us to ensure that our school records are up to date. Extra copies of these notes can be obtained from the office.

Schoolkids Bonus
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.
The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the Education Tax Refund you can choose how to use the payment to best support your child’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees or excursions.
Check your eligibility by visiting www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Volunteer for Monday Cooking Needed
Due to our larger number of groups on Mondays in cooking we are still looking for a volunteer to help in the kitchen. You will only be needed from 11.30am to 1.00pm. If you are able to help please contact the office to let us know or just come in on Monday.

P & C News
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 2.15pm in the kitchen.
P&C Meetings will be scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

School Hats
We have received our new order of school hats. They are available to purchase from the office at $8.00 each. Small – 55cm Medium – 57cm

Vicki Gillmore

Relieving Principal

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Community News

**Fun, fitness & friends**
Classes begin Tuesday 12 Feb, 2013 at Coorwull Public School
Just $6.00 a class!
Girls from 3 yrs to Ladies welcome
Inquiries to Melinda Mills 0417288143
www.lithgowphysi.com.au

**LITHGOW DISTRICT FOOTBALL**
**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS MUSTER DAY**
FRIDAY 8th March 2013 3.30-5.30pm
SATURDAY 9th March 2013 3.30 -5.30pm
Marjorie Jackson Sporting Fields Lithgow
10 years and up Boys and Girls
Enquiries: Steve Jennings 63512912
Mitch Tomazin 0466356302