Principals Report

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER
We have decided to trial a fortnightly newsletter. If you have any items that you would like submitted as part of the Community News please email them to the school email address as listed above.

FLASH FLOOD AT ZIG ZAG
We are currently in clean up mode after the torrential rain last Friday. Lithgow City Council and the Department of Education and Communities have been very quick in responding to our requests. Unfortunately our beautiful vegetable garden suffered from the deluge. Hopefully over the next few weeks during gardening classes we will be able to restore them back to the way they were.

A BUSY TIME AHEAD
It is unbelievable that the end of Term 1 is already looming. We have a busy time planned for the next four weeks.

Week 8 (next week)
Wednesday 19 March:
Ride to School Day
Please note this is not Bike Safety Day. Parents are required to supervise their children riding to and from school – this is NOT a compulsory activity.

Friday 21 March:
Lithgow Show excursion
It is great to be able to support local community events. Students will see all the fun activities of traditional agricultural life and experience what it was like to live in early Australia.

Seniors Week Celebration
An invitation is extended to our Grandparents and Senior Friends to join in with School activities from 1.30pm. Afternoon tea will be provided. We would love to see lots of Grandparents and Senior friends come along.

Week 10
Monday 31 March
Young Leaders Day
Mrs Ellery and Mrs Simpson will be escorting the School Captains and Vice Captains to the Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly the Sydney Entertainment Centre). The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. Speakers on the day include Ita Buttrose, The Hon. Bob Carr and author Andy Griffiths.

Friday 4 April
Jo Solo Show
A play about loneliness at School, Cost is $5.50 per student.
This is a Trisha Starrs production exploring the theme of loneliness at primary school and offers children strategies to cope with what is a very emotional and painful experience.

Week 11
Thursday 10 April
Whole School Excursion to Taronga Zoo
This excursion has been organised based on last year’s “Wild Rhino” unit and our developed relationship with Taronga Zoo staff through our school wiki and culminating in the decoration of Ziggle Zaggle.
Whilst Taronga Zoo does not have rhinos at the Sydney Zoo the students will be reinforcing the study encompassed in our unit of work relation to “Endangered Species” not to mention having a wonderful experience travelling to Sydney by train and catching a ferry to the Zoo.
The cost of this excursion is $33.00 per student.
Notes will be going home tomorrow.

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION
Final planning is underway for this year’s major Senior School excursion. It is recommended that parents take the opportunity to pay for this excursion in instalments.

PEER SUPPORT GROUPS HAVE BEGUN FOR 2014
This year the Year 6 students with the assistance of Year 5 will be teaching their peers about “bullying”. Through scripted discussion and planned activities the entire school will be working through a sequence of lessons to broaden their understanding and discuss what to do about bullying.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
This week Kindergarten has been learning the sound “p” for pink, purple, pasta and popcorn.

STUDYLADDER
Studyladder is a K-6 web based educational program designed by teachers. The program is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Literacy and 8 other subjects. More information regarding Studyladder will be sent home shortly.

It is not compulsory for your child to use Studyladder at home, however regular access will help your child to reinforce what they have learnt in school. It will also help to build their confidence through practice.

To access Studyladder from home simply go to www.studyladder.com.au and login using your child’s school username and password.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Voluntary School contributions go directly to supporting your child’s education. The school has purchased new handwriting and spelling textbooks and payment of school contributions will assist greatly with payment for these. Contributions in 2014 are $30 per child and $50 per family.

FAMILY INFORMATION, MEDICAL AND PERMISSION NOTES
Your child should have brought home a set of very brightly coloured notes in the last couple of weeks. These notes cover permissions required for students to access the internet, publish their work, local walking excursions, general information and the SMS alert system. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THESE NOTES ASAP. If you require another set of notes they can be obtained from the office.

YEAR 6 RUGBY JERSEY
If your child is in year 6 and wants to purchase a jersey the $20 deposit is required by Thursday 20 March. This deadline has been extended and cannot be extended again as we need to place the order to ensure the students get their jerseys as early as possible and can wear them through the winter.

Vicki Gillmore
Principal

CALENDAR

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Wed 19/3/14      Ride to School Day
Fri 21/3/14      Lithgow Show Activity
Mon 31/3/14      Captains Young Leaders Exc
Fri 4/4/14       Jo Solo Show
Thurs 10/4/14    Taronga Zoo Excursion

COMMUNITY NEWS

LITHGOW THISTLE SOCCER CLUB
Lithgow Thistle Soccer Club still require players in all age groups from Under 6 (Players must turn 5 this year) through to Senior Ladies and Men's Teams for the Lithgow competition.

All previous players who did not attend Muster Day and are intending to play again this season, as well as any new players, please contact Lorraine ASAP on 0419 621 426.

Trivia Night – Mathew Sharp Scholarship Fund

Where: Club Lithgow
When: Saturday April 5, 7.00pm
Tickets: $20 each (10 per table) finger food included

Tickets can be purchased from:
A Reader Heaven, 35 Main St Lithgow
Westfund, 120 Main St Lithgow
Or call Renae on 0417 265 958

All proceeds from the night go directly to the Mathew Sharp Scholarship fund. The fund provides yearly scholarships to primary school students in the Lithgow region.