Principals Report

Lithgow Show
Thank you P&C – it was wonderful being able to take the entire school to the Australian Heritage display at the show. The children watched rope being made, lighting a fire without a match and sheep being shorn using old fashioned motorised shears.

Senior Citizen’s Afternoon Tea
We had a great turn up last Friday afternoon. Thank you to all our Grandparents and Senior friends who visited classrooms and were impressed by our Peer Support Program. I had many comments about how impressed our visitors were at the level of competence and leadership our older students displayed while leading their group of children.

Whilst we need the rain….it REALLY rained and our plans for an impressive display of kite flying, singing and afternoon tea had to quickly change. Nevertheless we all enjoyed a lovely afternoon.

Excursion to Taronga Zoo
Final day for notes and money is due TOMORROW FRIDAY 28 MARCH. This is a whole school excursion and we need to finalise numbers. Please let the school know if your child WONT be going on the excursion.

Jo Solo Show
Friday 4 April  
Cost $5.00 per child
This school incursion supports our Peer Support Program on the topic of dealing with bullying and loneliness.
“Jo Solo” is a play that offers strategies of how students can care for their peers and help make the school a safe and happy place for everybody. After the play there is a Q&A session with the children to discuss all the issues raised in an informal and friendly way.

Early Action for Success
Zig Zag School in conjunction with Cullen Bullen and Portland schools have been invited to participate in the Early Action for Success Program. The State Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan provides $261 million to lift the literacy and numeracy outcomes K-2 in NSW. Early Action for Success is the Department’s strategy to implement the plan. The Early Action for Success strategy aims to improve students’ performance through a targeted approach in the early years. The schools are selected from those in the lowest quartile of NAPLAN performance in literacy and numeracy, according to an index of need.

The strategy involves:
- Early identification of the level of attainment in literacy and numeracy of each individual child (K-2) and tailoring a specific program of learning to that child’s needs
- Change in teaching practice from a focus on the whole class to a focus on the needs of the individual student
- Ongoing, close monitoring of individual student progress against the Literacy and Numeracy continuums
- Evidence based use of tiered interventions in literacy or numeracy according to need.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
This week Kindergarten has been learning the sound “c” for eating corn cobs in our caps.

Easter Hat Parade
Our Easter Hat parade will be held Friday 11 April commencing at 12.30pm. All members of our school community are welcome to come along and watch the parade and join the children for hot cross buns and milo. So, girls and boys, get busy decorating your Easter hats.
Order forms for hot cross buns and milo will go out next week.

Easter Raffle
The P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle to be drawn on the last day of term at the Easter Hat Parade. Please send in a donation of Easter items to be placed in the raffle. Donations can be left at the office or with your child’s teacher.
**My school Without Bullying**
The children recently participated in this poster competition during their Peer Support Lesson. Some lovely work was forwarded to Interrelate; Chase Anderson, Coby Massarella, Phoebe-Lee Reeves, Coen Andersson, Tianah Taouk, William Grantham, Shayleigh Forgham, Brayden Vucetic, Mitchell Merlino, Zenka Haas, Olivia Morgan and Aiden Anthes all submitted entries.

**Spelling Bee**
One of the main areas we will be focussing this year at Zig Zag is improving the spelling skills of our students. As part of this focus we will be having a Spelling Bee each term. The reward for achievement in the Spelling Bee is acknowledgement on our Spelling Bee Tree. If you would like to have a look at the Spelling Bee Tree it is in the corridor opposite Mrs Gilmore’s office.

**Music Stars Program**
**Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at School**
We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional guitar and keyboard tuition to students starting in Term 2, 2014. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia’s leading provider of school music tuition. Music Stars provides:
- Group guitar and keyboard tuition
- Caters for all grades & music levels
- Weekly 30 minute sessions
- Convenient! Lessons at school!
- Very Affordable! $110 per term
- 70% less then out-of-school lessons + early bird & family discounts available
- End of year reports and certificates
- Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons

Registrations Close Soon!
Please register online via www.musicstars.com.au
Fortnightly and monthly payment options are available. If minimum numbers are not met the program will not be able to run.

More Information
If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

**Phone:** 1300 889 179
**Email:** info@musicstars.com.au
**Web:** www.musicstars.com.au

**P&C News**
Thank you to all who attended the P&C Annual General Meeting recently and congratulations to our committee for 2014.
- President – Chloe Rappard
- Vice President – Amy Ribaux
- Secretary – Tracy Taylor
- Treasurer – Mia Dziendziel
- Uniform Co-ordinator – Liz Morgan
- School banking – will be Tuesdays

**School Term Dates**
- **Term 1** – Friday 11 April - last day of term
- **Term 2** – Monday 28 April - Staff Development Day
  - Tuesday 29 April - First day of term for students

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**Vicki Gilmore Principal**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Volunteer Gardeners Urgently Needed**
Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre Home and Community Care

LINC Home and Community Services are currently seeking volunteers to offer their time for a couple of hours once a week/fortnight to help our elderly citizens with their gardens.

If you have a couple of hours of free time you can spare we would love to hear from you.

Please call LINC 02 6352 2077 to arrange and appointment.

**Lithgow Child Safe Workshop**
LINC are holding a workshop on Thursday 3 April at 1 Padley St Lithgow commencing at 10am.

Like to know more? Register for the information sessions by visiting www.kids.nsw.gov.au

**Junior Netball**
ANZ NetSetGo is an introductory program for netball for children from 5 – 10 years of age. It is a weekly program co-ordinated by accredited coaches. Session times are 8.45 – 9.30am commencing Saturday 3 May and the program will run for 12 weeks at the Netball courts at Wallerawang Stadium.

Registrations: Saturday 29 March and Saturday 5 April between 10am – 1pm at the Wallerawang Stadium.

Cost $55 (which includes a junior netball pack)

For further info contact Kerrie Brown 0411 607 287

**Lithgow City Rangers**
Lithgow City Rangers are still looking for players in the age groups of 9 & 10 that would like to play soccer this year commencing in April.

Please contact Nigal Lloyd on 02 6351 2697 or 0409 676 019 for further information.