Term 2 – Week 1

Thursday 1st May 2014

Principals Report

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and fun filled Term 2. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. Term 2 is a 9 week term and there are many activities planned, beginning with Cross Country tomorrow.

Combined Schools Cross Country
Our combined schools cross country event will be held tomorrow starting at 12.30pm. Students in Years 3-6 will be running around Oakey Park Oval and then up Water Works Gully. Infants children will be running around Oakey Park Oval.

**Children will need to bring a picnic lunch to school as there is no canteen tomorrow.**

**ANZAC Day March**
We had 14 students represent our school in the Lithgow March on ANZAC Day. I had many comments on how proud the students looked marching for our school.

Easter Hat Parade
We had another wonderful Easter Hat Parade at Zig Zag Public School. The rain didn't stop our regular Easter Egg Hunt.

Taronga Zoo Excursion
All staff who accompanied the students on this excursion were so proud of all the children. They were an absolute pleasure to take on the excursion. The day was filled with lots of firsts for many children. The biggest thrill I got was at Circular Quay hearing the gasps of excitement at seeing the busy Sydney Harbour.

Although the rain began as soon as we arrived at the zoo, that didn't stop the excitement at seeing the animals (or trying to see them, as they sheltered from the rain).

National Family Reading Month
Children will have received their Reading Log Sheet during library this week. This is a great incentive to get reading and maybe even win some prizes. Children record the time spent reading each day through May and on June 1 tally up the total and go online to enter the competition.

If there are any children who do not have access to the internet at home they can return the sheet to Mrs Wallace and she will enter the tally for them.

Bush Dance
**Bush Dance – May 15.** Parents and Carers are welcome to come and have lunch with your children. Lunch is at 12.30 and the dancing will begin at 1.30pm.

More details will be sent home. Children are allowed to wear their bush dancing clothes to school.

NAPLAN
**NAPLAN – May 13, 14 & 15 for Year 3 and Year 5 students.**
Exciting new program at Zig Zag
Zig Zag Public School is very fortunate to receive additional funding, staffing and support under the Early Action for Success program. The goal of the program is to make a difference for each and every student by improving learning outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy. Ms Leanne Dransfield has been appointed as the Instructional Leader supporting three schools; Zig Zag, Portland and Cullen Bullen.

School Photos
School Photo day is Friday 23 May which is Week 4 of Term 2. School Photo order envelopes are being sent home today. Each child MUST have their own envelope. Sibling envelopes are available from the office.

Late arrivals to school
If you are dropping your child off late to school it is a department requirement that they are signed in by an adult. Please sign your child in at the office if they are arriving late to school.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge
The school has registered all students K-6 in the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge. The challenge aim is to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. The NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge encourages all students to increase their physical activity levels. The challenge is officially conducted in schools over terms 2 and 3. Each child has a log book to register every 20 minutes of physical activity, the results will then be recorded at school. Some get active tips suggested are: go for a walk with your family or the dog; join a local sport club and try something new; find a friend and take it in turn to do activities you enjoy; help with the gardening on the weekend.

Stewart House Handballs
These popular High Bounce Handballs are lightweight and perfect for fun in the playground or at home while supporting Stewart House at the same time. Balls are $3 each and are available from Mrs Gillmore.

P&C News
The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 20 May at 1.30pm

No Canteen Friday 2 May
There will be no canteen this Friday. A new menu will be sent home shortly. Lots of yummy new choices and some old favourites. Canteen will start on Friday 9 May.

School Banking
School Banking is looking to recommence on Tuesdays beginning next Tuesday 6 May.

Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will again be running a Mother’s Day Stall and would really appreciate help with this event. Shopping for the stall will take place on Tuesday 6 May at 11am meeting in Front of Michele’s in the Valley Plaza. The P&C will then be returning to school to wrap gifts. The Stall will be held on Thursday 8 May. If you are able to help with this event please meet either at Michele’s on Tuesday 6 May or at school on Thursday 8 May.

Sticky Beak Reusable Lunch Order Bags
These are available to purchase from the canteen in blue, green, pink or purple the cost is $11.

Easter Raffle results
Thank you for supporting our Easter Raffle this year. Winners are;
1st I Udovic
2nd Angel Adams
3rd J Massarella
Winner of the Easter guessing competition was Killara Kenworthy.

Vicki Gillmore
Principal

CALENDAR

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Lithgow Thistle Soccer Club
Players urgently required in age groups U/6, U/7, U/8, U/10, U/12 and Senior Ladies and Men for the Lithgow Competition. Competition starts Saturday 3 May. Contact Lorraine Keay on 0419 621 426 or Email thisltesfc@gmail.com