Principals Report

Welcome back! Term 3 promises to be a busy and exciting term.

**URGENT - 2015 Kindergarten Enrolments**
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Any parents who know they are enrolling their Kindergarten students next year please collect an enrolment form from the office. If you would like to enquire about age eligibility or know more about our school please call and I am more than happy to speak to you. Please let your friends and relatives in the community know we are now taking enrolments for next year. Please complete and return enrolment forms urgently as we are required by the DEC to indicate anticipated enrolments for 2015.

**Emergency/Snow Day Procedures**
It is important that the school has up to date emergency details, this includes correct contact numbers as well as an indication of what your child is to do should there be an emergency situation. Last week all families received a text message indicating specific details for your child. If your details or circumstances have changed, please contact the school office urgently. There are still families who have not provided this information.

**Education Week**
It is Education Week next week; it seems to come around faster each year! As always there will be a number of events taking place.

**Tuesday 29 July** is the WGEC Education Week Opening Ceremony at Lithgow High School from 9.30. Students have received a note regarding this event. Please return the permission slip with your child before Tuesday. Parents are invited to attend the opening. All children at Zig Zag Public School will be singing our favourite song: “Keep On”

Thursday **31 July** is our School Open Day. We would like to extend an open invitation to parents and the community to engage in the learning experiences at this great school.

**Classroom visits will commence at 12.00 noon.**
Join in with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Cooking and Gardening lessons.
Marvel at our students technology skills as we showcase their technology productions.
Participate in the Infants Literacy – “L3 work stations”
Finally … be entertained by the skills and talents of our students.
Bring a picnic lunch to have in our beautiful playground and celebrate Education Week.
Why not come and join us for a busy and productive school day at Zig Zag Public School.

**Book Week**
This year’s theme is “Connect to Reading”. Students can choose a favourite book that they “connect to” and design or make something that represents that book; some ideas are a diorama, a painting or even a book review. These are just a few suggestions and it will be exciting to see what our students come up with! Students are to bring their entries to school by the beginning of Week 6, Monday 18 August.

The competition will be judged during Book Week and all entries will be on display in the Library, prizes will be awarded at our Book Week Parade.
Students don’t forget about the Book Week Parade. So start to think about what book character you are going to come dressed as.

**Thank you Mr Mitchell**
We would like to say a **BIG** thank you to Mr Mitchell for relieving whilst Mrs Corney has been away. The 3-4 class have enjoyed their time with Mr Mitchell as their teacher.

**Farewell to Zig Zag Families**
It has been a sad couple of weeks for our wonderful school as we have had to farewell some of our students. We wish them the very best for their continued education in their new schools and look forward to hearing
how they are settling in to their new locations. We will miss: Robert, Lisa and William Cohen and Donald, Bradley and William McDuff.

**AFL Workshop**

Today Zig Zag students participated in AFL workshops. Students had the opportunity to learn some new skills and perhaps spark a future sporting champion.

**Tree Audit**

We are still waiting for tree contractors to come and prune or remove some of our trees after the tree audit was undertaken by the DEC. As a consequence barriers have been put up around any trees that may be of concern in the school grounds.

**Assembly Star Award**

Congratulations to the following children who are the first to receive Assembly star awards:

Phoebe-Lee Reeves, Logan Ellery, Chloe Dray and Mitchell Merlino

**Kindergarten News**

Kindergarten have been very busy learning all about banana smoothies.

**DEC 2015 Calendar for Cultural Diversity**

Each year the DEC produces a Calendar for Cultural Diversity for use in schools. The Calendar aims to foster intercultural understanding and community harmony. It is full of beautiful artwork produced by students from NSW Public Schools. The theme for the 2015 Calendar is “Beyond Borders” and three of our students have submitted artwork for the calendar, well done Blake Brown-Butterworth, Killara Kenworthy and Zenka Haas.

**Health Issues**

**Head Lice**

A reminder to check your child’s hair regularly as we have had some reported cases of head lice.

**Peanut Allergy**

We have a new child at school with a peanut allergy. We would appreciate it if ALL students could limit the amount of peanut products that they bring to school in their lunch boxes.

**School Uniform**

Parts of the school uniform order have been delivered to the school and will be distributed to families in the next couple of days. We are still waiting for the Polo Shirts and Jumpers to be delivered. Mrs Morgan would like to thank you for your patience. This has been a drawn out process that hopefully has set up a relationship with the company that will see future orders completed in a much quicker time frame. If you have any enquiries about your uniform order please contact Liz Morgan on 0478 645 258.

**School Uniform Reminder:**

A reminder that “skate hats” are not part of our school uniform. School caps have been included in the uniform to provide for a suitable school hat.

**Vicki Gillmore**

**Principal**

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On behalf of NBMMML we would like to thank all for who participated in the local Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Sharing and Learning Circle held at the LINC community room in Lithgow on 3/6/14! It was a great day with wonderful input from all! The group proposed the following meeting times (to be held at LINC, 1 Padley Street Lithgow) to continue discussions on issues raised.

- Tues 5 August 10.00 – 12.00
- Tues 2 September 10.00 – 12.00
- Tues 7 October 10.00 – 12.00
- Tues 4 November 10.00 – 12.00
- Tues 2 December 10.00 – 12.00

We also would like to extend an invitation to the local Aboriginal community and relevant service providers to attend these meetings, particularly those that were unable to come to first meeting.