Principals Report

Exciting times at Zig Zag

It was census day yesterday and I am very pleased to inform our school community that we have maintained our 4 classes, with an enrolment of 80. This is great news!

Our class structure will remain as:

- Kindergarten and Year 1 with Mrs Gillmore
- Year 2 and Year 3 with Mrs Savath
- Year 4 and Year 5 with Mrs Corney
- Year 5 and Year 6 with Mrs Ellery

All classes have small numbers enabling the teachers to provide personalized learning for our pupils.

In addition we have introduced a Literacy Class which is being taught by Mrs Wallace and Mrs Doran. This class will provide the students in Primary grades with support for reading and writing, tailored to their needs.

With 3 literacy classes operating we are endeavouring to provide small group instruction allowing for both support and extension for all students.

Other exciting programs for 2015 are;

* Spelling groups will be operating on a fortnightly rotation to improve students spelling ability
* Language, Literacy and Learning strategies will continue to be operating in Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3
* TEN (Maths program) Strategies will be implemented across Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 classes.
* SAKG Program has been extended to include lessons for Mrs Savath’s class (the children were so excited about having their first kitchen lesson, where they cooked scrambled eggs).

Congratulations to our School Leaders

Today we held our Captains Induction Assembly where our School Leaders received their badges. We had some very proud parents pinning the badges on their children and Mr Harvey was in attendance for this special assembly.

Congratulations Mrs Ellery

Mrs Ellery received her 30 Year Teaching Certificate recently!

We are very fortunate at Zig Zag PS to have an amazing teaching staff with such a wealth of experience.

Have you seen our Facebook?

We now have an official Zig Zag Public School Facebook Page. We will endeavor to update daily to share and celebrate daily life at our school.

Facebook gives us another way to connect with our school community and to share the activities the children are involved in and also to remind you about any upcoming events.

Please ensure that you have returned the Social Media Permission slip so that we can include your child/ren in our updates.

Visit our page at www.facebook.com/zigzagps
**Studyladder**

Most of our children will be familiar with Studyladder, we have been using the program for a couple of years. Study Ladder is a brilliant resource that is fun, interactive and has well developed activities that cover all of the key learning areas in our curriculum. Ask your child to show you how much fun you can have on Study Ladder.

**Scripture**

Scripture for 2015 will commence next week.

**Canteen**

Canteen will commence for 2015 on Friday 20 February, the delay is due to supply issues. There may also be some changes to the menu for the same reason. An updated menu will be sent home as soon as it is finalised.

**Thank you P&C**

The P&C have assisted families by subsidising the cost of bus transport to Portland Swimming Pool today. Our P&C work hard and support our school in a variety of activities throughout the year – Thank you!

**P&C Meeting**

Calling all prospective P&C members…..

Are you new to Zig Zag PS? Have you been involved with Zig Zag PS for a number of years? Do you have great fundraising ideas? Do you dream of helping in the canteen? Does the smell of a sausage sizzle excite you?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then our P&C might be just the place for you!

The first P&C meeting for 2015 is on Tuesday 17 February @ 1.30 in the Canteen/Kitchen. Please Come along and support our P&C. All are welcome.

**Calendar Dates in Advance**

School Photos will be taken **FRIDAY 20 MARCH** this year. Details of the packages available will be sent home closer to the date.

**Don’t forget**

1. **Family Information Updates** – this is very important information, especially for the school to check on any family changes and to enable the school to care for students and communicate with parents in an emergency situation.

2. **Year 6 Jersey orders** – in the past sizes have been on the small side, it is advisable to order a larger size. One of last year’s jerseys is in the office if you would like to compare the sizing.