Principals Report

Another Small Schools Cross Country Carnival

Last Friday Capertee, Cullen Bullen and Hampton Public Schools joined Zig Zag for our annual Cross Country event. Thank you to all our parents and carers who were able to assist us on the day. It was wonderful to see so many people join the children on such a lovely autumn's day.

The sausage sandwiches were cooked to perfection, thanks to our P&C ladies and their husbands. Due to the developments in Water Works Gully the services of the SES were greatly appreciated. Thank you to Lithgow Valley Springs who always donate water to our thirsty runners. Thank you to Mrs Corney for all her organization. Days like this always remind me how lucky we are to be at Zig Zag School. It was a great day – Well Done everyone!

2015 Voluntary School Contributions and Text Book Fee

Voluntary school contributions go directly to supporting your child’s education. These funds help with the cost of providing resources such as classroom text books and equipment provided to the children.

This year we are trialing a new system where we invoicing families over two semesters to help budget the school fee contribution. This year we are also asking for a contribution to the Spelling Mastery Text Book for students in Year 2 to Year 6 (the school is still covering the cost of the Handwriting Text Book). The Spelling Mastery Text Book is priced at $27 per student. The P&C and school will be subsidizing this cost and have been able to reduce the cost of the textbook to $15 per child. After trialing this program last year and measuring the improvement in student spelling ability we are hoping families will support us by contributing to the cost of the text book.

Copy write laws prevent us from copying complete text books which is why we have to purchase the books.

I am hoping that the new invoicing system will ease the burden for families by splitting the contribution over 2 semesters. Invoices will be for the Voluntary Contribution of either $50 per family or $30 for an individual student and $15 per student for the Spelling Mastery Textbook.

Families will be able to pay these fees off if required or the contributions can be paid in full. If you need to discuss the matter please contact the school.

Parents and Carers Meet and Greet

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the meet and greet. The meeting gave teachers the chance to share information regarding programs that will be operating this year at Zig Zag Public School. An overview of these programs is attached to the newsletter for those who were not able to attend.

At the meeting we were also able to begin our Annual Review of Student Individual Learning Plans. If you were unable to attend please phone the school and make a mutually convenient time to speak to your child’s teacher.

The next few weeks are Busy, Busy, Busy!

13 March Nation Ride2School Day

The purpose of National Ride2School day is to show school communities that riding, walking, scooting and skating to school is an easy and fun activity. It is a chance to celebrate active travel on a large scale and prove it can be done! Active travel is a great way for students to meet their recommended daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity every day.
17 March Grandparents Day at ZZPS

Next Tuesday come along and celebrate Seniors Week at ZZPS at 10.30. Grandparents (and family members) are invited to a performance of Paint Us a Song, showcasing of student writing; join us for morning tea and a visit to your grandchild’s classroom.

20 March School Photos

Brush off your best school uniform and practice your most beautiful smile! School photos will be taken in the morning very shortly after the school day commences. Please remember to send in completed photo envelopes prior to photo day.

Following the taking of our school photos, students will be going to the Schools Day at the Lithgow Show at approximately 12 noon.

24 March Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. To acknowledge Harmony Day ZZPS will be learning “Imagine” by John Lennon and will be making orange paper figures that will link hands and form a display on the school fence.

Students are encouraged to wear orange to school on Harmony Day.

26 March Athletics Carnival

Students from Capertee, Cullen Bullen and Hampton will again be joining us at Zig Zag School for the Small Schools Athletics carnival.

27 March NRMA Science and Road Safety Day

The NRMA Science and Road Safety Day is offered to schools on behalf of NRMA members who value child road safety education. A Road Safety Day involves road safety shows, learning materials for students and parents. The shows explore the forces acting on humans in cars and on bikes and will demonstrate how helmets and seatbelts keep humans safe.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO BRING HELMETS FOR THE SHOW.

School Photos

School Photo envelopes have been sent home, family envelopes are available from the office.

You can now pay for your school photos online in 4 easy steps:

1. Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code 2AD L2J B8M
2. Enter your student’s details
3. Choose the package you would like
4. Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

Please note late fees will apply once offers are closed. Family/sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before school photo day.

UNSW 2015 International Competitions

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students. Test subjects are Digi Tech, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics.

A new ECAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year. Each test is sat at the student’s school and supervised by teachers under normal exam conditions.

The closing date for expressions of interest is 21 April. The cost of entry for the tests is dependent upon the number of students wanting to enter. Unfortunately there is a minimum fee for small schools and this is approximately three times more than a single entry. We are seeking expressions of interest in entering the competitions. If your child wants to sit one of the tests please complete and return the expression of interest slip at the bottom of the newsletter.

Family Information, Medical and Permission Notes

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.

Red Cross Mufti Day

The Australian Red Cross supports thousands of people who are alone and struggling, support disaster relief and recovery help thousands of elderly and isolated Australians with daily phone calls.

The Australian Red Cross has been working to assist people since 1914.

Friday 27 March students can wear red mufti and donate a gold coin to the Australian Red Cross.

Vicki Gillmore
Principal

P&C News

Canteen

The P&C would like to advise that unfortunately due to commitments Mia and Chloe will no longer be able to run the canteen. If you are in a position volunteer to run the canteen please contact Mrs Gillmore

P&C AGM

The 2015 AGM will take place on Tuesday 17th March at 1.30pm in the kitchen. All positions will be vacated
and all interested parties are encouraged to become part of the Zig Zag School P&C.

**School Banking**

School Banking will take place on Tuesdays. Information relating to school banking will be sent home with the newsletter.

**Volunteer Working with Children Checks**

In compliance with the DEC **ALL VOLUNTEERS** including parents transporting students to and from sporting events are required to apply for a Working with Children Check. As a volunteer there is no cost involved in the check. Please go to [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check) and complete the online application form, you will receive the outcome by email or post if you don’t have an email address and you will need to then supply the school with a copy of your Working With Children number.

**Easter Raffle**

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2 April at the Easter Hat Parade.

Don’t forget to send in donations for the raffle and your raffle tickets and money.

**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 & Men. 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 Keay ASAP on 0419 621 426 or email thistlesfc@gmail.com if you are interested in playing.

Competition starts Saturday 2nd of May.

Lithgow Thistle Soccer Club

**Lithgow Storm JRLFC**

Lithgow Storm mini league (children 6-9 years of age) training starts Thursday 12 March 4.00pm at Lithgow Showground.

Children are able to sign up on Tuesday 17 March 5.30pm and Friday 20 March 5.30pm in the canteen area of the Lithgow Showground.

Cost is $100 per child and includes socks, shorts, training singlet and jumper to keep at the end of the season.

For further information contact

Steve Brooks 02 6351 2737 or 0400 720 695

**NetSetGo**

NetSetGo is Australia’s introductory program for netball. It has been developed to provide children from the ages of 5 to 10 with the best possible introduction to netball, enduring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

NetSetGo commences Monday 4 May 4-5pm for 10 weeks at Wang Indoor Stadium Cost is $55.

For further information contact Kerrie on 0411 607 287

**CALENDAR**

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My child _____________________________________ is intending to participate in the UNSW Global International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Program. I understand that there is a fee involved per test in participation.

My child would like to sit the test for: (please circle)

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Signed _____________________________
Date___________________