Principals Report

ANZAC Day March

Thank you to all our families who came along to represent our school and take part in the parade on ANZAC Day. This year is a special year where many communities gathered to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Australia’s involvement in WWI. I have heard wonderful remarks about how many Zig Zag students participated in the march; for a small school we were represented in a very big way indeed! All of our students looked wonderful in their uniform and as a school we can be so proud of their behavior. Well done boys and girls!

Bush Trackers Excursion - Glow Worm Tunnels

Students from 2/3 and 4/5, Mrs Sirisisavath, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Simpson had an exciting day on their excursion to the Glow Worm Tunnels yesterday. A full report and photos will be in the next newsletter.

A number of schools across the Blue Mountains, Lithgow and Oberon regions, in collaboration with NSW National Parks Ltd are participating in the Bush Trackers project with the theme “Explore the bush with guides for kids by kids”.

NSW National Parks Discovery Rangers will lead the walk showing how child friendly the bush and local heritage places can be while sharing important natural, cultural and historic stories. The children will learn about nature, cultural stories and bush safety while they help create a Bush Trackers Guide for the walk. This is a great opportunity for our students and another lifelong learning experience.

Sporting Events

Good luck to our cross country runners; Hayley, Coen, Hermione, Ebbaney-Rose, Aradia, Cade, Jaymie, Jessica, Aiden, Emelia, Leila, Alex, Malachi, Bailey M, Charlie, Zenka, Bailey E, Elthin and Ellie who will be representing our school at Wallerawang on Tuesday, 5th May.

Good luck to our boy’s hockey team who will be playing Wallerawang on Friday, 8th May. Please come along and support the children in their sporting pursuits.

Development Day Training

On Monday, 20th April, the teachers joined other small school staff to begin training in the “How 2 Learn” program. How 2 Learn is a strategic initiative that enables schools to refocus their energies upon what matters most in education and learning.

L3 Stage 1 Training

On Wednesday, 29th April, Zig Zag Public School was joined by teachers from Lithgow area to train in Language Learning and Literacy for Stage 1. The teachers are building their knowledge around reading and writing. Quality task building children’s comprehension skills around stories read was one of the areas teachers are working on.
Sydney Excursion – Advance Notice
The Staff are planning a whole school excursion to Sydney on Thursday, 21st May. This excursion is to extend the schools focus on writing. More details to follow.

P&C Mother’s Day Stall
Gifts for mother’s day will be available for $5.00 each from the Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday, 7th May. Students are to bring their money in on the day.

P&C Mother’s Day Raffle
Great prizes are on offer in the Mother’s Day Raffle.
1st prize $80 Meal Voucher at CJ’s Restaurant
2nd prize Hand Made Silver Jewellery Set
3rd prize Gift Basket
Tickets are 3 for $2.00 and are to be returned by Thursday, 7th May. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 8th May.

Head Lice
Unfortunately head lice are often a part of school life. Regular checking and treatment is vital to preventing and minimizing the recurrence of head lice problems. A very informative and easily read fact sheet is attached to this week’s newsletter which outlines the life cycle and treatment options for head lice.

WIN! WIN! WIN! - Voluntary Contributions
Don’t forget to make payment for your child’s voluntary contributions and spelling textbook. Payment arrangements can be made at the office if you would like to pay in instalments.

NAPLAN dates
The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for students in Years 3 & 5 are:
Tues 12 May Language Conventions
   Writing Test
Wed 13 May Reading Test
Thurs 14 May Numeracy Test
Fri 15 May Catch up day for any missed tests

P & C News
Bulb Fundraiser
Please support the Bulb Fundraiser, order forms have been sent home, if you require more forms if you have more than one person or group ordering, extra forms are available from the office.
Orders and payment are due Thursday, 14th May. Delivery is scheduled for Thursday, 28th May.

Mother’s Day Stall – helpers needed
We will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall Thursday 7 May at 9.15am in the canteen with all gifts priced at $5.00 each. Students are to bring their money on the day.

Canteen
Thank you to everyone who supported the re-opening of the school canteen this week. We had an overwhelming response. You support is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Mrs Duffy and Mrs Simpson for assisting.
IF anyone is able to spare just 2 hours of their time on a Wednesday to come and help Mrs Duffy in the Canteen, please call the office. Any help would be appreciated.

Vicki Gillmore
Principal
Community News

Sport and Recreation Sports Taping courses in Lithgow
Sports taping is an important skill for coaches, trainers, teachers, parents and players involved in sport. Correct sports taping can help prevent injury and also help with injury rehabilitation.

Introduction to Sports Taping - beginner technical and practical advice of taping including ankles, fingers and thumbs. Course will be from 6pm-9pm on 6 May.

Advanced Sports Taping - advanced techniques for the shoulder, elbow, wrist, Achilles tendon and knee. Course will be from 6pm-9pm on 7 May.

Call Sport & Recreation on 6362 6623 for more info or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au. Cost is $60 per person per level.

LITHGOW THISTLE SOCCER CLUB

Lithgow Thistle Soccer club desperately require players in under 7, under 8, under 9 and under 12. All previous players who 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.

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