Principals Report

K-6 Sydney Excursion

Notes and money for the Sydney excursion on Thursday 21 May are due **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 18 MAY.**

If you need another copy of the note it can be obtained either from the school website or from the office.

This is going to be a very exciting day, our last excursion to Sydney was a wonderful experience for the children and it was a delight for the staff to see their faces light up at all the sights and sounds of a big city.

Details of the excursion are:

Date: Thursday 21 May  
Cost: $11.00 
Time: 6.45am, meet the teachers at Lithgow Train Station  
6.05pm, arrival back at Lithgow Train Station  
Wear: School uniform, **SCHOOL HAT ONLY**, sport shoes  
Bring: Morning Tea, lunch, healthy snacks and drinks, sunscreen, and wet weather jacket.

Bush Trackers Excursion - Glow Worm Tunnels

What a fabulous experience our students had on their adventure to the Glow Worms tunnels.

The National Parks staff were so impressed with our students; not only their behavior but also their engagement with the experience. The puppet power videos, writing, drawings and artwork produced in response to the walk are a credit to the students and the way they participated. Our work has been collected and will go into the guide for the walk for other children to use.

Well done boys and girls!

Music Program

Students in years 4, 5 & 6 have begun our Music Program with Mrs Smith from the Mitchell Conservatorium of Music. Students have been learning to play the xylophone and ukulele on our very colourful ukuleles.

Boys Hockey

Last Friday our boys hockey team played against Wallerawang Public School. The boys have been practicing every morning and tried very hard on the day. They all played well and exhibited exceptional sportsmanship but unfortunately did not win the game.

I am so proud to be able to report that members of the wider community have remarked at how well our boys played, at their great sportsmanship and how well they represented our school. You have made us all very proud. Well done boys!
District Cross Country

Congratulations to Ebbaney-Rose Page who is eligible to represent Zig Zag PS in the next round of the Cross Country competition at Guerie.

Congratulations to all of our students who went to Wallerawang for the District Cross Country.

Walk to School Safely Day

Walk to School Safety Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. This year Walk to School Safety Day is being held on Friday 22 May.

On this day we are encouraging all our students to walk to school or if you are unable to walk all of the way to walk part of the way to school.

NAPLAN

Our NAPLAN testing has gone smoothly students have completed their final test today. Tomorrow is set aside for students to complete any test missed.

Annual School Report

The annual school report has been finalized and can be viewed on our website at www.zigzag-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Reminders

Nutritious Lunch

At Zig Zag PS our curriculum focuses on the importance of good nutrition to our bodies and our learning. It is important to ensure that your child has a nutritious lunch at school. Teachers notice the difference in the attention and behaviour when a child is eating food at school that is not nutritious.

There are many resources that provide easy and affordable ideas and/or recipes for school lunchboxes the links to a couple are

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
www.raisingchildren.net.au/articles/packing_healthy_lunches

Late Arrivers

Arriving at school on time is very important to your child’s education for the following reasons;

*Ensuring that students don’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when students are most alert.

*Helping students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.

*Gives students time to greet their friends before class which in turn reduces the opportunity for class disruption.

*Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence.

Opportunity Class Application

Application for a position in the Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2016 closes tomorrow Friday 15 May. Applications are to be made online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015

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.

All family’s/students who have paid their full amount of Maths Text books and Student Contribution by no later than 26th June, 2015 will go into the draw to win a family pass to Questacon to be used by 20th March, 2016. Thank you to those who have already paid their account in full.

Vicki Gillmore
Principal

P & C News

Mother’s Day Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Mother’s Day Raffle.

1st Prize – Ella Wilson - $80 Meal Voucher at CJ’s

2nd Prize – Mrs Parker - Hand Made Silver Jewellery

3rd Prize – Mackayla Chadwick - Gift Basket

Thank you again to all who made donations or prizes and those who purchased tickets.

Mother’s Day Stall

Thanks to all the families for supporting our Mother’s Day Stall. A special thanks to Mrs Simpson for the great selection of gifts.

Canteen

It official, the canteen is a hit! Hot chocolates warm our tummies on these cold days and are a very popular item.

Thank you to Mrs Duffy!
Community News

Lithgow Pony Club is looking for new members!

Do you want to improve your riding skills while connecting with other local students? Lithgow Pony Club is accepting new memberships and would love to have you join us! Look us up on Facebook under 'Lithgow Pony Club' and send us a message, or contact club president Trish Cadalt direct on 0448 551 561. Whether you are a beginner or have been riding for years, we have an ability group to suit you and we look forward to seeing you on our beautiful club grounds!

Calendar

Term 2

Week 4
Fri 15/5/15 OC Class Applications Due

Week 5
Thurs 21/5/15 Sydney Excursion
Fri 22/5/15 Walk Safely 2 School Day

Week 6
Wed 27/5/15 National Simultaneous Storytime
Thurs 28/5/15 Biggest Morning Tea