Term 3 – Week 2

Principals Report

Well Done Girls & Boys

I received a lovely compliment from Anna Smith (Music Teacher) yesterday about our students. Ms Smith said “It is lovely to teach children who are enthusiastic and want to learn – the children at Zig Zag are like this every week”. It is wonderful to hear such positive comments about our students. Keep up the good work.

Welcome Back to Term 3

We certainly had a chilly start to Term 3. The staff appreciated the support of the parents last Friday and thank you for keeping the children at home. Particularly, as the roads were closed preventing the school from operating. It is a timely reminder that during road closures, car insurances are null and void.

Reminder: Could all parents please check their contact details and emergency arrangements for their children with the school office (especially if circumstances have changed).

Welcome Back Mrs Corney

It is great to have Mrs Corney back at school. I know 4/5 have a great program planned for the rest of the year, incorporating the experiences Mrs Corney had whilst on leave. Thank you Mrs Wallace for teaching the class, I know the students enjoyed all the learning activities you prepared for them.

Enrolling Now

Zig Zag Public School is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2016. If your child turns 5 prior to 31st July, 2016, please come along and get an enrolment package from the school. Or give the office a call and we can send one home for you. If you know of anyone with a school aged child please let them know that they are more than welcome to come along and have a tour of the school at any time. We can talk to them about what our beautiful school has to offer. Why not sign them up for “Puffing Billie’s” and try it out and see what you think of our caring and all inclusive school. A small school with big opportunities for every child. We are taking enrolments in all age groups.

Winter Wonderland at Zig Zag Public School

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**Zig Zag Public School**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**Term 3 – Week 2**

**Thursday, 23rd July, 2015**
**Education Week Celebrations at Zig Zag**

Education week will be celebrated at Zig Zag Public School on Wednesday, 29th July, 2015.

We would like to extend an open invitation to parents and the community to engage in the learning experiences at this great school.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program will be catering for our pre-ordered lunch special of soup and a bread roll at a cost of $2.50 each.

Our visitors will then be entertained by the skills and talents of our students in an afternoon performance, celebrating Education week. Classroom visits will occur after class performances. Why not come and join us for a busy and productive afternoon at Zig Zag Public School. Lunch in our beautiful playground commences at 1.00pm. Our Education Week performance will commence at: 1.35pm.

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**21st Century Learning at Zig Zag Public School**

On Monday, 13th July, all Zig Zag Staff attend the second phase of the

**Higher Order 2 Learn Ways**

Such days inspire us as a team to review, reflect and refine our practices in line with our new learning.

**Did you see our Facebook Post??**

**Writing a Computer Program**

Students in 5/6 have created simple computer programs that work as a drawing tool. They started with four commands (draw left, right, up and down). They then created their own codes such as 'change pen colour when the 'p' key is tapped'. As they created their own new codes, they shared their coding skills with the rest of the class. They created some very sophisticated drawing tools!

The students received great feedback from the community congratulating them for becoming so involved in thinking and problem solving. Thank you.

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**In the 21st Century,**

Australia’s capacity to provide a high quality of life for all will depend on Education equipping young people with the knowledge, understanding, skills and values to face the challenges ahead of them.
Technology

How many words can you build in 3 minutes?

Free online word building competition for children in Years 1 to 6.

$50,000 worth of prizes for children and their schools!


Attendance – Arriving Late

We have an increasing number of families arriving late to school. This is recorded daily and is not only making a significant impact on the children’s education where they are missing explicit teaching and causing gaps in their learning. It is also causing concern for the Home School Liaison Officer who monitors our school attendance. So please, try to arrive at school on time.

There are also an increasing number of students waiting to be collected late on a daily basis. Whilst we understand that things can happen at the last moment, in which we would like you to contact the school to advise us, we would like the students to be collected on time due to limited supervision. School hours are from 9am until 2.50pm so please try to collect your children on time. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we will be collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at the front of Woolworths in Lithgow. Sticker sheets can be collected either from school or from Woolworths Lithgow.

District Athletics Carnival

Good luck to those students who will be representing Zig Zag School at the District Athletics Carnival next Friday, 31st July. We wish you all the best and are sure you will represent our school with pride and show good sportsmanship.

Outstanding Fees

Just a reminder that quite a few students have not as yet paid for their Spelling Books and School Contributions. Thank you to those who have already done so. Mrs Gilmore will be drawing the winner of the Questacon voucher on Friday morning. If you would like to go into the draw, please ensure you are all paid on by then. Good luck to those who are already in the draw.

Broken Bay

Just a reminder, that the first instalment for Broken Bay is now due. If you would you’re your child to attend, please send payment in as soon as possible. Thank you.

Facebook

Just a reminder not to forget to check out daily life at Zig Zag Public School on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/zzpublicschool.

Vicki Gilmore
Principal
P & C News

P & C Meeting
Our next meeting will be held in the Canteen on Tuesday, 18th August at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please come along and see what you can help with to make your child’s time at school more enjoyable.

Pie Drive
We are in the process of organising our Pie Drive for this term. Order forms will be sent home as soon as the details are finalised.

Canteen
Mrs Duffy is doing a great job in the canteen on Wednesdays and the children thoroughly enjoyed the garlic bread toasties yesterday. However, it is a very busy time for one person and it would be great to have some help if you can spare just an hour or two to help out. It would be very much appreciated.

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