Term 3 – Week 4 Thursday 6 August, 2015

Principals Report

District Athletics

Last Friday 28 children from Zig Zag PS attended the athletics carnival. Thank you to the parents who attended on the day and transported children to and from the event. Congratulations to:

Aiden Anthes, Blake Brown-Butterworth, Hermione Rappard, Alex Duffy, Jessica Alexander, Mayakari Casson, Gracey Vandehaar and Hayley Andersson who all placed on the day.

Aiden, Blake and Mayakari have qualified to go to Dubbo later in the month, we wish them well.

Tree Day

In conjunction with Planet Ark students again took part in the annual national Tree Planting Day. Trees are donated to local schools each year by Lean and Bennett Toyota.

Journey to the Centre of the Earth

Yesterday children K-6 were treated to marvelous entertainment in the show ‘Journey to the Centre of the Earth’. They marveled at the clever and creative props, sets and acting. The show taught them scientific and geographic facts about Earth.

Healthy Ears

We had a consultant visit from Bathurst to talk about ear health with our Kindergarten students and to discuss the importance of blowing your nose correctly!

When there is fluid in the middle ear it is referred to as Otitis Media or Glue Ear. There is usually no pain or fever and children may not complain, however, a child’s hearing may be affected. Acute Otitis Media is a soreness, inflammation and/or infection inside the ear, it can be very painful. Contributing factors include; colds and infections, exposure to cigarette smoke, hay fever, allergies to some foods, breathing through the mouth instead of the nose.

Children with Otitis Media may have mild to moderate hearing loss which can continue for months. This may affect a child’s learning at school.

Good ear care includes eating healthy food and exercising to maintain general good health, clear ears with soft washcloths not cotton buds, do not smoke inside cars or homes, teach a child to blow his/her nose instead of sniffing, take the full amount of medicines and attend follow-up visits to doctor, specialist or nurse audiometrist.

Hearing assessments at no cost are available at Lithgow Hospital, contact Mary Wright (Nurse Audiometrist) on 02 6350 2300.

Puffing Billies

Puffing Billies is our 8 week transition to school program. This year Puffing Billies will commence on Tuesday, 25th August from 9.00-11.00 am.

Zig Zag PS Open Day

We will be holding an open day on Tuesday, 18th August for anybody interested in enrolling their child at
Zig Zag PS, in particular Kindergarten students. The Open Day will run from 10.00-11.30 am. Please mention our Open Day to anyone you know who is considering enrolling at Zig Zag PS.

**Education Week**

Education Week is a time to celebrate our achievements across the entire public school network. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents at our Education Week Open Day last Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing for an audience and proudly showed their work to family members. Thank you to all who came along!

**Evaluation of Music Program**

The Western Research Institute will be conducting group interviews with both students and parents in order to evaluate the school music program that is being conducted at Zig Zag PS by the Conservatorium of Music. The interviews with parents will take place on 13 August from 1.00-3.00pm and participants will be paid $60 to attend. Notes further explaining the evaluation and to register to participate are attached to the newsletter.

**Reminders**

**Word Mania** – students can log on at home to play and increase their scores.

**Notes for absences** – Please remember to send in a note explaining any day that your child is away from school. It is a requirement of the Department of Education that any absence is explained.

**Label students clothes** – Please remember to label your child’s clothing; our lost property collection grows to a large number each winter.

**School Uniform** – Cold weather in Lithgow brings challenges in getting washing dry but children are still expected to wear school uniform during the colder months. Please ask your child to check through the lost property to see if they can find any misplaced items.

**Book Week**

Our Book Week Fair and Parade will be held on Tuesday 25 August. We will be running the same format as last year with students able to purchase books from the library and our parade will take place at 12.00. More details will be advised as they are finalised.

**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. Congratulations to Brayden Vucetic who won the Questacon voucher!

**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 Gillmore**

**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 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.
Community News

Futsal (Indoor Soccer)
Expressions of interest for the next Futsal Comp
A Senior Mixed Competition will be running on Wednesday nights commencing 2 September 2015.
The competition will be run at the Wallerawang Indoor Sports Centre, Barton Ave Wallerawang.
Register by contacting Carleen on 0402 205 070 or Email cpc_chook@hotmail.com
Nominations MUST be in by 19 August 2015
Register yourself or a team
Registration and competition fees will apply.

Calendar
Term 3
Week 5
Tues 11/8/15 Rail Safety Talk at Zig Zag
Thurs 13/8/15 Touch Footy Gala Day
Week 6
Tues 18/8/15 LHS Transition Yr 6
Week 7
Tues 25/8/15 Puffing Billies
Book Fair/Parade
Week 10
Wed 16/9/15 Blast Cup – Cricket
Fri 18/9/15 Last Day Term 3