Principals Report

District Athletics

Good Luck to Aiden, Blake and Mayakari who are travelling to Dubbo tomorrow to compete in the Western Region Athletics Carnival.

Book Week Celebrations

It was a great celebration of Books and Reading at Zig Zag. It was also wonderful to have so many parents, family members and friends at our Book Parade and Book Fair. Thank you to all the students and parents for supporting the spirit of Book Week. The children looked great in their costumes and they were very proud of their projects. Well done everyone. Thank you to Mrs Wallace for all of her organisation for such a successful event. Congratulations to all of our winners for their project and photo entries as follows:-

Photo Competition Winner – Gracey Vanderhaar


Lithgow Library Competition Winners

Congratulations also to our Lithgow Library Competition Winners who made a great effort to enter into the Colouring In and Poetry Competitions. They will be attending the prize giving ceremony at the Lithgow Library this Friday, 29th August at 3.30pm to receive their prizes. Winners are as follows:-

Colouring In Competition: Mary Romanous, Yvette Merlino, Alex Stopic & Beyer de Beuzeville-Howarth

Poetry Competition: Charlie Tuohey, William Grantham

Nagoya Art Exchange

The Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange is an exhibition opportunity for all students in NSW Public Schools K–12. The Exhibition features outstanding artwork from Nagoya, Sydney, Los Angeles, Mexico City and Ninjhg, all of which are exhibited in Nagoya, Japan. Congratulations to Aradia Ashton from Year 5/6 who has been selected to have her artwork displayed in the exhibition. Well done Aradia.

Fred Hollows Humanitarian Award

Congratulations to Terry McDougall who will be receiving an award at Parliament House on the 7th September. The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through the Fred Hollows Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion towards others. Well done Terry, we are all very proud of you.
Operation Art

Operation Art is an initiative of the Children’s Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education. The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibits at the Armoury Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of NSW. Congratulations to Max Tuohey and Hayley Andersson who have been fortunate in having their artworks chosen to be on display. Well done on a great effort Max and Hayley.

Railway Safety Talk

The children received important messages on Railway Safety when officers from the Lithgow Railway Station visited us last week.

It is my responsibility

- ‘To ensure we don’t use our phones near trains as they can be a distraction.’
- ‘To make sure I dismount my bike before walking it across the level crossing.’
- ‘To make sure I am courteous to fellow commuters by paying attention to safety on and off the train.’

Broken Bay

Just a reminder, that the 2nd 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.

Puffing Billie’s

Great Start to ‘Big School’ for our new Puffing Billie’s. No tears and big happy smiling faces from everyone. Puffing Billie’s is our 8 week transition to school program. This year Puffing Billie’s will commence on Tuesday, 25th August from 9.00 - 11.00 am. If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child for 2016 or just wanting to try out Zig Zag Public School, please tell them to come and see us any time. It’s not too late to sign up for the Puffing Billie’s program.

Reminders

Parking – Just a reminder that when collecting your child from school of an afternoon, please DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS TURNING ZONE. Also, please move on as soon as you have collected your child from school to give the school bus plenty of room to turn around. The buses run on a very tight schedule and can’t afford to wait around for parents to move cars. Also, we have been advised that the local police are doing the rounds of the local schools, booking anyone parked illegally, so please be sure to park in the correct areas and move on as soon as possible to avoid a fine. Thank you for your continued assistance with this issue.
EXCITING NEW PROJECT: Australian Author Study

Last Friday, we started a very exciting whole school project. The students are going to use their technology and art skills to share what they learn about iconic Australian Authors. They are going to be writing and creating for a real audience...you! The mums, dads, carers and friends of Zig Zag! After introducing the project, the children moved into small groups and discussed how they are going to work in a team. They wrote rules for their team in order to guide them into being collaborative learners. Watch this space for updates each newsletter.

P & C News

P & C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held in the Canteen on Tuesday, 15th September, 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 – Reminder

Just a reminder that orders and money for the Pie Drive are due NO LATER than Monday, 31st August to school. Pies will be delivered to school for collection next Thursday, 3rd September. If you are able to come up and help distribute the pies when arrive, please contact Mrs Dewar in the office.

Father’s Day Stall

Next Thursday, 3rd September Zig Zag P & C will be holding a Father’s Day Stall. Students are asked to bring their $5 to school on that day if they wish to purchase a gift/s for dad. Please see attached note for further information.

Father’s Day Raffle

Raffle tickets were sent home today for our Father’s Day Raffle. We have some wonderful prizes on offer this year as follows:-

1st Prize – Handcrafted ‘Dad’s Shed’ Sign
2nd Prize – Zig Zag Brewery Mixed Dozen Beer Pack
3rd Prize – Choice of handcrafted key ring / necklace x 7

Please return tickets and money to school by Friday, 4th September when it will be drawn.

Canteen Price Changes

Please be aware that on the last canteen menu that was sent home there were some minor price increases in the hot food. Pies and Sausage rolls have been increased due to cost of purchase from the supplier. However, over the last two weeks some children have had the incorrect money to pay for their lunch orders or have asked for change when it is not due. Please familiarise yourself with the new price list prior to next canteen day. Thank you.

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.

Vicki Gillmore
Principal
Community News

Maureen Newell Scholarship
Local (Lithgow LGA) music students (instrumental or vocal) are invited to apply for the 2015 Maureen Newell award which provides some assistance towards tuition costs. Application forms are available from Lithgow Library, LINC, Portland Library, Higgins Lawyers, and Wallerawang Library. Applications close on Friday, 31st August, 2015.

For further information, telephone 63513210 or 63522862 or apply to: The Secretary, Maureen Newell Trust, P O Box 3049, Bowenfels or email maureennewelltrust@westnet.com.au

Calendar
Term 3
Week 10
Wed 16/9/15 Blast Cup – Cricket
Fri 18/9/15 Last Day Term 3