Principals Report

We have had another busy couple of weeks. Here are some photos to highlight what has happened.

Swimming Carnival
We were so proud of all students at the swimming carnival. Behaviour and participation was exemplary!

Leadership Conference
The School Captains and Vice Captains travelled to Olympic Park, Homebush on Monday for the national Young Leader’s Conference. The Leaders were totally engaged with the guest speakers and mixing with 6000 other children from across the state. The motto “Master the Little” focused on the steps to take when achieving “big” things in life. The children were great ambassadors for our school and had lots of fun.

Bush Poets
Mel and Susie entertained the students and teachers with their recital of bush ballads. We laughed, we cried, we were delighted by the talents of these amazing ladies.

Save the Date
15th March is the grand opening of Zig Zag Public School’s Australian Authors Walk.

11.00 am
Meet in the Lithgow Art Laneway (next to the library)
Don’t forget to download the App please. Fingers crossed the App will be available on other devices via Google Play.
**Looking for a new stove?**
Second hand stove to give away.
- Gas oven and hot plates
- Pick up is required
Please contact the school if you are interested.

**Voluntary Contribution and Text Book Fee**
Voluntary school contributions go directly to supporting your child’s education. These funds help with the cost of providing resources such as classroom text books and equipment provided to the children.

This year we will be invoicing families over two semesters to help budget the school fee contribution. This year we are also asking for a contribution to the Spelling Mastery Text Book for students in Year 2 to Year 6 (the school is still covering the cost of the Handwriting Text Book). The Spelling Mastery Text Book is priced at $27 per student. The P&C and school will be subsidizing this cost and have been able to reduce the cost of the textbook to $15 per child. After trialing this program last year and measuring the improvement in student spelling ability we are hoping families will support us by contributing to the cost of the text book.

Copy write laws prevent us from copying complete text books which is why we have to purchase the books.

I am hoping that the new invoicing system will ease the burden for families by splitting the contribution over 2 semesters. Invoices will be for the Voluntary Contribution of either $50 per family or $30 for an individual student and $15 per students from Year 2-6 for the Spelling Mastery Textbook.

Families will be able to pay these fees off if required or the contributions can be paid in full. If you need to discuss the matter please contact the school.

**Breakfast Program**

We will be commencing a breakfast program in the mornings before the school day starts. There seems to have been an increase in the number of children who are coming to class hungry and this has an impact upon a child’s ability to learn. Children who have breakfast very early and have not had any breakfast when arriving at school will be able to come and have something to eat before classes begin.

**Canteen**

There have been come price increases due to increases from suppliers. A new pricelist is attached. Your help in assisting with sending in the right money (or close to) is appreciated.

**School Shades Sunglasses**

We have sunglasses available to purchase from the school office. They are available in either Small, Medium or Large sizes and are $15 per pair.

**P & C News**

**P&C AGM**

Our next P&C Meeting on 15th March is our Annual General Meeting. All positions will become vacant at this meeting. If you are interested in becoming part of our great P&C please come along to the meeting at 1.30pm in the Kitchen.

**Important Canteen Notice**

New Item on Canteen Menu

**Chicken Nuggets** have been added to our Canteen Menu. They are available for lunch at a cost of $2 for 6 nuggets.

**Easter Raffle**

Don’t forget bring in an Easter item for our Easter Raffle. Also remember to sell your tickets and return them and the money to the office no later than **Wednesday 23**rd **March** as the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March.

**Mother’s Day Raffle**

We have received some fantastic donations from local businesses for our Mother’s Day Raffle. More information and tickets will be sent home after Easter.

A big thanks to Lithgow Sportspower, K-Teens, Coles, Respectfully.

**CALENDAR**

**Week 6**

| Fri 4/3/16   | Clean Up Australia Day |

**Week 8**

| Tues 15/3/16 | Authors Walk Opening |
| Thurs 17/3/16 | Athletics Carnival |

**Week 9**

| Thurs 24/3/16 | Easter Hat Parade |
| Fri 25/3/16   | Good Friday |

**Week 10**

| Mon 28/3/16   | Easter Monday |
| Tues 29/3/16  | P&C Meeting 1.30pm |
| Wed 30/3/16   | G’day Asia |
| Fri 1/4/16    | Aquarium Excursion |
Community News

**Workies Junior & Senior Hockey Registration Day**

Registrations for the 2016 hockey season will be held at the Lithgow Workies on Thursday 3rd March 4:30 to 6:30pm and Saturday 5th March from 10 to 12pm.

All new and previous players welcome.

Junior mixed competition- boys and girls from U7’s to U15/17’s.

If you require further information contact Virginia 0409741035 or Robyn 0439418177