



Zig Zag Public School

Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week 4

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Principal's Report

Puffing Billies

Nine students are currently enrolled to commence in Kindergarten at Zig Zag in 2010. This is fantastic. Mrs Ellery has been enjoying the past few weeks meeting and getting to know the new Puffing Billies. Yesterday was the final day of the transition program. The students were presented with their Puffing Billy Graduation Certificate and treated to a morning tea following our Remembrance Day ceremony.



Congratulations from an ex-student

We recently received a letter from an ex-student, Dr Bruce Hartnett. Dr Hartnett was a pupil at ZZPS from 1933 – 1937, during which time his father, Walter Robert Hartnett, was headmaster. Dr Hartnett writes to say he read in the Sydney Morning Herald about the outstanding achievement of our Boys Hockey team,

"Please extend my congratulations to the players, officials and parents responsible for this wonderful victory..."

Our highly respected teacher was Mr Frank Bunnet, an Englishman, who lost his life in Malaya as a Prisoner of War. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he taught us the basics of cricket and in my last year, 1937 he coached us to victory in the local schools' competition."

Zig Zag's rich and wonderful history continues...

Zigstone Cup

Over the past few years it has been a tradition for the two schools of Rylstone and Zig Zag to get together for a social day of cricket and netball. This social occasion has evolved to include all of our children (K-6). It is our turn to travel to Rylstone this year. It is a great opportunity for our students to go to another small school and meet other students.

Next Friday, 20th November, we have organised a bus to take our school across to Rylstone Public School.

We will leave Zig Zag at 9am sharp to arrive at Rylstone at 10:30. On arrival our students will have morning tea. The children will be split into boys and girls teams of 3/4 and 5/6. The boys will be playing super8 style cricket and the girls will play netball. The infants children will take part in a tabloid style of games. A BBQ lunch has been organised by Rylstone for our children. We will then be on the bus for the return journey to school to arrive at home time, 2:50pm. Please ensure that

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you sign the permission note that was sent home last week and return it to the office as soon as possible.

School Leadership Team 2010

After much discussion with our P&C and staff we are going to slightly change the format of leadership selection at ZZPS for 2010. It has been decided to have one School Captain to represent the school in 2010 and a leadership team of three to support the role. The Captain will be selected from the Year 6 2010 students and the leadership team will be selected from the Stage 3 group of students. This year there will be no speeches, however there will still be elections for the positions with the announcement made on school Presentation Day.

More School Improvements!

We are truly fortunate! Just recently we received news of \$20 000 remaining from the School Pride Project. This is excellent timing as we have just sought quotes to refurbish our staff room and administration areas. We can now definitely go ahead with these quotes ensuring a more comfortable working environment for our staff.

Work on our school hall is progressing to schedule. The footing are in. The start date for the actual building is the 23rd November. We anticipate the building will be completed by Presentation Day.

Learn To Swim

Don't forget! Learn to Swim commences on next Monday for two weeks. Please ensure that your child brings \$2 to school each day to cover the pool entry. They will also require their swimmers, a towel, hat and sunscreen. Swimming will continue each day for the fortnight (even during the rain). Please note that on the Friday of the first week (20th November) there will be no swimming as we are taking all of the children to Rylstone for the day.

Stage 3 Mini-Fete

Stage 3 is excitedly gearing up for their mini-fete that is set down for **Wednesday, 18th November**, in the school grounds. Time: 1 – 2:30pm The times of the fete are designed to work around Learn To Swim.

This is their major fund-raiser for the year, with the money raised going towards their gift to the school. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

If you have any good quality second-hand goods you might like to donate would you mind sending it to school over the next week please.

It will be a mufti day with students able to wear free dress – at a 50c cost.

A Message for your safety

Sightings of a black snake have been reported in the driveway area of the neighbouring property. Cars are often parked in this area and it is a popular place for parents to park when picking up their children. Please be aware (for safety reasons) we would prefer that you pick up and drop off your children from the main school gate and discourage them from using the driveway.

Wear a Hat to School

Just a reminder for parents to check their children have school hats to wear during the spring and summer term. It is important for all children to wear a hat at school. We have a hat wearing, sun safe policy at school during terms 1 and 4. Children without a hat when outside will be required to play in the shade.

Mrs V O'Rourke

Principal

P&C News

Next Tuesday there will be a P&C Meeting in the School Canteen commencing at 3pm.

All welcome.

Uniform Orders: If you would like to order any school uniform items by 2010, please call to the office for an order form.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cooinda Auxiliary Spring Fete

14th November 2009

9am – 2pm

Held on the Cooinda Grounds

Everyone welcome.

See you there.

Term 4 Week 5

Monday - Thursday	LEARN TO SWIM
Tuesday 17 Nov	3pm P & C Meeting
Wednesday 18 Nov	1-2:30pm Mini Fete
Friday 20 Nov	K-6 Rylstone PS Zigstone Cup

Term 4 Week 6

Wednesday 2 Dec	Captain/Leaders 2010 Voting
Thursday 3 Dec	Lithgow High School Orientation Day Year 7 2010
Friday 4 Dec	Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion

Term 4 Week 7

Monday - Friday	LEARN TO SWIM
Wednesday 25 Nov	11am St 3 Senior Citizens Lunch

Term 4 Week 8

Monday 7 Dec	WGEC Combined Christmas Carols chn' to arrive at 6:30pm
Tuesday 8 Dec	Zig Zag PS Christmas Carols 6 – 8pm

Term 4 Week 9

Monday 14 Dec	Year 6 Dinner
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Tuesday 15 Dec	6pm Lithgow Workies 12pm Presentation Day
Wednesday 17 Dec	12pm Childrens' Christmas Party Students end of term
Thursday 18 Dec	SDD
Friday 19 Dec	SDD