



Zig Zag Public School

Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week 6

Thursday, 26th November, 2009

Principal's Report

End of year activities

The next few weeks are very busy in the lead up to the summer school holidays especially for our older students who are now on count down to High School!

Next **Thursday, 3rd December** Year 6 will be attending Lithgow High School to participate in their Orientation Day. Parents may be interested to see what class their child is going into next year. We have placed the classes on the Leaders' Board at our school for the students and parents to view.

Notes have also been distributed for the Stage 3 excursion to Bathurst for **Friday, 4th December**.

Senior Citizen's at the Park – Y6

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who assisted at Senior Citizen's Day in the park yesterday.

They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and were highly complimented on their behaviour and mannerisms by all. They helped seat and serve the seniors with great maturity. Well done!

School Leadership Team 2010

Next Wednesday our School Captain will be voted upon 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.

Lake Wallace Tree Planting Day

Just a reminder for students to be on time to school next Tuesday to catch the bus to Lake Wallace for

Tree Planting Day. This is an annual event in our school calendar. Tree planting is one of the most common activities people associate with helping the Earth. Millions of trees are planted by Australians each year. Planting is an act of putting down roots and contributing to the future. The simple act of planting a tree, helps the environment in so many ways.

Without trees, there would be no life on this planet!

Scripture Teachers/Helpers Morning Tea

Next Wednesday, 2nd December at 11.30am the Scripture teachers and school helpers are invited to attend a morning tea to thank you for all your help this year.

We are also farewelling Mrs Palmer for the time being. Next year Mrs Palmer will be in Tajikistan and India to teach English to children and families.

We ask that parents please send in a **gold coin donation** as a thank you to Mrs Palmer who has been teaching Scripture at Zig Zag for many years.

All money will be donated to Operation Mercy.

Return of Hockey Sports Clothes

Please return any hockey clothes you may still have at home e.g. socks, shirts and shorts if you have not already done so.

PSSA Western Cricket

Daniel Sheppard and Lachlan Sharp have been away at Lismore this week playing in the Western Region Cricket Team. The boys have been playing very well and the team are currently playing off for 3rd or 4th place in the State. Well done boys!

Term Dates

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2009 school year for students will be **Wednesday 16th December**.

School development days will be held on the last two days of term 4, 2009 (Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December). School development days at the start and end of semesters allow teachers to undergo further professional training.

Thursday 28th January is the first day back in 2010 for most NSW students. At Zig Zag we will be expecting all of our students Kindergarten to Year 6 to commence on the Thursday.

School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to maximise their learning potential. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part and whole day absences.

Parents are responsible for ensuring their children attend school regularly and if in the event of their child's non attendance, even for a part of the day, explain the absences of their children promptly to the school.

Keep in mind that one day a week off school, equals one year off school by Year 6.

Special request to parents

Please remember when you are returning notes and money to school, to place them in an envelope with your child's name and the purpose of the money and the amount enclosed clearly marked on the front.

Wear a Hat to School

Thank you parents for your support from home in ensuring the students are wearing their Zig Zag school hats. We now have just over half the students wearing the correct hat – great for their skin in future years and great for our school to see the students in uniform.

Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter by email to home or work, please send an email to Ms Pieper at zigzag-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will add you to our mailing list.

The school newsletter is also uploaded to our school web site each week.

Mrs V O'Rourke

Principal

P&C NEWS

There will be a quick organisational P&C Meeting in the School Canteen commencing at 3pm on Tuesday 1st Decemeber to get ready for our school carols and the school Christmas Party.

All welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PCYC Movie Night 27th November "Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince". Come dressed as your favourite Harry Potter character. Doors open at 7pm. Movie starts at 7.30pm Cost \$7 (includes PCYC membership). Ticket bookings 6351 2510.

CALENDAR

Term 4 Week 7

Tuesday 1 Dec	Tree Planting Day K-6 Lake Wallace
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 8

Monday 7 Dec	WGEC Combined Christmas Carols at LHS. Chn' to arrive at 6:30pm
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Tuesday 8 Dec	Zig Zag PS Christmas Carols 6 – 8pm
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Term 4 Week 9

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