



Zig Zag Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week 8

Thursday, 1st December, 2011

Principal's Report

Museum Excursion

On **Friday, 2nd November** (tomorrow) we have our Museum excursion to Sydney. We need to be at the Lithgow Railway Station by **7.20am at the latest**. We'll meet outside the ticket office. Mrs Ellery will buy the tickets for the students and staff. Parents will need to buy their own tickets – Return to City Circle. We appreciate the many parents who are supporting our excursion by coming along. Mrs Ellery has sent a note home with a timeline and details of the day's activities. Arrangements with the Museum are according to their requests. If you child requires medication for the day and you are not going with us I ask that you send it in a clearly marked envelope to hand to Mrs Ellery before we get onto the train. Asthma puffers can stay with the child for their use during the day. Please ensure we are dressed in school uniform and are wearing a hat and sunscreen for our outside activities in the park, if the weather allows. I'm sure this will be a wonderful day! Thanks to Mrs Ellery for organising the day! **The Students will arrive back at Lithgow Railway Station at 5.20pm so please ensure someone is there to meet them.**

Helpers' Morning Tea

A very special thanks goes out to everyone who has helped us here at Zig Zag Public School over the year. This week we held a Helpers' Morning Tea and I know there were many people who couldn't attend. I would like to say a big 'Thank You', on behalf of all our staff. Our school could not run as well as it does without your commitment and support! I know we all go above and beyond to give our children the best we can!

Disco

Today we held our Disco at Zig Zag PS. The students came dressed for the occasion and were very excited. Thanks to Mrs Fahey for organising this for the children. We gave the students an icy treat after the Disco which they enjoyed!

Lithgow HS Carols Night

Lithgow HS will be holding their Carols Night on Monday night 5 December. Students who have indicated they would like to participate and have parental permission will need to make their own way up to and from the High School and parents may attend for a gold coin donation. They are asked to wear full school uniform for the evening.

Year 6 Fundraising

This year our Year 6 students will hold a Guessing Competition for their annual fundraising activity. Tickets are 50cents for each guess or 3 guesses for \$1 and can be bought before school or at other functions we are holding. The competition will be announced at our Presentation Day.

Swimming Passes

We have received 10 full visit family passes to the Blue Mountains Leisure Centres. They are valued at over \$140. These prizes must be claimed by 31st January, which gives families time to use them over the Christmas holidays. The Staff have decided we will invite families to write to the school saying in 100 words or less why teaching your child/children to learn to swim is important. This way we will know you are interested in using the passes and you will go into the competition. Staff will decide on the best 10 entries and passes will be given to those families. Good luck everyone!

For more information about ZIG ZAG PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Christmas Activities

As we are nearing the end of the school year we have many activities still to come. On Tuesday the P & C held a meeting to discuss the **Carols night** where it was decided it will start at **6pm** on **Monday, 12th December**.

To help fill our hamper up I am asking, on behalf of the P & C, for any items we could use for a Christmas hamper. Things might include packets or boxes of food items, puddings, sweets etc. Any donation you can make will be appreciated. This can be left at our front office.

Social Skill for the Week

Each week at assembly we are discussing a social skill with the students. I will include in the newsletter the Social Skill for the week which we would appreciate your support through discussions at home as well also. This week we are talking about: - **Dealing With Anger**

Steps to help you are:

- Stop and count to ten
- Decide what the problem is
- Think about your choices
- Walk away for now
- Do a relaxation exercise (they have been taught this)
- Act out your best choice

Mrs Vicki Burke

Relieving Principal

Bus Forms Year 3 2012

All year 2 students are required to complete a new bus form for 2012. Please return the attached form to the school office as soon as possible. Otherwise, a bus pass will not be issued for next year.

Library Stocktake

We are in the process of performing our annual library stocktake at school. Therefore, there will be no more borrowing from the library. If you have any outstanding library books at home, please return them to school as soon as possible.

CALENDAR

Term 4 Week 8

Friday 2 nd December	K-6 Excursion to Sydney
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Term 4 Week 9

Monday 5 th December	Year 6 Orientation LHS
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Term 4 Week 10

Monday 12 th December	Combine Schools Carols
Tuesday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell (Year 6)
Wednesday 14 th December	Presentation Day
Thursday 15 th December	Class Parties
Friday 16 th December	Last day for students

Term 4 Week 11

19 th & 20 th December	School Development Days For Teachers
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Crystal Cinema Portland

Friday, 9 Dec -8pm – Real Steel

Saturday, 10 Dec -2pm – Spy Kids 4