



## Zig Zag Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 - Week 9

Thursday, 8th December, 2011

### Principal's Report

#### Museum Excursion

On **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November** our school travelled to Sydney on an excursion to the Museum. The students had a great day and I'd like to thank all the parents who accompanied us on the trip. I would also like to thank Mrs Ellery for her organisation of the excursion. I know the students will remember this excursion in their future.

#### Disco

Last Thursday the students enjoyed a Disco at school. They were very excited and had lots of fun. All the students were dancing and enjoying the music. We raised \$50.00 for the Gentle Hands Orphanage in Manila.

#### Lithgow HS Carols Night

On Monday night we had 7 students represent us in the Combined Choir at Lithgow HS for the Combined Schools Carols. Thanks to those families who supported this event! I know the students always remember their times singing in the choir at this time of year.

#### Year 6 Fundraising

This year our Year 6 students will hold a Guessing Competition for their annual fundraising activity. Tickets are 50 cents 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.

#### Presentation Day

Next Wednesday we will be holding our annual Presentation day ceremony. We are also combining the Opening of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden project whilst we have dignitaries present. Everyone is welcome!

#### Swimming Passes

As yet I've not received any nominations for these swimming passes and I have 10 full visit family passes to the Blue Mountains Leisure Centres to give away. They are valued at over \$140. These prizes must be claimed by 31<sup>st</sup> January, which gives families time to use them over the Christmas holidays. Please 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!

#### Christmas Activities

As we are nearing the end of the school year we will hold some Christmas activities at school. During school on Monday we will make some Christmas craft in classrooms. Then on **Monday night, 12<sup>th</sup> December**, we have the **Carols night** which will start at **6pm**. Please come along and joint the festivities. Santa will be making an appearance and our chocolate wheel will be on again.

The P & C are sending home Guessing Competition tickets for each family and they would like you to buy some or sell them to relatives, friends or neighbours. Tickets are 3 for \$2. Please bring them along to **Monday night's Carols** where the winners will be drawn. Please bring along all unsold tickets as well.

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.

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Education &  
Communities

## Semester 2 Reports

Next Tuesday afternoon we will be sending home the Semester 2 reports for every student. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate every student on their successes this year, both large and small. When you receive this report please sit down with your child or children and talk about their progress. They have all tried their best and need to be congratulated on the completion of another school year! Thanks you for your ongoing support as together we work towards educating our children.

## 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: - **Staying Out Of Fights**

Steps to help you are:

- Stop and count to ten
- Decide what the problem is
- Think about your choices
  - Walk away for now
  - Talk to the person in a friendly way
  - ask someone for help
- Act out your best choice

## 2012

This morning I had a Principal's Breakfast with Mrs O'Rourke and other principals in the Lithgow area. At this stage Mrs O'Rourke is planning on returning to Zig Zag PS. Mrs O'Rourke will be attending our Presentation Day next Wednesday.

Mrs Vicki Burke

Relieving Principal

## Bus Forms Year 3 - 2012

All year 2 students are required to complete a new bus form for 2012. If you have not as yet returned your form to the school office, **please do so 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 10

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

### Term 4 Week 11

19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Development Days For Teachers
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## P & C NEWS

### Christmas Hamper Donations

Thank you to those families who kindly donated items to our Christmas Hamper fundraiser. If any families would still like to make a donation, please do so by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, so we can finish making up the hamper. Thank you for your support.

### Combined Schools Chocolate Wheel

The combined schools chocolate wheel will be held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm at the Cook Street Plaza. Children are invited to participate in the festivities by singing in the choir and are asked to please wear school uniform. Any parents who would be able to come along and help sell tickets on the night please let the school know.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Crystal Cinema Portland

Friday, 9 Dec -8pm – Real Steel  
Saturday, 10 Dec -2pm – Spy Kids 4

### PCYC Lithgow

Activities open to all school age children...  
\$10.00 per session — 2pm to 4pm.  
Tuesday — Fitness activities  
Wednesday — Boot Camp  
Thursday — Gymnastic.  
Bring a bottle of water .....

*Bookings essential*  
**Phone 02 6351 2510**

