



Term 4 – Week 8

Thursday, 29th November, 2012

## Principals Report

*I can't believe there are less than 3 weeks left to our 2012 school year. This just goes to prove that "time flies" when you are having a wonderful time!  
I must say I don't want the year to end!*

### Don't forget these dates:

Monday 3/12/12 – Combined Carols at Lithgow High School

Tuesday 11/12/12 – Zig Zag Carols (tentative)

Monday 17/12/12 – Presentation Day

### Mayors Christmas Appeal

Lithgow City Council has been working with the aged care facilities in the Lithgow Local Government Area to have the Mayor visit each of the facilities and present the residents with a small gift for Christmas.

Council would like to invite the parents and students to donate a small present to this appeal. Gifts such as non-allergenic personal care products, soft lollies and chocolates, or that provide visual and sensory stimulus suitable for Alzheimer's patients would be ideal.

Many of the residents of these facilities have no family locally or are unable to leave the centres for Christmas due to ill health. It is a small way that we can say Merry Christmas to these important members of our community.

Donations of wrapped gifts with a male or female tag may be dropped off at the school office or at council's administration building.

### Swimming School

Swimming lessons will finish this Friday and I am so proud of all the students who have attended. I have had reports of exemplary behaviour while at the pool. Well done girls and boys.

I would like to thank Ms Wright, Mrs Savath and Mrs Corney for volunteering to take the children to lessons.

Swimming is a vital lifelong skill and all teachers have commented how great it is to see the growth of confidence and skills in such a short time.

### Eskbank House Excursion

I don't know about the boys and girls but my legs were quite sore after our 5km walk!

Eskbank House opened up the museum for our school, free of charge. The students were able to admire the works of art on display from local schools. Additionally they were fascinated by "how times have changed" in the furnishings of a house and loved having a walk through "Possum". Thank you to all the staff at Eskbank House – your hospitality was greatly appreciated. Eskbank House is such a beautiful historic property and an important asset for the Lithgow community.



### Featherdale Excursion

*On Friday we went to Featherdale for our excursion. We saw the penguins they made funny noises at us.*

*Patrick Grantham*



I went to Featherdale. It was good. I liked the crocodile. It was asleep and it was big. Alex Hamilton



*The Tasmanian Devil was hiding. It was exciting when he came out. Joaquin Taylor.*



### Principals Meeting

This week I have attended two Principal organising meetings. The first being the trial of the program "eyewatch" in the Bathurst region. This program is an initiative of the school's security directorate. The aim is to develop a community program similar to Neighbourhood Watch, linking networks and the community together via technology.



Yesterday, I attended the initial planning meeting for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. 2013 will be the transition year for staff to train to become familiar with the new curriculum implementation for English and Maths.

AUSTRALIAN  
CURRICULUM

The syllabus and support material have been developed and Principals were briefed on Training Module content.

2013 is a year for teachers to be able to familiarise themselves with the syllabus and support materials.

2014 English K-6 must be implemented.

2015 Math and Science K-6 must be implemented

It is exciting times as we move our students towards being "21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners". Schools will be "preparing the student for the future".

### SAKG Dinner



Excitement is building...

Applications have been received from 4/5/6 students to help on the night. Unfortunately we received many more applications than there were positions. I would like to thank the students for their enthusiasm and willingness to participate.

Decorations are being finished...

Cooking will commence...

The garden is continuing to grow and will supply a good deal of the ingredients for the evening.

If our summer weather continues we should have a glorious evening.

I would like to extend a big Zig Zag thank you to Marie Ellery and Jeannie Johnson for donating the pots made by local potter Michael Conolan. We will be baking bread in these pots.

### Travelling Games

Each week we will be including a couple of ideas for travelling games which should come in handy at this time of the year.

**Colour Match** - everyone in the car chooses a colour. You then look at the oncoming traffic and players get one point for each car of the chosen colour that passes.

**Two Facts and a Fib** – the first person tells everyone three things about themselves. Two statements will be fact and one will be a fib. Everyone else guesses which one is the fib by holding up one, two or three fingers to show which statement is not true.

*Kind Regards  
Vicki Gillmore*

### P & C NEWS:

#### Canteen

There is **no canteen this Friday**. The kitchen is required for the SAKG dinner.





### Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is at 1.45pm on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Hamper

Raffle tickets and a flyer are being sent home today for the Christmas Hamper. Tickets are to be returned by **Tuesday 11 December**. If you require more tickets they can be obtained at the office.

### Christmas Carols

Due to scheduling difficulties the Zig Zag Christmas Carols will **not** be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012. We are negotiating an alternate date and will advise as soon as it has been finalised.



### Combined Schools Chocolate Wheel

Where – Cook St Plaza  
When – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Starting at 5.30pm

Win your Christmas ham or turkey or pick from the table of great gift ideas. In the event of wet weather the chocolate wheel will be held under cover at Lithgow Public School.

### Community News

#### **Bunning's Christmas Family Night**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm-9pm  
Join in a free night of fun – appearance from Santa, workshops for kids of all ages. Light refreshments provided.

**Bookings essential** – for more information or to book speak to one of the team members in store.

Bunning's Lithgow – 295 Main St Lithgow 02 6354 0900

### **Crystal Theatre Portland**

Sat 8 Dec 2012 2.00pm Hotel Transylvania (PG)  
Sat 8 Dec 2012 7.00pm Argo (PG-13)

Tickets only \$6.00

## CALENDAR

### Term 4

#### Week 8

Thursday 29/11/12	Swimming School
	LaSalle Transition
	Bunyip's Christmas VC
Friday 30/11/12	SAKG Dinner

#### Week 9

Monday 3/12/12	Combined Carols @ LHS
	Year 6 LHS Orientation
	9.30am – 1.00pm
Friday 7/12/12	Bike Day

#### Week 10

Monday 10/12/12	Convicts VC 3/4
Wednesday 12/12/12	Zig Zag PS Carols 6pm
Friday 14/12/12	Reports sent home

#### Week 11

Monday 17/12/12	Presentation Day
Tuesday 18/12/12	Class Parties
Wednesday 19/12/12	Last day of school for students
Thursday 20/12/12	Staff Development Day @ LHS
Friday 21/12/12	Staff Development Day @ LHS

## Make, Learn, Play at Studio 52 in Blackheath

### Half or Whole day activities these school Summer holidays

**Tues 15th January & Wed 23rd January 2013**  
Junior Primary Workshops

**DESIGN & PRINT WORKSHOP \$30**  
**SUPER-HERO WORKSHOP \$40**

Please wear paint-friendly clothes to all classes.

**Wed 16th January & Tues 22nd January 2013**  
Senior Primary Workshops

**DESIGN & PRINT WORKSHOP \$30**  
**MONSTER MAKING WORKSHOP \$45**

Please wear paint-friendly clothes to all classes.

Spaces are limited so please book to avoid disappointment. Call Emma at Studio 52 to enquire or book: 0423 440 788  
Fully qualified teacher – No more than 10 kids per class – 2 adults per class supervising. All teachers and supervisors have child-safe clearance checks in place.

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