



Term 4 – Week 10

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2012



## Principals Report

*Only six more days until the 2012 school year draws to a close.*

*The teachers are finalising reports and have been very busy with all the end of year preparations.*

*With very mixed emotions, I announce that Mrs Vicki O'Rourke will be returning to her permanent position as Principal of Zig Zag Public School. I know Mrs O'Rourke is looking forward to coming back.*

*I have thoroughly enjoyed my year at Zig Zag Public School. I would say it is the happiest year I have had in my teaching career.*

*Zig Zag Public is a remarkable little school. There are so many wonderful programs operating. I feel very privileged to have been part of them, even if it has just been for one year.*

*The wealth of opportunities that the teachers provide for the children at Zig Zag is truly "Learning for Life".*

*I can't thank the staff enough for the support they have given me this year.*

*I feel I have built a lovely relationship with all the children and will miss them next year.*

*The staff, students, P&C and community have made me feel very welcome.*

*Thank you everyone.*

### Zig Zag Christmas Carols

Our carols evening has now been set down for **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.00pm.**

The extra week has worked well as the hamper has grown in size! Don't forget to get your tickets!

In the event of poor weather we will hold the carols in the weather shed.

### Don't forget these special events

Presentation Day	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30am
Carols	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm
Christmas Party	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 6 dinner	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

### Bike Safety Afternoon

We had another fun afternoon at Zig Zag Public School on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. It is also a timely reminder, just before school holidays, for the children to remember the essential bike safety rules to keep them safe over the break.



#### **Bicycle Safety Checklist**

1. BRAKES: ensure brake blocks are not worn down and are fitted correctly.
2. CHAIN: should be frequently oiled and not be too loose
3. TYRES: look for bald spots, bulges and cuts. Should not "squash" when firmly squeezed
4. PEDALS: must spin freely
5. BELL or HORN: should be loud enough for others to hear
6. REFLECTORS and LIGHTS: must be secure, properly aligned, clean and working.
7. SEAT: the height of the seat should be correctly adjusted so that the rider can sit on the seat with their toes able to reach the ground.



### Library Stocktake

Have you remembered to check for any library books at home? Please check and return any to school ASAP so that Mrs Wallace can finalise stocktake.

### Captains Speeches

Yesterday, we held the Year 5 speeches for 2013 Captains. Nine very nervous students stood in front of the entire school explaining why they think they would make a good school captain.

"Well done everyone. You made me feel very proud!"

The result of the voting will be announced on presentation day.



### WGED Choir

Ms Wright, Ryan Merlino, Jamaica Enoka and Olivia Morgan represented our school yesterday as part of the WGED choir. They travelled to Coinda, Tanderra and Three Tree Lodge Nursing Homes to perform for the residents.

These students made us very proud and brought so much joy to the residents.

Thank you Ms Wright for taking the students to each of the WGED performances.

### Helpers Morning Tea

On behalf of the Staff and students of Zig Zag Public School I would like to thank the following people for their contributions to our school programs this year:

<i>Miriam Palmer</i>	<i>Dennis Skelton</i>
<i>Maryanne Torok</i>	<i>Julie Phillips</i>
<i>Sue Smith</i>	<i>Mr &amp; Mrs Romanous</i>
<i>Mr Sivath</i>	<i>Chris Warren</i>
<i>Rebecca Rieh</i>	<i>Joan Rieh</i>
<i>Sarah Edwards</i>	<i>Traey Taylor</i>
<i>Simone Debouzeville-Howarth</i>	
<i>Michelle Merlino</i>	<i>Mr Rich</i>
<i>Mrs Wallace</i>	<i>Sally Shoard</i>
<i>Lynda Simpson</i>	<i>Amanda Wright</i>
<i>Gayle Zorz</i>	<i>Liz Morgan</i>

Thank you everyone, without your support we wouldn't be able to provide the programs that we do.



### Reports Delayed- until MONDAY 17/12/12

I apologise for the delay in sending reports home. The delay is due to our new school printer being delivered and installed on Wednesday!

We will be sending reports home on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, after the Presentation Ceremony.

### Year 6 Students Farewell



It is always a sad time but at the same time it is very exciting time!

To our 2012 Year 6 students:

THANKYOU.....

\*for taking on extra responsibilities and leadership roles

\*for running the Peer Support groups throughout the year

\*for being the "big kids" of the school

I feel I have developed a good relationship with all of you and I wish you all the very best for high school in 2013. Don't forget to keep in touch with Zig Zag School in future years.



### Presentation Day

Presentation Day is an important time on our school calendar. It is a time for recognition of all the effort that goes into the activities of the school year.

Our ceremony commences at 10.30am and each family is asked to bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.



### Party Day

This is a very exciting and fun day indeed. We will be joining together to relax and celebrate the end of the 2012 school year. We would ask that the students bring in food to share:

Mrs Gillmore's class – please bring fruit

Mrs Corney's class – please bring in something savoury

Mrs Ellery's class – please bring in something sweet

P&C will provide sausage rolls and party pies.





## Travelling Games

This week's games are all for car travel.

### **Quiet Game**

All players need to remain quiet until they see a particular object. Examples include a number plate with a specific letter, a type of vehicle, a type of animal etc. The first one to spot the object gets a point and then another object is agreed upon.

### **Silly Sentences**

A great game for anywhere there is another car in front of you. Use the letters of the number plate you see to make silly sentences. For example CLR-431 could make "Crocodiles love rainbows" and ODS-999 would be "Our dad smells".

*Kind Regards  
Vicki Gillmore*

## P & C NEWS:

### Canteen

Friday will be the last canteen day for 2012.

### Christmas Hamper

Thank you for your donations for our Christmas hamper.

Please your tickets back to school by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Bring both the sold and unsold tickets in. The raffle will be drawn at the carols on Monday evening.

### Christmas Carols

Our annual Zig Zag Christmas Carols will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.00pm**.

Come along and enjoy an evening with your families, friends and the Zig Zag community in our grounds.

Enjoy the BBQ, entertainment, Santa and the Chocolate Wheel: prizes include hams, turkey roll and chocolates. This is a fabulous evening that is enjoyed by the Zig Zag community each year.



### Combined Schools Chocolate Wheel

Where – Cook St Plaza

When – Thursday 13th 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.

Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets on the night.

Students who are coming to sing with the choir are required to wear school uniform.

## Community News

### Homework Zone

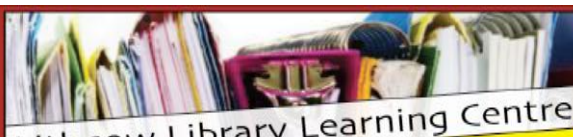
Lithgow Library Learning Centre will again be running the "Homework Zone" in 2013. It will start week one of term one 2013. Monday - Thursday 3.30 - 5.30 with a qualified high school teacher. This is a wonderful, FREE service and a valuable community initiative. Please see the notice on the last page of the newsletter for further details.

### Carols at the Union Theatre

Christmas Carols at the Union Theatre Bridge St Lithgow are set for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

Entry is by donation and all proceeds go to local charities.





**Lithgow Library Learning Centre**

# HOMEWORK ZONE




Free for  
**YEARS 3 - 12**




Falling behind?  
Don't know where to start?  
Just need some help?  
or a place to work?

Qualified Teacher happy to  
help with any homework  
or assignments.

**MON-THURS**  
**3.30 - 5.30PM**

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## CALENDAR

## Term 4

## Week 11

Monday 17/12/12	Presentation Day 10.30am
Tuesday 18/12/12	Class Parties
	Year 6 Dinner
Wednesday 19/12/12	Last day of school for students
Thursday 20/12/12	Staff Development Day
Friday 21/12/12	Staff Development Day



## January School Holiday Activities

Week 1	Monday 7/1/13 - Friday 11/1/13
Week 2	Monday 14/1/13 - Friday 18/1/13
Week 3	Monday 21/1/13 - Friday 25/1/13

**TIME:** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**COST:** \$20 per child

**AGES:** 5-13 yr olds

**Daily Activities include:**

Table tennis  
Gymnastics  
Indoor sports  
Outdoor sports  
Craft  
Games  
Movies

*Please bring morning tea, lunch,  
afternoon tea and drinks*

Bookings essential

PCYC Lithgow 02 63512510

## 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.

GIFT VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR WORKSHOPS AND STUDIO 52 RETAIL STORE.

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MERRY  
Christmas

