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Zig Zag Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 6

Friday 15th November, 2013

Principals Report

Education Reforms

Yesterday I attended a meeting with a group of Principals from the new Bathurst Network Group. Principals were updated on the many reforms in place which aim for the ultimate goal of improved educational outcomes for our children.

Reforms such as "Local Schools Local Decisions", "The Rural and Remote Blueprint", "Great Teaching Inspired Leaders", "Every Student Every School" and the implementation of the "Australian Curriculum" were discussed. Along with these reforms there will be changes to funding to schools and the installation of a new business management system.

Mrs Ellery and Mrs Savath attended a workshop last week on Programming for English and Mathematics. It is busy and interesting times for Zig Zag School and staff.

Golf Workshop

Last Friday primary children participated in a golf workshop run by the Jack Newton Foundation. It was another fantastic opportunity for the children to experience yet another sport run by a very motivated professional. The school has decided to buy a teaching kit and will run short workshops throughout the year.

The children were given information about Junior Golf lessons run by Mr Nightingale at Lithgow Golf Club every Thursday at a cost of \$5 per child. For further information please contact Lithgow Golf Club.



Re-use Recycle Week

It certainly sounds like I missed a fun filled day on Wednesday. Representatives from Tidy Towns visited our school to present our "Highly Commended" award and we were able to showcase how environmentally sound our school is with our "Nude Food Day" and our "Nude Food Poster" competition.

Well done everyone.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Dinner

We have had an overwhelming response to invitations for our second annual SAKG Dinner and all seats have been sold! Menus will be sent out this week, please make your selections and return them to school promptly.



Want to give your child a successful start at school? (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters - HIPPY)

HIPPY is a free, government funded program, new to Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland designed to help parents prepare their children for school.

Materials, guidance and home tutor support are all provided. The focus is on parents spending about 10 minutes a day doing the interactive activities with their children, to build pre-literacy and numeracy skills. HIPPY aims to further develop parents' skills and

confidence to better help their children prepare for a successful start at school.

Employment opportunities are also available to parents. Centacare requires part time Home Tutors to assist with delivering the HIPPY program.

Centacare is accepting enrolments for 2014 from families living in the Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland areas with children in the **year prior to starting school**, usually around 4 years of age (Note: Children must turn 4 years on or before the 31st July 2014).

Interested parents / caregivers can contact the Program Coordinator, Leanne Walding on telephone: 6352 4868 or mobile 0409 362 663 or email hippy@centacarebathurst.com.au

HIPPY Bowenfels is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters.

Year 6 Fruit Salad Fundraiser

The Year 6 Fruit Salad Fundraiser will now be next **Wednesday 20th November** during second lunch. For a gold coin donation students will be able to purchase fruit salad, the funds raised will be used by Year 6 to purchase a gift for the school.

Old Shirts Needed

We need to replenish our supply of Painting Shirts. If you have any old shirts that you were thinking of getting rid of please send them in where we can re-use and recycle them into Painting Shirts.



Reminders:

Book Club

Book Club orders and money are due Friday 22nd November.

Lost Property

Don't forget to ask your child to check the lost property baskets.

Stewart House

Stewart House Bags are to be left at school by Wednesday 27th November for collection.

Autism Workshop

A **FREE** two day workshop and information session for Parents/Carers of school age children on the autism spectrum will be held in Bathurst on **Wednesday 20th** and **Thursday 21st November**. This is a great opportunity for parents to connect and learn fabulous information about understanding and managing Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The workshop will be held at the Bathurst Convention Centre, Cnr Howick & Peel Sts Bathurst and runs from 9am – 4.30pm on Wednesday and 9am – 3.30pm on Thursday. Please contact 1300 881 971 for information and to enquire regarding registration.

P&C News

The next P&C meeting is **Tuesday 19th November** at 1.30pm.

Vicki Gillmore

Relieving Principal

CALENDAR

Term 4

Week 7

Tues 19/11/13	P&C Meeting 1.30pm
Wed 20/11/13	Year 6 Fruit Salad Day

Week 8

Fri 29/11/13	SAKG Dinner
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Week 9	Swimming School
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Week 10	Swimming School
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Week 11

Tues 17/12/13	Presentation Day 10.30am
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Wed 18/12/13	Kids Party – Last day of school for students
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Thurs 19/12/13	Staff Development
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Fri 20/12/13	Staff Development
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COMMUNITY NEWS

PORTLAND CRYSTAL THEATRE WOLGAN ST PORTLAND

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2PM

THE WOLVERINE 3D (PG-13)

