



Term 4 – Week 8

Friday 28th November, 2014

Principals Report

I can't believe we are on the countdown to Christmas!

Some words to describe our school this week are:

Hectic, busy, fun, engaging and exciting.

Turrumurra Band Visit

On Tuesday we were visited by the very talented students from Turrumurra Primary School who showcased their musicianship.



Swimming

Thank you to our wonderful teachers Mrs Wallace, Mrs Doran, Mrs Corney, Ms Wright, Ms Simpson and Miss Gillmore for braving the cold water along with the children during our swimming program this week. Swimming is such a valuable skill and I'm sure all of the students who have been part of the program have improved their swimming skills and water safety skills. Thank you to all of our students for being so well behaved.

Congratulations Mrs Savath

This morning Mrs Gillmore presented Mrs Savath with her trophy from NEITA – National Excellence in Teaching Award

Our school captains Ryan Merlino and Olivia Morgan presented Mrs Savath with her certificate. Congratulations from all our the Zig Zag School community!



Staff Training Milestones

Last Wednesday 19 November, Mrs Gillmore, Mrs Savath and Mrs Doran completed their first year of training in Literacy, Language and Learning. It has been such a valuable program and the children's results are outstanding.

A Christmas Message

Zig Zag PS has been invited to bring a small group of students to visit the local radio station 2LT/Move FM. Students will have a tour of the radio station and learn a little about radio broadcasting. Students will also experience broadcasting first hand as they have been invited to read a Christmas message that will be recorded at the station and broadcast during the Christmas season as community Christmas messages.

The children have all auditioned in front of the video camera at school in our "pop-up studio" and some very excited students have been selected to go to 2LT/Move FM to record their Christmas message.

Reminders and Important Dates

Sunday 30 November – Celebrate Lithgow Parade.

Students who will be taking part in the parade need to meet at the Court House Hotel end of Main St at 2.30pm ready for the parade to begin at 3.00pm. We have asked the students to wear clothing that would be indicative of our Kitchen/Garden program rather than wearing school uniform.

Monday 1 December – Combined Carols at LHS

Students participating will travel to Lithgow High School at 9.30am for a rehearsal. The rehearsal is **only** for those students who will be attending the combined carols at LHS on Monday evening. Students are required to be at LHS Hall at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start on Monday night.

Wednesday 3 December – Yr 6 Orientation LHS

This is the full orientation day for students from all local schools who will be going into Year 7 at Lithgow High in 2015. Students are to assemble in the LHS Hall at 9.30 and collected from the LHS Hall at 1.00pm. **Parents are**

to provide transport for their child both to and from the High School.

Friday 5 December – Yr 6 Orientation La Salle

Year 6 students going in to Year 7 in 2015 at La Salle Academy have their orientation day from 8.45 – 3.20. Parents are responsible for arranging transport for their children.

Wednesday 10 December – Zig Zag Carols

Bring your picnic blanket, your camping chair, your family and friends to our annual Christmas Carols at 6.30pm in our beautiful school grounds. There will be a BBQ, raffles, chocolate wheel and carol singing.

Monday 15 December – Year 6 Farewell Dinner

6.00pm at the Lithgow Workmen’s Club

Tuesday 16 December – Presentation Day

10.00am 2014 Presentation Assembly

Wednesday 17 December – School Christmas Party

Free Mulch

We still have quite a large pile of mulch in the staff car park left from the removal of the trees in the playground. If you would like some mulch please feel free to help yourself over the weekend or in the afternoons after school has finished for the day.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Dinner

Preparations are in full swing for the 2014 SAKG Dinner. The students have been helping with the many jobs that are involved in making this evening a success each year.



Think Pink Bears and Stewart House Handballs

Don't forget that you can purchase your Think Pink Bears (\$10 each) and Stewart House Handballs (\$3 each) at the school office. Funds raised from the sale of the bears supports cancer research and funds from the sale of the handballs supports Stewart House. I'm sure you will agree they are both two very worthy causes.

School banking

Don't forget school banking day is Tuesdays.

Lost Property

Please take some time to check through the lost property next week as the pile continues to grow.

Any items remaining in lost property will be placed in the clothing pool or donated to charity over the summer holidays.

Vicki Gillmore

Principal

P&C News

This is an extraordinarily busy time of the year for our P&C. If you are able to help out we would love to hear from you. Further information can be obtained from any of the P&C members and if you need their contact numbers please contact the office at school.

CALENDAR

Week 8	Swimming School
Fri 28/11/14	SAKG Dinner
Week 9	
Wed 3/12/14	Yr 6 Orientation LHS
Week 10	
Wed 10/12/14	Zig Zag Carols
Week 11	
Tues 16/12/14	Presentation Day 10am
	Sem 2 Reports sent home
Wed 17/12/14	School Christmas Party
	Last Day for students
Thurs 18/12/14	Staff Dev Day
Fri 19/12/14	Staff Dev Day



Waste2Art with Ludwina

Cost: \$35 per workshop (includes all materials and morning tea)

Workshop One

Recommended Ages 5-8

10am - 12 pm

Thursday 15 January 2015

Workshop Two

Recommended Ages 8-14

10am - 12pm

Thursday 22 January 2015

Jump into these workshop this summer with the creative and energising Ludwina Roebuck. Learn construction skills while playing with form and texture, all using recycled materials.

WANTED

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Should families have any items of school uniform which are no longer of any use to their children, could this clothing please be taken to the school office. There are a number of families who would appreciate the opportunity to access this clothing.

Thank you.

The 12 Do's of Christmas
PLANET ARK

*'Tis the season to commit ✓
 to reduce, reuse and recycle*

Find options at [RecyclingNearYou](#)

- Buy good quality decorations that can be reused or make your own. I will do this
- Check that your work Christmas party organiser sets up well-signed recycling options for the event.
- Find out what your recipients really want, or choose an experience or charity gift.
- Choose reusable or recyclable wrapping, like paper.
- Prevent food waste – only open what you need, serve smaller portions, store and use left-overs.
- Compost or worm farm your unavoidable food scraps.
- Most food and drink packaging is recyclable. Sort and flatten it to fit as much as possible in your bin.
- Recycle old mobile phones, printer cartridges, computers and tablets that get replaced.
- Give a recharger pack with any battery-operated gifts – it'll save money and reduce the gift's impact.
- Ensure your car runs efficiently by inflating the tyres and tuning the engine, and recycle your old car oil, tyres and batteries.
- De-clutter the house – recycle from the yard, garage and attic.
- See if your council has a special mulching service for live Christmas trees or take it to the garden section of your local recycling facility.