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NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 – Week 3

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Principals Report

Broken Bay Excursion

We are so proud of our 5/6 students! We could not have asked for better behaved group, they were a pleasure to take away. As usual staff at the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp keep the children so active that they were all sound asleep by 10.00pm each evening! (Yes parents, you read that correctly)

We must extend an enormous thank you to Mrs Ellery and Mrs Simpson for accompanying the children on the excursion. It really is a big commitment to be away from your family for a week. We are very very fortunate to have such dedicated staff who go way beyond their job descriptions to ensure that our students have all of the opportunities that are available to them.



The first morning we were on kitchen duty. Terry and I were on "toasters". We put bread into the conveyor toasters and then on to the tray for the servers. Then once everyone was served, we had

breakfast. William

We did archery; my coaching got Donald a bulls eye when he was half blind and I had a lot of courage in me as my friends cheered me on. After a few bad shots I won the competition. Eithin



We went down to the beach and we built a castle, a ditch, a bridge and trenches. Then we played a game of sort of like hide and seek in the trenches. Donald



We packed pots and cutlery in bags and lugged them up steep hills until we found a nice spot for our cookout. We had to collect sticks and sweep our place before making our fire. We then made a sausage stew. It was really yummy. We also made garlic and herb bread for a snack while lunch was cooking. Alex

It was really fun and I would love to go again. Ella

We did abseiling; when I started going backward my feet were too close together, I started swinging to the

left...all I saw was a little tree, I just grabbed it, I split the poor thing in half. Blake



When we tested our raft we started sinking and sinking until we were swimming in the water! Terry

The rope course was really hard. The boomerang throwing was easy. My favourite thing was abseiling and the rope course. Mitchell



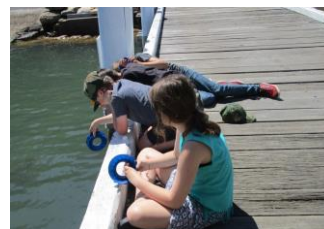
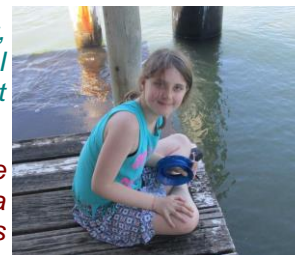
On the boat over the 2 adults showed us some AMAZING Aboriginal paintings on the rocks. Shyaleigh

We went to the beach looking for small creatures hidden in the rocks but a few of them were huge. Cade

We had night activities in the Rec Hall where we played lots of games. My favourite was "teachers Revenge". Aradia

Abseiling was scary at first, but when I got to the bottom I was relieved that I made it down. It was fun. Hermione

Kayaking was my favourite activity even though I was a little scared because it was shaking. Claire



When we went canoeing I got wet because the boat flipped over and we all ended up with the canoe on our heads. Myakari

It was very exciting when we did the ropes course. I was nervous to start but then got used to it. It was awesome. Zenka



P&C needs more support

Did you know that our P&C subsidises the cost of excursions? Unless we are able to get some additional help this will not be able to continue.

The end of the school year is a very busy time for our P&C who are involved in Presentation Day, various Christmas fundraisers, Zig Zag Carols, student party day amongst other events. **Additional help for all of these events is needed to ensure that they can take place.** If you are able to help please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 17th November or if you are unable to attend the meeting please call the school to let us know you are able to help.

Please think about how you can be involved in 2016.

Reminders

Lutanda Excursion

Final payment for the Lutanda excursion is due by **Monday 26th October**. 4/5 Students are getting very excited for their 2 night sleepover at Mount Victoria.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Dinner

This wonderful event is taking place **tomorrow night**. The night commences at 6.30pm.

School Swimming

Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November. Students leave school at 12 noon and return to school by 2.40pm. Cost is \$30. Money due ASAP

Music – Count Us In

We would love to have parents come and join us on Thursday 29th October at 12.30pm to watch our students sing “Gold” in front of the Zig Zag Brewery/Lithgow Valley Springs and then stay for a picnic lunch.

Save this date to come and enjoy the performance.

Year 6 Fundraiser

Year 6 have a selection of beautiful ribbon hair clips available to purchase ranging in price from \$1.00 - \$3.00.

Thank you to Hermione's grandmother for making and donating these ribbons.

Summer Uniform Ordering

A School Uniform Order will be available this term to coincide with the Puffing Billies order. Forms are available from the Office or on the school Website in the Notes tab.

We do hold a limited stock of uniform at school and they are mainly small sizes but if you are in need of any

items please check with the office or alternatively email Liz Morgan on elizabeth.morgan13@det.nsw.edu.au

Healthy Lunchbox Session

On Thursday 29th October at 9.30am we will be holding a Healthy Lunchbox Session. This is an initiative of the Cancer Council as part of the *Eat It to Beat It* program. Please call by **Tuesday 27th October** to register for this session to ensure that you don't miss out on your Healthy Lunchbox show bag.

Puffing Billies Graduation

Next Week is our Puffing Billies Graduation. Our next intake of Zig Zag students have been busy learning all about “big school”, making friends and having fun.

The Graduation Ceremony will take place at 10.45am.

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017

Important information:

* Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

* Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Application will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.

* All applicants are required to sit the Selective High Schools Place-ment Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

If you are interested in applying for selective high school placement please contact the office for further information.

Vicki Gillmore

Principal

P & C News

As we approach the end of the school year it is a busy time for our P&C. Traditionally the P&C are involved with many events that this year will include Wine and Beer Tasting, Presentation Day, Class Parties, Combined Carols, Zig Zag Carols and of course Canteen on an ongoing basis.

All of these events require volunteers to help out and new volunteers will certainly be welcomed and will help to spread the load a little lighter.

If you are interested in helping our P&C please come along to a meeting or simply call the school and let us know that you are available to help.

Beer and Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Zig Zag P&C are holding a Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser as well as a small auction on Saturday 24th October at 2.30pm.

This should be a great event, come and sample Zig Zag Brewery's Boutique Beer and enjoy wine tasting from Mudjee's Two Furlongs Winery.

No RSVP needed for the event. What a perfect way to purchase Christmas gifts and enjoy a pleasant afternoon!

As there will be alcohol at this event no persons under 18 years of age are permitted on school grounds in accordance with regulations.

Community News

Junior Golf - Lithgow Golf Club

Junior Golf Clinic has recommended on Thursday afternoons at 4.00pm.

For further information contact Garry Nightingale on 02 6351 3164

Lithgow Milo T20 Blast Centre

Still time to join in the fun of Milo T20 Blast

Program starts on Wednesday 28th October with a free come and try day.

Venue Tony Luchetti Sports Centre

Time 4.30-6.00pm

Cost of programme \$99 includes a Sydney Thunder themed participant pack

For more information or to register please contact Mark Wren on 0428 040 185 or visit www.playcricket.com.au/t20blast

VOLUNTEER AWARD – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES

Sport and Recreation are again holding the **Central**

West Winter Sport Volunteer Award. It's the end of the winter sporting season, but it's not too late to recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in our communities. The Award has separate categories for both open and youth (25years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroots sports.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated. All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded \$250 & \$100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs. It's a great way to say thank you to a coach, committee member, official or manager. It's a simple process that won't take long, but will make the nominee feel valued as a volunteer.



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Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 6th November 2015.

Calendar

Term 4

Week 3

Fri 23/10/15 SAKG Dinner @ 7pm

Sat 24/10/15 P&C Wine & Beer
Tasting @ 2.30pm

Week 4

Wed 28/10/18 Lutanda Excursion
Balgowlah Band Visit
Thurs 29/10/15 Music Count Us In
Puffing Billies Graduation

Week 5

Week 6 Swimming School

Week 7

Tues 17/11/15 P&C Meeting 2pm
Fri 20/11/15 Authors Walk Opening

Week 10

Mon 7/12/15 Combined Schools Carols
Wed 9/12/15 Presentation Day

Week 11

Mon 14/12/15 Zig Zag Carols
Wed 16/12/15 Last day of term

