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Zig Zag Public School

# **NEWSLETTER**

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Term 4 – Week 9

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## **Principals Report**

## Year 5 Leadership Speeches

Well done to the boys and girls in Year 5!

It was a nerve wracking time for all the students as they stood up in front of their peers and promoted what they would bring as Leaders to Zig Zag Public School in 2016.





# THANK YOU ANTHES FAMILY

Yesterday the school received a very generous donation from Mr and Mrs Anthes and their boys. The school received **\$1000.00** towards the cost of a gas oven for the SAKG program. What a



wonderful thing to do for our school which is very much appreciated – thank you!

### **Swimming School**

Thank you: Mrs. Wallace, Mrs Corney, Mrs Ellery, Mrs Doran and Mrs Simpson for another successful Swimming School.

Thank you also to the P&C for the subsidisation of transport which reduced the cost considerably for such a worthwhile program.





I visited the lessons on Friday and it was wonderful to see the improvement of all students. Learning to swim is so important as a "lifelong skill".

## Congratulations Zig Zag Students

This week Certificates were presented to students for the "Swimming School" and for the "Premiers Reading Challenge".



A Platinum certificate was presented to Alex Duffy for 7 years participation in the Premiers Reading Challenge.



Gold certificates for 4 years participation in the challenge were presented to Mary McPherson, Claire O'Neil, Elias Rappard, Zenka Haas, William Anthes, Bailey Edwards, Ella Wilson and Shyaleigh Forgham.

#### Well done everyone!

Girls and boys don't forget to keep up your reading throughout the holidays – it is such an important skill and you need to keep practising.







Beach to Bush

Zig Zag PS recently had a timely visit from Surf Lifesaving Australia educating the children on water safety at the beach.

Booklets were sent home to remind parents of the dangers and precautions families can take while on holidays this coming summer break.

#### **Presentation Day**

We would like to invite Parents/Carers and families to our Presentation Day on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.

There will be a morning tea after the ceremony and we would ask that families bring a plate to share.

#### Authors Walk Opening

The Grand opening of our Australian Authors Walk will be after Presentation Day on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

The students have been working on this project since the beginning of Term Three and it has incorporated collaboration and team work through learning in small multi-age groups. The girls and boys have used IT skills to gather information and collate it into a folder "on a cloud" (on the internet) then use what they have learned to create a sculpture inspired by their group's author. The Author's Walk combines their learning and creativity into a sculptural exhibition.

As the Australian Author's Walk will be interactive you will be invited to download the "app" which the students have created to guide you through the exhibition. Information will go home on Friday showing you have to download the "app".

#### Hair Colour

I would like to discourage our students from colouring their hair. It appears to be a trend among our students that began with a few children. Unfortunately blue, pink and red hair does not really fit with our school uniform code. Additionally, as we have a number of special events coming up we would like the students to look their best.

A child's skin and scalp are more tender, sensitive and prone to allergic reactions. An allergic reaction could result in broken skin, hair loss, hives, itchy scalp, swelling, burning and difficulty breathing. Some hair colours may also contain ammonia and hydrogen peroxide which can damage

#### Lost Property

Please come and check the lost property before then end of the year. We have a large number of jackets and jumpers that have accumulated over winter.

### P&C News

<u>Christmas Raffle</u> Tickets are being sent home today for our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are 3 for \$2.00 and prizes are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Handmade Christmas Quilt

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Wine Gift Pack

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Candle Gift Pack

<u>Watermelon Day</u> Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at second lunch the P&C are providing watermelon for students free of charge.

Zig Zag Carols Save the date Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.00pm. Bring your picnic blanket, your folding chair, friends and family and enjoy a BBQ, singing Christmas Carols and win some prizes on the chocolate wheel. This is always a lovely evening that the school and local community look forward to each year.

<u>Community</u> <u>Chocolate</u> <u>Wheels</u> The very popular Chocolate Wheels will be held in Cook Street Plaza on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This is always a pleasant event and there are always lots of great prizes to win including the most popular Christmas Hams.

Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets on each evening. This is an easy job as tickets sell very fast and everyone is in a festive mood – it really is a lovely event with the added bonus that ZZPS has a share in the profits made on the evening.

Please contact the office to advise if you are available to help sell tickets.

#### **Community News**

Sydney's largest school holiday program returns this summer school holidays! There are 60+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$25, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground this holidays.

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers All Day Holiday Recreational Program Science, cooking, writing workshops Gymnastics Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze

Apia International Sydney Kids' Tennis Day Summer Wetlands Sport & adventure camps Australia Day celebrations - FREE....and lots more

Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au



# **Calendar**

<u>Term 4</u>	
Week 9	
Fri 4/12/15	K-2 Excursion to Bathurst
<u>Week 10</u>	
Mon 7/12/15	Combined Schools Carols
	6.30pm at LHS
Wed 9/12/15	Presentation Day @ 10am
	Authors Walk
Fri 11/12/15	Reports Sent Home
	Chocolate Wheel @ Plaza
<u>Week 11</u>	
Mon 14/12/15	Zig Zag Carols @ 6.00pm
Wed 16/12/15	Last day of term 4
	Party Day
Thurs 17/12/15	Staff Development Day
	Chocolate Wheel @ Plaza
Fri 18/12/15	Staff Development Day