Principals Report

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our District Swimming team on an incredibly successful day last Friday 15th February at the District Swimming Carnival. Well done to all our swimmers on a terrific day. We have 4 children that have qualified to attend the Regional Swimming Trials in Dubbo next Friday 8th March 2013, they are: Carly Bulkeley, Alayah Lincoln, Austyn Lincoln and Logan McManus.

Good luck to our Boys Cricket team which is travelling to Rylstone today and to those trying out for the District Basketball and Cricket Squads tomorrow.

We encourage parents to make appointments to come and talk about your child’s progress, problems that may arise, ideas etc. Give either office a call and leave a message for your child’s teacher. It is reminded that the education of your child is a team effort with teachers and parents being the main stakeholders. With this in mind, it is an important reminder that the parent/teacher relationship always needs to be cohesive and supportive and one of mutual respect. I am sure we will continue to work with one another in a positive manner.

The P&C meeting is tonight at 5pm in the Infants staffroom, come along to discuss new sports jacket and pants as well as the beanie which may be added as part of our school uniform.

Some general reminders:-
• All items of clothing and personal belongings should be clearly marked with your child’s name.
• Students who have represented at Western Region carnivals or NSW carnivals, are permitted to wear their representative sports shirt or jumper on the school’s sports day.
• All children require a broad brimmed hat each day as our school has a “No Hat, No Play” policy.
• When parents and friends come to the school during the day, they should present to the front office on arrival. This is a Legal and Workplace Safety requirement and is followed for the safety and security of all children and teachers.

Attendance at School
Children should aim not to be absent from school for no more than 3 days per term, whether it be sick or absent due to family business. If your child is or will be away for a longer period of time, then please come in and complete an exemption form. This will then prevent your child from having noted attendance concerns. The Home School Liaison Officer tracks and monitors attendance regularly over the term and works with us to ensure children are attending school regularly.

There is a brilliant child locked inside every student.
-- Marva Collins

Dave Prior          Acting Principal

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.
Library News

The NSW Premiers Reading Challenge started on Friday 1st March. All Infants students are participating in class and Primary students that are interested need to see Mrs Howell for the paperwork on Friday. Check out the website https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Community News and Events

The Portland Family Resource Centre provide playgroup sessions here at the school hall for all families with children 0-5 years in the local community. It’s free of charge and a great place to spend some time with your children interacting in the fun activities provided. Playgroup provides pasting, playdough, drawing, puzzles, block building, train sets, painting in all shapes and forms (yes the messy finger painting too!), there are songs and books and much, much more. It’s also a great place to meet other parents and gain some parenting support. Feel free to pop in and see what the groups are like or phone Leeanne on 6355 4268 or 0427 074 066

Bring along your hat in the spring and summer months for outdoor play, a piece of fruit to share and a drink.

Cooerwull Public School Hall Every Thursday in school terms – 9:30am to 11:30am

The focus of these groups is to develop children’s learning through fun and challenging play experiences with their parents or carers.

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!!

If you live outside the Lithgow area there are also playgroups at Portland Central School Mondays- 9:30am to 11:30am Wallerawang Stadium (next to school) Tuesdays– 9:30am to 11:30am

Bicentenary of the Crossing of the Blue Mountains-1813

The Blue Mountains Garden Clubs are conducting a name the plant and a colouring competition to commemorate the crossing of the Blue Mountains in 1813 by the explorers Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth. The Plant is expected to be available to the public in Spring this year. Students have been given a copy of the competition and entries close 18th March 2013.

LITHGOW DISTRICT FOOTBALL
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS MUSTER DAY
FRIDAY 8th March 2013 3.30-5.30pm
SATURDAY 9th March 2013 3.30 –5.30pm
Marjorie Jackson Sporting Fields Lithgow
10 years and up Boys and Girls
Enquiries: Steve Jennings 63512912
Mitch Tomazin 0466356302 ldfadistrict@gmail.com

Lithgow High School is celebrating 50 Years @ Pau Street
Please help us celebrate by joining our Open Day
Saturday 6th April, 10am-4pm
On the school site – displays, memorabilia and 1960’s Canteen
Anniversary Celebration Dinner
Saturday 6th April, -6.30pm Civic Ballroom
Tony Luchetti Sports Ground
Dinner and Entertainment $50.00 per head
Book your ticket now through the Lithgow High School Office
For further information contact Sam Luchetti or Judy Pettitt
On 63 521422
Hope to see you there!

KUNG-FU KIDS
Fun classes, specially structured to teach children both self-defence and self-confidence.
Cool challenges, Fun games, Exciting Stories
Your instructor, Silu Peter Lee (35 yrs exp)
6th generation Choy Lee Fat, Australian Rep.
Yin Chi Tao & Black Dragon Fighting Society
www.sandagwoon.com

Monday and Thursday at Lithgow PCYC
Hoskins Ave & Haley St
4 - 5pm for 10 to 16 year olds
**Quintessence Aromatherapy**

Nit Wit Nit Kits and Sprays to help with the removal and prevention of headlice and are made from Essential Oils.
For more information contact Robynne on 0408 411 924 or 6355 2936
email:quintessencearomatherapy@hotmail.com
Packs are available from Massage on Main, 34 Main St Hairdressers, Entice Hair Studio and Naturally by Kelley.

**The 2013 Lithgow Show**

The Lithgow Show will be held on Friday the 15th and Saturday the 16th of March. The 2013 show will include great family entertainment with everything from the popular pavilion exhibits and animal nursery, to major entertainment including fireworks, bull ride and "Tassie Devil" Monster Truck. New for the 2013 show will be family friendly alcohol free Friday. For more details including schedules and entries see the website www.lithgowshow.org.au

**Lithgow Library Learning Centre Homework Zone**

Homework Zone is a free program to assist our local school children. All students in the area from k - 12 are welcome to come in 3.30 - 5.30 Monday - Thursday for help with homework and assignments. We have a quiet and friendly place to work, qualified teacher to help, computers and a library full of books to use. Best of all - this service is free! We are located within the Lithgow Library Learning Centre.

For more details, you can call the library on 6352 9100.

**COOERWULL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C**

**EASTER FUNDRAISER**

We are asking for Easter egg donations for our Easter Raffle.

If you can donate an Easter egg please take this to the Primary or Infants Office labelled with your child’s name and class by Tuesday 19th March 2013.

All donations will receive a ticket in the Easter Raffle, to be drawn on Tuesday 26th March 2013.

Your support with this support is much appreciated, as the funds raised will go towards purchasing materials and equipment for the school.

Cooerwull Public School P&C Association

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