**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Welcome back to Term 4! It was lovely to see all of the staff and students looking so refreshed after the holidays. We have a very busy term lined up as we wind up the school year.

**Attendance**

Today you will receive an *Absence Explanation Form* for you to use at your convenience to notify your child’s class teacher about your child’s attendance if for some reason they are unable to attend school.

**Excursions**

Just a gentle reminder to parents of students in Stage 3 that we have a number of key excursions for your children in Term 4, payments are currently being taken for these excursions.

Have a great week!  

*Vicki O’Rourke*

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**V8 PIT STOP CHALLENGE**

V8 Pit Stop Challenge 2014 - LPS students and staff were in for a treat yesterday when we hosted the Pacific Hoists V8 Pit Stop Challenge. Teams competed against the clock to see who could change the tyres of the Pacific Hoists race car the quickest. A huge thank you to Pacific Hoists and Bullivants for sponsoring and organising this event, to Centennial Coal for their teams who participated and also the drivers and their race teams for their involvement!!! Both V8 Holden Commodores were headed to Bathurst yesterday afternoon. We wish the drivers and their teams good luck for this weekend’s big race!!

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In conjunction with the Pit Stop Challenge our fabulous Canteen Ladies organised a BBQ on the day. A huge Thank You to Lynda and all her wonderful volunteers!! The BBQ raised $450 which was presented to Pennie Hudson from SDN Early Intervention.

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**HALLOWEEN SCARECROW WORKSHOP**

A group of students were invited to attend a Halloween Scarecrow Workshop with Ludwina Roebuck at Eskbank House and Museum today. The workshop was organised and funded by Lithgow City Council. Students had a blast creating their own Scarecrows using many of the skills that they have been learning in our school Maker Space. Organisers commended our students on their fantastic behaviour, co-operation and the wonderful creativity they showed. You will be able to view the finished workshops at in Gallery Lane from 17 October until 3 November 2014 and they will also feature in the Halloween Block Party on Friday 31 October.
LITTLE LEARNERS
Little Learners has begun for 2015 Kindergarten children. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015 or know of anyone that would like to enrol their child, please contact the school office on 6351 2297 for an information pack. Alternatively you can leave a message on our school Facebook page.

UNIFORM SALES
The Uniform shop is back in action after their move to their new area in the Canteen block.

Opening times for the Uniform Shop are:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
2.30pm—3.30pm

Uniform order forms are available from the office. Only cash and cheques are accepted at the Uniform Shop.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lithgow Public School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news, events and services, which may be of interest. LPS does not necessarily endorse the events and services, and accepts no responsibility for their management, organisation or quality.

Experience The Magic Of Hosting

In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn’t have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to say my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in January 2015

www.wep.org.au 1300 884 733 info@wep.org.au

HAMPTON ARTISAN & GROWERS MARKET

This new market will be held in the grounds of the Hampton Public School, starting the third Saturday in October 2014 & running monthly.

Featuring:
- Fresh produce & local coffee
- Locally produced meat, dairy & bread products. Sweets & cakes
- Seedlings & products that will assist people in growing their own food
- Handmade clothing & book stall
- Locally produced arts & crafts
- Monthly Workshops & BBQ
- A community stall, for members too small to stock a regular stall.
- See our Facebook page or contact Dave Alder on 02 6359 3175 for more information.

Date & Time
Saturday 18th of October 9am to 1pm
Hampton Public School
Jenolan Caves Rd Hampton NSW

Have a wonderful Term 4 &