MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a week! And, an opportunity to see the Lithgow Community at its best. Thank you all for your patience and support as we mop up after Wednesday night’s storm. As you are aware the extent of the damage to Lithgow has meant that we have had to wait until services have been available to help us make the school safe for the students and staff to return. Our current priority is to ensure the unsafe trees are removed from the playground. The arborist will be working today and Saturday to do this and further work will continue later in the term. Barricades will remain in place over the weekend and on Monday. We are expecting to be fully operational again by Tuesday.

Please send the children to school on Monday. Some areas of the school will remain barricaded so student and parent entry to school is through the main door of the Administration block on Mort Street and further down near the crossing on Mort Street. Short St entrance will remain closed until further notice. On arrival at school we would like the Y3 to Y6 to move to the Y6 undercover area of Central Block. Staff will be on duty at 8:25am to meet the buses on Eskbank St and will direct the K-2 students to the Hall. A teacher will be on duty in the Hall in the morning. The Canteen will be open on Monday.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Grandparents to Special Assembly at 9:10am next Friday and we are hoping they will stay for the reading session at 10:00am, then morning tea at 10:30am.

Have a great week!

Vicki O’Rourke

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Last Friday our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students travelled with Mr Kelly and Mrs Curran to Wallace Park at Wallerawang for the annual NAIDOC Festival celebrating Aboriginal arts and culture. The children were taught about Aboriginal artefacts in the education tent, handled some reptiles, patted some animals from Taronga Zoo, threw some boomerangs, watched some traditional dancers and had their face painted. The theme for NAIDOC this year is Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond. Some of our stage 3 students had their research projects displayed for the day and organisers were so impressed with them they displayed them at the night event so people could have a good chance to read them all. All of the students attending displayed their decorative boomerangs.

Mr Matt Kelly

NATIONAL BANDANA DAY

National Bandana Day, 2014 will be held on Friday 31st October and this year Lithgow Public is asking you to join the fight against cancer. The CanTeen Organisation needs to raise $1.1 million to continue their vital work supporting young people living with cancer. Join the fight and raise funds for CanTeen by getting involved today!

Bandanas are available for sale from the school canteen or the front office during school hours.
LITTLE LEARNERS
Little Learners has begun for 2015 Kindergarten children. We would like to welcome all of the children and their families to Lithgow Public School. 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.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
Our next Special Assembly will be at 9:10am on Friday 24th October. The last day for students to hand in merit awards to receive Special Awards at this assembly will be Friday 17th October.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS
Lithgow Golf Club will be commencing Junior Golf Lessons on Thursday afternoons. The lessons will begin on Thursday 16th October at 4:00pm at the Lithgow Golf Club.

For further information please contact Garry Nightingale on 6352 3422.

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

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BACK TO HARTLEY
ANNUAL PRODUCE MARKET AND FAMILY FAIR
Sunday 26th October 2014
9am — 4pm
Entry $5 per Car
All proceeds to Lithgow Community Transport

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
- Face Painting
- Pony Rides
- Artisan, Craft and Produce stalls
- Vintage Machinery
- Live music — Lithgow FairClub
- A variety of Food and Beverages
- Vintage Cars and Bikes
- Sheep Shearing
- Reptile display — Put a Python
- Petticoat Zoo
- Sally-Anne Dance School
- View Courthouse
- PCYC — Display
- NPWS — Helicopter
- Rides in a lite

For additional information contact
Barbara Hickey-Ellis, 6352 3418
To join the Debt Recovery Team, phone 6352 3418

TOUCH FOOTBALL MUSTER DAY
Tony Luchetti Sportsground 4pm Monday 20th October.

P & C MEETING
MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2014
COMMENCING AT 7PM

Agenda
* Minutes from August and September meetings
* New Fete date will be Tuesday 9 December
* Update on fundraising for the Fete
* Update on Halloween fundraising and Vale Ladies Bingo night