MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Reports
Teachers have been busy writing the school reports for our students. You may notice a difference in the form and feel of this report. During Term 3 and 4 staff have developed a consistent format for Kinder, Year 1 to Year 6 students based on the new NSW Board of Studies syllabus. We have reviewed DEC policy on report writing which requires teachers to use plain language when providing information on a students’ learning in each of the key learning areas. Our comments will identify areas of student strength and for further development, have information about your child’s attendance at school and provide information about your child’s achievement in relation to school programs that are additional to syllabus requirements. We will also provide information about the student’s social development and commitment to learning. Reports are due to be sent home on Tuesday 16th December.

2015

As indicated in last week’s Newsletter, preparations for classes for 2015 have begun. In 2015 there will be a change of staff as Ms Terpaj moves to the Library and Mrs Curran will teach the OC class. Both teachers have a wonderful depth of experience and are excited with their new roles.

There are always a number of considerations when formulating class placements of students, with a focus on engagement in learning. If you have any background information you feel would be helpful when we are considering class placement for your child, I encourage you to write to me with your thoughts and suggestions. Please be mindful that this in no way guarantees your request.

Schools Spectacular
It’s finally here! Good luck to our Schools Spec team as they participate in the Schools Spectacular in Sydney over the next few days. Schools Spectacular will be shown on Channel Nine this weekend, on Saturday 29 November, from 7.00pm – 10.00pm.

Remember to look out for Lithgow Public School as one of the featured schools! The theme of this Spectacular is: This is Australia. It will showcase 3,600 of the most talented singers, dancers and musicians from 456 NSW public schools.

Broken Bay
Year 5 head off to Broken Bay next week with Mrs Picman, Ms Wren and Mr Turnbull. What a great time of year to enjoy the challenges of the great outdoors in a beautiful part of Sydney. Hope you all have a fantastic time – we look forward to hearing the stories on your return.

Have a great week! Vicki O’Rourke

CHRISTMAS FAIR
Our Christmas Fair is now less than 2 weeks away!!! We still need volunteers to make this event happen. If you can help in any way please leave your details at the office and a representative from the P & C will contact you. Also if you have any items for the craft stall could you please drop them at the school office.
Our Sample Canvas’ have arrived! They are displayed in the School Office for you to have a look at. Voucher’s are available from the school office between 8:30am and 3:30pm. These vouchers are great value and a wonderful fundraiser for our school.

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**Canvas Factory Vouchers**

**Uniform Sales**
The Uniform shop is open in the Canteen block. Come and see Leah and Karen for all your uniform needs.

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.**

**Eskbank Express 2014**
Our School Magazine is now being printed. Order forms were sent home with students on Monday 17th November. The cost of the Magazine is $13.00 and orders will be taken until Wednesday 10th December. You can find a copy of the order form on the school website.

**Year 6 Book**
Year 6 books are also currently being completed. The book features colour photos, drawings and memories of the student’s years at Lithgow Public School. The cost per book is $15.00 and orders will be accepted until Friday 5th December. Order forms were sent home with students recently but if you need a copy you can find it on our school website.

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**Reminder**
All Library books are NOW due back at the Library as we will be starting our stock take at the end of this week.

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**Water**
Tap water makes the best drink! Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

* It is cheap and readily available.
* It doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar.
* It encourages optimal function of the body.

We should all aim to drink between five to eight glasses of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

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**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.

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**Celebrate Lithgow 2014**
Sun Nov 30 (10–4pm)
**Free Rides, Art & Craft**
**Music, Dance, WwII Demos, Emergency Services Expo**
**Parade 3pm**