MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Christmas Church Service
Our Christmas break is fast approaching and end of year celebrations are upon us. On Friday Lithgow Public School students will be attending a non-denominational service at St Paul’s at 10am. All students are invited to attend and will be accompanied by their class teachers to walk to and return from St Pauls in Railway Pde. If you do not wish your child to attend this event would you please place your request in writing to me before Friday.

Further, to the end of year celebrations

Combined Schools Carols Evening
Last Monday our children attended the Combined School Carols’ evening at Lithgow High School. It was a wonderful evening – thank you to Mrs Walsh and Mrs Trounce for their coordination of this lovely school community event.

Christmas Fair and Carols at Lithgow Public
Another carols evening not to be missed is our own! Our P&C and teachers have been busy behind the scenes organising a fantastic evening for all to be held next Tuesday 9th December. The Fair will commence at 4pm in our school grounds. Parents please note that students will finish school as normal at 3pm. It is expected that parents will make arrangements for their children to attend the Fair and Carols. Teachers will not have a supervisory role for children at the Fair as they will be busy supporting the P&C in the event. Santa is busy preparing his stash of goodies for the children.

Helper’s Morning Tea
Over the course of the year we are fortunate to have many parents and members of our community that work with the staff at LPS to ensure our students have wonderful opportunities. Next Thursday, 11th December we would like to thank you with a special morning tea. Please look out for your special invitation!

School Spec
Last weekend 17 students from Lithgow Public performed in Schools Spectacular at the Qantas Credit Union Arena. It was a brilliant performance and a fantastic experience for our students. It was very entertaining and a lot of fun! Thank you to Mrs Trounce and her support crew of dedicated parents for making this experience possible. Looking forward to next year already!

Photographing of LPS Students and/or their work
With the lead up to the end of year celebrations parents are reminded that our school refers to NSW Department of Education and Communities Legal Advice which states – ‘Generally, taking photographs or videos on departmental premises should not occur unless the principal or institute manager is satisfied that there is good reason. Where applicable, staff and parental or student permission should be obtained.’

At Lithgow School we deem sports events, drama performances and special school occasions as ‘good reason’ for taking a snapshot or video footage of your child. However, all parents and photographers must be aware that the snapshot or video footage should centre on their own child and not be general snapshots or video footage of an event that would capture other LPS students.

Please understand that some parents object to unauthorized people taking snaps or footage including their children.

Have a great week! Vicki O’Rourke

BOOKS IN HOMES
On Friday 28th November students were once again the lucky recipients of three brand new books each, at a special “Books in Homes” Assembly. Special guest at the Assembly Dr Lindsay Duncan spoke to the children about how important it is for us all to read books and the pleasure that can be gained from reading.

Alyce Noney was also at the assembly representing the University of Western Sydney. We are very grateful to the University of Western Sydney for making this wonderful program available to our students. This year alone every student in our school has received NINE brand new books of their choice to take home and keep. The Books in Homes program has been running in our school for 3 years. This may be the last time students receive books – we are waiting to hear if funding is available for the program to continue at LPS.

Vicki O’Rourke

UP COMING EVENTS
Week 9
Friday 5/12
School Church Service
St Paul’s Church
10am

Week 10
Monday 8/12
CARES Year 4
Paddington
Mt Victoria

Tuesday 9/12
Christmas Fair & Carols
Wednesday 10/12
Paddington
Mt Victoria

Thursday 11/12
K-Year 1

Friday 12/12
Slave Auction
Week 11
Monday 15/12
Slave Day

Tuesday 16/12
Presentation Day

Year 6 Dinner
Blue Sky
6:30pm-8pm

Wednesday 17/12
Last Day

Students

ITEMS DUE
*School Contributions

“BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR A RICH FUTURE”
Our Christmas Fair is now less than one week 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. Items for the Craft Stall and Noodle Boxes can be dropped at the school office this week. Below are some of the wonderful sponsors for our Christmas Fair.

CANVAS FACTORY VOUCHERS
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.

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.

REMINDER
All Library books are NOW overdue. All books MUST BE RETURNED to the Library as soon as possible!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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.