MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a week! Lithgow Public School is on the map with the Mini Maker Faire held at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney over the weekend past. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the innovation and creativity of our students as part of Sydney Design 2014. Many visitors to our stall left impressed. The Powerhouse display was also on show at our Book Week celebrations yesterday in the Hall. Many of the staff, after coordinating and manning the stall at the Maker Faire, cooked yummy soups for lunch for all of us to enjoy. The students looked great and truly embraced the opportunity to dress up in their favourite characters. Special thanks to all of our parents and friends who helped create the costumes and were able to join us for the parade. At the same time we have had a number of sporting teams off and about representing Lithgow Public in various PSSA events: Touch Footy, Basketball and Soccer to name a few! The weather has been terrible but the spirits have been high.

We would like to remind parents and carers not to use the Staff carpark as a shortcut when dropping off or collecting students. It is a busy and dangerous section of the school and as teachers we do not allow students to access the area. We would appreciate if parents and carers would work with us on this rule and avoid the temptation of taking the shortcut.

Also attached to the newsletter this week is information for parents and carers about our updated Lithgow Public School Visitors policy. Please take time to read and familiarise yourself with the new procedures. We ask that all visitors come to the Office as their first point of contact with the school. On Open Days it will not be necessary to sign-on as a visitor, but for other occasions such as meetings and interviews we will require record of your visit and departure.

Have a great week!  
Vicki O’Rourke

BOOKS IN HOMES PROGRAM

Thank you to all those students and parents who have sent in positive letters about the Books in Homes Program. They have been forwarded onto Books in Homes Australia to help in their bid for further funding to continue the program with Lithgow Public School next year. Please continue to send more letters in to the school with your thoughts on this great program.

GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Last Wednesday, Lithgow Public School Girls Touch Football Team played against Cudgegong Valley Public School at the Tony Luchetti Sportsground. The girls played an awesome game with the final score being 1 all. The girls had to go into extra time and in the first minute our girls scored and won the game. We are up against Raglan Public School in our next game. The team consisted of: Maya Lynes Ross, Breanna Anderson, Elly Baxter, Tess Dodson, Charlee Kinney, Shae Bradford, Haylie Atkins, Teleaha Rowe, Alana McManus and Brooke Harvey. Congratulations girls!

“WHAT’S BEHIND THE PUZZLE”

As part of our Book Week Library Fundraising this year, we will hanging a massive poster in the Library covered in puzzle pieces. Your child can buy a ‘piece of the puzzle’ for $5 to help reveal the poster underneath. Please send your order and money to school. Those who have already ordered can start removing their piece of the puzzle from tomorrow.
**LITTLE LEARNERS 2015**
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Enrolment packages can be picked up from the school office between 8.30am and 3.30pm Monday-Friday. If you require any further information please contact the school on (02) 6351 2297 or alternatively you can leave a message on our Facebook page.

**FRACTURED FAIRYTALEAS**
This week 1/2 Diamond and 5/6K came together to create a fractured fairytale. 1/2 Diamond had already started to draw a picture and make an alternative story to Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Some of the new book titles included Goldilocks and the Monsters and Goldilocks and the Three Fairies. The older children helped develop the ideas and scribe the story to make it a great team effort. Mrs Kennedy, Andrea and Mr Kelly monitored the group.

**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**

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**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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**HOW DO PLANTS GET WATER?**
In 4C we are growing plants in our classroom. But we were wondering how plants got water from their roots up to their leaves. So on Monday we did a cool experiment.

**Equipment:** celery, water, food colouring.

**Method:** We filled the cup ¾ full with water and added food colouring. One stick of celery had leaves on the top, the other piece was a section of the stalk. After a few hours the stalk had coloured dots on the top of it, while the part with leaves had coloured lines on the outside and colour at the end of the leaves.

How does this work? Small tubes in the stem, called xylem, suck up the coloured water to the top of the stalk. The water is then carried to the leaves where along with sunlight and air it makes food for the plant. Together with light, water, and air, chlorophyll is needed, along with the process of photosynthesis, to make food.

Sam and James 4C

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**Lithgow Athletics Club**

**Registration Days**
- Friday 22nd August 2014 - Lithgow McDonalds from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- Friday 29th August 2014 - Lithgow McDonalds from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- Friday 5th September 2014 - Jim Monaghan Athletic Field from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

Cost:
- Tiny/U6: $15
- U7/U17: $70
- 3rd Child bloc: $55

NB: Totals born before 1st October 2001

Fundraising Loy $50 per family (cash or cheque payable to Lithgow Athletics)

12th-13th September 2014 with local clinics with pro coaches

Competitions start 12th October 2014

If you are new to athletics, you will need a copy of your birth certificate or blue book.

For further details, please contact Charlie on 0407 471 771 or Brenda on 0410 629 490.

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**Lithgow Public – get ready to**

**ROLL, EAT, PLAY & DANCE at this year’s FETE**
Saturday 8th November 2014
11am-2pm

Stay tuned for more exciting updates!