From the Principal

Term 4 Calendar
We have a very busy term organised. It will be important to keep reading our weekly Newsletters, keeping an eye on our School Website and watching postings on our Facebook page so that all parents are fully informed about what is happening throughout the term.

Preliminary preparation for 2016
Where does the year go? Our school executive are commencing planning for 2016. We ask any parents who know that they will be moving before Term 1 2016 to please contact the Principal so that we can adjust our enrolment numbers for classes. Our Little Learners classes commence this week. Our Kinder teachers have been busily preparing to welcome new Little Learners to Lithgow Public.

Mrs Sweeney Retiring
Mrs Sweeney, our wonderful Assistant Principal, Special Education will be retiring at the end of Term 4. Whilst we are sad to say goodbye, we are having to commence the merit selection process for her replacement.

PaTCH Training
Thank you to the number of interested parents who have contacted us for PaTCH Literacy Training. Mrs Dyer will commence the program on Wednesday of this week at 10.15am in the Staff room. It will continue through the term with training and in-class practice sessions for our volunteers. We are very excited to commence this training as it will add value to the Early Action for Success program in our school. If you have missed out, and would like to volunteer to support the literacy and numeracy programs in our school the training will again be offered in Term 1 2016.

Have a great week!

Vicki O’Rourke

Welcome to Lithgow Public School
A very warm welcome to our Little Learners and their families who commenced their big school journey with us yesterday. Children settled in extremely well and had a fantastic day. Tomorrow we welcome our second group of Little Learners and their families. We hope that you all enjoy your time at Little Learners and look forward to working with students and their families over the next eight weeks in preparation for Kindergarten next year.
**NAIDOC Day**

Last Friday our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attended the local Lithgow NAIDOC Day celebrations at Lake Wallace, Wallerawang. This year’s NAIDOC theme is: We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate. Our Stage 3 Sistaspeak members performed their dance with other Lithgow Primary Schools and the High School. We also proudly displayed projects and artwork for the general public. Some of the activities included boomerang and spear throwing, face painting, johnny cake making and a zoo mobile. The day was very successful and enjoyable for the children.

**Tissues**

It’s hayfever time! Could we please ask all children to bring in a box of tissues for their classrooms. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**Chickenpox**

We have had a confirmed case of Chickenpox within the school. Chickenpox is caused by the Varicella zoster virus. It can be spread either through person-to-person contact, or through sneezing and coughing. In children, chickenpox usually starts with a general feeling of tiredness and lethargy, as well as a fever and swollen glands. This is soon followed by the outbreak of a rash over the next 3-5 days. At first, this rash appears as red spots, which develop into crops of small blisters over the chest, back, tummy or face. Your child might get a fever along with the rash.

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**Tasty Tuesday!!!**

Next Tuesday the Canteen will be selling Spaghetti Bolognaise for $3.00.

Please order at the Canteen in the morning with your normal lunch order.

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