From the Principal

**2015 Alpine Classic Car Rally**

A big thank you to all of our wonderful P&C and volunteers who pulled together for an early start on Saturday to host a BBQ Breakfast for the 2015 Alpine Classic Car Rally. It was a great morning, you are all amazing in your support for our school.

**Count Us In**

Over the last few weeks the students led by Mrs Trounce and their teachers have been learning the song, ‘GOLD’. *Count Us In* is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. *Count Us In* brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song at the same time, right across the country. If you happen to be at school on Thursday at 12:30pm you will see our students lined up in front of the school residence singing “GOLD”. Our students are excited!!!! We have invited Mayor Maree Statham to join us. All of our 414 students are looking forward to their first time being part of this special event.

**Whooping cough alert**

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children. NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

We encourage early diagnosis and treatment of those with the infection, to help reduce the spread of infection in the community.


Have a great week!

Vicki O’Rourke
Stage 3 – Cyber Bullying
Last week the local Police Youth Liaison Officer, Constable Matt Holden, visited our school and spoke with students in Stage 3. Constable Holden spoke about Cyber Bullying and the importance of being a safe digital citizen. Students heard some very interesting real life stories about children of their age and some alarming statistics when you use social media for the wrong reasons.

CARES Bike Safety Excursion
On Wednesday 21st October, Year 4 travelled to St Marys to participate in bike safety at the CARES facility. We learnt about road rules, bike riding and bike and helmet safety. Senior Constable Brace showed us how to wear our helmets properly and then gave us a tour of the bike course. The course was really cool; it just looked like a mini version of a suburban roadway complete with traffic lights, stop signs and roundabout (they were really tricky)! We were given licences before we rode the course, and had points taken off us for breaking any road rules. Kids who only lost one point were given an iceblock at the end of the day! Unfortunately, two students lost their licences completely and the licences were put in the bin of shame. We had a great day!!

By Lily and Stuart 3/4L

Lithgow Junior Touch Football Competition
Mondays 4pm-5pm
For Boys and Girls in Kinder-Year 6
All Welcome
Tony Luchetti Sports ground

PORTLAND JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL
We will be holding a Muster Day for all Children aged between 5 and 14 years of age who are interested in playing Touch Football on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm at the Portland Touch Football Fields.

Muster Day: Thursday 29th October 2015
Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Place: Saville Park (Touch Fields) Portland
Cost: For the Season Registration $25.00 per child.
For more information please contact Jason Whitney on 0459822495 or Shane Green on 0400903934.

Little Learners
Our Little Learners have settled into the school routine extremely well and are having a fantastic time. Little Learners sessions are running on Tuesdays 1:15pm-2:45pm and Thursdays 9:15-10:45am. If you have a child starting school and they are not already enrolled, please contact the school. Our transition program is a fantastic start to your childs school life.

LPS P&C
Next Meeting 7:00PM
Monday 19th November

Tasty Tuesday!!!
Next Tuesday the Canteen will be selling Sausage Sandwiches with BBQ or Tomato Sauce for $3.00 each.
Please order at the Canteen in the morning with your normal lunch order.

The Uniform Shop is Open Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:20pm. Orders can also be left at the school office with payment.
Cash or Cheque only