From the Principal

**Mrs Griffiths is retiring**

We have been informed this week that Mrs Griffiths will be retiring at the end of the year. Mr Harvey, from the Bathurst Schools Office has advised that the Principal position is undergoing the staffing process. We don't have any further information at this stage, but will keep you informed. We will be holding a retirement dinner for Mrs Griffiths at the Zig Zag Motel on Thursday, 19th November. For further details please contact our school office.

**KINDERGARTEN 2016**

Enrol now for 2016. If you know anyone who is new to Lithgow who has not yet made an application to enrol in Kindergarten for 2016 please remind them to do so as soon as possible. Research has shown that the Kindergarten Orientation program provides students with the best foundations for starting their new learning adventures in ‘big’ school. Our strategic planning process is now underway. At this stage the predicted 400+ student enrolment will equate to 19 or 18 or 17 classes. However, to more accurately predict student enrolments for 2016 and provide the required accommodation, we urgently need you -

1. to enrol kindergarten students eligible to commence at this school in 2016,
2. to inform us if your child/children will not be returning to Lithgow PS in 2016 (other than Year 6), and
3. to inform neighbours, family or friends living within this school’s boundaries of the above two requirements

**World Teachers Day**

Last Friday as well as being Day for Daniel and Bandana Day, was also World Teachers’ Day! I know our parents would like to join me to take the opportunity to thank all of the teaching staff at Lithgow Public School. They are a hard-working, dedicated and caring bunch who go about their days with smiles on their faces. It truly is a great place to work and to be a student because of our wonderful teaching staff.

**Count Us In**

A wonderful music event was enjoyed by all of our students and teachers last Thursday as we took part in Count Us In. Prime 7 captured the song and we made the news that night. Lithgow Public was one of 2100 schools across Australia singing, “Gold” simultaneously. We were also honoured to have Mayor Maree Statham join us.

**Medications at School**

From time to time, some students may need to take medication at school. For some students, medication is needed every day at school. Parents are reminded that all medications need to be brought into the office; it is not safe for students to keep them in their bag. Office staff are trained in the administering of medications and record all details in a register. If your child requires medication to be taken at school for a few days or a week, you will need to fill in a form stating:

- Name of the medication
- Dosage to be given
- Time it is required

That you give permission for office staff to administer the medication. If the medication is a liquid, a measuring device may also need to be provided. If your child needs to take medication every day, the office will need a form giving staff permission to administer the medication. A week’s supply of the medication will need to be sent to the office each Monday, in a dispenser box with daily markings. This is to be labelled with your child's name and class.
Organisation for the End of the Year
Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea
Our staff and students will be holding a morning tea to thank our fantastic parent helpers and dedicated scripture providers. If you have helped out in our school in any capacity throughout the year, either in class, or in the creative arts or sporting areas, we would love you to join us at morning tea on the 10th December at 11:10am in the main staff room.

Semester Two Reports
Our teachers will soon be preparing the Semester Two Reports, which will be coming home at the end of Term 4. These reports represent a formative appraisal of your child’s learning and application to their studies across Semester Two, 2015. The student reports for this semester provide information to parents, which encompass all six Key Learning Areas, as well as social and behavioural information. Students will be provided with an overall assessment of achievement in the Key Learning Areas using a five point scale, Basic, Limited, Sound, High and Outstanding, with the majority of students expected to be within the Sound level of achievement. Students are also provided an assessment ranking for their effort in the Key Learning Areas and are indicated as Basic, Limited, Sound, High and Outstanding. As always, you are encouraged to focus on the level of effort your child has made towards their progress and regard it as equally important as their level of achievement.

Student Leaders 2016
The 2016 student leadership team selection process has commenced. Below is a list of criteria that eligible nominees can use to guide their nomination process. Students who are thinking of nominating for the student leader positions must be able to meet the following criteria. The school is represented on a daily basis by the elected school leaders, therefore it is important to ensure that the students selected for these roles are of a high standard and that they are appropriate role models for all students. Student Leader Speeches will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 1:30pm in the school hall. At this time we will also farewell Mrs Griffiths as she moves into retirement.

Selection Criteria
• Shows the ability to make decisions for themselves (without peer pressure)
• Demonstrates exemplary behaviour and always follows the school expectations
• Has shown a willingness to be involved in extracurricular activities.
• Displays initiative and a positive attitude to learning
• Works well as a team member
• Possesses strong communication skills
• Proudly wears school uniform on a daily basis
• Is always punctual and has limited absenteeism from school
• Works to their full potential in the classroom, completing set tasks to the best of their ability

• Students need to be enrolled at Lithgow Public School at the beginning of the Year 5 school year.

END OF YEAR:
School finishes this year on Wednesday 16th December. It is expected that students will attend until the last day of school. Legislation requires the attendance of students at school on every day the school is open. Only illness or important unavoidable matters should prevent a child’s attendance at school.

Have a great week!

Vicki O’Rourke

Tasty Tuesday!!!
Next Tuesday the Canteen will be selling Nachos for $3.00 each.
Please order at the Canteen in the morning with your normal lunch order.

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

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