From the Principal

Grandparents Day at Lithgow Public – this Friday
The staff and students are looking forward to sharing a very special Grandparents Day on Friday. Commencing with our Books in Homes Assembly, we will then move to open classrooms. We are hopeful that Grandparents will bring along a favourite book to read and share with the children and then stay for afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream from the Canteen! The Library will also be open for parents and grandparents to stock up for Christmas with a buy one/get one free deal on books. This is not a fundraiser (at all) just a great opportunity for shoppers!!

End of year Christmas service
On Friday 4th December, Hoskins Church will host the annual multi-faith Christmas service for all students who participate in Scripture. In a combined arrangement only those students whose parents/caregivers have nominated them to attend SRE classes of one of the participating religious persuasions are to be included.

P&C Update
Thank you to our six parents who attended Monday night’s P&C meeting. These people work tirelessly for our school and its entire student population and I thank them so much for this. Please remember that many hands make light work and I am sure they would appreciate seeing our P&C meeting numbers grow. It is a promise that you won’t be given any jobs or made to do anything that you’re not interested in if you do attend.

For a bit of fun the P&C are currently selling tickets for a ‘Pony Poo’. The cost is only $10 a ticket, but if you are the winner the prize is $3000. Simply call into the office pay for a ticket and pick your spot for the pony to land its ‘poo’ (on the school grass patch). Tickets are on sale up until Grandparents Day, Friday at 3pm. Due to unforeseen circumstances the big day will now be Friday 27th November with the winner announced shortly after.

Have a great week!

Vicki O’Rourke
Little Red Riding Hood
Students in 1/2 Gumtrees have been reading different versions of Little Red Riding Hood and trying to persuade each other that the Big Bad Wolf wasn’t really mean! According to the experts, it was Little Red Riding Hood that was the nasty one!

Library News
Children are asked to have all library books returned by Friday, 27th November in readiness for our annual stocktake to start the following week. This week will therefore be the last week for borrowing. Don’t forget our ‘Pop-Up Book Fair’, on this Thursday and Friday in the Library. Please check your newsletter, Facebook or signs around the school for sale times. There is very limited stock, so the early bird catches the worm!

Some interesting facts from the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge:
* 272 440 children completed the challenge this year – more than any other year!
* 7 492 209 books were read!
* ‘Pig the Pug’ was the most popular book in the K-2 category; ‘The Very Cranky Bear’ came out tops in Years 3-4 and ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ was read extensively by students in Years 5-6.

Keep the date free: Our Primary and Infants Choir will be performing at the Combined School Carols Night on the 7th December at 7pm.

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Tasty Tuesday!!!
Next Tuesday the Canteen will be selling Chicken Nuggets - six for $3.00.
Please order at the Canteen in the morning with your normal lunch order.

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Stage 2 – National Parks and Wildlife Excursion
On the 12th November, Stage 2 students went to the Blue Mountains National Park at Govett’s Leap, Blackheath. We started with a talk from a Ranger named Lester about the importance of our bushland. He also showed us some interesting Aboriginal artefacts. After that we went on a bushwalk with a ranger guide where we learnt about the plants and animals in the Park. At the end of the bushwalk we saw two amazing lookouts with outstanding views including a waterfall with a 200 metre drop. Everyone who went had a very enjoyable day!

By Paul Dodson