From the Principal

Welcome to our gorgeous Kindergarten for 2015. They are off to a flying start and have begun the year very smoothly. Yesterday we took lots of photos, but the special one is of all of them on the front steps of Lithgow Public. We look forward to placing it in our archives for when they reach Year 6!

Just a reminder to parents/carers about our school and office procedures:

Money
All money is to be given to your child’s class teacher to be marked off. There are no epos facilities at our school, so we require correct cash or cheque. You can however make an Electronic Funds transfer (EFT) to Westpac BSB: 032-001 and Account number: 14-7107. Please ensure your name is your reference.

Update family details
Shortly, we will send to every family a ‘ghosted enrolment’ which will allow you to view the details we have on file for your child at school. We need to ensure that your address, phone numbers and circumstances are up to date with your current details. We ask that you ensure that all details are complete including special religious education preferences and permissions for publicity. We rely on this information to support your child.

Family circumstances
If your family circumstances change it is important the correct information is on our system. Please inform your child’s class teacher or the Office.

Our P & C
Would you like to be an active member of our parent community? Please consider coming to our first meeting on Monday 23rd February at 7pm in the main staffroom.

Vicki O’Rourke
Rlg Principal

School Contributions
School Contributions are now due for the 2015 school year. Contributions are $30.00 per student. Payment of this fee helps the school to purchase classroom resources and literature throughout the year.
Canteen News
Breakfast will be served at the Canteen between 8:30am and 8:55am ONLY. We are unable to serve outside of these times as it impacts on school routine.

There will be some price changes at the canteen in the coming weeks. New price lists will be sent home with children when this happens. We have been fortunate to not have had any price rises in our canteen since 2012.

Also just a reminder that the canteen will no longer be selling any lollies or Aroona drinks. We ask that you support our new Live Life Well program by providing a healthy lunch and snacks for your child. This week’s healthy snack idea

**Veggie sticks with dip recipe**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 mini tub of cream cheese
- ¾ carrot
- ½ lebanese cucumber
- 1 stick celery

**Method:**
Peel and cut carrot into sticks. Wash cucumber and celery and cut into sticks.
Place in a small chilled lunchbox with the cream cheese.


Swimming Carnival
Children had a fabulous day last Friday at the annual school swimming carnival. The weather was perfect for activities in the swimming pool as well as grass activities that were organised for non-swimmers. Thank you to all of our wonderful parent helpers for helping to make our swimming carnival such a successful day and good luck to those children who will now be representing Lithgow Public School at the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 13th February.

Books in Homes
We have just been informed by the wonderful people at Books in Homes that our school was successful in keeping Books in Homes running in our school for another year. Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to write a letter of appreciation last year. These letters were all forwarded to the Books in Homes coordinator which has helped us to gain sponsorship from the University of Western Sydney for another year. For families that are new to our school, Books in Homes allows all students within our school to select three brand new books of their choice to keep, in Terms 1, 2 and 4 this year. This means your child/children will receive nine brand books and three book bags during this year. Our school is extremely fortunate to be chosen for this program. It is an amazing opportunity for students of our school to receive free books to take home and enjoy whilst helping students in their literacy development.

LPS P&C
At the Annual General Meeting, office bearers will elected for 2015. A short meeting will follow the elections to allow for updates on building and maintenance projects around the school and for the Principal to speak to parents about the coming year.

All newcomers very welcome!

Annual General Meeting
Monday 23 February
Commencing at 7pm
(Helen Swinton 0416 054 897)