From the Principal

Changes to Attendance Policy
Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to improve their learning. Teachers must receive an explanation for a student’s absence within 7 days from the first day of absence, through any means of phone call, written note, text message or email. This is a requirement of the Education Act of 1990. In this busy world as of tomorrow we are trialling a new system. Our Community Liaison Officer will send an SMS to all parents/carers if their child is absent (without explanation) at 10am each day as a reminder for you to contact the school to explain. This is intended as a supportive process.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
This term, our school will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

P&C
On Monday night we held the first P&C Meeting for the year and AGM. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the 2014 P&C committee for their dedication and tireless work on behalf of the students and staff of Lithgow Public. We extend a warm welcome to our new executive for 2015.

President
Colleen Brownlow

Vice Presidents
Megan Green
Margaret Joyce

Secretary
Sarah Michell

Assistant Secretary
Rebecca Ballantyne

Treasurer
Tracey Bradford

Vicki O'Rourke

Year 6 Jumper
Year 6 Jumper orders are due on the 6th March. Jumpers will only be ordered for students who have paid a deposit prior to this date. If you require any further information or another order form please contact the school office.
High School Science Visit

Last Thursday, Stage 3 went to a science lesson given by LHS science teachers. They had many examples of preserved animals such as bats, ducks and frogs. The teacher dissected a rat to show us its internal organs. Its heart was very small and its intestines were very long. It put us off our appetite though!

We also watched some live creatures through a microscope. The caterpillar kept crawling out of the jar and the boatman bug was paddling around in circles. After this part we talked about a bee project at LHS. We were asked to brainstorm about a structure for a bee village to go up at the school. In the United States they have to order bees from Australia every year because they are disappearing perhaps because of plant spraying. It was a really interesting afternoon.

Joshua and Sam
5/6 Chifley

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday the children of Lithgow Public School are helping out with Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning up our own school and its surroundings. We are a registered site with the Clean Up Australia Day Council. Our clean up will take place after 2nd break on Friday. It is requested that your child bring some gloves, these can either be disposable or garden variety, and something to put the rubbish in. Students will also need to wear their school hat in order to participate. Hopefully, this will create an awareness that it is important to keep our school clean at all times of the year, not just on clean up day!

Ms J. Lothian, co-ordinator

WORKIES REDBACKS FOOTBALL CLUB

Muster Days for new players will be held at the Lithgow Workies (O’Gradys) on Friday 27th February and Friday 6th March 4:30-6pm.

For further information please contact Karen Merry 0437 273 836, Fiona Slater 0429 070 471, Lia Jennings 0407 897 890, workiesredbacks@gmail.com or via the Workies Redbacks Football Club Facebook page.

LITHGOW CITY RANGERS

Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club will be holding their 2015 muster days at the Marjorie Jackson Soccer Complex on Friday 27th February, Monday 2nd March, Friday 6th March and Friday 20th March.

For further information please contact Nigal Lloyd on 6351 2697 or 0409 676 019

LITHGOW THISTLE SOCCER CLUB

Muster Days for Lithgow Thistle SFC will be held on Friday 27th February from 3:30pm-5:00pm and on Saturday 28th February 11:00am-12:30pm at the Marjorie Jackson soccer field’s club room. For further details please contact Lorraine Keay on 0419 621 426