From the Principal

**Individual Learning Plans**

Teachers K-6 are contacting parents over the next few weeks and inviting them to interview to discuss and develop individual learning plans for students who require adjustments in their learning in our school. If you receive a phone call please be aware that we value your input into your child’s learning.

**Student safety at beginning and end of day**

A reminder to all parents of the importance of using the correct drop off and pick up point at our school. Please do not use the staff car park as an area to drop students off at the beginning of the day or to collect them at the end of the day, as this area is not safe at that busy time of day for students with cars turning and parking.

School opening and closing times are busy periods for pedestrians and vehicle traffic and can increase safety risks to children. To make the areas around schools safer for children, these areas are marked as school zones, where vehicles must travel slower than 40km/h between 8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4.00pm on gazetted school days.

For children up to 8 years of age, adults should always hold their hand in any traffic environment whether it is on footpaths, roads, car parks and in driveways, not just crossing the road. Closely supervise children up to 10 years of age when they are near traffic and please hold their hand when crossing the road. For further information on road safety around schools please contact your local Council Road Safety Officer on 6354 9999 or visit the RTA at www.rta.nsw.gov.au.

Vicki O’Rourke

**2015 Induction Assembly**

Our 2015 School leadership Team was officially inducted last Friday at a formal assembly. It was a very proud moment for students, families and staff of Lithgow Public School when students received their badges with pride. Badges were presented to our School Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains and Vice Captains, Music Monitors, Library Monitors and Student Representative Council members.

**School Captains**

Maggie Muir
Gallen Lothian

**Vice Captains**

Molly Compton
Jacinta Arnott-Webb
Kade Inwood
Luke Abbott
**Sports House Captains and Vice Captains**

**Student Representative Council**

**Music Monitors**

**Library Monitors**

**2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started this week and will continue until 21st August 2015. All students in K-2 will be participating in the PRC this year and students in Years 3-6 have the option to take part in the challenge. Please read the separate note which contains important information and will answer any questions you may have. Or you can have a look at the website [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

**Bedwetting**

The Bedwetting Institute has designed an effective DVD based program ‘Bedwetting Cured’ which has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information please phone 1300 135 796 12pm-6pm or visit [www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au](http://www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au)

**LPS P & C**

The School Canteen will be closed on Tuesday 24th March for staff to attend the ‘Healthy Canteen Expo’. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Our next meeting for the P & C will be held on Monday 23rd March at 7pm in the staffroom behind the main office. We would love to see some new faces and hear your ideas. Being involved in the P & C is a great way to meet new people, hear what is happening in the school first-hand and share your ideas on things we may be able to improve.
2015 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) has started this week. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

ALL K-2 students at Lithgow Public will be participating this year. The K-2 children will have the opportunity to listen to and read the books on the K-2 list and may also borrow PRC books to read at home.

Students in Years 3-6 have the option to take part in the challenge and can borrow PRC books from the school library to read at home. Lithgow Library/Learning Centre is also a great resource to use for those ‘hard-to-find’ books.

PRIVACY INFORMATION:

Parents should be aware of the following two conditions:

Two conditions of entering the Challenge are that students may receive a certificate and their name may appear on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll. Certificates have the student’s name and school printed on them. The Honour Roll lists student names in the PRC website only. Names are listed in alphabetical order (not by school) and no other identifying features are included.

Students who do not wish to receive a certificate or have their name published on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll (or whose parents/carers do not wish them to) should not register for the Challenge. These students may take part in the Challenge unofficially - they may use the PRC booklists and can seek recognition in their school community - but they cannot add any books to an online Student Reading Record.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO TAKE PART IN THE PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE DUE TO PRIVACY CONCERNS, PLEASE LET MS TERPAJ KNOW BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

Tips for Parents and Carers Participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)

- Familiarise yourself with the PRC website. Logon is not required to view the Booklists, or read the Rules and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
- Set reminders for Challenge opening and closing dates in your and your child’s calendar.
- Find out your child’s logon details. For public schools, students’ logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.
- Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/characters/information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- Help your child to log on and add books to her/his Student Reading Record regularly.
- Check your child’s Challenge history – log on to the website, go to Student Reading Record and select tab My Information. If Challenge participation at a previous school is not listed, contact your child’s PRC coordinator.
- Your child’s online Student Reading Record (SRR) must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the student closing date. School PRC coordinators have an extra week to validate the SRR. Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.
- In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child’s SRR. Contact your child’s PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child’s SRR has not been validated.
- You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 21 August 2015 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.