From the Principal

ANZAC 100
Last week presented a unique opportunity for our entire school community: parents, staff and students to work together to celebrate the ANZAC centenary at Lithgow Public. There are too many people to thank, but you are all valued for your contribution to a moving and special assembly. Our special guests were those who played a key role in the restoration of our Memorial Gates on Eskbank St, including Mr and Mrs Timpari (stone mason); Mr John Cobb - Federal Member for Calare and our Mayor of Lithgow - Counsellor Maree Stratham. Mr Ron Murphy from Lithgow RSL sub-branch donated two books about ANZACs to our Library and Mr Perrin Walsh (Sasha and Caden’s Dad) gave a wonderful talk to our students about why he became a soldier. For your interest here is a lovely account of the day by Mr John Cobb:


Canteen
Our school canteen is undergoing a change. Over the next few weeks as we re-advertise the Canteen Manager’s position the P&C will be asking for parents to volunteer in the canteen to ‘keep things going’. Could I encourage you to please help out if you have some time available. The students always love to see their parents in the Canteen! Please contact Tracey in our school office if you would like to help out.

School Plan
The Lithgow Public School Plan 2015 – 2017 has now been published on our school website for your interest. All schools develop a comprehensive school plan in consultation with the school community, connected to a budget and student outcomes. Our three strategic directions for the next 3 years are: Inspiring Leadership; Innovative teaching and learning and Inclusive community.

OC Class 2016
This week Year 4 students received a note with details about application for opportunity class placement in 2016. Placements are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 Opportunity Class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. This year you will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address). There will be no paper application form. Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

Retirement
On Friday we farewell Mr Doug Wilson from our staff. Doug has been a general assistant at Lithgow Public over the past ten years and is retiring. We would like to thank him for the wonderful contribution he has made to our school in so many ways from gardening, to car rallies and fixing things in every type of weather. We wish him well.

Vicki O’Rourke

Sponsorship
Mr Ross Higgins of Higgins Lawyers has very generously offered to sponsor our school newsletter. We would like to thank Higgins Lawyers for this wonderful sponsorship which we will use to cover the cost of publishing our weekly newsletter.
Premier’s Reading Challenge – Term 2
The recent school holidays were clearly a time for some major reading, judging by the number of boys and girls who have added books to their Reading Logs. What a magnificent effort! Congratulations to everyone listed below and keep up the good work!


Challenge Completed: These boys and girls have now finished reading the required number of books for their age group – 30 books for K-2 and 20 books for Years 3-6. Well done!!!!

Year 1: Soraya Baker, Caleb Baltetsch, Darnel Clapham Tepania, Lachlan Cole, Jane Doran, Thomas Gordon, Oliver Hewett, Naomi Paull, Mia Sheehan, Lyneika Trims, Nicholas Vadkerti, Kallel Van Asten Burgess, Jai Zarka

Year 2: Amelie Aldridge, Hudson Dent, Cassidy Fitzgerald, Darby Gillies, Ryan Kirkham, Adam Pateman, Arabella Plus, Belle Sheather, Sasha Walsh, Mikayla O’Heir

Year 4: Kyla Bradford, Victoria Clutterham, Josephine Smith

Year 6: Matilda Smith

Also, if there are any problems with adding books to your child’s reading log or with logging on to the PRC website, the K-2 teachers have login details for their classes. Alternatively, the names of any books that need to be added can be given to me in the library and I’ll put them onto the appropriate reading log.

“I cannot live without books.”
—Thomas Jefferson

Ms Terpaj

Bookclub
Scholastic Book Club
Issue 3 will be going home with students this week.
Orders are due back Thursday 7th May.

Netball
If you would like to play Netball this year and are not in a team already, Workies Sapphires and Workies Dragonflies are looking for players in Years 5 and 6.
For further information please contact:

Felicity on 0438 551 413 or Michelle on 0408 252467

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