From the Principal

**Glenroy**

The school captains and I were invited last week to Glenroy, Angus Clues’ family home to witness the unveiling of a memorial to the history of the site. It was a wonderful and interesting occasion celebrating 200 years since the first Divine service west of the Blue Mountains and Governor Macquarie

**Visitor Management**

Next Monday the back gates on Short Street, the side perimeter gates on Eskbank Street and the Mort St (West Block) gates will be locked between 9.15am and 2.45pm. During these times access to the school is via the Front Office at the entrance to the school on Mort Street. All visitors are required to sign in at the Office. On arrival at the school, all visitors should report to the front office so that staff are aware of their presence in the school. All visitors should sign the visitors’ book and wear a badge or sticker, and if applicable, their organisation’s identification badge. The school visitors’ book will include details such as the date, time of arrival, name, purpose of visit, contact details and time of departure. All Departmental schools are defined as "inclosed lands". A reminder to all visitors that access to Lithgow Public School premises is a privilege not a right. Any visitors behaving in an inappropriate manner that could reasonably be expected to cause alarm or concern to the students, staff, parents or other visitors or cause damage to school buildings could be asked to leave the premises.

**Late Arrivals/Early Departures**

Parents should make every effort to ensure that children arrive by 9.00am. Late arrivals should report to the office for a late note. If you need to collect your child from school during the day, a note should be sent to the class teacher. An early leaver’s note must also be obtained from the school office before collecting your child. For safety reasons students are not released to unauthorised persons or to persons under the age of 18 unless the office is contacted by a parent. Disruptions to the class should be kept to a minimum and where possible dental, doctor’s appointments etc, should be made outside of school hours whenever possible.

**Change of address or phone numbers**

It is extremely important that the school has up to date contact information for your child. If you change your address, phone number, place of work or emergency contact person, it would be appreciated if such information could be sent to school as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

**Vicki O'Rourke**

We are slowly making changes in our school canteen but we really need some more helpers. If you can spare some time, even just half an hour, please consider volunteering, we would love to see some new faces.
Recorder Camp

Last weekend Sam Doran and James Young travelled to Stanwell Tops for the 2015 Recorder Camp. During the camp we had to practice for 5 ½ hours a day. During practice time we learnt a rain dance tune. The funny thing was that after we finished playing it actually started raining! At the end of the camp our parents came to see us in a concert.

The camp wasn’t all about music. We also participated in lots of activities such as kart racing, survivor and the goliath swing. The swing raised you up 26m high and when you pulled the release cord, the rope would let go and the cables would catch you before you………..well died. The karts had wheels and pedals at the front and you steered with your hips. There were no handle bars or a steering wheel.

The camp was a great experience.

Sam and James
5/6 Chifley

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Term 2

Congratulations to the boys and girls on reaching these milestones in the 2015 PRC!

5-9 Books: Annabelle Hampton, Ava Kelly, Lauren Kinney
10+ Books: Beau Gill, Mitchell Kinney, Kai Fuller, Lauren Kirby, Navraj Kochhar, Rylan Van Der Velden, Eli Tonkin, Christopher Pilarcik Gee, Shyanne Palmer, Brandon Burgess, Ryan Hodges, Riley Cameron, Sophie Slatter, Emma Dick.

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 2: Lexie Bradford
Year 4: Charlie Taylor, Ellie Taylor

“I’m wondering what to read next.” Matilda, Roald Dahl

Ms Terpaj

Netball

On Friday 24th April, Lithgow Public School Netball Team travelled to Orange. Our first game was against Cooerwull Public and we won 25-5. The second game was against Orange, it was a hard game and unfortunately we lost 22-3. We got to play an extra game against Eglington, unfortunately we lost by 2 points. The girls had a great time, well done!

Kasey and Freda

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
NORTA NORTA Program In-Class-Tutor Lithgow Public School

Expressions of Interest are being sought from individuals interested in tutoring Aboriginal students for the Norta Norta Program.

The Norta Program provides targeted support for Aboriginal students to accelerate progress in student achievement.

The focus of the program is to provide learning assistance in the key learning areas of literacy and numeracy to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.

POSITION CRITERIA

- Provide support to targeted Aboriginal students to improve their literacy and/or numeracy achievements
- Assist students to develop skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in class activities
- Follow the teacher’s set program and ensure that the tuition provided is aligned with the student’s Personalised Learning Plan
- Maintain a structured timetable in negotiation with teachers to ensure all eligible students receive tutor support
- Keep a record to communicate observations and information about each student to class teacher
- On request, assist teachers to communicate and provide feedback to parents, caregivers and community members

Attend, where possible professional learning activities to develop effective strategies in providing tutorial support to Aboriginal students

Priority employment

Suitable Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment as tutors for the Norta Program.

Applications close Wednesday 20th May 4pm:

Please provide a written Expression of Interest outlining your suitability for the position addressed to:

Mrs Vicki O’Rourke

NORTA NORTA PROGRAM

Lithgow Public School
163 Mort St
Lithgow 2790 NSW

Or email: vicki.orourke@det.nsw.edu.au

Hayley Campbell

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