From the Principal

Our students had a wonderful week out and about last week, with some great opportunities organised for them by their teachers. Stage 3 attended the Writers’ Festival in Sydney and were very excited to meet Leigh Hobbs, author of books such as Mr Badger and Fiona The Pig. Our school band took part in the Monster Band experience at CSU in Bathurst and our choir performed at the 100 year celebration of the Lithgow Fire Station. The students were excellent ambassadors for Lithgow Public School and very well received at each event. Thank you to our parents who supported the teachers in the organisation of these events.

School grounds

This week work is finally complete in The Cottage and during the next couple of weeks we will be making use of the extra space. As well, the playground in West block is nearly complete. Students and teachers are looking forward to enjoying the refurbished space for morning fitness.

Kindergarten 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2016. Children who will be turning 5 years old on or before 31st July, 2016 are eligible for enrolment. Our Open Morning for incoming parents will be held on Tuesday 23rd June from 9:30 am until 11:00am. This is an opportunity for new parents to our school to see and learn about the programs at our school.

Visiting and volunteering at school

Don’t forget if you’re visiting or volunteering at the school, for any reason, within school hours you must sign in at the Office on arrival and before leaving. You are required to wear a ‘visitor’ badge so that we can easily identify anyone on school premises during school hours to ensure the safety of our children.

Have a great week!

Vicki O’Rourke

IMPORTANT DATES

**WEEK 6**

**Friday, May 29**

Biggest Morning Tea
Wear Yellow and purchase a Cupcake for a gold coin Donation to the Cancer Council

**WEEK 7**

**Monday, June 1**

Boys Soccer - Eglinton

**Friday, June 5**

Scholastic Bookclub Issue 4 Orders close

Dymocks Children’s Charities 2015 Book Bonus Read-a-thon

Cindy Luo from 1/2 Lilies has registered to complete the Dymocks Children’s Charities 2015 Book Bonus Read-a-thon which is linked to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. By participating Cindy will be raising money for new books for our school AND helping support schools that otherwise would not be able to afford new books. If your child would like to join Cindy and help our school receive new books you can register at bookbonus.org.au and create an individual fundraising page.

Lost Property

Please ensure all items of clothing and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child’s full name. This will ensure lost property can be promptly returned to students. Could you also check that your child has brought home their own items of clothing and not accidentally picked up something belonging to another student. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
The Sydney Writers Festival
On Thursday, May 21st, Stage 3 had the opportunity to meet some famous authors: Andy Griffiths, Jaqueline Harvey, Anthony Horowitz and Leigh Hobbs at the Sydney Town Hall. We had to take a long train ride but it was worth it! Andy Griffiths started off the day by telling us how he became a writer. He also told us that he likes his books to have unexpected endings. Then Jaqueline Harvey talked about her books and what she likes to have in them, such as humour and action. During the lunch break we were able to have our books signed by both authors. Anthony Horowitz lectured us about why he became a writer. It was because he was no good at school. He told us a great horror story about a bath tub that was the scariest thing in a house. When he finished Leigh Hobbs came on and gave us drawing lessons. He chose his famous character ‘Old Tom’. Kody Humby had the chance to go on the stage to show his drawing, which was pretty good.
Everyone had a marvellous day in Sydney and it was great fun meeting famous people.

Andrei Falls 5/6Chifley

Last Thursday, Stage 3 went on an excursion to the Sydney Writers Festival. We met five famous authors: Tristan Bancks, Jaqueline Harvey, Leigh Hobbs, Anthony Horowitz and the star of the show, Andy Griffiths! They told us about their childhoods and the books they write. Thanks to Andy Griffiths we were introduced to a whole new era of lame jokes. For example; Why did the plane crash? The pilot was a fridge. Why did the boat crash? The captain was a fridge. Why did the delivery truck crash? It was due to high winds, icy roads, the failure of the brakes, four flat tyres and the fact that the driver was a fridge. I would definitely give this excursion a five star rating.

Sam 5/6Chifley

Monster Band
On Thursday the 21st of May, fourteen students from the Lithgow Primary School Band went to Bathurst to participate in Monster Band. We spend the day at Bathurst University learning more about our instruments and some new songs. We then performed the songs we had learnt during the day for our parents. It was a wonderful day and we all learnt lots of new things.

Victoria, Kyla and Emily

Issue 4 of Scholastic Bookclub is going home with students this week. Orders and payments are due back at school on Friday 4th June.

**LPS P&C**

**Tasty Tuesday! 🍅**

Next week’s lunch special on Tuesday will be Pumpkin Soup and a Bread Roll for $3.00