From the Principal

Congratulations to Mrs Trounce and our School Spectacular team for 2015 on a successful audition and selection to participate in School Spec 2015. We are all excited to be once again part of this great experience!

The netball and basketball court in West block is finally complete and operational. What a wonderful addition to our playground and one that will be put to good use for many years to come.

**Children Arriving to School Early**

The school's supervision roster starts from 8.40 am. There is no adult staff available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time. We well understand that many parents have commitments at work that require them to leave before 8.40 am. You may be able to make arrangements with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children. Some families in the school with working parents take turns to take each other's children to school. As well, many employers will be sympathetic to parents with responsibilities for caring for children and will allow some flexibility in parents' working hours. By law, employers are restricted from treating an employee detrimentally on the grounds of their status as a carer.

Whatever arrangements you make, you need to understand that you remain legally responsible for the child prior to 8.40 am when supervision begins.

**Children going home from school**

It has come to our attention that some of our students are making arrangements during the school day to visit each other's houses after school. The school requires written permission from parents if there is a variation to a child's routine travelling to and from school. Parents are asked to remind their children that in the afternoon the expectation is that children take their 'normal' route home, unless there is a signed letter to the school from the parent about a variation to going home from school arrangements.

**Playground Etiquette**

It has come to our attention that there are parent/carer conversations in the playground that relate to other people's children. These conversations have filtered back to teachers within the school and are of a concern because they breach privacy issues. Teachers and the Principal are always available for interviews regarding your child. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

**School Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to maximise their learning potential. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part and whole day absences. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children attend school regularly and if in the event of their child's non-attendance, even for a part of the day, explain the absences of their children promptly to the school.

*Keep in mind that one day a week off school, equals one year off school by Year 6.*

Have a great week!

**Vicki O'Rourke**

Congratulations! At last Friday's assembly, Lauren Kinney from 5/6 Chifley was presented with a $50 cheque from the Lithgow Lions Club. Lauren completed an ANZAC project on Nancy Wake during Term 1. After all of her hard work she received first prize. Well done Lauren!
Premier’s Reading Challenge – Term 2
Our students continue to power their way through the Premier’s Reading Challenge with 80 children now validated as having read the required number of books for their age group. What a magnificent effort!
Keep up the great work and let’s see how many more of their names we can add to our completed list.
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: Reese Baker, Brandon Burgess, Hollie Ellis, Mitchell Kinney, Lauren Kirby, Navraj Kochhar, Jaazba Mahmood, Cooper Mostyn, Christopher Pialrcik Gee, Eli Tonkin, Rylan Van Der Velden
Year 4: Connor Hosson
Year 6: Emma Avery

“A book is a dream that you hold in your hand.” (Neil Gaiman)

Ms Terpaj

Support Unit Visit to Lithgow Fire Station
As part of our unit of work on “Workers in the Community” the students in the Support Unit went to visit the Lithgow Fire Station on Wednesday, 27th May, 2015. Mr Ford, who is in charge of the Fire Station, took us on a tour. We saw the control room where the calls come in when there is a fire emergency. He also showed us the gym and the fire truck. The highlight of the visit was having a turn at using the fire hose with a special demonstration by Mrs Holmes. At the end of the visit each student was given a sample bag with lots of goodies in it.

Biggest Morning Tea
We held a very successful Biggest Morning Tea last Friday. Students wore yellow on the day and purchased cupcakes for a gold coin donation. Just over $400 was raised for the Cancer Council. A very big thank you to our Cupcake Makers and to our families for supporting this wonderful cause.

LPS P&C

Next Meeting 3:15pm
Monday 15 June

Tasty Tuesday!
Next week’s lunch special on Tuesday will be Spaghetti Bolognaisse for $3.00

The Uniform Shop is Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Cash or Cheque only