From the Principal

Professional Learning for our teachers
At Lithgow Public School we often celebrate student learning, but our teachers balance their learning alongside teaching our students. High-quality teaching is the greatest in-school influence on student engagement and attainment. Did you know that in maintaining high-quality teaching at Lithgow Public, each member of our teaching staff has developed a professional learning plan? Their plan is directly linked to our students and their needs. During this term (and throughout the year) our staff are involved in some wonderful professional learning opportunities (using technology in education, robotics, making, boys’ education, reading, writing and comprehension strategies...). They are very excited to share their learning with each other, but it is the students' who really benefit as our teachers reflect, share, discuss, collaborate and plan their teaching and learning together.

Uniforms
We are proud of our school uniform and the way our children look. We ask all parents/carers to ensure that their children are dressed in the correct clothes and shoes. Please make sure all clothing is labelled with your child’s name. Wearing school uniform is an expectation of our school community.

“It’s Not OK to be Away”.
How many days of school has your child missed this semester?
0-6 days - This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them. 7-10 days - This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between Kinder and Year 10.
11-20 days - This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to two years of schooling between prep and Year 10.

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 5
Thursday, August 13       Rail Safety Talk
                           Stage 2 and 3

WEEK 6
Schoolastic Book Fair – all week
Monday, August 17        P & C Meeting
                         3:15pm
Wednesday, August 20     School Disco
                         Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2
                         5:00pm-6:00 pm
                         Years 3 - 6
                         6:30pm-8:00 pm
Our Library will be open for Book Fair during the Disco

Remember…..students need to attend school regularly to make the most of educational opportunities. There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.

Have a great week!

Vicki O’Rourke

K6 Wallace
K6 Wallace have been learning about the letter ‘V’ this week and we had a special visit from Layla Mozejko Kowalski. She played us Twinkle Twinkle Little Star on the violin and all the students had a turn playing it.
Premier’s Reading Challenge – Week 5, Term 3
Well done to the boys and girls below who have continued to add books to their PRC lists and to our latest PRC Champions!
Just a reminder that the PRC finishes on August 21st. We now have over 100 children who have completed their reading challenge for 2015. Fantastic!!!!!!!
**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 3:** Holly Livingston

“Our never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.” Dr. Seuss

Ms Terpaj

**Reusable Lunch Order Bags**
You will need to be quick if you would like one of our Reusable Lunch Order Bags. We have extended the introductory offer of $8.00 per bag until this Friday, 14th August. As of Monday next week bags will be $10.00 each.

Local (Lithgow LGA) music students (instrumental or vocal) are invited to apply for the 2015 Maureen Newell award which provides some assistance towards tuition costs.

**Application forms are available from:**
- Lithgow Library
- LINC
- Portland Library
- Higgins Lawyers
- Wallerawang Library

Applications close on Friday 31 August 2015.

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**LPS P&C**

**Tasty Tuesday!!!**

Next week’s Tasty Tuesday will be Nachos for $3.00.

Please order at the Canteen with your normal lunch order.

The Uniform Shop is Open Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:20pm. Orders can also be left at the school office with payment.

Cash or Cheque only