From the Principal

Thank you for supporting our school
It was a pleasure to have so many friends and family members within our school last Thursday in celebration of Book Week. Thank you to all parents for supporting this occasion and having your children participate enthusiastically. All of our children and staff looked incredible. Thank you to everyone associated with our Book Week Celebrations. Special thank you to our Librarian, Ms Terpaj. Above is a sample of some of the amazing costumes the children were dressed in.

School Admin & Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week – 31 August/4 September
The theme for this year’s SASS Recognition Week is ‘SASS-Our jobs, Your Children, Their Future’. We have the most wonderful SASS staff at Lithgow PS. The office staff as you know, are welcoming and extremely efficient and are the hub of the school. Our school learning support officers (Teacher’s Aides) give so much beyond the scope of their statement of duties and Colleen is not only the best General Assistant but P&C President as well! Please consider taking the time if you come across these wonderful workers to acknowledge and thank them for what they do for our school and your children. As a staff we will be celebrating our SASS staff with a special morning tea.

Flu Season is here
We are currently having an amazing number of children off school due to flu-like symptoms. Last week we had up to a quarter of our school sick on Monday and Friday! We are certainly at the height of the flu season. If your child is unwell, they do need to remain at home. Can we please remind you to send a note with your child on their return so that we can account for their absence? These numbers are looked at very carefully by the Department, we need your support to follow process accounting for student attendance.

Parent Survey
Please take a minute to complete a survey about our school. Parent Survey Research indicates that partnerships between home and school improve student learning outcomes. Please give five minutes of your time to complete our simple, anonymous survey. Results will inform future planning and be reported in the Annual School Report. Parents and carers can access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent18055&j_password=Lit2410

Food Allergies
We do have several children at our school who have peanut allergies and have severe reactions if exposed to this food. Parents are asked to be mindful of this when packing recess and lunch and are encouraged not to send products which contain nuts in them to school.
A general reminder
With warm weather approaching, all children require a broad brimmed hat each day as our school has a ‘No hat, No Play’ policy. All items of clothing and personal belongings should be clearly marked with your child’s name.

When parents and friends come to the school during the day, they should present to the front office on arrival. This is a Legal and Workplace Safety requirement and is followed for the safety and security of all children and teachers.

We continue to encourage parents to make appointments to come and talk about your child’s progress, problems that may arise, ideas etc. It is reminded that the education of your child is a team effort with teachers and parents being the main stakeholders. With this in mind, it is an important reminder that the parent/teacher relationship always needs to be cohesive and supportive and one of mutual respect. I am sure we will continue to work with one another in a positive manner.

All money coming to the school should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, correct amount of money, class and what the money is for clearly written on the front. All money should be sent directly to your child’s class teacher. If you would like to pay by cheque and you have more than one child at our school, you are able to write one cheque with the total amount.

Our School Newsletter is uploaded every Wednesday to our website so all parents receive information at the same time. Please refer to our website at www.lithgow-p.schools.nsw.edu.au to download the weekly newsletter. If any parent has any concerns regarding any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great week!

Vicki O’Rourke

Sista Speak at Lithgow High School
Today we went to Lithgow High School as part of the Sista Speak program. We learnt three traditional aboriginal dances which we performed for the high school students during their NAIDOC Assembly. As part of our performance we wore traditional make up which is called Ochre.

Tanaya Donohoe 5/6 Arnold

2015 Book Fair
Our Book Fair is over this year and what a success! We sold over $5,500 in books. That is a MASSIVE effort! A very big thank you to all the students, staff and families who bought personal books and/or donated a book during the Book Fair. Your generosity is hugely appreciated. The commission we receive from the book sales will be going towards new technology for students to use in the library.

Congratulations to the following boys and girls who received a book, book voucher or Book Week prize pack in the Book Fair draw:
Books: Cindy Luo, Ryan Hodges and Connor Marshall
Scholastic Voucher: Bryson Jones, Courtney Rowe, Sophie Slatter, Riley Thurlow, Lilly Hazell, Elka Lee
Prize Packs: Jason O’Neil, Samuel Collins, Dominic Wilson
Well done, everybody!

Book Week In 5/6Chifley
During the weeks leading up to Book Week 5/6Chifley were raising money in our classroom so we could donate a book to the Library. We raised $30 and were able to donate two very good quality books. We donated ‘88 Lime Street’ by Denise Kirby and ‘Wonder’ by R D Palacio. We were very proud of our efforts.

Cadence and Lily
5/6Chifley
Forensic Workshop
Last Friday Years 5 and 6 went to a forensic workshop. We were all attempting to work out what happened to 12 year old Josh Stevens, who has disappeared. Josh is a diabetic so he had to be found quickly. We had to use the clues left at the scene including animal print tracing, using UV light and following a twitter conversation. Josh was at a circus when he decided to hide so he could train a koala. The ringmaster said he didn’t want Josh in the circus because he was too young. But he stowed away and followed the circus to Lithgow. What happened to Josh? Do you think you could have found him?

Sam, Josh and James
5/6 Chifley

Scholastic Book Club Issue 6
Orders due back at school by Tuesday 8th September

Congratulations Sam and Zoe!
Congratulations to Sam Doran and Zoe Walsh for winning a prize in the 2015 Town Library Book Week competition. The competition this year required children to submit a poem based on the Book Week theme ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Both students wrote outstanding entries and were very deserving of their win.

Congratulations!!!
Congratulations to Angus Clues and Holly White who are off to State for Athletics. Angus will be representing our school in the 100 metre race and Holly will be in the 800 metre race. Well done to all of our students who participated at Western Athletics last Friday in Dubbo.

Footy Colours Day
Each year, Fight Cancer Foundation asks all Australians to unite and wear their favourite football team’s colours on the first Friday in September and help support the fight against cancer. Lithgow Public School will be participating this year. Students are invited to wear their Footy Colours and donate a gold coin for this wonderful cause.

Legacy Week
Legacy Week is the annual national appeal to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased Veterans. It is held in towns and cities big and small across Australia and supported by young and old. Public support will also help Legacy nurture children’s education, by contributing towards their school fees, books, uniforms, and recreational activities to aid their self development and confidence. Student Representatives will be selling Badges, Wristbands and Pens during break times this week. Prices start from $2.00.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers end on the 8th September. This is our last opportunity to give our school the chance to earn new educational equipment. While you are shopping at Woolworths this week don’t forget to collect your stickers and drop them into the school office. The more stickers we collect, the more rewards we can redeem.
Lithgow Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!

For girls aged 7-11 years
At the ‘Come and try’, we will be cooking, roasting marshmallows, playing games, knotting and more.

Wednesday 16 September - 4.00pm-6.00pm
Lithgow Girl Guide Hall, 71 Young St, Lithgow
To register for this free event, please ring Cheryl on 0415 951 380.
Or to find out more visit our website www.girlguides.nswact.org.au

Tasty Tuesday!!!

Next Tuesday the Canteen will be selling Spaghetti Bolognaise for $3.00.

Please order at the Canteen in the morning 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