From the Principal

Foot Steps Dance
On Monday our students K-6 took part in a trial dance session by the Foot Steps Dance Co. It was a fun and engaging morning with all of the children (including our boys) really enjoying themselves. You might like to look on our Facebook page at the video we have uploaded of our students engaged in the program. We would like to offer this group as part of the sports program in Term 2 for K students and Stage 2 and 3 students. The cost of each session is $2.00 (over 10 weeks $20 per child). This would be a subsidised program by the school and there would be no student assistance available. We are looking for parent feedback on the affordability of offering such a program. Please feel free to contact Mrs O'Rourke with your thoughts.

School Rules
For your convenience we have attached a ‘fridge version’ of our Lithgow Public School rules. We thought they might be useful at home, as well as school – especially when it comes to having the children helping around the house!!

Encouraging a sugar free school
At school we promote healthy eating and discourage students from bringing lollies and (birthday) cakes to school. Recently, there have been some lollies and cakes coming to school. We worry about our students who have life threatening allergies and we would appreciate all parents support in ensuring our students lunchboxes are healthy. Thank you for your support.

Student Absences
For your convenience we have included a booklet of absence notes with this newsletter. Regular attendance at school in infants and primary years is important to ensure your children experience academic and social success. Please make sure they are at school every day unless there is a genuine reason for their absence. A note needs to be sent for all absences from class. They should be given to the class teacher when your child returns to school.

This is a legislative requirement (partial as well as all absences.) Notes are also required if a child is to go home for lunch, or when their routine for going home is changed (especially K-2 children) Please telephone the school if your child has a contagious illness or if they will be absent for more than 2 days. A reminder slip will be sent home if an absence remains unexplained for more than a week. Absences without notes are monitored by the Home School Liaison officer.

Safety travelling to and from school
Children are dismissed from classes at 3.00pm.

• Walkers: Children walking home make their own way from the school grounds. Children are required to use pedestrian crossings and traffic lights where possible. Parents are reminded that the pedestrian crossing in Mort Street and Eskbank Street are supervised in the period before and after school – (8.20am to 9.20am, and 2.30pm until 3.30pm). Children should only cross at these crossings when asked to do so by crossing supervisors.

• Bikes: Bikes can be ridden by children in Years 3 to 6, but the Road Safety Council recommends all children under 10 years should not ride to school. Children in Kindergarten should not ride to school. As the wearing of helmets is compulsory by law, it is expected that bike riders will wear them to and from school.

• Car Travellers: Children who are collected by parents in cars are not allowed to cross roads without using the supervised crossings. It is an unsafe practice for parents to park across the roads from exits and call children across – or to have them cross the road unsupervised. Of course, parents may have their children wait near exits until the parent crosses the road with them.

Have a great week!

Vicki O'Rourke
**Student Individual Learning Plans**

During the remaining weeks of the term, teachers will be making contact with some of our parents to discuss creating Student Individual Learning Plans. This will present an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to work collaboratively in identifying strategies that will best support effective and enjoyable learning.

**Invoices**

This week we are posting invoices for payments now due. These invoices were printed on Monday 22 February 2016 – any payments made after this date will not have been taken off yet. If you have any questions regarding the invoice please contact the school office on 6351 2297.

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**Reminder!!!!**

**LPS Great Lunchbox Day this Friday**

As part of our Great Lunchbox Day on Friday the Canteen will NOT be selling from their normal menu for lunch orders. There will be two options available for lunch orders –

- Salad Roll with Ham or Chicken
- Salad Bowl with Ham or Chicken

These will be $4.00 each.

There will be lots of fresh fruit and vegetables along with other healthy snacks available during first and second break.

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**LPS P&C**

Next Meeting and AGM
7:00pm
Monday 21st March

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**Tasty Tuesday!**

Next Tuesday

**Chicken Salad Wraps**

$3.00

Please order at the canteen with your normal lunch order.

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**ANNUAL PARISH FETE**

this Saturday, 27th February, 2016!

9.00am – 1.00pm

There will be a cake stall, plants, jams & relishes, white elephant stall, as well as a book stall.

Come along and enjoy the entertainment, and why not grab yourself some delicious morning tea, and something from the BBQ?

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**Change of opening hours**

No Pies or Sausage Rolls this Friday!
Student Leaders Induction Assembly

2016 School Captains and Vice Captains

Student Representative Council

Sports House Captains and Vice Captains

Library Monitors

Flag Monitors

Music Monitors
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