From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that all of our families had a restful and relaxing break with their children. We have had a great start to the term with lots of wonderful learning activities occurring in classrooms throughout the school.

As usual, it will be an extremely busy term of learning for our students and a time when teachers will be busy assessing student learning so that end of year reports can be written. For this reason, it is vital that students are at school during this period.

Last Friday, we held our Special Award Assembly. I would like to acknowledge those students who received awards at this assembly. I would also like to thank those parents and carers who were able to join us and share this special time with us and their children.

I would like to advise the community that we will be postponing our Week 6 Special Award Assembly and instead hold it on the Monday of Week 9. This decision has been made to allow all of our students increased time to earn their awards before the end of the school year, as well as providing the school the opportunity to determine and hand out our attendance awards. This special assembly will be held on Monday 10 December at 11.45am. We look forward to you joining us there.

On Wednesday this week, we held the opening of our Yarning Circle, as well as conducting our NAIDOC Assembly for 2018. It was a wonderful day shared with members of the local community, local schools, Aboriginal Elders and special guests. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Pete Fitzsimmons for all of the hard work that went into the development of the Yarning Circle as well as his organisation of the day of celebration. I would also like to thank Mrs Gillmore, Principal Zig Zag Public School, Mr Snow, Principal Coerwull Public School and Mrs Caro, Principal Lithgow High School, for allowing their students to participate in both our Yarning Circle Opening, and our NAIDOC Assembly. It was inspiring to hear these young women deliver reflections on this year’s NAIDOC theme, ‘Because of Her We Can’. It is great that our local schools are working together to ensure Aboriginal Education and Aboriginal culture is a priority in the Lithgow region. Photos from these events have been published on our Facebook page.

Mr Mark Davies
Principal
Upcoming Planned Events

Little Learners – Tuesdays and Fridays
Our Little Learners program will continue throughout Term 4. The sessions will occur on a Tuesday from 12.00pm – 3.00pm and on a Friday from 9.00am – 12.00pm for Weeks 1 – 7. These sessions will extend from Week 8. Details of the longer sessions will be provided via the Little Learners Newsletter.

Kindergarten Orientation - Information Session
Thursday 8 November 6.00pm – 7.00pm
The school will hold an information session for parents and carers of children starting Kindergarten in 2019 on Thursday 8 November at 6.00pm – 7.00pm. This session will be held in the Kinder Hub, located outside of the Kindergarten classrooms. The aim of this session is to provide orientation information regarding how best to prepare your child/ren for their adventure into big school. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the session. Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Swim School
Swim School will begin for those students participating and will occur on the following Fridays: 2 November, 16 November, 23 November, 30 November and 7 December. Please ensure that you are aware of what your child will require on these days as per the swim school notes. It would also be advisable to apply sunscreen to your child each day that swim school will occur if they are participating.

‘Got It’ Program
The ‘Got It’ program will continue in Term 4. As a part of this program the ‘Got It’ team will offer several opportunities for parents and carers to attend information sessions. These sessions will occur at the following times:
Thursday November 8 - 2.00pm – 3.00pm - Emotion coaching (as part of the Community Café)
Thursday November 15 - 6.00pm – 8.00pm – Parent Information Session (School Library)
Thursday December 6 - 6.00pm – 8.00pm – Parent Information Session (School Library)

School Spectacular 21 November – 24 November
Between Wednesday 21 November and Saturday 24 November, students participating in the School Spectacular will travel to Sydney to be a part of the School Spectacular 2018.

Broken Bay and Canberra trips - Week 8
Year 5 and Year 6 respectively will travel to Broken Bay and Canberra for their annual camps. Year 5 will be away for the week, while Year 6 will be away on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Community Café Thursday 8 November & Thursday 6 December – 2.00pm – 3.00pm
This term, Lithgow Public School will continue to hold ‘Community Café’ that will be held on a Thursday in Weeks 4 and 8 of the term. The Community Café will be a forum for parents and carers to meet with school staff to gain a deeper understanding of what the school does and why. The first Community Café will occur on Thursday 8 November from 2.00pm – 3.00pm, and will be held in the School Library. The subject for this session will be Emotion Coaching and will be presented by the ‘Got It’ Team. The second Community Café will be held on Thursday December 6 and will be a presentation on how Lithgow Public School uses NAPLAN results to improve student learning. Light refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Carols -Thursday 13 December 6.00pm – 7.30pm
The school will celebrate the joy of Christmas on Thursday 13 December from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. All of the school community are invited to come along and join in as our students perform a variety of Christmas carols.

Reports sent home - Friday 14 December
Student reports will be sent home on Friday 14 December.

Presentation Day 2018 - Monday 17 December
This will be held on Monday 17 December. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.

Year 6 Farewell and Dinner - Monday 17 December
This will be held on Monday 17 December from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Further details will be sent home closer to the date.
Spotlight on Mr Ashworth

When did you start teaching at Lithgow Public School? January 2017.

What is your role at the school? Class teacher for Clwydd in SEU.

Do you have any hobbies? Mountain Biking and skateboarding.

What is your favourite book? The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger. I like it because it is a true story of courage.

Favourite Food? Pizza in a box.

What is the highlight of being a teacher at our school? The students in my class are a great bunch to spend time with. The whole class works well together as a team!

TASTY TUESDAY

Chicken & Gravy Rolls
$3.00
Please order at the Canteen

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings 8.45am - 9.15am.
GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD
Every donation can save three lives.

Mobile Blood Service visiting:
Lithgow Bowling Club
Peachman Avenue, Lithgow

Monday 12 Nov 01.00pm – 07.30pm
Tuesday 13 Nov 08.00am – 02.45pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate.
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch.
Please bring photo I.D. with you.

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donatelife.com.au

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PORTLAND
SPRING FAIR
27th OCTOBER 2018
Kremer Park (Showground)

Swap Meet
Juke Muster
Show & Shine
Vintage Vehicles

Gates Open for
Stall Holders
From 6am
Gate Open to
General Public
From 9am

Market Rides
Petting Zoo
Rides
Food Stalls

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Player Trials for 2019 Season

Come and experience what makes the Mariners a leading Football Club in the State

WOMEN’S
(UNDER 14/15/17/SENIORS)
NSW NPL 2 WOMEN
Sunday, November 4th, 2018
Peaches Park, Bathurst
11:00am – 1:00pm

Wednesday, November 7th, 2018
Jackie Robinson Park, Orange
11:00am – 1:00pm

BOYS YOUTH
(UNDER 13/14/15/16)
NSW NPL 2 BOYS YOUTH
Monday, November 19th, 2018
Peaches Park, Bathurst
11:00am – 1:00pm

Wednesday, November 28th, 2018
Jackie Robinson Park, Orange
11:00am – 1:00pm

SKILL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
(UNDER 6/7/8/9/10/11/12 BOYS
AND UNDER 10/12 GIRLS)
NSW SAP
Sunday, November 11th, 2018
Peaches Park, Bathurst
11:00am – 1:00pm

Wednesday, November 21st, 2018
Jackie Robinson Park, Orange
11:00am – 1:00pm

MORN’S
(UNDER 13/14/15/16, 1ST GRADE)
NSW NPL 3 MEN
Wednesday, November 28th, 2018
Jackie Robinson Park, Orange
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Please arrive 15-20 minutes before the scheduled starting time for sizing and registration check-off.

Players are to bring playing attire, ball and drink bottle.

All players must trial in their correct age group unless advised/approved by VNSYMFC.

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A 6 week program that aims to empower parents by increasing their knowledge and understanding of issues that care and protect their children.

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@ 10 am to 12 pm at Thrive Services, 261 Main St, Lithgow
Morning tea provided
Contact Sheree on 6351 4055 for more details