Principals Report

The holidays are once again here to signal a break for our hard working students. It has been a very busy term with many highlights. One notable highlight was most definitely our ART display at Eskbank House. Mayor Statham praised our efforts on the opening of our display, and yesterday, the Lithgow Mercury noted all of our student’s artistic efforts.

Kindergarten transition is progressing well. We will have five students for 2016 which will make for a nice little group. If you know of any children looking to enrol, please don’t hesitate to call in and grab an enrolment package to pass on to friends. Word of mouth is the best way for us to spread the word about our lovely little school.

Chinese lessons started last Friday. Yaya from China is our teacher and each week for the next six weeks we will be dialling in by video to China so that Yaya can teach us basic greetings and culture.

Term 4 will be busy. Please look over the attached term calendar so you can plan for next term and look out for permission notes for special events.

Things to look out for and return notes for include:

**NITBUSTER** days in weeks 2, 3 and 4. These days should help us to eradicate Nits from our school. Please sign the attached note and return to school after the holidays.

**Personal Safety** lessons are also being conducted by Community Health. This is a series of lessons for 8 weeks which will ensure our students safety now and into the future.

Swimming lessons start in 3 and will run until week 8. Amy Munro has participated in an AustSwim accredited course to teach swimming and will be coordinating our swimming lessons for term 4.

During the holidays, work will begin on the Tennis Court. We should have a new surface on the Tennis court in term 4 ready for the tennis season.

Portland Fair is fast approaching. The school will be having a stall. More information will be sent home closer to the date. In preparation for our participation in the Street Parade, could you start thinking about either purchasing or borrowing a bike helmet for your child to use on the day.

Finally, I will be taking long service leave during week 3. This is the week of the Portland Fair which I was really looking forward to. The dates for my trip are predetermined and I cannot change at this late date, however, the staff and students are keen to represent Cullen Bullen Public School at the fair, which should be a great day.

Have a great holiday.
Book Week Activities

Book Week activities were very successful. On Tuesday 25 August the students listened to Mrs Munro read SNAIL AND TURTLE ARE FRIENDS, by Stephen Michael King.

This lovely book illustrates that friends can be similar and different in many ways but that does not diminish the ability of these characters to be quality friends. Students looked at Onomatopoeias that were used throughout the book and how they can enhance a story, generating a TAGXEDO word display of a variety of onomatopoeias both from the story and from a list brainstormed within small groups.

The second activity in the rotation allowed students to create model snails and turtles out of play dough.

The third activity saw students creating paper snails on green leaves. Tuesday was a great success and a great start to book week activities.

On Wednesday 26 August students listened to “A house of her own” by Jenny Hughes and Jonathan Bentley read by Miss Hilly. This picture book is a humorous story that explores the clash between a child’s quest for independence and longing for security.

Students enjoyed participating in a round robin of activities including designing a dream tree house, researching tree house designs, reading an interview with the illustrator and creating digital tree houses.
Primary by Design Exhibition

On Friday 4 September Staff, students and family members travelled to Eskbank House and Museum in Lithgow for the Official Opening of the Primary By Design Art Exhibition. Lithgow Mayor Maree Statham performed the Official Opening and chatted to our students about their artwork. All of the students have done an amazing job and should be very proud indeed of their artwork.

Students then had time to look around Eskbank House and took part in a “History Hunt” finding interesting items and facts from the historical displays and artefacts in the grounds. Wendy Hawkes from the Lithgow Council talked with our students about the importance of local museums and their place in preserving local history and about how she loves the brightness and colour that our art is bringing to Eskbank House.

Reminders

School Hats - a reminder that students will be required to wear a hat to school next term or play in the shade. Sunscreen will always be available for students to use in breaks and this is a good opportunity to remind parents to send a drink of water with their child to school.

Summer Uniform - we have a small amount of summer uniform items to purchase at school. If you would like an order form for any uniform items please give Mrs Morgan a call and she will organise one for you.

P & C—NEWS

Please return the Expressions of interest for Family Portrait Fundraiser slip to the school office.

For supporting our Father’s Day Stall.

Portland Library School Holiday Activities

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Community News

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.
If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

It’s the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place. 
It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

Click clack front ‘n back every person for every trip.
Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

Talk to your child about being a safe road user.
Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, car parks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about.
Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

Ride your bikes in Portland Fair Street Parade

Local children are invited to ride their bikes in the Portland Spring Fair Street Parade.

To participate students and parents are to meet at the Lime St gate of Kremer Park at 9.00am, the parade begins at 9.30am.

If your child wishes to participate, please contact Liz Morgan in the office for details of the route and to put your child’s name down as there will be a register of participants.

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get organised for school lunches.

Over the course of your child’s school life, you will pack around 2,500 school lunches!

Follow our six-step method to make school lunches easy, healthy and eaten every day!

1. Always include a serve of fruit (cut up if your child is young)
2. Always include a serve of vegies (don’t forget legumes like baked beans count, too!)
3. Always include a drink of water
4. Always include a serve of wholegrains (bread, rice or pasta leftovers)
5. Always include a serve of reduced-fat dairy (cheese, yoghurt)
6. Always include a protein (egg, chicken, tuna).

See our website and facebook for more ideas!

For more information visit www.eattobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eattobeatit

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