

# LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL

*Term 1 Week 8, 2024*

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Routines and structures are important in all organisations because without routines and structures organisations like schools, businesses, governments, sporting organisations and charities would fail to meet their main goal of adequately providing the service to their clients/customers/students.

In schools, routines, structure, and clear expectations are crucial to support the self-confidence, curiosity, social skills, self-control, and communication skills of students. Routines create manageable expectations that allow students to build emotional resistance. When students know what to expect it creates a comforting environment, reducing stress and anxiety and engendering a feeling of safety.

Routines also contribute to the formation of good habits. When actions and activities become part of a regular routine, they are more likely to become ingrained behaviors, leading to long-term positive changes.

Having a structured routine fosters a disciplined approach to tasks. This discipline enhances productivity and efficiency as individuals develop a rhythm for completing daily responsibilities.

Routines help in effective time management. By allocating time effectively people can priorities and achieve their goals

In our school where on any given day we have 355 students with brains developing at different stages and from different backgrounds, along with 60 staff, routine is essential for us to effectively operate every day.

To support students in adhering to our routines we have bells, PBL expectations, lesson structures, uniform requirements, behaviour expectations and academic expectations. All of which work towards creating a sense of order, routine, and safety for all who learn and work here.

Sometimes we have students at school who disrupt the normal routines of this place. Whether that is by disrupting lessons, being late to school, acting as part of a herd mentality or being disrespectful to their staff and peers.



- Harmony Day**  
Fri 22nd March
- K - 6 Easter Hat Making**  
Mon 25th Mar  
11:30am - 1:00pm
- K - 6 Easter Hat Parade**  
Thurs 28th Mar  
10:00am
- Easter Break**  
Fri 29th March -  
Mon 1st April
- Whole School Cross Country & Colour Run**  
Thur 4th April
- Sydney Music Excursion**  
Sun 14th -  
Sat 20th April

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For those students there are consequences for their behaviour that disrupts the routines of the school and impinges on the ability of teachers to teach and students to learn. It is hoped that through these consequences and reflection on their own behaviour that students learn to get with the routines and expectations of school life as this will benefit them in the real world.

Conversely students who do meet expectation, follow school routines and rules will have a myriad of opportunities to learn both in the classroom and on excursions.

Home routines are beneficial as well: set times for meals, bedtimes, screentime, reading, homework and other home routines help give children and adolescences a sense of security and safety. They also support the routines we expect students to follow at school.



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Each student has recently received an Assessment Schedule booklet which includes valuable information regarding school assessment including illness and misadventure applications, appeals etc. Included in the booklet is an Assessment Planner which outlines when tasks will be due. At times the task may be moved, students will be notified in writing when an assessment task due date needs to be re scheduled.

Below is an outline of when tasks are due for the remainder of Term 1.

Week	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
8	Geography Music		English Geography PASS	PASS English	Ancient History Business Studies CAFS Music	Maths EEC Music Business Studies
9			Agriculture Child Studies Food Tech	Child Studies Food Tech Agriculture	English Standard English Studies	SLR
10	Maths LOTE Science PDHPE	History Science PDHPE Maths Visual Arts			Maths SLR DT	English Studies Visual Arts
11			PDHPE Maths Science	PDHPE Science Mathematics		

NAPLAN was scheduled in Weeks 7 & 8 for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. They sat online tests in numeracy, conventions of language, reading and writing. Results will be provided to parents and teachers, these results will assist teachers to identify strengths and weaknesses of individual students.

The annual Cross Country will be held on Thursday 4th April 2024. This will be followed by a colour run. The colour run is to support the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Students who are successful in the cross country may represent the school at Regional level later in the year. Staff have been busy organising a jammed pack day, with the colour run to be held after lunch. There will be more information coming home to you in regards to this event.

In the careers space, White card training will be held in Week 9, there will be job readiness training held in Week 10. Zone winter trails are fast approaching, if your child would like to participate they MUST speak to Ms Messener.



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

# WELCOME WEEK

The Lightning Ridge Community Church and NorthLight Anglican Church (Sydney) deserves a big thank you for generously hosting a sausage sizzle & pancakes for the students at school as part of their welcome week. Such events not only provide a delicious treat for everyone involved but also foster a sense of community spirit and togetherness. It's heartwarming to see different parts of the community coming together to support students and create a positive environment for them to enjoy.

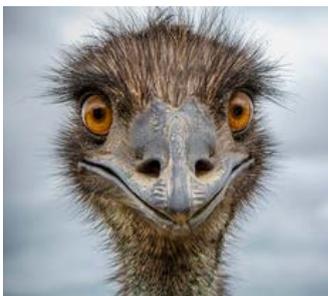


Yuwaalaraay is the dialect of the Lightning Ridge area. The name of the language and Aboriginal people of the Balonne River Region.

**Yuwaalaraay**

**Word of the Week**

**dhinawan** = emu





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are now edging closer to the Easter break, and the Term 1 holidays are on the horizon. Our students will deserve their upcoming holidays as we have been busy engaging in our learning and loving the additional extra-curricular activities of Term 1. Our North West Regional swimming representatives have returned from Armidale in Week 7. They made a splash at the carnival, with all students representing our school and region with pride. Mr Ellery and Ms Duncan managed our swimming team over the two-day event. We send a big thank you to them both for their ongoing support of our students outside of school hours.

Also, in Week 7 Kindergarten, Stage 1 and MC classes enjoyed the Scripture Easter presentation while enjoying a sausage sizzle for lunch. Our Stage 1 and MC classes got a taste of NRL action when they participated in skill and drill activities.

We will have our annual Primary Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th April under the Primary COLA at 10:00 am. Students will be making their hats in their classrooms. We invite all parents and friends to attend.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who completed their NAPLAN assessment during Weeks 7 and 8 of this term.

Yaalu (See you again)





# Library days

**K1P** Tuesday

**S2H** Wednesday

**ES1J** Tuesday

**S3N** Thursday

**S1Y** Wednesday

**S3C** Thursday

**S1D** Wednesday

**S3B** Thursday

**S2F** Thursday

**MCP** Tuesday

**S2O** Thursday

**MCM** Tuesday

**Secondary** Lunch time only

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday



# Stage 1

S1D and S1Y have had a fantastic start to the 2024 school year. Our Stage 1 classrooms are full of bright, capable learners who have been busy tightening classroom routines and strengthening friendships.

The students have been practicing their instructional cues, which support them to stay on-task and learning throughout the lesson. Soldier boards (whiteboard, pen and rubber flat on the ground), chin your board (be proud of your work!), jazz hands (time to refocus), and chin up/squeeze knees (focus and looking) have had a significant impact on the students' learning throughout all Key Learning Areas.

InitialLit and Component B (Writing) groups are up and running. Homework has also started, which although is not compulsory, Miss Clark and Mr Ellery highly recommend students complete. We are very proud of our Stage 1 students and their efforts throughout Term 1.



**If you need to get a message to your child please contact the school office by 2:30pm**

# Music Awards

Each week all students who have been following our Turtle Goals and displaying positive behaviour are put into a draw. Two students from primary and two from secondary are drawn out. These students then get to choose a song which will be played for our new bell music. Congratulations to our Week 7 & 8 winners.

**Secondary:** Mary Boehm, Solomon Seabrook, Tyelah Nagy & Charli McCabe



# Wheelchair Basketball

On Friday the 15th March we were privileged enough to host Brendan from Wheelchair Sports NSW. Brendan delivered a program to our secondary students, sharing his personal experience of living life with a disability. Students then were able to participate in playing wheelchair basketball against peers and teachers. During lunch our senior students and staff had a game against each other with students coming away with a narrow win and bragging rights. It was a very valuable experience for our students who enjoyed the day.



# Secondary Studies

## Year 7 & 8 English

In English Stage 4, students have been delving into the empowering concept of young people finding a voice that resonates and makes an impact. Through engaging with a diverse selection of poetry and short memoirs penned by young Australians, we have explored a spectrum of issues close to their hearts. These writings have sparked introspection among Stage 4 students, prompting them to consider what matters most to them personally and what societal issues they wish to amplify for greater awareness and understanding.

## Year 8 History

We have been studying Lady Mungo and Mungo Man. These are the oldest human remains found in Australia. These remains are Aboriginal remains that date back to approximately 42,000 years ago!



## Year 11 Business Studies

This term the focus has been on the role and nature of business in a changing business environment. Students have been learning about the different types of businesses; their classification and legal structure, as well as the external and internal influences in the business environment.

## Year 12 Business Studies

This term students have been developing their knowledge and understanding of the main elements involved in the development and implementation of successful marketing strategies. We have been exploring the various influences of marketing, as well as the processes involved.

## Year 12 English Studies

We are learning how to review online art exhibitions, using language that communicates our own personal opinions. Some of the exhibitions we have been looking at are very strange, funny and amazing. This has been getting students talking!



## Year 11 & 12 Ancient History

Throughout Stage 6 Ancient History, we've delved into the narratives surrounding Boudicca's rebellion against Roman rule, the enigmatic mysteries of King Tutankhamun's tomb, and the events of the Siege of Masada.

Our examination has focused on unravelling the evolution of these stories over time and diligently scrutinizing the validity and biases ingrained within a multitude of historical sources that tell these tales.

# Defence Force Immersion week

A group of 12 students from the Lightning Ridge Group are currently undertaking a Defence Force Immersion week. They will be exposed the career opportunities available and given an understanding of what life in the armed forces would be like. There are 9 students from Lightning Ridge CS, 2 students from Googooga CS and 1 student from Walgett CC undertaking this experience.

First stop was the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). A warm Welcome to Country from Flight Lieutenant Evans was given to all before some very tired travelers were shown to cadet accommodations for the night. The students were up bright and early next day and put through the fitness assessment at which they all gave their best and even impressed the PT instructor. Leadership scenarios gave students an opportunity to see what working together and being part of a team to achieve a common goal means in the forces. An activity from which everyone took a little something away.

Students were allowed access to the aircraft simulators and got hands on experience in ground control of air craft. They then moved into cockpit simulation with students allowed to sit in the cockpit of aircraft and view the mechanics of what makes the air craft fly.

Students were fortunate to be on base when the VIP aircraft on which the Primes Minister flies, landed at the base and they got a close up look at the plane. From there students attended the base Fire Station where they were able to experience first hand using the fire hoses and gain an understanding of what it takes to bring a fire under control.

A tour of the recruit facilities enabled students to see first hand what life as a recruit would be like. They were taught to form up, march and salute and ask questions in relation to becoming a recruit. Many students were surprised to hear that there are around 300 roles available within the RAAF. There are also opportunities to continue with interests and goals such as further study and sporting activities, all facilitated by the forces.



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Slop



Slap



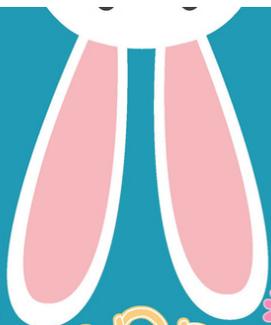
Seek



Slide



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# HAPPY EASTER



Secondary Tasmania Excursion  
Fundraiser  
Easter Raffle  
\$2 ticket  
Lots of prizes to be won  
Drawn Wednesday 27th March

**K - 6 Parents**

*You're Invited!*

**Easter Hat Making**

Monday 25th March

Parents encouraged to attend

11:30 - 1:30pm

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING BBQ FOR THE EXCURSION TO TASMANIA

# BBQ

*Easter Saturday*

OUT THE FRONT OF THE BLACK OPAL MOTEL

30TH MARCH, 2024

START AT 8AM - 1PM

**THE 85TH ANNUAL WALGETT SHOW**

at Walgett Racecourse & Showground

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th April, 2024

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ALSO BBQ & BAR FACILITIES, JAN MARSHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITALITY TENT, LOLLY DROP SAT, ARVO, JOHNNY CAKE COMP, DEADLY SCIENCE LEGO COMP, BATTLE OF THE BARWON CHALLENGE, SHOW OPENING & CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY, PAVILION KIDS EAGLE EYE COMP & MORE!!!!

SEE THE 2024 WALGETT SHOW ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE OR INFO ONLINE FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT ALL THE LIVE & INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

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# Uniform Shop

## Opening hours

**Tuesday's** ⌚ **3:00pm - 3:30pm**

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# K-12 CROSS COUNTRY



Thursday 4th April

Lightning Ridge Central School

## K-6

# Career Day

Wednesday 10th April

Come to School dressed as your favourite occupation you want to be when you grow up!

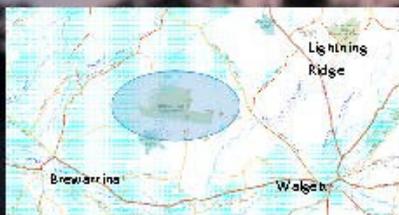
An event coordinated by NPWS and the NLNR Joint Management Committee

## NARRAN LAKE NATURE RESERVE OPEN DAY

24-25 May 2024

*Wii-Gungan - Fire and Water*

*Traditional Lands of the Yuwaalaraay people*



Entrance 1km north of Narran Lake Road/Kurrajong Road junction.

**EVENTS INCLUDE (To be confirmed)**

- Guided cultural walks, interpretation, stories and experiences
- Indigenous craft displays and demonstrations including toolmaking and weaving
- Displays and presentations
- School song and dance
- Bush tucker and barbecue
- Water and birdlife !

For more information and to confirm your attendance for catering purposes RSVP [npws.barwon@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:npws.barwon@environment.nsw.gov.au) by 30 April or call the NPWS Narrabri Office Ph 02 6792 7300

**Theme to include:**  
Vegetation fire recovery ,  
Bird surveys, Wetland ecology  
and more.....



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SAT 6TH & SUN 7TH APRIL, 2024



INVITING STALLHOLDER INQUIRIES  
@ THE 85TH ANNUAL  
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## LIGHTNING RIDGE RACES

*30 MARCH 2024*

### 6 RACE PROGRAM

FULL BAR & ENTERTAINMENT TILL LATE

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD ~ BOOKIES

GATES OPEN @ 12 NOON

PRE PAID TICKETS & CASH CARD @ GATE





# Lightning Ridge Central School

## P&C Uniform Shop Price List

WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Hats – Bucket (replacement if hat provided is lost)	\$5.00			
Library Bags	\$7.00			
Sports Shirts – House colours	\$7.00			
PRIMARY K-6	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts K-6 – Red	\$20.00			
Shorts – Black	\$15.00			
Skorts – Black	\$15.00			
Sloppy Joe – Red (limited stock and sizes)	\$5.00			
Hoodie – Red	\$30.00			
Jacket – Red	\$35.00			
Trackpants – Black Microfibre	\$25.00			
Trackpants – Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
SECONDARY 7-12	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts Years 7 – 10 Red/ Black	\$25.00			
Shirts Year 11 – 12 Senior Red/Black	\$25.00			
Shorts – Black	\$15.00			
Jacket – Black (limited stock and sizes)	\$35.00			
Hoodie – Black	\$30.00			
Canterbury Jersey	\$65.00			
Trackpants – Black Microfibre	\$25.00			
Trackpants – Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
Caps – Black	\$7.00			
			TOTAL:	

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

Name:.....

Contact Number: .....

Sport house (if required): .....

Please indicate:

- Cash included
  Pay (with cash) on pickup from the office



# LRCS – CANTEEN MENU

## SNACKS (RECESS & LUNCH)

Fresh Fruit (apple or orange cut in ¼)	\$1.50
Bega Cheese Stringer 20g	\$1.50
Fruit Salad In Juice Cup 120g	\$1.50
Red Rock Deli Chips (sea salt) 28g	\$1.50
Milky Max Chocolate Custard 100g	\$2.00
Yoplait Yoghurt 100g (vanilla, strawberry, raspberry or mixed berries)	\$2.00
Crunch Pack (carrot, celery, cucumber & cheese w/ garlic aioli)	\$3.50

## DRINKS

Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00
Spring Water 1.5L	\$3.00
Just Juice Popper 200ml (apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant or paradise punch)	\$2.00
M2Go Milk 250ml carton (strawberry or chocolate)	\$2.50
Classic Milk 300ml (strawberry or chocolate)	\$3.00
Classic Milk 500ml (strawberry or chocolate)	\$4.50

**PLEASE WRITE RECESS AND LUNCH ON SEPARATE BAGS AND DON'T FORGET NAME AND CLASS.**

**THANK YOU!**

**CANTEEN CLOSSES AT 9:00AM FOR ORDERS.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## SANDWICHES (Gluten Free available add 50c)

Vegetemite	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Egg, Mayo & Lettuce	\$5.00
Chicken, Mayo & Lettuce	\$5.00

## TOASTED SANDWICHES (PLEASE ORDER)

(Gluten Free available add 50c)

Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Chicken, Mayo & Cheese	\$5.00

## WRAPS

(PLEASE ORDER)

Salad Only	\$7.00
Ham & Salad	\$7.00
Chicken & Salad	\$7.00

(All salad wraps include lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & grated cheese)  
(mayonnaise or garlic aioli available)

## SMALL SALADS

(PLEASE ORDER)

Salad Only	\$6.50
Ham & Salad	\$6.50
Chicken & Salad	\$6.50

(All salads include lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & grated cheese)  
(mayonnaise or garlic aioli available)

## HOT FOODS

Party Pie	\$2.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$2.00
Garlic Bread 85gm	\$2.50
6 Chicken Strips	\$4.00
McCains Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$4.00
Sausage Roll 120g	\$4.50
Travellers Beef Pie 160g	\$5.00

## MISCELLANEOUS

Tomato Sauce	\$0.50
BBQ Sauce	\$0.50
Bundle of Lunch Bags	\$3.00

## ICE BLOCKS (LUNCH ONLY)

Berri Juice Cup 110ml (orange or apple)	\$1.00
Ice Mony (red berry blast, sour watermelon or lemon ice)	\$1.00
Snap-Stix (sour strawberry, sour raspberry, sour watermelon, sour grape, sour blackcurrant or pineapple)	\$1.00

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