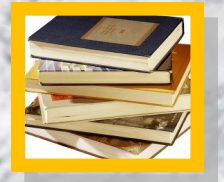


LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



Term 4, Week 6

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From the Principal's Desk

The HSC is over for another year. This year the Yr. 12 students at Lightning Ridge Central School are a great bunch of young men and women. Throughout the year they have been hard working, polite and fun. A wonderful combination! They have been respectful learners and as a result teachers have given many hours of extra time to help ensure their success both in the HSC and beyond.

It is the role of the school, parents and the community to raise a child into a successful adult, confident, capable, compassionate and ready to take their place in the larger world beyond school. Congratulations everyone on doing such a fine job with Year 12 2013.

Support from parents is a vital thing both for students and the school as a whole.

Without encouragement & support from parents our students would find our school a very difficult place. However, with appropriate support and encouragement students will be able to get the most benefit from their education. How do we support children to be the best they can be? That is a very big question and the answer is simple we do the best we can to support them and try to remain positive even through the difficult times. As parents we try to encourage students to be compassionate, grow and develop, to experience new things, to learn to cooperate and work collaboratively with others.

As part of the school experience we try to reinforce these things. We try to teach students that our society, like our school and home, is governed by rules and if those rules are not followed there will be a consequence. We try and encourage students to be the best they can be, to try their best at all times and produce the best quality work they are capable of at all times.

This is an important skill for the workforce because employers expect employees to do the best they can all the time. Those employees who achieve their best, even under difficult circumstances, are the employees who earn more responsibility and gain better jobs and promotions.

It is the job of the school to try and equip students with the best range of skills to be successful in workplace. School is only a small proportion of our lives and most of our life is spent in employment. We are working very hard at the moment trying to get students ready for two important aspects of working life.



**What's
Coming
Up!**

Week 6

**Saturday
16th Nov-
Yr 12
Formal**

Week 9

**Presentation
Day**

**Friday 6th
December
9:30am
School
Gym**

For more information regarding future dates please go to
the LRCS Website and view the online calendar.

Principals report continued...

The first is uniform. All employers expect their employees to be appropriately dressed and often that means wearing the company uniform and at other times wearing clothing that is appropriate to the work that is being done. At school we have a uniform and it doesn't matter whether you are in Kindergarten or Year 12 the expectation is the same and that is to be in school uniform every day. I'm really pleased with the way students and parents have responded to this expectation and it is very gratifying to be able to reward many students for the effort in being in uniform all the time.

The other thing we're trying to get students used to is punctuality. Employers expect employees to be in the right place at the right time all day every day. Employees are required to start work on time every day and at this school students are expected to start on time. That means ready to enter Roll Call at 8:40 AM for Secondary Students and ready to enter class at 9 o'clock for Primary Students. During the day primary students have a break for recess and lunch and the expectation is that the students will be back at the classroom ready to learn at the end of each break. Secondary students are expected to be at their classroom ready to learn at the start of every lesson. No student will be allowed to leave the classroom early unless the teacher has given them one of our blue out of class authority slips or OCA as we call them.

It always impresses me the way people keep looking for ways to improve our fantastic school. Just in last week we have identified the need to have an additional SmartBoard in the school to make our school hall a much more useful place for students to learn and we are fortunate that we are able to purchase this new facility for students to use next year.

We identified a little while ago that it would be ideal to have a place for secondary students to work quietly if they were a little unsettled in normal classes. As a result we were able to develop our time out room which has worked really well for allowing students having difficulty settling in a normal setting to go and work under the supervision of a teacher in a room with only one or two other students. Our Time Out Room has also been ideal for helping students catch up with work that they have missed and allowing students a quiet place to work to catch up on missed exams.

During last Term our fantastic KindyStart program could be made even better by allowing more students more time at the school. This year we have been able to employ an additional teacher to work with our preschool students devoting more time and making the transition from Preschool into Kindergarten a much easier and more successful time for students and their parents. This has been running for a few weeks now and is working beautifully.

Last week we had a meeting of parents interested in our Commitment Class that I mentioned in our previous newsletter. The idea of the Commitment Class is to give students who wish to come to school and work without interruption a place to come each day where that can happen. Ideally commitment class will be a place where teachers and learners come together to the greatest benefit of all of our students. I was very pleased with the response from the parents that came along and I am very confident that we will be able to run our Commitment Classes as planned next year with the support of students, teachers and parents.

Every day we have 420 students in the school learning not only the academic skills but also other skills that will benefit them through their entire life and every day, as a school, we try to make the experience better. Every day almost all of our students, with the support of parents and their teachers, learn and enjoy their time at school and are developing into the successful adults we would like them to become.

From the Primary Deputy Principal

K-6 Merit Assembly

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our K-6 Assembly last week. It was impressive to see so many parents supporting our school. Thank you to the classes who performed such entertaining items and to the choir who sang the National Anthem. The last K-6 Assembly for the year will be held on Thursday 5th December (Week 9), the day before Presentation Day. The Primary Choir, S2/3R, Early Stage 1 and S1/2V will be performing items at this assembly. The Primary choir will also be performing at Presentation Day.

Uniform

Congratulations to Brandon Dos Santos Hall who won the uniform draw at our last K-6 Assembly. Brandon was wearing correct school uniform of a uniform shirt, black shorts and closed-in shoes. Parents please remember that joggers are the ideal shoes for your child/ren to wear to school every day. We continue to be impressed by the uniform wearing this year and thank parents for their support.

Opal Rewards

All K-4 students who have currently received their Opal Awards this year will be invited to attend a movie at the Bowling Club on Wednesday 20th November. All eligible students will receive an information letter outlining the details for this excursion. Ms Thompson is organising a reward for Stage 3 Opal students towards the end of the term. All K-4 students who have received their Opal Award by the end of the year will be able to come to the Pool Party on Thursday 12th December (Week 10) with free theme park entry and a free BBQ.

School Swimming Scheme

The School Swimming Scheme starts this week. This program is designed to assist K-6 children to develop their swimming skills. Students will need to bring their swimmers, a towel, a water bottle and a hat. Students need to wear closed-in shoes to attend this excursion (no thongs please).

Visiting Performance and Zoomoblie visit

On Monday 25th November, all K-6 students will participate in a visiting performance called "You can do it too". This involves circus skills and positive messages for students. On Thursday 5th December we are lucky enough to have a visit from the Zoomobile. These shows will be free for all K-6 students as they will be funded by the school.

Fundraising Disco

On Thursday 21st of November, the Primary Student Representative Council (SRC) is organising a fundraising disco for Megan, Zack and Angel. All K-6 students are welcome and this event will be fully supervised by teachers. More details will be available soon.

Until next fortnight,
Genienne Ellis





LIBRARY NEWS

The LRCS Reading Challenge finishes on the 28th November. Two weeks to go! The Stage Two classes have had limited success with their Rocket Growing for various reasons. Forgetting to water the plants and students knocking over the pots were two reasons for lack of success. I asked the question, “How will we make our salad?” The responses were many and varied. Some students suggested buying some rocket from Khans...then who would pay for this...again varying responses from me to the school to the students themselves. Some students had grandmothers who were growing their own rocket and they were going to ask for a donation of rocket for the class. Another option was to make a different salad with different ingredients. The responses and the reactions to these responses showed that students can overcome problems but it also showed how the home can always influence the way students think.

The home is a very important part of a child’s learning and it was delightful to speak to one of the new Kindystart parents when she visited the library when the preschools had their visit to the library. Always feel you can ask and always feel you can let me know something about your child.

I ring parents when there are problems with behaviour. I also ring or speak to parents about good things that I’d like them to know. I am always trying to have students achieve their best and when a student comments, ‘Will it ever be good enough?’...Well no it won’t, if I know that the student is under achieving and is not making their best effort. Comparing yourself to you is the best comparison!

I attended a meeting in Dubbo last week. I am part of a Teacher/Librarian committee who plan a Conference for other Library Staff. The meeting was held at West Dubbo Public. It is always good to have a look at another library and talk to like-minded people. Our Conference will be in Dubbo in 2014.

Overdue notes are still being printed and some classes have too many outstanding books. Please parents support your children in being responsible for what is a school resource. Lost books can be paid for at the front office and students can “work off” their overdue book in the library at lunchtimes.

Penny Fahey

Teacher/Librarian

PRIMARY SPORT

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

The School Swimming program is for children who cannot swim 25 metres using a correct stroke, and is not just for non-swimmers. There is no cost for these lessons as this program is the only sport program that has funding available for school students to participate; the school applied in 2012 for the funding for this year's lessons. The cost is pool entry (\$4) only unless the child has a season pass.



HOUSE CAPTAINS 2014

At the K-6 assembly last week, the nominees for the position of House Captain for **Bodell** were; Opal Trumper, Jasmine Armstrong, Anton Kennedy, Kyhnan Samuelsson, Feli Ciprian, Mahad Sohail, Elijah Ferguson, Josh Doctor & Chrystal Chapman. Nominations for **Reece** were; May Troutman, Callum McLennan, Jasmine Scott and Cassidy Finne. Nominations for **Bruce** were; Maddison O'Neill, Tom Barrett, Madyson Tooth & Elva Cran. Elections, including speeches will be next Tuesday in house meetings. .In 2014 we introduce the successful captains.

Stage 3 STAR Students



May Troutman



Congratulations to May Troutman from S3M for being the Star Student in week 4. May has made great progress this year in all areas of school. She works enthusiastically and to capacity at all times. May's individual progress this semester has been excellent. She has been a valuable member of our classroom all year. Great job May, keep up the good work.



Luke White



Congratulations to Luke White from S3T for being the Star Student in week 3. Luke has made pleasing progress throughout the term in all areas. He is always enthusiastic and enjoys contributing his point of view on most topics. Luke has developed his independent work habits which increase his ability to stay focused allowing him to produce work at a high standard. Great job Luke, keep up the great work.



PIANO

Last week piano and singing students farewelled Mrs Marilyn Collins who has for the past two years been providing lessons to a number of interested students. The students performed pieces that they had been learning at the lunch time concert attended by their families, fellow students and teachers. Sincere Thanks and best wishes in future endeavours were extended by Mr Adamthwaite to Mrs Collins.





Mandatory Technology Food

Last term Year 8 students worked towards completing their assessment task. This task involved students designing their own café, as part of this task students had to select a food, prepare & cook which could be served in the café. The photos below show them in action.





FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Last term students were studying different countries from around the World. Student had to present an assessment task which discussed foods eaten, meal patterns, utensils used and festivals from the country of their own choice. Students then had to prepare, cook and present a meal from the country.

Here are some photos of the students preparing their meal.



CANTEEN NEWSLETTER

The Canteen follows the Fresh Tastes Healthy Canteen guidelines set out by the canteen association. GREEN (healthiest ie. Fruit, salads, sandwiches, etc) , AMBER (majority of menu ie. Pizza, pies etc), RED (items to be sold only twice a Term ie. Confectionary items).

A few changes to the Menu this week, new brand of Icecreams, Home icecreams, (all natural and some items are also gluten free) will be available by the end of this week, new icecreams are listed below, exact prices per item will be available at the Canteen by Thursday 14th November (prices will vary from \$1.30 - \$1.80):

- Fruitsicle
- Mango split
- Real caramel
- Banana-rama
- Choc milk

Ice creams already available are Billabong choc , Triple twirl, Frozen yogurts, Icy poles Lemonade, Raspberry.

In the Snack range a few new products available:

- Fun Buns (Finger buns) - \$1.80
- De- lite muffins choc/blueberry/apple cinnamon - \$1.80
- Go Cookies on back order, not available by supplier at present.

Please note all these items are approved by the Healthy Kids campaign.

XMAS Treats will be available to buy over the counter or ordered on Monday 9th, December, 2013 until sold out, the Canteen is allowed 8 RED days per year, treats available please find listed below: (These items will be advertised closer to the date at the Canteen and in class baskets)

- Choc Brownie puddings (cupcake size) - 0.60c
- Choc marshmellow santas - 0.60c
- Small choc santas - 0.20c

Please note that the canteen tries to cater to all tastes and healthier the better, please find canteen menu attached, any new items, deleted items or price rises will be advertised in the Canteen Newsletter.

During the warmer **months frozen waters and frozen fruit cups** will be available to buy or order, the usual sandwiches, rolls, wraps and small and large salad boxes are available all year round. Please pre order salad boxes and wraps, some sandwiches and rolls are ready made to sell over the counter.

Please note Canteen will be opened until the last day of Term 4, Wednesday 18th, December.

CANTEEN RULES

- **MORNINGS: CANTEEN OPENED FOR ORDERS AND TO BUY DRINKS ONLY**
– 8.30am – 8.40am
Year 5 & 6 and High school only allowed to buy drinks in the mornings during the above times!
- Parents can order until 9.30am for students. Canteen screen will be closed from 9.45am until Recess.
- Kindy to Stage 2 (Red shirts) all orders can be placed in canteen baskets (menu and bags available in each stages baskets) and sent around to canteen for Recess and Lunch orders.
- Please when ordering students Recess and Lunches please put R or L on separate bags with students name and class and items to be ordered any icecreams ordered for lunch will be put in separate bag with students name on bag and sent with lunch orders, change will be sticky taped to bag.
- Year 5 & 6 to year 12 students can buy over the counter at recess and lunch.
- Icecreams are sold or ordered at lunch only.
- Please note that the Canteen will close 5 min before bell time. Screen will be closed. Students will not be served outside of canteen opened times.
- Over the counter hot foods and snacks always available and an assortment of sandwiches and rolls also available, Beefburgers and Chicken Burgers.
- wraps, salad boxes please pre-order these items always best to order as you get what you want!

Thankyou,

Susan Chapman



Dear parents, caregivers and the wider community,

Lightning Ridge Central School would like to invite you to the last P&C meeting for 2013. This meeting will include a special seminar entitled *Think U Know* on keeping youth safe online, followed by a free BBQ.

Whether you are a parent or a grandparent, care for kids or anything in between, this presentation will prepare you with the basics to keep youth safe online.

With holidays around the corner, children will have more time to be online and potentially be exposed to a wide array of technologies. This presentation aims to assist parents in keeping their children safe online.

Think U Know is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia using a network of accredited trainers.

Created by the UK Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, *Think U Know* Australia has been developed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and DATACOM.

Date: Thursday 21st November

Time: 5.00pm Think U Know seminar begins (approximately 1 hour) followed by P & C meeting and a free BBQ

Location: LRCS Aboriginal Language Room (next to the Gym)

