

LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



Term 4, Week 8

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From the Principal's Desk



I like to think of Lightning Ridge Central School as the hub of our wonderful community. This year your school has been the centre of educating students aged from 5 to 18 years old. We have encouraged and mentored their development from children to young men and women, ready to take their place successfully in society. Along with our community we have facilitated their development academically & socially. In addition to normal classes Lightning Ridge Central School has been host to a variety of events including Educational Programs for students and parents. We have hosted a group of Buddhist monks producing a beautiful sand Mandala, every Monday night 2 of our talented teachers hold dance classes in our gym and on Saturday 7 December on the primary oval we will be hosting the Community Carols by Candlelight beginning at 7 PM.

With all that goes on in the school it's amazing that we have time to teach students, but that is something that we do very well and the reports that are being produced at the moment are evidence of that continued emphasis on academic and personal growth. It is very pleasing to read the reports and see the improvement right across the school.

After all this is a school (not a holiday camp) and our main business is educating students and preparing them for the world after school. We can see the success that has been achieved by our students in the past by looking at the long list of students who have left school and gone on to be successful in a wide range of careers. It was pleasing to see last Saturday night at the Year 12 graduation that there is another group of students about to make the same journey and these young men and women have been very well prepared by our school, their parents and our community for whatever future lies ahead of them.

The cycle of life continues and as one group of students leave to take their place in the big world outside of school another group of students move from Preschool into Kindergarten and are currently enjoying the excitement of KindyStart. Congratulations to all involved for the great success being achieved in this new expanded program.



What's Coming Up!

Week 9

**5th Dec–
K-6 Merit
assembly**

**6th Dec–
Presenta-
tion Day**

Week 10

**12th Dec–
Secondary
PBL
excursion
to Narra-
bri**

**Yr 6
Farwell**

**Last day of
the Year
Wed 18th
December**

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

Principals report continued...

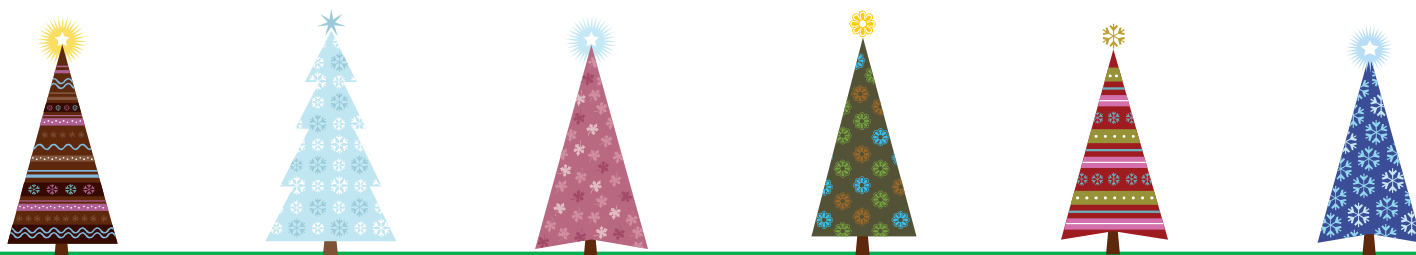
Part of the movement from being a child to being an adult is the transition from Year 6 into Year 7 and high school. This is a big change from many students going from one teacher and one classroom to a whole range of teachers in different lessons and different classrooms each lesson. Ms Shannan Campbell has made this change easier to deal with and will be Year 7 Advisor for 2014. She has organised a fantastic transition program with the assistance of Year 6 teachers and many of our high school teachers. The program has run successfully across one week and students have enjoyed getting to know the new system of moving around classes and having different teachers. The teachers have also enjoyed getting to know the year 6 students that they are likely to be teaching next year. I think the highlight for many was a lunch for parents, students and staff prepared by students helped by Mrs Morris and Miss O'Donoghue on Thursday

Parents are a really big part of a child's education and as a school we often try and contact parents to let them know if there is a problem or a concern regarding their child or to pass on positive information about their child's progress. It is vitally important that all contact details are updated regularly and that if you change your address or your phone number that you contact the school as soon as possible so that we can keep our records accurate in case we need to contact you. It is also important to keep emergency contacts up-to-date. A few times last week we were unable to contact parents. We tried emergency contact numbers and in each case the person who had been identified as an emergency contact had either changed their number or was no longer in a position to assist in emergencies. Fortunately neither of these cases was urgent and, later on, we were able to reach the parents.

We have worked very hard this year to develop an accurate role marking system to keep track of student absences. This is a legal requirement of all schools and attendance information is often sought by a range of government departments. Attendance information can also be important to parents and students who are seeking employment or receive a government benefit as many of these benefits are only payable if attendance requirements are met.

As the data from our rolls has become more easily obtained and studied it is becoming increasingly obvious that many students have large numbers of absences that are not explained. It is very important that if your child is away from school that they bring a note from you explaining the absence the following day so that the roll can be adjusted and reduce problems later on. You can also ring the school to explain an absence. Many people do this the morning the student is absent and others the following day.

If you know you're going to be away for a range of reasons including; family reasons, illness or medical treatment it is possible to be granted exemption from school. This means the number of absences recorded for your child throughout the year will be reduced. To seek an exemption it is best to contact the school before the student is away if possible.



From the Primary Deputy Principal

K-6 Merit Assembly

The last K-6 Merit Assembly for 2013 will be held in the Gym on Thursday 5th December (Week 9) at 9.30am. Students will be receiving Merit Awards and Deputy Principal Awards. The Primary Choir, S2/3R, Early Stage 1 and S1/2V will be performing items. The House Captains for 2014 will also be receiving their badges. All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend.

Zoomoblie

Also on Thursday 5th December, all K-6 students will be treated with a free educational show at school about Australian animals, with live examples from the zoo. This is sponsored by the school.

Presentation Day

We will be holding this annual event on Friday 6th December (Week 9). Class book prizes and certificates as well as special awards will be given out on this day. The Primary Choir will also be singing at this event. Once again, everyone is welcome to attend.

Week 10

Week 10 will be a very busy week filled with lots of exciting events including: the DP Awards Reward Day, Stage 3 Opal Rewards, Kindystart Graduation, Reading Challenge Party, Primary Choir Christmas Concert, K-4 Opal Pool Party, Year 6 Farewell, S123PM Movie Day and the Stage 3 Pool Party. Parents/carers will be provided with more information as these events get closer.

I look forward to seeing you at school at some of the end of year events,
Genienne Ellis



We have a small number of computers available for purchase via tender.

Please contact the front office for more details.

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LIBRARY NEWS

The **LRCS Reading Challenge** has finished with a record number of students completing the reading of ten or more books this term. Thanks to the encouragement by class teachers some classes excelled. Any entries received after the cut-off date of November 28 will still receive a certificate but only those who met the deadline will be involved in the celebration party. The Reading Challenge party will be held in the library on Tuesday 10th December at lunchtime.

As I wrote last newsletter the rocket growing was not a great success for various reasons. I thought I'd share two poems from S1/2V describing the growth or lack thereof.

Rocket

Seed was planted
Then was watered
It started to grow
Green leaves on top
Brown roots below

By **Adam Boney - Morris**

Dead Rocket

Sun baked it after all our hard work
Planting the seed and watering the dirt
We tried and tried to keep it upright
But it died anyway because the sun was too hot.

By **Jada Seaton**

In S123PM Isaac Georg was a very keen gardener. We made a salad with school garden ingredients supplemented by me. To make the eating fun we used paddle pop sticks as chopsticks. Interesting to see that James and Sarah Haywood are quite adept at handling chopsticks.



Library Turtle Draw winners recently were;

WEEK 3

ES1 Layla Dench ES1T (Magazine Voucher)

Stage 1 Bryce Abel S1F (Book: Doug Dennis and the Fly Away Fib)

Stage 2 Emily Walsh-Morris S2G (Pony Pals - the Pony and the Missing Dog)

Stage 3: Dylan Ciprian S3T (Canteen voucher)

WEEK 6

ES1 Mattie-Lee Seaton ES1B (Book: How the Tasmanian Tiger got its Stripes)

Stage 1 Billy Frail S1F (Canteen voucher)

Stage 2 Cliff Peterson S2F (Book: Jack Russell Dog Detective: The Lying Postman)

Stage 3: Luca Cheal S2/3R (Book: Bungawitta)

WEEK 7

ES1 Teminya Walsh ES1T (Book: Dreamtime story)

Stage 1 Billy Frail S1F (Magazine voucher)

Stage 2 Grace Morris S2G (Book: Kitten Club)

Stage 3: Jordann Driscoll S3T (Canteen voucher)

PRIMARY SPORT

School Swimming Scheme

Congratulations to the students who have consistently participated in the School swimming Scheme this term. There were a total of 84 students who participated during the lessons.

House captains for 2014

Elections have been held for the positions of house captain and Vice-captain for 2014. The results were:



Bruce – Captain Elva-Lou Cran, Vice-captain Tom Barrett



Bodell – Captain – Kyhnan Samuelsson, Vice- captain – Anton Kennedy



Reece – Captain Cassidy Finne; Vice- captain – May Troutman
 Congratulations! Badges will be given out at the K-6 assembly next Thursday.

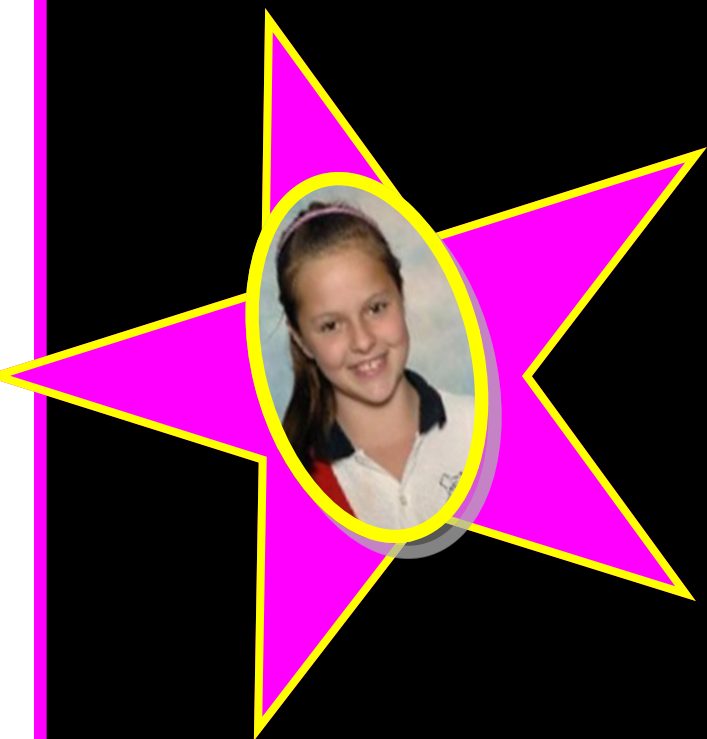
Miss Davies

S123PM

In S123PM we have been learning about and making 3D shapes from nets in Math. In art we have been getting creative with paddlepop sticks. Isaac made a bird house!! Kira, Cassandra, Sarah and James made and decorated small jewellery boxes with help from Debbie, Melissa and Mrs Mapperson.



Photography by Marshall Mahoney.



Stage 3 STAR

Student

S2/3R

Jasmine Armstrong

Congratulations to Jasmine from S2/3R for being the Star Student in week 3. Jasmine has made great progress this year in all areas of school. She has developed her independent work habits and is a very good role model to her fellow students. Great job Jasmine, keep up the hard work.

Stage 4 History

This term Stage 4 have been finishing up their study of ancient civilisations. We have studied the Vikings, ancient Egypt, and now Year 7 are learning about the ancient Greeks.

While we were doing ancient Egypt, we were able to incorporate some hands on activities—Miss Lynch's class mummified some tomatoes to learn more about the process, and Miss Bateman's class created golden cartouches with their names on them in

hieroglyphics.



PHARAOH'S FUNNIES

Q. WHAT DID THE PHARAOH SAY WHEN
HE SAW HIS PYRAMID?

A. "MUMMY'S HOME!"



Ancient Egypt Word Search



mummy

hieroglyphics

sarcophagus

papyrus

isis

pyramid

sphinx

temple

cleopatra

ramases

tutankhamun

giza

nile

pharaoh

tomb

egypt

CANTEEN NEWS

I would like to wish Students, Staff a wonderful Xmas and New year.

In the last newsletter new icecreams had just arrived, please find listed below icecreams and prices:

- Real Caramel - \$1.30 ea
- Bananarama - \$1.30 ea
- Choc Milk - \$1.30 ea
- Fruitsicle - \$1.80 ea
- Raspberry split - \$2.30 ea (Icecream & raspberry topping)
- Mango split - \$2.60 ea

REMINDER XMAS TREATS:



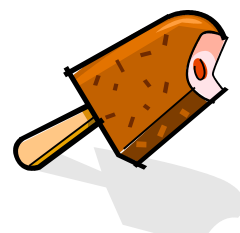
Xmas treats will be available to buy or order from Monday 9th December, 2013, until sold out, treats are as listed below:

- Choc brownie puddings (cupcake size) - 0.60c ea
- Choc marshmallow santas - 0.60c ea
- Small choc santas - 0.20c ea

Please note that the Canteen will be **closed** on Presentation day Friday 6th December, 2013 and opened until the last day of Term 4, Wednesday 18th December, 2013.

Thankyou,
Susan Chapman

CANTEEN MENU TERM 4 2013



SNACKS (RECESS & LUNCH)

Fruit salad cup/diced peach cups 120g	1.30
Fresh fruit apples oranges bananas 1.00-	1.20
J'J'S (Chicken/S&V/Burger/Pizza pkt) 20g	1.00
Hotcakes choc chip/b. Berry	1.00
Go Cookies (lite)	70c
½ frozen banana or orange	50c
Snack packs choc/vanilla/strawb 140g	1.50
Yoplait lite yogurt 175gm vanilla/strawb	1.80
Popcorn	90c
Cheese sticks	1.00
Lite sara lee muffins choc	1.80
Grain waves sour creme	1.20
Moosies(choc/blue/strawb)frozen milk	1.20
Sultanas (box)	1.00

DRINKS

Spring Water 600ml	2.00
Aroona 10% juice	2.20
(Blue/orange/Pine lime/cola/apple rasp.	
350ml Orange juice bottle	2.30
Poppers Apple/orange/tropical	1.80
300ml choc/strawberry /banana	2.40
Big M choc/straw lite ctn milk 250ml	2.00
Nippy's 375ml reduced fat choc/strawb/	
Iced coffee/honeycomb	2.30
Iced coffee classic 375ml carton	2.60
LOL's Razzbri/Tropkl/Blackcurrent	2.30
Plain carton milk	1.60

SALAD BOXES (please order salad boxes)

Salad	5.50
Chicken / Ham /Tuna or Egg salad	6.00

SMALL SALAD BOWLS

Salad	4.00
Chicken / Ham /Tuna or Egg salad	4.50

ICECREAMS (LUNCH ONLY)

(all toasties cooking spray used)

Icy Poles Lemonade/Raspberry	1.20
Billabongs choc/triple swirl	1.30
Paddle Pops choc/ban/rainbow/	
vanilla	1.30
Quelch frozen fruit pops	60c
KAE Blueys Blue	
Red/lemon fizz	50c
Chocolate thickshakes	2.20
Frozen yogurts strawb/mango	1.80
Dixie cups chocolate	1.00

SANDWICHES (ROLLS 20C EXTRA)

(assortment of sand. or rolls sold over counter)

Cheese tom lettuce	2.80
Vegemite or cheese	2.20
Chicken lettuce mayo	3.20
Egg lettuce mayo	3.00
Egg/curried egg	2.80
Ham	2.30
Ham salad	3.40
Chicken	2.80
Chicken salad	3.40
Ham & Cheese	3.00
Salad/Ham/cheese/tom	3.20
Chicken /Avo/lett/mayo	3.40
Tuna lettuce mayo	3.40

WHOLE WRAPS (please order wraps)

Salad wraps	\$4.50
Chicken or ham salad	\$5.00
Tuna salad	\$5.00
Chicken lettuce mayo	\$4.50

TOASTED SANDWICHES/lavash 80c extra

Cheese & Ham	3.00
Cheese	2.20
Ham cheese & tomato	3.20
Chicken Avo & Cheese	3.40
Chicken & cheese	3.20

HOT FOODS

Sausage roll (lite pastry)	2.60
Travellers pie (lite pastry)	3.20
party pies lite	90c
Chilli tenders	1.40
Garlic bread sub	1.50
Steak potato trav. Pies	3.80
UFO melted cheese & sauce ½ roll	1.50
Chicken wedges/strips per bag	2.80
Lasagne	3.70
Macaroni Cheese	3.70
Chicken strips (replace nuggets)	50c
Pizza Ham & Pineapple	2.50
Pizza pockets	2.60
Beefburger (lett/tom/cheese)	4.00
Hamburger (the works)	4.50
Chicken Burger (lett/tom/mayo)	3.80
Quiche Lorraine	3.00
Honey soy chicken rice tubs	4.00
Beef or Chicken noodles	1.60

MISCELLANEOUS

Tomato or BBQ sauce	20c
50 lunch bags	2.00
Salad dressing	30c
Chilli Sauce	20c

**Salad boxes include lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, carrot, cheese. (please pre-order salad boxes)

***Salad dressing available

** please note: Canteen closes for orders by 9.30am each morning!

All profits made by Canteen go to the P&C for the Students!

PRESENTATION DAY FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

The canteen will be closed on this day. The P & C will be holding a BBQ at 11am following the presentation assembly.

Please complete the pre order slip below including payment by Wednesday 4th December.

Place in the box marked P & C in the front office.

Circle the food items you wish to order including number of serves please use a separate order sheet for each child.

Parents & Teachers are welcome to place orders.

NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

☐ \$1:50 Sausage sandwich and onion

Tomato or bbq sauce

☐ \$4:00 Burger with coleslaw and onion

Tomato or bbq sauce

☐ \$2:00 Golden Circle Soft Drink

Lemon Orange Passio

Total Cost enclosed



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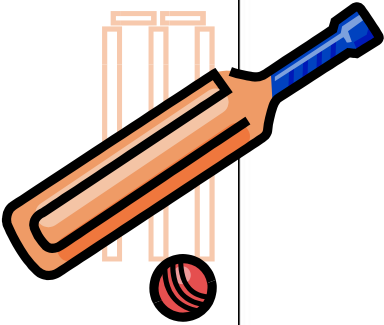
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SAVE THE DATE

FAMILY BOWLS DAY & ART AUCTION

4pm Bowls
7pm Auction



FOR KATIE

30TH OF NOVEMBER
AT THE BOWLING CLUB



LOTS OF PRIZES LOTS OF FUN