

LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



Term 4, Week 10

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From the Principal's Desk

As this is the final newsletter of the year it's time to sit back and contemplate on the journey that we've been on throughout 2013.

During 2013 the overriding goal of the school has been to improve the educational experience of Lightning Ridge Central School students.

At Lightning Ridge Central School we create positive, safe, respectful learning environments that engage students in quality lessons, celebrate success and promote life long learning.

This has been a shared goal by all the staff, the parents and, as it turns out, most of the students at Lightning Ridge Central School. To achieve this goal the staff and the executive team look at the priorities across the school to make the educational experience for all students better and, after significant discussion we realised the most important thing that we could do in 2013 was to communicate more with parents, be more involved in the community, provide a consistent discipline welfare setting for our students to work in and set high standards for students to achieve.

Of course all of this meant extra work for the staff and they are happy to take on the burden to improve the opportunities for students. I'm happy to say that it has been a great success. The results being achieved by students in classrooms across the school are improving and the amount of discipline problems within the school has decreased dramatically. To my mind this has been a great success.



Principals report continued...

In the sporting field we have also had successes with students participating at local zone and State athletic events and swimming events and also being selected to represent in sporting teams. In community participation we've had a big year with NAIDOC week, and very successful Careers Expo, Local Blokes Day, and our boys and girls Aboriginal dance groups participating in a range of local and state wide activities, and we have had a small but talented group of students participate in piano and singing lessons at the school. In 2014 we look forward to a school performance being written and directed by Mrs Nicholls our very own English teacher.

The end of the year is also time to thank people for all assistance and help throughout the year. One group who deserves our thanks is the school's P&C, a small band of parents who help with the organisation of functions within the school supporting our students to travel to sporting representation and otherwise of the parents when the school is making a decision. Without their support many of the things we do at school would not be possible & many of the students who represent the school would not be able to travel away. I look forward next year to see a much larger group of parents assisting and enjoying time with the P&C.

Some regular P&C helpers are Sue who does amazing job in our school canteen, and Mim who without her help, a uniform shop would not be open every Monday and Thursday morning.

The AECG has done a terrific job this year supporting the school under the capable leadership of Petrina Brown. Unfortunately other commitments caused Petrina to leave the AECG towards the end of the year and she will be badly missed, but I'm sure Alan Cobb will be able to carry on Petrina's great work.

The end of a year is often the opportunity farewell staff moving to a new school. This year Genienne Ellis is completing 15 years as a teacher, Assistant Principal and currently Deputy Principal at Lightning Ridge Central School. I would love to outline some of the wonderful achievement she has had in that time and list some of the ways in which she has helped and guided students and families in that time. I won't, because the lists are so huge there will never be time to read them through. I will say that Genienne has assisted and guided the primary staff and students over this time to ensure that they are the most professional, caring and well organised primary group I have ever had the pleasure of working with. She has also assisted many families through her work at school and in the community. Genienne is a terrific role model to staff and parents and her influence will be felt here for many years to come and her presence and talent will be sadly missed. We all wish the best for Genienne and family next year for a fantastic start to the next phase of their lives. We will all miss you!

Students and staff of the school have been able to take up many opportunities to become involved in community work this year and as a result of the community and the school had benefited and I hope that this will continue into 2014.

Our vision for 2014 is just the same, to improve the educational experience of Lightning Ridge Central School students.

I hope you have a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year holiday and look forward to seeing you all on February 5, 2014 when school commences for students.

From the Deputy Principal Primary

It has been a busy year and we are finishing the year with the last week full of exciting events.

DP Awards Rewards

This week the students who have received Deputy Principal Awards over the whole year were invited to make pizzas, milkshakes and ice-cream sundaes as a reward for their outstanding behaviour and learning this term. The students thoroughly enjoyed this reward. One ES1T student exclaimed that "it was the best day ever".

Christmas Concerts

The choir will be holding a Christmas Concert at the Aged Care Unit on Wednesday 11th December. The choir really enjoys this annual event. We would also like to invite all parents and community members to a morning tea on Friday 13th December at 10.00 in the Old Aboriginal Language room (near the bell).

KindyStart Graduation

The KindyStart students 'graduated' on Tuesday 10th December. This program has been successful and a real team effort. All the best to the Kindergarten students of 2014.

Reading Challenge Party

The Reading Challenge Party was also held on Tuesday 10th December. It is encouraging to see the amount of students who have participated this term and the parents who encouraging and supporting their child/ren to read at home.

Year 6 Farewell

I would like to wish all the best to Year 6 students for High School next year. The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Thursday 12th December after school.



DP report continued...

Stage 3 Rewards

All students in Stage 3 are invited to attend their annual pool party on Friday 13th December. Notes are due back by Thursday 12th December. Ms Thompson also organised the Stage 3 Opal Award Reward on Tuesday 10th December.

K-4 Opal Award Pool party

All K-4 students who have received their Opal Award in 2013 have been invited to attend the Pool party on Thursday 12th December. There is a free BBQ and theme park entry is subsidised by the school. Students will need to pay \$4 if they don't have a season pass and may bring a small amount of money to spend at the canteen.

As this is my last newsletter at LRCS, I would like to thank the staff, students, parents and community for their support over the last 15 years. I have really enjoyed my time here and will have fond memories of Lightning Ridge. This school is very fortunate to have the staff that are here. They are all hard working and dedicated. I wish everyone the best for the future.



Genienne Ellis



Uniform Shop 2014
Open all week 1
3rd – 7th February 14
From 8.30am to 9.30am



Stage 3 STAR Student

S3M

Felix Sanderson

Congratulations to Felix from S3M for being the Star Student in week 9. Felix has made great progress this year in all areas of school. He has developed his independent work habits and is always following our PBL turtle rules. Great job Felix, keep up the hard work.

LIBRARY NEWS



Great news to end the term. I applied for a grant to fund Books in Homes for our most junior students and received news that we had been allocated half the funding that we applied for. This is not perfect and we will have to consider which students will benefit most from this opportunity, but it is money we would not have otherwise had and I will carefully consider which students receive Books in Homes in Term 1 2013. All students will benefit from having access to the preview books which are part of receiving Books in Homes. I am excited.

Presentation day was a well organised and students well behaved. Zack Johnston received the Library Award. He was unable to attend but I hope he gets a laugh from the books I chose. The prize books by authors Oliver Phommavanh and Anh Do made me laugh. They do comedy well.

Try to buy books this Christmas for your children. If you can get the right book for the right person it is always well received.

Try also to visit the town library with your children in the holidays. Keeping the reading happening throughout holidays pays dividends. Holiday time is also a time where you actually have time to read. I read a lot but hope to delve further into a book than repeating the first chapter!

The Lightning Ridge Central School Reading Challenge had seventy three students complete their challenge. The Reading challenge party will have lots of students lunching in the library and having exclusive use of our facilities. Fun reward!

Library Turtle draw winners recently have been:

WEEK 8

ES1 Phoebe Taylor ES1B (Canteen voucher)

Stage 1 Kiara Barrett S1M (Magazine voucher)

Stage 2 Ashton McBride S2G (Canteen voucher)

Stage 3: Maliek Cobb S2/3R (Canteen voucher)

WEEK 9

ES1 Amelia Hackett ES1B (Book: When the snake bites the sun)

Stage 1 Kyanna Skuthorpe S1M (Canteen voucher)

Stage 2 Karlie Haverhoek S2G (Canteen voucher)

Stage 3: Opal Trumper S3M (Book: Blitz)

Have a fabulous break from your school routine. Remember reading in whatever you do and I hope to see you back in 2014. Stay safe and well over the Christmas New Year period.

Penny Fahey Teacher- Librarian

Reading Challenge Participants

S2F Khayden Morgan (Sheet 2)

S2G Vanessa Kotru

S1/2V Riley Gibson (Sheet 2)

ES1T Brianna Kotru

S1F Zack Johnston

S2G Chloe Fields

S1M Grace McBride

S1F Lexi McBride

S2G Sebastian Bogdan

S2G Ashton Murray

S1/2V Lilia Taylor (2 SHEETS)

ES1T Dain McKay

S2G Chrystal Chapman

S1/2V Angel-lena Wiesnet (Sheet 3)

S1W Khalii Drew (Sheet 2)

S2G Lydell Brenton

S1W Lucy Barrett

S1W Linken McBride

S1W Lillian Morris

S1W Samuel Lyons

S1W Kyeesha Mitchell

S1W Allira Bleasdale

S1W Charli McCabe

S1W Kyah Driscoll

S1/2 V Jock Mckenzie

S1/2V Samuel Johnston

S1/2V Kiarta Seal (Sheet 2)

S1/2V Jada Seaton

S1/2 V Shelby Davis

S1/2V Indi Tishler

S1/2V Adam Boney-Morris

S1W Torin Barron (2 sheets)

Year 7 Swastika Sharma

S1F Nate Bamford

ES1B Teodor Malinovic

S2/3R Charlie Taylor

ES1B Phoebe Taylor

S1W Parker Bevan

S1W Nicholas Newton

S1W Jorja Hackett

S1W Rianna Haverhoek

ES1T Millie Lehman

S1M Ethan Lohse

S1M Corbin Barton

S1M Kiara Barrett

S1M Ayden Flick

S1M Boyd Wiesnet

S1M Tilah Ciprian

S1M Ava Seaton

S1M Jessie McBride

S1M Kyanna Skuthorpe

S1M Rory Noel

S1W Byron James

S1F Thomas Pickering

S1F Jaya D riscoll

ES1T Clayton Dominick

S2F Levi Dominick

S1/2V Peter McLeod

ES1B Zara McLeod

ES1B Amelia Hackett

S1/2V Leilani Spicer

S1/2V Shanae White

S2/3R Lachlan Johnston

S2F Tim Simms-Sharpely

S2G Karlie Haverhoek

S1M Steven Walsh

S1M Kirra Scott

S1M Grace McBride

S1M Noah Adamson

S1M Darby Lehman

S1M Logan Lohse

ES1T Erin Buchanan

S1/2 V Ellie Barrett

S1F's Christmas Cinquain Poems

Elves

Fun and little

Giving, opening, playing

Santa's coming

A New Year

Nate Bamford



Christmas

Special and fun

Eating, playing, opening

Christmas is a good day

Amazing!



Christmas

Special, beautiful

Giving, caring, surprising

Opening the presents

Santa's coming!



Christmas

Beautiful and pretty

Opening, running, playing

I like the presents

Elf

Skye Noyes



Christmas

Fantastic and wonderful

Giving, surprising, opening

I'm making a cake

Pretty fun!



Christmas

Fun and happy

Giving, playing, surprising

Christmas is fun

Santa's coming



Christmas

Fun and good

Exciting, surprising, opening

I'm opening my presents

Happy



Santa Claus

Pretty, beautiful

Loving, peaceful, caring

Santa is coming with presents

Special

Lizzy McMartin

Santa Claus

Special, fun

Opening, eating, playing

Christmas is a good day

Cool

MC Luncheon



This term the MC class as part of their class achievements reward scheme have completed cooking.

This has been a cross curricula activity which involved English Maths and Social Skills. The culmination of their cooking experiences throughout Term 4 was a luncheon for parents where they cooked and served a 2 course meal. They worked competently and corporately and their parents were all very proud of the delicious results.

Merry Christmas to all.

Barbara Adamthwaite



K-6 Opal Award Assembly





Presentation Day 2013





Walgett Shire Council

Youth Development Team

Presents our Annual

Christmas Party

Lots of prizes

Fun and Games for all

Great Attitude Required

Drinks and Food
supplied



Where: Lightning Ridge Swimming Pool

When: Tuesday 17th December

Time: 4pm - 6pm

For further information about this event please contact Walgett Shire Council Youth Development Officer
Janet Mason on 68 286126 or 0437 273 706

Caution: Maximum Fun Zone

Walgett Shire Youth Development PRESENTS



engaging our communities

Vacation Care

13th—24th Jan

**LIGHTNING RIDGE
YOUTH CENTRE**



Date	Activity	Time	Details
Monday 13th 	Crazy Craft Day	9:30m—2:30pm	Learn a new craft lots on offer to choose from 
Tuesday 14th	Activation Activities Master Chef Pizza Party	9:30—11:30 12-2:30pm	Fun Games with Youth Centre Staff Design your own Pizza
Wednesday 15th	 Pool party Blue Reelers Movie Madness 	9:30am—2:30pm 6:30-8:30pm	Ridge Pool <i>permission note must be signed and admission fee required for this activity.</i> Movie to be advised 
Thursday 16th 	Police Engagement Van Visit	9:30—2:30	Come and check out the new Police engagement van and meet the Police Youth engagement Officer
Friday 17th	Where's Wally and spot what fun	9:30—2:30	Come dressed as wally for extra points find all the object and wally for great prizes
Date	Activity	Time	Details
Monday 20th	Mummy Mayhem Minute to win It Games	9:30—2:30 	Be the fastest to mummify a member of your team fastest group wins, + plus other fun competitions 
Tuesday 21st	Obstacle Course  Dance Party	9:30am—2:30pm 6pm-8pm	Fun team competitions Bust a move with DJ Grassy and the Youth development team
Wednesday 22nd 	Creative Craft and Garden day	9:30—2:30 	Grass Head creations and seedling planting 
Thursday 23rd	Police Engagement Van Visit	9:30am—2:30pm	Great day of fun with the new Police engagement van
Friday 24th	Funtaastic Friday  Pool day	9:30am—2:30pm	Ridge Pool <i>permission note must be signed and admission fee required for this activity.</i> <i>Lunch will be supplied</i>

All excursions must have permission forms signed by parent or guardian and be enrolled at the Youth centre for Vacation Care to attend

Supported by



For further information contact: **Kylie - 0412805322**

Christmas trifle



7:25 To Prep	6 SERVINGS
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Serve this cheerful and charming classic dessert to brighten any Christmas celebration.

Ingredients

- ☐ 4 x 85g packets strawberry jelly crystals
- ☐ 2 1/2 cups boiling water
- ☐ 1/2 x 800g light fruit cake, cut into 3cm cubes
- ☐ 2 tablespoons brandy (optional)
- ☐ 2 cups Pauls Double Thick French Vanilla custard
- ☐ 1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries
- ☐ 125g fresh strawberries, hulled, sliced
- ☐ 300ml thickened cream
- ☐ 1 teaspoon icing sugar mixture, sifted
- ☐ 50g white chocolate, grated fresh raspberries and hulled, quartered strawberries, to decorate



Method

1. Place jelly crystals in a heatproof bowl. Add boiling water. Stir to dissolve crystals. Stir in 400ml cold water. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until just starting to set (it should have a thick, syrupy consistency).
2. Arrange cake in a 13 cup-capacity serving bowl. Drizzle with brandy, if using. Spoon half the jelly over top. Top with custard. Sprinkle with raspberries and strawberries. Spoon remaining jelly over top. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.
3. Using an electric mixer, beat cream and sugar in a bowl until soft peaks form. Fold through chocolate. Spoon mixture over trifle. Top with raspberries and strawberry quarters. Serve. You could use leftover fruit cake or pudding in this trifle. Pauls Double Thick custard is twice as thick as pouring custard, and ideal for the whole family. Check out the handy resealable pack for recipe suggestions. You could replace brandy with orange juice. Top trifle with grated chocolate.