LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



Principal: Mr Kerry Adamthwaite

Secondary Deputy Principal: Mrs Marg Morriss

Term 4 Week 6 2016



We have just had students return from a particularly successful Stage II excursion. The kids enjoyed the trip and learnt a lot from their activities at the Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation camp. After speaking to the staff it was great to see that most of the students were perfectly behaved the whole time, unfortunately, there were a few students who found it difficult to maintain appropriate behaviour in a public setting. That is something we might have to work on both at school and at home.

The activities the students undertook ranged from canoeing to archery and of course everyone had their favourite. The camp was so successful that all students asked to go again so Mr Bonsing has already **booked the same place for next year's excursion. At least this way half the** students will get their wish to go back again. Thanks Mr Bonsing, Mrs Slater, Jessie and of course our almost completed trainee Zac Webb, Zac received praise from all the staff involved for his professionalism and the way in which he looked after your children.

Unfortunately, we continue to have adults walking in and out of the school without first going to the front office. Usually this does not create any great problems however, on occasion inappropriate behaviour from adults or, trying to involve students in adult disputes cause problems within our school.

As a school we focus on education and to do that, we firstly provide a safe place for students and as we know sometimes children will have arguments with each other and we have staff always at hand to deal with these problems and resolve **them appropriately. This allows the children's education to continue with** minimal disruption.

We are not trained or equipped to deal with adult disputes that come in off the street, we don't want your children exposed to these issues and we certainly don't want children to be frightened or intimidated by adults who enter the school inappropriately.

After many requests on assemblies and in this newsletter adults seem not to have understood the message and we have taken the unfortunate decision that to protect our students from adults entering the school we will have to keep our school gates locked during the day so between 9 AM and 3 PM all gates, except the main entrance, to the school will be locked from the start of next year. We hope by then to have in place a new entry gate which will lead only into the **school's front office so that all visitors to site will have to pass through the office** before gaining admittance to any of our students. This complies with Department of Education policy and maintains the safety of your children.

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RIDGE KIDS CAN DO ANYTHING!!!

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This is in no way an attempt to stop visitors to our school. Appropriate visitors, who are here for valid reasons are always welcome and will always be admitted to our school by the school office staff however, those others who persist in just walking past the front office and going directly to students will not be able to do so any more and this will ensure the safety of all of our students.

We have recently received the results of the **Tell Them From Me** (TTFM) surveys and the results show a very encouraging picture of our school in comparison to schools across New South Wales based on the results from surveys completed by almost every student in the school, by many of our staff, and by as many parents who are able to do the online survey. **One thing that I find encouraging is that more and more students are feeling safe and supported at school and their attitude to learning is improving each year.**

In 2017 we will continue to focus on learning and the safety of your children as well as attendance.

We are running a program called **EVERYDAY COUNTS** and the name says it all. Every day your child misses a day of learning they fall further behind. Every day your child misses one lesson they fall further behind. Every day your child falls behind it becomes harder and harder to keep up with their peers. This becomes frustrating, the student becomes less inclined to engage with their education, they become more likely to miss more school and fall further behind. This would be bad enough if it simply meant that their grades would fall unfortunately what it does mean is that their entire life becomes less successful, they have less opportunities and have to work much harder.

Every day does count because every **day** lost will affect the **next 70 or 80 years** of **your child's life**. Please do **your** part in ensuring your child's future. Make sure they come to school if possible every minute of every day.

Our laptop program is working exceptionally well and laptops are now being placed in the hands of year 6 students in preparation for next year's year 7. Many of the students are enthusiastically using their laptops already for learning and that's what it's all about. Please be careful with their laptops we have had 1 or 2 damaged by accident or carelessness and it is the student's responsibility to pay for the repairs or a replacement computer if it is not repairable. The longer it takes for this to happen the longer the student will be without a computer in class and this makes their learning more difficult and less enjoyable. Also remember that if you leave our school you must return the computer to the school in good condition or you will be required to pay for the school's replacement computer, in this way we are able to give computers to new students who enrol.

I have just signed letters for our Blue OPAL Awards. These letters are for students who have received a 9 or **higher on our OPAL system which measures the student's engagement in class, their homework, study and other** areas of school participation. I have signed about 30 of those letters and it is great to see so many committed, respectful students in Years 1-11 as a reward each of those students will have their laptop lease payment paid by the school for Term 1 of next year.



Lightning Ridge Piranhas Swim Club Taking registrations <u>NOW</u> Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6:30am and *Monday, Wednesday afternoon training 3:30pm Dolphin squad 4:15pm junior and senior squad *Thursday afternoon 4:30pm time Trials

Contact Kieren on 0431795712



Library News

Hello,

What an interesting time we had in the library for our Grandparents Day activity. Trudie Murray organised the making of bookmarks from fabric. We used ribbon, buttons, needles and cotton, pinking shears and glue. I think I spent most of the lesson trying to thread my needle. We are all good at something and sewing is not my strength! I did enjoy assisting this activity and we did laugh a lot. I also met some of the lovely grandparents working with their grandchildren and they made a very good effort with their bookmarks!

The Lightning Ridge Central School Reading Challenge finishes on Thursday 1st of December which is very soon! There have been a number of students who have handed in their recording sheets already but there could be lots more. You will note child's report that their on vour participation in this Challenge has occurred. Kindergarten to Stage 3 should be involving themselves in this. The blue recording sheets are in the library if they have been lost or if your child wants to complete more. The Christmas party celebration of students who participated is always a fun time!

I recently read an article in the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper. It's theme was that reading for pleasure boosts children academically and emotionally. There is some evidence that reading for enjoyment alone is promoted less once children have demonstrated the capacity to read. Something to think about....



<u>Library</u>	Turtle	Draw	winners	recently	<u>y have</u>
been:					

Week 3

ES1 Riley Benjamin – (Puggles) Stage 1 Isaiah Seaton – (Yin.ga) Stage 2 Kade Scott – (Flannery) Stage 3 Leilani Hawkins – (Narran) <u>Week 4</u> ES1 Soloman Seabrook - (Puggles) Stage 1 Vanessa Brown - (Dhinawan) Stage 2 Keith Morris- (Flannery) Stage 3 Linken McBride - (Bokhara) <u>Week 5</u>

ES1 Michelle Kranz - (Puggles) Stage 1 Jazmin Murray – (Balabaalaa) Stage 2 Lilly fields- (Flannery) Stage 3 Billy-Roy Frail – (Bokhara)







SRC volunteers at St Vincent De Paul

On Wednesday 16th November six SRC members Kiara Barrett, Samuel Johnston, Lexi McBride, Jada Seaton, Corbin and Lateisha Torrens spent time volunteering at the Lightning Ridge St Vincent De Paul store. The Students were accompanied by Mr Maclean and Beck Arthur. The student packed Christmas hampers and wrapped gifts to be distributed locally. They all did a great job and worked well together. St Vincent De Paul kindly provided lunch for all volunteers.















K-6 Merit Assembly



















Superfood Heroes

Suitable for Year 3-4

Superfood Heroes is a nutrition education program which is a school based initiative that incorporates animated characters to help teachers show children the benefits of consuming a wide variety of nutritious foods that are in line with the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.

The Superfood Heroes are regular kids who gain superpowers when they eat foods from their favourite food group.

The program has been mapped to the national curriculum guidelines and can be run over a 10 or 20 week timeline.

Red Cross Food Security staff can provide training for teachers prior to the program implementation, resources including posters, challenge books and activity sheets and support for teachers throughout the duration of the program.

The program equips teachers and parent/carers with the resources to discuss and practice healthy eating with children.

Please tick if you are interested in running this program



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Lightning Ridge Central School



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1	Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
October	1	10 School starts back today	11	12	13	14	15	16
October	2	17	18	19 CAPA Night	20	21	22	23
October	3	24	25 P & C Meeting	26	27	28 Grandparents Day	29	30
October / November	4	31	1	2 Stage 2 Lake	3 e Burrendong E	4 Excursion	5 Yr 12 Formal	6
November	5	7	8	9	10	11 Mid	12 Term Break	13
November	6	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
November	7	21	22 P & C Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
November / December	8	28	29	30	1	2 Swimming carnival	3	4
December	9	5	6	7	8	9 Presentation day	10	11
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First day back in 2017 is Monday 6th Feburary

BOYS TO THE BUSH where boys can be boys

Holiday Camps For Boys

CHECK US OUT @ WWW.BOYSTOTHEBUSH.COM.AU

BASED AT HOWLONG NSW, THIS CAMP ALLOWS BOYS THE OPPORTUNITY LEARN NEW SKILLS, MEET NEW PEOPLE AND HAVE A "DIGITAL DETOX"

Help us by "spreading the word"

Like Us On

Facebook

Don't forget to check Lost Property for your child's clothing before end of term.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY: VOLUNTEER STAFF NEEDED FOR AUSTRALIAN OPAL CENTRE SHOWROOM

No prior experience or knowledge required – all training will be provided.

Essential: neat presentation, good manners, honesty, reliability, willingness

to work with people and a happy disposition. Minimum commitment: one 4-hour shift/week.

You'll learn heaps, get to work around beautiful and interesting things and be part of a great team working on one of the most exciting projects in Australia!

> Interested? Have any questions? Please contact us **immediately**.

Talk to David Valenti at the AOC at 3/11 Morilla St, Lightning Ridge or call David on 6829 1667 or 0433 575 265

FOSSILS HISTORY OPAL MINING **OPAL - AUSTRALIA'S** NATIONAL GEMSTONE! DINOSAURS ANCIENT WORLDS LEARNING OPAL EDUCATION A TWO-STOREY UNDERGROUND BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL GEMS **OLD TIMERS CHARACTERS** LOCAL KNOWLEDGE PALAEONTOLOGY GEOLOGY MARKETING OPAL TO THE WORLD ARCHITECTURE GUEST SPEAKERS **EXHIBITIONS** GOOD TIMES!

Secondary Student of the Week Term 4 Week 6

Brae O'Keefe Year 9

Brae has shown consistent application during the year. He always contributes to lessons, produces good quality work and displays a positive attitude to learning.









Secondary Student of the Week Term 4 Week 4 Natasha Kotru Year 8

Natasha is a student who always gives her best in every lesson, is polite and works hard. She consistently shows respect and follows instructions. Well done, Natasha!



Primary Student of the Week Term 4 Week 5

Ashton Dench S1Y

Ashton has been working well in class. He is trying harder, producing more work and showing self-control. His reading levels are going up and he has been getting along with others.



Secondary Student of the Week Term 4 Week 3

Grace Morris Year 7

Grace is a student who always gives her best in every lesson, is polite and works hard. Well done, Grace!



Primary Student of the Week Term 4 Week 5 James-Lee Tucker MBC

James-Lee continues to improve across all areas of his schooling and works hard to 'have a go' at everything! A very deserving winner of this week's 'Student of the week' award. Congratulations James-Lee!



Primary Student of the Week Term 4 Week 6 Claudia Bogdan ES1P

Claudia is an all round superstar. She always tries her very best and always completes quality work. Claudia follows all of the turtle goals and is an excellent role model for other students. She works beautifully in small groups and is always keen to help others. Claudia has excelled in all areas of learning and should be very proud of her efforts.



Primary Student of the Week Term 4 Week 6 Keith King S3C

Keith is a kind, sensible and conscientious young man who always greets me with a smile every morning. He always applies himself to all tasks that are set and strives to overcome any challenging situations in the classroom. Keith has an inquisitive mind and always loves to discuss facts with his classmates. He consistently contributes to classroom discussions and is always a lovely helper when it comes to tasks that I need help with. Congratulations Keith on gaining Student of The WeekTerm 4, 2016. I look forward to continuing to teach you in 2016. Miss Menz



Host an Exchange Student in 2017!



Do you have a spare room? World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer host families to host an overseas exchange student!

- See Australia through the eyes of a non-Australian
- Visit new places and re-visit old favourites
- Teach our local customs and language
- Gain a new family member and friend for life
- Have lots of fun!

Students are arriving in February 2017 and are looking forward to learning about Australia!



Meet some of our students!

Hello, I'm **Anna from Italy**. I can't wait to come to Australia! I am very sporty and I enjoy dancing, particularly hip hop. I also enjoy playing volleyball. In summer my family and I spend time together bike riding and hiking. Being outdoors in the open space in the lake, sea and mountains is something I really love!

Olá, I'm **Tomas from Brazil**. Here's a bit about me! My favourite sport is indoor rock climbing and I enjoy skateboarding. My brother has also been to Australia on a WEP student exchange and I am excited to have the same opportunity. While I am learning all about Australian culture, I am looking forward to sharing mine too!

Hi! I'm **Diletta from Italy**. I always look on the bright side of life! I am sporty and until recently I was involved in diving competitions. My parents run a restaurant and I often work there over the summer holidays. Sometimes I cook dinner for my brothers and I can bake delicious cakes!

Find out more! Request a free information pack for your family!

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Generous donation from 'Boot Them On"

LRCS has been fortunate to receive a donation of football boots, runners, shin pads, soccer balls and backpacks from the Newcastle based organisation 'Boot Them On'.

This organisation collects boots from schools at the end of football season cleans them, replaces the laces as needed and then gifts them on. They are often gifted boots that have not been used at all. Boot them on have agreed to have an ongoing arrangement with LRCS to donate boots as they become available. Many thanks to Mr Darren Ball who collected the donation from Newcastle.

Beck Arthur

School welfare worker.



Uniform Shop

Uniform shop will close on the 15th December 2016 and re open on Tuesday the 3rd of February 2017 for all of week 1 and opens again Monday the 9th, Tuesday the 10th and Thursday the 12th of February, Week 2, 2017

Thanks Mim

Ricky Walford Shield









19 students attended this year's Ricky Walford shield in Walgett on the 27th October. The students were split into 2 teams with Ashton McBride captaining team 1 and Bulya Boney and Nakai Bleasdale captaining team 2.

Team 1 played 4 games winning 3 of those 4 and came 3rd overall for the day. The stand out player for team 1 was Keith King who refused to give up and also scored 3 tries.

Team 2 unfortunately did not win a game, although they did come close a few times. The standout player for team 2 was Andrew Campbell-Filipovic who scored a try, ran at anyone and tackle anything on the field.

Some huge congratulations go out to the year 4 students that stepped up and played on the day. I hope you all enjoyed the experience as you may be playing again next year.

All students participated to the best of their ability and should be very proud of themselves.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out on the day.

Andrew Newman











"You're Dad. Their Day. Come and have your say

COMMUNITY EVENT

Two Rivers Suicide Prevention Network - promoting the good things that men do in our community.

Date: Saturday 19th November from 4.30pm Venue: Walgett Youth Centre

> Special guests: "NATHAN BLACKLOCK"

Who will be doing a talk about the importance of staying mentally and physically healthy.

"NICKY TURNER"

(Aboriginal Go4Fun Program) who will be talking about healthy foods and lifestyles

4.30pm - 5.30pm - Games 5.30pm - 7.00pm Dinner and talks by Nathan, Nicky and presentation of prizes to the winners of the Short Film Competition



Note: Filming will take place at this event so please inform if this is an issue to organisers on the day. An initiative supported by Wesley life Force, Walgett Suicide Prevention Network and a collaboration of local services.



Jenny Wright Shield







Mrs Lehman drove our bus to Walgett to compete in the Jenny Wright Shield for Netball . We played against St Josephs, Coonamble, Nyngan, Bourke and Walgett Primary schools. There was a canteen and it was heaps of fun and very hot.







The Team

Lateisha, Zoe, Indi, Jada, Ava, Lilia, Emily, Tallulah, Kiara and Ellie



DVD's \$5 each

Pre order at the LRCS Office



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CANTEEN MENU TERM 4 2016

SANDWICHES (ROLLS EXTRA 40C)

Banana Bread 75g \$2.50 Snaps pkt BBQ/Tangy salsa \$1.50]']'S chick/pizza/burger/s&v pkt \$1.00 Grain waves sour crème \$1.20 Gomes chocolate/Anzac bisc \$0.80 Snac pac Chocolate 140gm \$1.50 Yoplait yogurts vanilla/strawberry 175gm \$2.00 Cheese sticks \$1.00 Lite sara lee muffins choc \$2.00 Popcorn \$1.00 \$2.00 Fun buns (plain or cinnamon) Frozen ½ banana or ½ frozen orange \$0.600 Fresh fruit banana/apples/oranges (\$1.10-\$1.30) Fruit salad cups \$1.40

SNACKS (RECESS & LUNCH)

DRINKS

Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00	
Quench 10% juice blue/cola/pine lime/oran	ge	
Apple raspberry	\$2.40	
350ml Orange/apple/tropical juice	\$2.50	
Poppers apple/orange/tropical	\$1.80	
Classic 300ml choc/iced coffee/strawb milks	\$2.60	
Big M choc/strawb lite ctn milks 250ml	\$2.00	
Nippys reduced fat choc/strawb/honeycomb		
Iced coffee 375ml	\$2.50	
LOL's Tropical/blackcurrent/Razzbri	\$2.50	
Plain ctn milks 300ml	\$2.00	

ICECREAMS LUNCH ONLY

Icy poles lemonade/raspberry	\$1.30
Fandangles choc/fairy floss	\$1.50
Chocolate dixie cups	\$1.00
Ka blueys blue/red/lemon fizz/strawberry	\$0.50
Frozen yogurts strawberry/mango	\$2.00
Bananarana homebrand icecream	\$1.50
Fruitzy ice pops	\$0.60c

	SANDWICHES (NOLLS LAINA 40C)	
	Cheese	\$2.60
	Cheese salad	\$3.60
	Cheese & tomato	\$3.00
	Ham cheese tomato	\$3.60
	Ham or chicken salad	\$3.80
	Ham	\$3.00
	chicken	\$3.00
	Ham & cheese	\$3.40
	Chicken lettuce mayo	\$3.50
	Egg lettuce mayo	\$3.50
	Egg/curried egg	\$3.30
с	Tuna lettuce mayo	\$3.50
	Vegemite	\$2.20
	WRAPS (WHOLEGRAIN)	
	Salad wraps	\$5.20
	Chicken /Ham salad	\$5.80
	Chicken lettuce mayo	\$4.80
	Chillí tender lettuce tom avo cheese	\$5.60
	Tuna lettuce mayo	\$4.80
	Tuna salad	\$5.80
	SALAD BOXES (please pre order salad	bowl
	Salad box	\$5.50
	Chicken/ham/egg/tuna salad box	\$6.00

\$3.60 Party pies lite \$3.80

HOT FOODS

Cheese & Bacon roll

Travellers pies

Sausage rolls (lite pastry)

\$1.70

\$3.00

\$3.40

\$1.00

Chilli tenders	\$1.50
Garlic bread	\$1.30
UFO ½ roll cheese & tom sauce	\$1.70
Chicken strips per bag (6)	\$2.90
Chicken wedges (4)	\$2.90
Lasagne	\$4.00
Egg & Bacon roll (pastry)	\$3.20
Pizza pocket	\$3.00
Pizzas Ham pine or ham cheese	\$3.00
Beefburger (lett/tom/cheese/beet)	\$4.20
Chick. burger (lett/tom/mayo/beet)	\$4.00
Nacho Dippers Spag. Bol. Sauce	\$4.50
Beef or Chicken noodles	\$1.80
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Pie beef gluten free \$4.00 bowl or box)

MISCELLANEOUS

\$4.00 \$4.50

\$3.40

\$3.60

\$3.80

\$2.60

Chicken/ham/egg/tuna salad box	\$6.00	Tomato Sauce or BBQ	\$0.20
(.lett/tom/cuc/beet/carrot/cheese/onio	n optional)	Bundle of lunch bags	\$2.00

2.00 Cheese

SMALL SALAD BOWLS

Chicken/ham/egg/tuna

Cheese & ham

Ham cheese tomato

Ham cheese pineapple

TOASTED SANDWICHS WRAPS EXTRA 80C

(all toasties cooking spray used)

Salad

Chicken avo cheese	\$3.80
Chicken & cheese	\$3.60
Cheese & tomato	\$3.00