LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



Principal: Mr Richard Finter

Secondary Deputy Principal: Mrs Marg Morriss

Term 1 Week 4 2017

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Welcome back to a new year of learning at Lightning Ridge Central School. Mr Adamthwaite is currently on some well-earned leave and I will be Relieving Principal until March 3rd.

My home school is Mudgee High where I am one of two Deputy Principals, and I am excited to be here at Lightning Ridge. My daughter Claire will be joining me for two weeks and enrolling in year 8.

I had never been to "The Ridge "until I came to visit the school in early December and it was clear then and is now, as I settle in as Relieving Principal's position, that the school is a highly productive place of learning. There is a sense of order, industriousness and a real commitment from all staff and students to learning. This is a credit to a highly committed staff, students who value learning and parents who are supportive of the school.

The quality of the school grounds are both a credit and an asset to the whole community. You have a great public school here which continues to serve the local community.

We have a number of new staff in 2017 who you will get to know over the course of the year. They bring with them a range of skills and expertise.

Mr Blake Allen will be teaching Food Technology, Mr James Maloney will be teaching Mathematics, Mr Jacob Crawley will be Learning Support (Primary) and Mrs Jane Miles will be Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning (Primary). Mrs Nikki Currey will also be teaching Science this year.

Schools are most effective when parents and staff work in partnership and to that end I ask that if you want to know more about our school, have ideas, suggestions, compliments or concerns about our school or your child's education please contact the relevant staff member or myself for an appointment. Staff are happy to talk to parents and carers but I strongly advise that you phone first and make an appointment as teachers and members of the Executive have busy schedules and a phone call to make an appointment may save you a wait.

Parents and carers can also contribute to the school by actively supporting the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). I remind you that meetings take place in the old school building on the first Tuesday of each month and commence at 5.00pm. If you are new to the school or have had students at the school for a number of years, please come along. The next meeting is Tuesday 7th March at 5.00pm.

Once again welcome back and enjoy the year!!!!

2016 School Newsletter now available online, check out our website on www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

RIDGE KIDS CAN DO ANYTHING!!!

WHATS COMING UP

Welcome to Kindy's First day 2017



Barwon Swimming Carnival 20th February 2017 **At Lightning Ridge Pool**

MID TERM BREAK 24th -27th February

Clean up Australia Day 3rd March



P&C Meeting 6th March 2017 5pm in A block

BroSpeak Commences 6th March







Deputy's Debrief

Hello everyone,

Mr Ball has transferred to Lambton High School and I am proud to say that I have been successful in gaining the Deputy Principal position at

Lightning Ridge Central School. I have lived and worked in Lighting Ridge for 16 Years, working in a range of positions. I feel fortunate to be appointed to Lightning Ridge Central School as Deputy Principal.

My goal is to continue to work with parents, students and staff to provide educational opportunities for all our students. It is great to see all students back at school in their school uniforms and ready to learn.

We welcome new staff to the Secondary School; James Maloney -Maths, Blake Allen—Food Technology, Bill McClure—in the study room and casual relief, Nicki Currey—Science.

On the Monday 20th February there will be a 'meet & greet' from 5pm this is a great chance to come along and meet your children's new teachers for 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns in regards to your child's/children education.

Marg Morriss

Mid Term Breaks

2017

Term 1—Friday Feb 24th to Monday 27th Feb
Term 2—Friday 26th May to Monday 29th May
Term 3—Friday 18th August to Monday 21st August
Term 4—Friday 10th November to Monday 13th November
(dates are inclusive)

Primary Report



Welcome back to school!! The Primary staff look forward to working with you and your child to make this the best school year ever.

Classes and staff in Primary for 2017 are:

Early Stage 1—Puggles (Mrs Hicks) and Joeys (Miss Stiller)

Stage 1—Yin.ga (Mr Sundstrom and Mr Crawley), Balabalaa (Mrs Mapperson); Dhinewan (Miss Mittasch)

Stage 2— O'sullivan (Miss Molyneux); Hollows (Mr Bonsing); Flannery (Miss Slater)

Stage 3 Narran (Miss Dean); Culgoa Miss Menz; Bokhara (Mr Britts)

MC - Bumblebees (Mrs Loiterton)

Miss Press is the Learning & Support teacher; Mrs Caley is the Learning and Support Team Coordinator.

The Assistant Principal of each stage is Mr Sundstrom (Early Stage 1 & Stage 1); Mr Bonsing (Stage 2); Mrs Caley (Stage 3).

Mr Bonsing will be organising, and be the school contact for the Primary sport carnivals, representative sport, school swimming and sport competitions in the region e.g. Ricky Walford.

Miss Davies is the Instructional Leader, Literacy and Numeracy in the K-2 area.

Mrs Jane Miles the Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning in the Stage 2, 3 & 4 area.

Mrs Schmidt & Mrs Worrall will be working in K-2 classes to support teachers in literacy and numeracy.

Miss Thompson and Mrs Fahey will be teaching in the teachers' release time.

The Learning and Support Officers are; Kaycee (Stage 3); Melissa (Stage 2); Krystal (Stage 1); Tess (Early Stage 1); Ron and Deb Smith (MC).

Lennie Frail is the Primary Aboriginal Education officer.

What's on in Primary:

Barwon Zone Swimming carnival - 20th February at Lightning Ridge

K-4 assembly 6th March

Stage 3 assembly Monday mornings at 8:45

Miss Davies

Instructional Leader

Literacy & Numeracy K-2





Hello from the library,

Kerrieanne and I are back for Term 1 and so are the enthusiastic students. I was so pleased to have a parent tell me about her son who wasn't a keen library person last year. She told me her son loved his first lesson and could recall everything that happened in the lesson. We can all change! I also had a newly enrolled student tell me he didn't like reading. After a library tour he found there were things in our library he could and would like to read...I am just hoping he comes back in to borrow. Responsibility by students, particularly senior students is a big part of learning. Independence is what I hope will happen in my lessons, from the kindergarten children learning the borrowing routine to the Stage 6 students being prepared and getting resources before a deadline.

I hope your holiday was good or at least had some good points. I hope reading was a part of it. If you cannot read a whole book due to other time commitments try short stories, magazine articles, online information anything that interests you. Children see readers and think that this is what we do. Role models are needed to teach children that reading is important.

The K-6 Library RFF timetable is listed below for your information. Classes come to the library for an hour each week. During this time they have a lesson and also borrow to take a book home. Library lessons this term are focused on an author who is visiting our school later this term. Kinder are getting used to routines of the library and borrowing. Stage 1 are looking at junior fiction books by the author, Frances Watts and discussing book cover information. Stage 2 are learning how to search our library catalogue using our online Oliver library system and Stage 3 will be doing a more in depth Oliver library search and researching the author.

Tuesday:

8.55-10.00 Culgoa (Miss Menz's Stage 3)

10.00 - 11.00 Bokhara (Mr Britt's Stage 3)

11.30 - **12.30** Narran (Miss Dean's Stage 3)

12.30 - 1.30 Puggles (Miss Stiller's Kindergarten)

2.00 - 3.00 Joeys (Mrs Hicks' Kindergarten)

Wednesday

8.55 - 10.00 Hollows (Mr Bonsing's Stage 2)

10.00 - 11.00 O'Sullivan (Miss Molyneux's Stage 2)

12.30—1.30 Balabalaa (Mrs Mapperson's Stage 1)

2.00—3.00 Yin.ga (Mr Sundstrom's Stage 1)

Thursday

11.30—12.30 Bumble Bees (Mrs Loiterton's MC class)

12.30—1.30 Flannery (Ms Slater's Stage 2)

2.00—3.00 Dhinawan (Miss Mittasch's Stage 1)

The library is open at lunchtimes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and at this time K-12 students are on computers, play chess, draughts, do puzzles, read, colour in, play with the duplo and just chill. Our airconditioning is good!

Stages 1-3 have been given their Term 1 LRCS Reading Challenge recording sheets in their first lesson. There are more sheets in the library. Students need to hand their completed sheets into the library. We already have two handed in! Well done Austin Hallett and Macedes McBride.

I have the role of Distance Education Coordinator this year and I would like to congratulate Camille Babar for doing very well in her Spanish Beginners Year 12 first Assessment Task. Her teacher commented, "You provided excellent detail and demonstrated a thorough understanding of the topics covered."

That's all for now. If you would like to visit the library you are most welcome. If you have any questions about what happens in the library Kerrieanne Turk and I are always happy to help.

Best wishes,

Penny Fahey Teacher-Librarian



Important Information

<u>Medication:</u> If your child needs medication of any kind, has Asthma or Allergies the office must be notified. If your child requires medication to be administered at School you will be required to sign a medical consent form for permission to medicate. All medication must be clearly labelled and named.

<u>Absences:</u> Parents are legally obliged to send their children to school. If your child is absent or you know they are going to be absent you are required to phone the school or send a note to the class room teacher and front office. Absentee notes can be collect from the office

<u>Bus Travel:</u> Students who catch buses need to contact the Bus Company NRC Busses and complete a travel advice form. The student will need to be verified by the school on the form and These forms can be obtained from the Bus company - North West Bus Lines 02 68 294 110 . Travel allowance forms for reimbursement of private travel expenses are available from the front office. (for qualifying distance students)

<u>Updating Student Information:</u> If there is a change in circumstance in your child's life eg. Address or telephone please contact the school.

<u>After School Care:</u> Little Diggers Child Care Centre provides facilities for after school care for children under the age of 8. Vacancies depend on availability. LRCS provides NO after school care.

Introducing



Jacob Crawley



Hi I'm Jacob, or better known as red. I grew up in Barringun, a small village 140km north of Bourke. My primary school years were spent in Enngonia at Enngonia Public School. Since 2007 my family and I have been located in and around the area of Forbes. After completing my HSC at Red Bend Catholic College I took up further study at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst. Last year I completed my Bachelor of Education and accepted a job at Lightning Ridge Central School for 2017 on the stage 1 Yin.Ga class with Mr Sundstrom. I am a sports enthusiast who loves both playing and watching almost any sport and I love to have a chat, so please feel free to come up and say hi anytime. Finally, I am very excited to be living once again back out bush and teaching at this great school.

Bill McClure



My name is Mr Bill McClure. I come from the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers region and have taught at various schools for the past 7 years. My role at Lightning Ridge Central School will be primarily supporting students in the Study Room as well as teaching in other areas that I am needed. I have 5 years experience working in PDHPE, however, I have spent the past 2 years working in Distance Education and Careers. My interest include Film, Football (Soccer) and Martial Arts. I have a passion for

coaching and successfully coached NSW and QLD representative teams in Football and individuals in Martial Arts.

Blake Allen



I have a Bachelor of Food Science and Human Nutrition from the University of Newcastle and Bachelor of Secondary Teaching from Charles Sturt University. This year I am teaching year 7 and 8 Technology, year 9 and 10 Food Technology, MC and year 11 Hospitality at Lightning Ridge Central School but I am also able to teach Chemistry and Biology. I am really looking forward to a great year here at Lightning Ridge and hope to get to know as many people as possible.

Leanne Worrall



I am excited and thankful to be returning to LRCS in my recently appointed role as the K-2 Interventionist.

As this is my third time returning to teach at LRCS, I look forward to working alongside the dedicated staff to continue in providing the best educational programs for all of our students.

Previously working on the Mid North Coast NSW for many years, I have had the pleasure as a class teacher to teach across all stages K-6. In addition, some of my further roles have included; Reading Recovery Teacher, Learning and Support Teacher, School Literacy Coordinator, School Science Coordinator, and Computer Coordinator.

My greatest initiative is to provide interesting and engaging learning experiences within the School environment to provide differentiated instruction that will meet the needs of each student to the best of our ability.

Please feel free to stop and say hello, as I look forward to meeting you all.

Miss Worrall

Jane Miles



My name is Mrs Jane Miles. I have joined the Lightning Ridge Central School team from Nyngan Public School, where I was Assistant Principal. In that role, I wore many 'hats' such as Learning and Support Teacher, Learning and Support Team Coordinator and PBL Internal Coach.

This year, my role is Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning where I will be working with students and staff from Years 3 to 8 to assist in Literacy and Numeracy improvement. This is something I am passionate about: helping students to reach their potential. I am currently "Benchmarking" students to identify their reading levels so we all have a direction for improvement.

I am thrilled to be in Lightning Ridge and look forward to working with LRCS students and staff, and will happily meet with families at a mutually convenient time.

Jane Miles

James Maloney



My Name is Mr Maloney and I'm the new Mathematics teacher at Lightning Ridge Central School for 2017. I originally hail from Armidale, though I 've spent the last 5 years of my life in Newcastle. Now I look forward to my next chapter here at the Ridge. I'm only here for a short period and I'm pleased to report the reception has been nearly as warm as the weather.

Looking forward to meeting you all.





The Young Australian Citizenship award for under 25's

Hollie has been a strong and valuable member of the Walgett Shire's Youth Council holding executive roles of chairperson, secretary and publicity officer advocating for young people not only in her community of Grawin but the wider shire community.

In 2016 she worked tirelessly as a volunteer for the vacation care program for young people in the Grawin and chose to yet again to be a volunteer for the kindy start program at her school. Hollie is a strong believer in the environment and has been researching projects to better the environment. In 2016 Hollie's achievements included; Harding Miller Foundation Scholarship for distance education, Academic Excellence award, Youth Council Executive and has been a role model for all young people.







Bumper Stickers

\$2 each

Help our students, help others!!!!

Purchase your bumper sticker from the LRCS office





Secondary Student of the Week Term 1 Week 3 George Smith Year 7

George has made a terrific start to the year. He has settled in well to Stage 4. He is punctual, shows great commitment to his learning, and works well with his fellow students



Primary Student of the Week Term 1 Week 3 James-lee Tucker MCB

James-Lee has made a positive start to his learning in 2017! He participates in all learning activities and always follows instructions. Congratulations James-Lee!



Primary Student of the Week Term 1 Week 3 Tristan Doolan S2F

Tristan has shown respect, responsibility and pride in his very first week of Stage 2. Tristan follows class and school rules. He also helps others to remember the school values. He is responsible for his own equipment and the shared equipment in our classroom, and he has produced some good quality work across all subjects. It has been a pleasure having Tristan in the class. He has impressed in the Library as well.

WALGETT MUDTRIALS POSTPONED DUE TO HEAT

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Due to temperatures expected to reach 47 degrees,
Walgett Mud Trials Club have made the decision to
postpone the mud trials until next Sunday the 19th of February.



Yaama ganungawu / Hello everyone

Each year, students in Year 8 study a language other than English (LOTE).

Learning a second language – like learning a musical instrument or learning to dance – is one of those skills that has great and lifelong benefits – and is best started early. People who can speak a second language are better problem solvers, are more confident, have greater empathy and social connectivity, and have a much better understanding of their first language.

This year, Lightning Ridge Central School is offering Yuwaalaraay as its language other than English. Yuwaalaraay is the language that has been spoken in the area now known as Lightning Ridge for many, many generations.

Some of our students already know a number of words and phrases in Yuwaalaraay; for others, it's completely new. Our focus this year will not just be on learning to speak the language; we'll also learn about Yuwaalaraay culture past and present.

Each student has been given an extra copy of their Term 1 classroom work book to take home so that you can see exactly what your child has been studying. You can help your child's ongoing learning by practising some of the words and phrases from the book. Even better: get them to teach you how to speak Yuwaalaraay! As the saying goes, "to teach is to learn twice".

If anyone has any questions about the Year 8 LOTE course, call Mr MacLean at the school.

Yaluu!

Mr MacLean





FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL



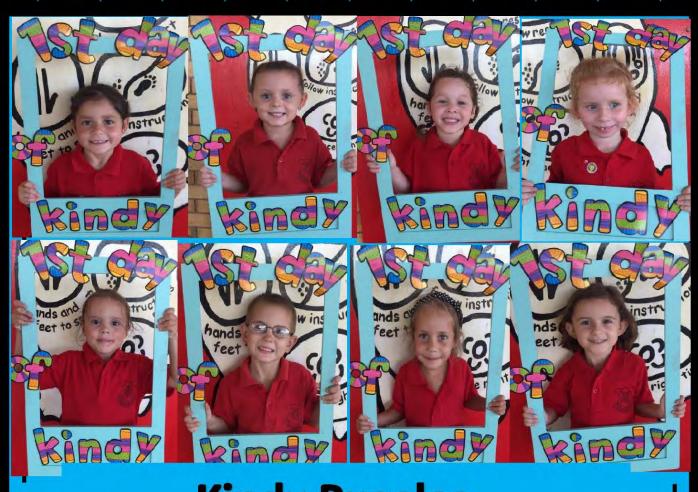


Lightning Ridge Central School



Term 1

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Kindy Puggles























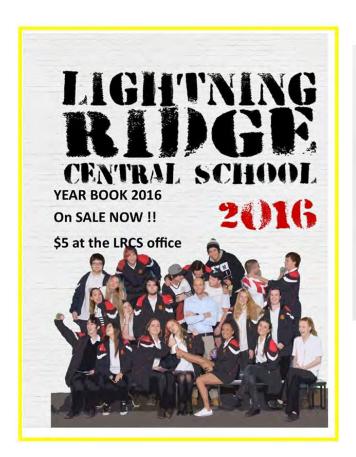


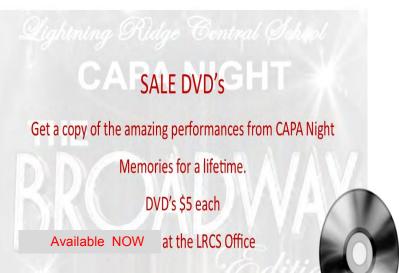












School Song



We're going to school today

To learn from our teachers and play with our friends

Let us all smile and say

Yes, we'll be good all day

At our school, Lightning Ridge Central School.

We have a school of our own

That everyone can share

All our trouble we leave far behind us there

And we know you will find

There'll be peace of mind

At our school, Lightning Ridge Central School.

(to the tune.....A world of our own—by the Seekers)

Mathematics and Science

What's New about New Maths?

In 2016, NSW completed the introduction of the new K –10 Mathematics Syllabus.

After a thorough look we found no new numbers, no new rules. This Mathematics seems to have the same permanent concepts, many of which have been known and used for over 2,000 years. And even more have been constant since our parents were at school.

But this syllabus differs for a number of reasons:

Students have access to all knowledge through the internet. There is always 'someone that they can ask'. Finding an answer no longer can be used as a demonstration of understanding.

Students who are told 'facts' do not easily retain the information. Students who find or experience information are able to not only retain but apply knowledge to other contexts.

The number of ways that students can receive, process and present information are expanding all the time. Data loggers can receive, analyse, tabulate and graph real time information around the clock. Students now must be able to interpret, validate and draw practical conclusions from gathered data.

So for our students, NEW MATHS is asking them to be able to seek and apply knowledge, use reasoning discover processes for problem-solving. Or even to decide what problem needs to be solved. They must be able to communicate what they know and how they know it.

And to do all this they must embrace and become fluent in technology of finding, gathering, assembling, explaining and assessing information.

It was so much simpler in my day.







Every Day COUNTS

Absentee Note

Please return this note to the school within 7 days of absence

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We need you to EXPLAIN YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCES

All absences from school are required by law to be recorded. Absences normally fall under two categories – sick or unexplained absence.

In cases where your child is unable to attend school parents are asked to:-

- Contact the school by telephone, letter or the schools Absentee Note if you know in advance, that your child is likely to be absent
- notify the school first thing in the morning when your child is going to be absent. Let the school know the likely date of return and keep them informed if the date changes;
- Give your child an Absentee Note or letter when they return to school explaining the reason for absence
- inform the school of any change to the following:-

home telephone

number mobile

number emergency

contact details

Requests for your child to be absent from school for extended periods such as making a trip away to visit relatives must be made in writing to the Principal, detailing the reason, destination and duration of absence and arrangements for their continuing education. On these occasions your child will be marked as an authorised absentee in the register.

Please find 4 Absentee Notes on the reverse of this page.

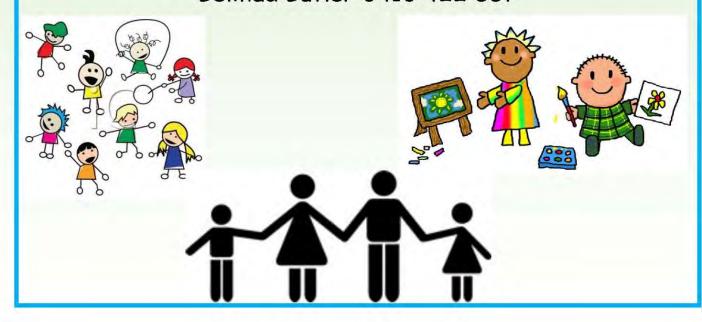
AGM Notice

Isolated Children's Parents Association

Lightning Ridge Branch
Friday 17th February 430PM
Lightning Ridge Bowling Club

Please contact:

Jacinda Barry 0427 944 775 Belinda Butler 0410 422 557



CHESS CLUB



Saturdays 10am to 12md

ALL CHESS PLAYERS

INCLUDING BEGINNERS

WELCOME!

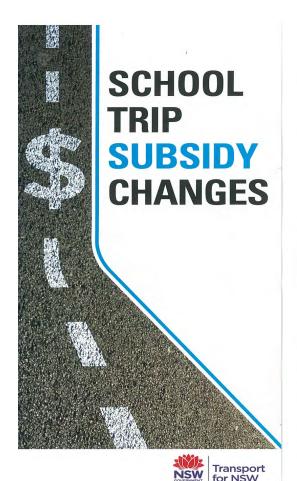
School Children: FREE

Adults: \$2 (cuppa included)

Inquiries: LRNC front desk

(or) Phone Lewis on 0409 322 399

Lightning Ridge Neighbourhood Centre: Ph 6829 4828



Frequently asked questions

Which will be better for me - PVC or School Drive Subsidy?

It depends on:

- · How many children you have on the scheme.
- The type of school they attend (boarding school, day school or mini-school).
- · The distance you need to drive.
- If you have children to add to your school trips in the future

You should consider staying on the PVC subsidy if you're receiving a PVC subsidy for more than one child.

We suggest you check which scheme is better for your individual circumstances by using the online comparison calculator at

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What are the School Drive Subsidy rates?

You can find the latest rates for the School Drive Subsidy and the PVC at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

The deadline for new applications for the existing PVC subsidy is 20 December 2016.

Keep in mind, if you stay on the current PVC subsidy, you won't be able to add new students after 17 January 2017 without switching **all** the existing PVC students to the new School Drive Subsidy.

What's happening?

From 20 December 2016, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy will be progressively phased out and replaced with the new School Drive Subsidy.

This change will make it fairer for everyone who drives their children to school or to the nearest public transport location.

If you're a parent or guardian currently receiving the PVC subsidy, you can choose to stay on it or switch to the new School Drive Subsidy after 17 January 2017.

What are the main changes?

If you're driving one or more eligible students from the same household to the nearest public transport pick up point or to school, the new School Drive Subsidy will be paid 'per trip' (for the complete school trip). This 'per trip' payment is different from the current PVC subsidy, which is paid 'per student'.

Other differences include:

- A flat per kilometre rate (indexed annually to the cost of living) will apply under the School Drive Subsidy, unlike the flat payment per distance band in the current PVC subsidy.
- The requirement to do a special return trip each morning and afternoon will be removed.
- The 300km per trip payment cap will be removed.
- The limit of eight trips per year for distance education students to attend mini-schools during term time will be removed.
- The PVC subsidy rates will remain at 2017 levels in 2018 and beyond.
- Payments to third parties will stop (e.g. payments to a bus operator hired by parents from pooled PVC subsidy payments).

Note, you can't be on two schemes at the same time.

If you add new students after 17 January 2017, **all** eligible students will automatically go onto the new School Drive Şubsidy, including existing PVC subsidy students.

How do I check which scheme is better for me?

Check the comparison calculator at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

What do I need to do?

If you want to stay on the existing PVC subsidy, you don't need to do anything.

Assuming the school trip doesn't change, your payments will continue for all existing students until they leave school or until you need to re-apply because a student is moving up to Year 7 at high school.

If the school trip changes because you move homes or the student changes schools, you will need to re-apply under the new School Drive Subsidy.

Remember, you can't re-apply for the PVC subsidy after 20 December 2016, but you can switch to the new School Drive Subsidy at any time after 17 January 2017.

If you want to switch to the new School Drive Subsidy, apply online at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Just like the PVC subsidy, payments will be made twice a year, around August and February, based on the student's school attendance for the preceding semester.

The online application process only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.

If you don't have access to the internet, feel free to call ${\bf 131\ 500}$ for assistance.

After you've applied and been approved for the School Drive Subsidy, payments will be made automatically into your bank account twice a year.

You won't have to re-apply until a student reaches the end of Year 6, or until you next update any details — such as a change of school, school trip or address.

What happens if I stay on PVC now but want to add a new child later?

For new eligible students, you can either:

- Add the new student into the new School Drive Subsidy and also switch the existing students to the new scheme, or:
- Stay on the current PVC subsidy where existing students are covered, but not add any new students and not receive any additional subsidy.

What are the distance requirements under the School Drive Subsidy?

School year band	Minimum distance to school/TAFE		Minimum distance to the nearest public transport pick up point (where available)
Infants and Primary students (Years K-6)	More than 1.6km straight line distance OR at least 2.3km walking distance	AND	More than 1.6km straight line distance OR at least 2.3km walking distance
Secondary students (Years 7-12)	More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance		More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance
TAFE	More than 3.2km walking distance		More than 2.0km straight line distance OR at least 2.9km walking distance

You can read about these changes in more detail at transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

K-4 Assembly

Students of the week



















Families are invited to attend Parent/ Teacher meet and greet.

When: Monday 20th February

Time: 5pm

Where: Lightning Ridge Central School Gym

This is a great chance to meet your child's teacher.

Free Sausage sizzle and refreshments provided, Please RSVP at office for catering purposes



School Drive Subsidy

If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.



CANTEEN NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to Term 1, 2017.

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 etc., Easter & Xmas).

The canteen tries to cater to all tastes, healthier the better, please find Canteen menu for Term 1, 2017, attached, (copies available at the Canteen or in the class room baskets) any new items, deleted items or price rises will be advertised in the Canteen Newsletter.

A majority of our products are made for School Canteens, as they are portioned controlled.

Please note that all profits made by the canteen go to the P&C for the students.

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 roller doors will be closed from 9.30am 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 available to buy or ordered at lunch only.
- Please note that the Canteen will close 5 min before bell time. Roller doors will be closed. Students will not be served outside of Recess & Lunch times.

Thankyou,

Susan Chapman



CANTEEN MENU TERM 1 2017

SNACKS (RECESS & LUNCH)		SANDWICHES (ROLLS EXTRA 40C)		HOT FOODS	
Banana Bread 75g	\$2,50	Cheese	\$2.60	Cheese & Bacon roll	\$1.80
Snaps pkt BBQ/Tangy salsa	\$1.50	Cheese salad	\$3.70	Sausage rolls (lite pastry)	\$3.20
J'J'S chick/pizza/burger/s&v pkt	\$1.00	Cheese & tomato	\$3.00	Trayellers pies	\$3.50
Grain waves sour crème	\$1.20	Ham cheese tomato	\$3.70	Party pies lite	\$1.00
Gomes chocolate/Anzac bisc	\$0.80	Ham or chicken salad	\$3.90	Chilli tenders	\$1.50
Snac pac Chocolate 140gm	\$1.50	Ham	\$3.20	Garlic bread	\$1.30
Yoplait yogurts vanilla/strawberry 175gm	\$2.20	chicken	\$3.20	UFO ½ roll cheese & tom sauce	\$1.80
Cheese sticks	\$1.00	Ham & cheese	\$3.50	Chicken strips per bag (6)	\$3.00
Lite sara lee muffins choc	\$2.00	Chicken lettuce mayo	\$3.60	Chicken wedges (4)	\$3.00
Popcorn	\$1.00	Egg lettuce mayo	\$3.50	Lasagne	\$4.00
Fun buns (plain or cinnamon)	\$2.00	Egg/curried egg	\$3.40		
Frozen ½ banana or ½ frozen orange	\$0.60c	Tuna lettuce mayo	\$3.50	Pizza pocket	\$3.20
Fresh fruit banana/apples/oranges	\$1.20	Vegemite	\$2.20	Pizzas Ham pine or ham cheese	\$3.00
Fruit salad cups	\$1.50	WRAPS (WHOLEGRAIN)			
				Beefburger (lett/tom/cheese/beet)	\$4.40
		Salad wraps	\$5.50	Chick, burger (lett/tom/mayo/beet)	\$4.20
DRINKS		Chicken /Ham salad	\$6.00	2.7 .424.000.000	
Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00	Chicken lettuce mayo	\$5.00	Beef or Chicken noodles	\$1.80
Quench 10% juice blue/cola/pine lime/ora	ange	Chilli tender lettuce tom avo cheese	\$5.80	Chicken strips ea. (replace nuggets	\$0.60
Apple raspberry	\$2.40	Tuna lettuce mayo	\$5.00	GLUTEN FREE (ORDERS ONLY)	
350ml Orange/apple/tropical juice	\$2.50	Tuna salad	\$6.00	Sausage roll gluten free	\$3.60
Poppers apple/orange/tropical	\$1.80			Pie beef gluten free	\$4.00
Classic 300ml choc/iced coffee/strawb mil	ks \$2.60	SALAD BOXES (please pre order salad	d bowl or b	ox)	
Big M choc/strawb lite ctn milks 250ml	\$2.00	Salad box	\$6.00	MISCELLANEOUS	
Nippys reduced fat choc/strawb/honeycom	b	Chicken/ham/egg/tuna salad box	\$6.50	Tomato Sauce or BBQ	\$0.30
Iced coffee 375ml	\$2.50	(.lett/tom/cuc/beet/carrot/cheese/onic	on optional)	Bundle of lunch bags	\$2.00
LOL's Tropical/blackcurrent/Razzbri	\$2.50	SMALL SALAD BOWLS			
Plain ctn milks 300ml	\$2.00	Salad	\$4.50		
		Chicken/ham/egg/tuna	\$5.00		
ICECREAMS LUNCH ONLY		TOASTED SANDWICHS WRAPS EXTRA	80C		
lcy poles lemonade/raspberry	\$1.30	(all toasties cooking spray used)			
Fandangles choc/fairy floss	\$1.50	Cheese & ham	\$3.50		
Chocolate dixie cups	\$1.00	Ham cheese tomato	\$3.70		
Ka blueys blue/red/lemon fizz/strawberry	\$0.50	Ham cheese pineapple	\$3.90		
Frozen yogurts Bulla strawberry/mango	\$2.20	Cheese	\$2.60		
Fruitzy ice pops	\$0.60c	Chicken avo cheese	\$3.90		
Frozen yog. Twisted (straw, raspberry, ma	ingo	Chicken & cheese	\$3.60		
Choc)	\$2.00	Cheese & tomato	\$3.00		