#### LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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#### **Principal's Report**



with Kerry Adamthwaite

Tell them From Me Survey

Each year we ask parents, students and staff to complete an anonymous survey. The survey is conducted online though and independent company called "The Learning Bar". They send us the results of the survey in a way that does not identify anyone who responds.

The survey is a great way for our school to know how others are thinking and how they see the great things about our school and the things that we could improve.

We take the results of these surveys very seriously and use the results to guide our decisions in the future.

Have your say NOW – survey closes early October. If you like, you are welcome in the school to use our computers to complete your survey.

Moorambilla

The choir has again had its first round of rehearsals for this year's concert. As usual, Lightning Ridge Central School students made up a large part of the choir and represented the school and our community very well. Congratulations to all students who were successful in competing for a place in this prestigious choir and special thanks to all the families who made the effort to make sure their children could participate. Special thanks goes to Mr Shannon who arranged the transport for the students and volunteered to drive the bus from School to Baradine himself a number of times.

Goodooga Indigenous Games

Another very successful day was held at Goodooga this year. Thanks to the students who represented our school so well and the staff who volunteered to do the organisation and supervise on the day. The enjoyment of competition and the good fun and camaraderie on the day makes all the extra work by our staff worthwhile. We look forward to next year's event — Thanks Goodooga.

Ricky Walford/Neville Thorne

Both the Ricky Walford and Neville Thorne competitions have been held in the last few weeks and our students competed actively and enjoyed the opportunity to play against other schools' teams.

Our students played hard, tried their best to be good sports, and represented our school with pride both on and off the field.

RIDGE KIDS CAN DO ANYTHING!!!



Fathers Day Stall Tue 29th Aug - Fri 1st September

> K - 6 Assembly Monday 9th September

P & C Meeting Tue 29th Aug

Local Blokes Day Fri 1st Sep

School Photos
Tue 12th & Wed 13th
September

Year 12 Farewell Assembly Fri 22nd Sep

**NAPLAN** 

**Online Readiness** 

4th-8th September



2017 School Newsletter now available online, check out our website on www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

#### References

I am often asked to provide references for our students. This is always a pleasure as it gives me an opportunity to highlight what great students we have. I like to show how well they do academically, the wide range of extra-curricular activities they participate in as well as personal comments and absence data.

This takes time and a number of staff to identify and bring together all the information and then I write the reference. The whole process—usually takes a few weeks to do properly in between all the other work we have to do. Please give as much notice as you can if you want a—reference—I usually ask for 3 weeks' notice. If you ask for a reference for your child at short notice, it will not be possible.

If you would like to discuss anything mentioned in this newsletter or any other matters please feel free to come in and have a chat. Parents and community members are always welcome however; it is wise to make an appointment beforehand to avoid having to wait.



#### Secondary Report With Mrs Morris

Thanks to all the parents who have completed our community survey during the last couple of weeks. The information gathered from this will be used to make improvements in your children's learning and to determine future directions at LRCS.

The survey is open until Friday 25th August if you have not yet completed the survey please go to our Facebook page or drop into the office to complete a survey.

All surveys are anonymous and we appreciate any feedback that you can provide.

#### Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

More information about the survey is available at: <a href="http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au">http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au</a>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21 August and 13 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is included in this newsletter. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by the <u>31st August 2017</u>. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <a href="http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents">http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents</a>.

To access the survey go to <a href="https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/cv356">https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/cv356</a>

During Week 5 students in Year 10 started completing their subject selections for Year 11 2018. Students and some parents were presented with a range of information about subjects available and NESA (NSW Education Standard Authority) rules and guidelines Thank you to Mrs Murray for her informative presentation.

On Wednesday 23rd August at 11:30-12:30 students in Year 8 will be presented with information about subjects available in Year 10. Parents are most welcome to attend this informative session.

Trial exams are currently being held for Year 12 students as they near their HSC exams in October. All year 12 students are required to attend all classes up until Friday 22nd September. During this time valuable revision, exam preparation and completing exam papers will occur. All Year 12 students must attend every day—remember 'Every Day Counts'.

Year 11 students will be sitting their Yearly Examination during Week 10 of this term.

During Week 9 students in Stage 5 will be involved in a program called Love Bites.

#### WHAT IS LOVE BITES?

LOVEBITES is an extremely successful Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault prevention program. LoveBites is an educational program as recommended by the Federal Government.

Lovebites aims to provide a safe environment in which young people can talk about Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault. It also aims to promote and model respectful relationships for young people. Information will be coming home shortly regarding the program.



Tell Them From Me student survey: Information and consent form for parents and carers



17th August 2017

#### Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will <u>not</u> be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you <u>do not want</u> your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by 31st August 2017

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Kerry Adamthwiate

Principal

Lightning Ridge Central School

Evaluation

Dr Jenny Donovan
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#### Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey non-consent form

If you <u>do not want</u> your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017

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## Primary Report



I hope everyone is feeling better after the spate of recent illness. While 'Every Day Counts' it is also important that unwell students stay at home until feeling better. This assists in stopping the spread the germs to others. A note explaining your child's absence on return is all that is needed.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions are fast approaching. Full payments are needed for your child to attend. Part payments can be made to assist with family budgets at any point. Our lovely office staff are all to happy to assist.

On the subject of our amazing office staff. Just a reminder that the office staff are there to help and assist in school matters. They do not make the rules or decisions regarding excursions, pass outs and so on. If there is a problem or issue with a school matter, please make an appointment to see the relevant person.

Stage 3 have been cooking up a storm in the kitchen. I was fortunate to sample a delicious taco from MR Britts class. Yum!! S3C was busy making a beef stroganoff. My sample of this dish must have been lost on the way to me. Well done stage. Unfortunately, the Healthy Outback Kids program run by the Outback Division of General Practice has had their funding cut. Karl Zajac is longer able to come in an offer healthy eating and cooking classes for stage 2. These lesson were a hit with years 3 and 4 and an alternate solution is being discussed.

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th of September (Week 9). Envelopes/information has been sent home with each student. There is a selection of packages and payment methods. The envelopes can be returned to the school with payment or are to be brought in on the day of the photos.

Congratulations to those students that have been offered an opportunity to participate in the Moorambilla choir and dance groups. This is an amazing opportunity and one I am sure they will fondly remember. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for information on how you can purchase tickets to this wonderful event.

We have a rather busy school and try to offer our students as many opportunities as possible. Be it sporting, academic or social type events. It all takes organisation by staff members and at times your child may receive a series of permission notes. As stated previously, permission notes have a return by date that must be adhered to for the overall organisation of the event.



#### Library News

with Mrs Fahey



Well the Book Week theme is *Escape to Everywhere* and I escaped for the Mid Term break. I think it is important to escape the Ridge sometimes but

coming home and getting into a book at night isn't bad either...you can escape to somewhere in your home or garden or even the bush.

I was able to source my Bake a Book ingredients whilst away...well if you come into the library on Thursday you will see I am not that creative but I do participate which is what I hope our students will do. When your kids say, "I don't want to do that" or even "I'm not doing that." I suggest you do not give them the opt out option if it is something they will benefit from. There's no escape!!

As I write this we are getting ready for Book Week. Planning the display, discussing where the Book Fair will be placed and where the Oral Reading judges will sit, I've made certificates, signs and wrapped prizes. I do so love Book Week and I hope you will be able to attend some part of it. Below is the information which will help you to attend and be involved.

#### Book Week is in Week 6

Tuesday 22<sup>nd August</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th August</sup>.

Week 6: Book Week (after mid-term break) Theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'

Book Fair (Books from Collins Book sellers in Tamworth for sale) runs from Tuesday – Friday lunchtime in the library.

#### Tuesday 22nd August

<u>K-6 Placard Parade</u>, 9.10am in the Junior Quad. Students walk in classes displaying their favourite book on a cardboard sheet. They can also dress up in a costume that depicts their favourite book. All who participate have names put in a draw and two will win a book from the Book Fair.

Book Week themed lessons and Colouring Competition.

Book Fair

#### Wednesday 23rd August

Book Week themed lessons and Colouring Competition.

Book Fair

#### Thursday 24th August

<u>K-12 Bake a Book competition</u>. Cakes are decorated to look like a favourite book. Please deliver the cakes to the library by 10 o'clock. Stage prizes of recipe books.

Book Week themed lessons and Colouring Competition.

Book Fair



#### Friday 25th August

Oral Reading Competition finals in the library starting at 10 o'clock. Two students from each class read a poem. Book prizes for Stage winners and certificates for finalists.

Judging of K-6 Colouring Competition on Book Week theme: 'Escape to Everywhere', winner receives a \$10 Canteen voucher prize

Book Fair finishes lunchtime.

Thank you to Yvonne Woodcock who always thinks of others and managed to get us some free books for our Library. Yvonne also gives us plastic bags for kids to look after their borrowed library book.

The winners of the Library Turtle Draw have recently been:

ES1 Mary Boehm, Stage 1

Cooper Lohse S1Y Stage 2

Layla Dench S2O Stage 3

Savannah Chesworth S3B

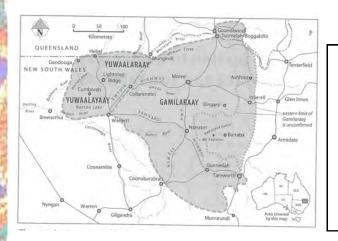
Hope to see you at school during Book Week,



Penny Fahey Teacher-Librarian

**Yuwaalaraay** is the dialect of the Lightning Ridge area. The name of the language and Aboriginal people of the Balonne River Region – Yuwaalaraay is connected linguistically to Gamilaraay, the language of the Gamilaroi/Kamilaroi people.

The language area extends across north west NSW on the Barwon River into south west Queensland along the Narran, Culgoa and Balonne Rivers. This area takes in the communities of Hebel, Dirranbandi, and St George, extending south towards Goodooga, Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.



Yuwaalaraay Word of the Week

**Bandaarr** (Kangaroo)



## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

School Students with Disability



## Information for parents and carers

#### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

collection) is an annual collection that counts the The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving. The national data collection counts students who under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability as defined DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

## WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

quality information about school students receiving The aim of the national data collection is to collect an adjustment due to disability in Australia.

students with disability to take part in school on the This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support same basis as other students.

systems and processes to continually improve The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support education outcomes for their students with

## WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic All schools across Australia collect information and independent school sectors.

every school in Australia uses the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney collects and submits data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern When undertaking the national data collection,

The annual collection aims to, over time, lead to nationally consistent, high quality data that will enable schools, education authorities and

understanding of students who are receiving adjustments because of disability in schools in governments to gain a more Australia, and how to best support them.

## WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

disability to access and participate in education free Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with from discrimination and on the same basis as other

the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw .⊑ disability can participate website at www.comlaw.gov.au

## WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?

taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as other Reasonable adjustments reflect the assessed individual needs of the student, and are provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers. Reasonable adjustments ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting teaching methods) and at an individual A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with

#### WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Every year your child's school will collect the following information for each student receiving an adjustment due to disability:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or
- the student's level of adjustment the student's broad type of disability.

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The information collected by schools will be available to all governments to inform policy and program improvement for students with disability.

### WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the

students with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder, as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy or diabetes, that require monitoring and the provision of adjustments For the purposes of the national data collection by the school, may be included.

## WHO COLLECTS INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

Teachers and school staff count the number of students receiving an adjustment due to disability in their school, and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided, based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
  - observations school team's professional judgements

and

- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is

#### HOW IS MY CHILD'S PRIVACY PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential and is an Personal details, such as student names or other identifying information, are not provided to local or explicit focus of the national data collection. federal education authorities.

Further information about privacy is available from www.education.gov.au/notices.

### IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

and submit information annually on the number of students receiving adjustments due to disability in implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect their care, and the level of adjustment they receive. Yes. All education ministers agreed to

to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child's school principal and the Information about the arrangements that may apply relevant education authority.

## -URTHER INFORMATION

questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection Contact your child's school if you have further of Data on School Students with Disability. You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationallyconsistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/. An e-learning resource about the Disability

National Parents/Carers Fact Sheet Version No. 5 as at March 2017



## Science Fair 2017

I wish to say a HUGE thank you to all the students who participated in the 2017 Science Fair. I would also like to thank all the parents and community that came in to have a look at all the entries.



Congratulations to our winners and all the participants. We look forward to seeing what will be shown at next year's Science Fair..



Kindy - 1st Olivia Newman

Stage 1 - 1st Musa Akram 2nd Daniel Piper 3rd Amelia Reavell

Stage 2 - 1st Lilly Kaluski/Leeanna Tucker 2nd Ellie Gough/Izabella Mallouk 3rd Dylan Mallouk

Stage 3 - 1st Rianna Haverhoek/Ellie Barrett 2nd Kiara Barrett/Lucy Barrett 3rd Grace McBride/Treasure Mcbride

Stage 4 - 1st Des Sharkey/Mahad Sohail MC 1st - Primary class prize



## Primary Student of the Week Alexi Hayes S1D Term 3 Week 5

Alexi is a friendly and dedicated student who always tries her best. She works hard in the classroom to produce quality work and is kind towards others on the playground. Alexi is always eager to try new things and approaches all classroom activities with enthusiasm. She consistently follows our school turtle goals and is a valued member of our class. Well done, Alexi!



## Primary Student of the Week RJ Moseling S2F Term 3 Week 5

RJ is our student of the week, and deservedly so. His behaviour at school is exemplary. He is a thoughtful, kind and quietly determined student who shows respect for himself and his school every day. RJ has become more eager to take responsibility for his own learning. We are so lucky to have you in our class RJ.



## Primary Student of the Week Michael Wiesnet S2F Term 3 Week 6

Michael is our student of the week this week. He has shown personal and academic progress in class and in the playground. Michael shows respect to his teachers, friends and visitors and takes responsibility for his words and actions. Michael shows pride in his work and school environment. We are tremendously proud of Michael's achievements this year.





#### Primary Student of the Week Gabriel Rees Year 7 Term 3 Week 5

Gabriel is an outstanding student who always gives her best in every lesson. She arrives in the right place at the right time, and has all her equipment at the ready. Gabriel's attitude towards her learning sets a great example to her fellow students. She works hard and seeks feedback from her teachers. You've had a great year, Gabriel!

#### MUDGEE NORTH-WEST LEGACY



#### Legacy Badge Day, 1 September 2017

One unique organisation stands by the dependants of veterans who gave their lives or health in the service of their nation. Legacy cares for the families of defence force personnel killed in war or other hazardous service, in peacekeeping operations or in accidents whilst training for war, and those who have died subsequently or are incapacitated. Caring for this extended family is a big task as we seek to assist them in coping with their lives, both financially and emotionally, whether they are young or old. We help organise housing, education, medical expenses and important special things, like simple companionship. Legacy is funded by public donations, which enable us to perform our legacy of care.

There are over 200 widows and dependants in Mudgee North West Division who depend on Legacy.

Badges are available at our office at 133 Market Street, Mudgee, in \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and larger denominations. We also have pens, wristbands and Army, Navy, Nurse, Digger and Air Force bears.

#### **Book Week Placard Parade**





#### Every Day COUNTS

At Lightning Ridge Central School we want all our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Every day students learn new things at school—missing school puts them behind.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in later years.

There is no safe number of days for missing school each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Attendance patterns are established early. A child regularly missing a day in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower grades than their classmates. It is vital that students go to school every day.

Remember, Every Day Counts. If your child must miss school, speak with their classroom teacher as early as possible.

# Every Day Counts

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 week per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

# Give your child every chance to succeed...

#### **NAPLAN Online Readiness 2017**

This term from 14 August to 22 September, schools across NSW will be participating in the NAPLAN Online school readiness test. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' designed to help schools assess their technical and administrative readiness for the transition to NAPLAN Online.

Lightning Ridge Central School students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be participating in the readiness test between **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 8th September, 2017.** 

The readiness test will involve our 2017 students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sitting two, 40-minute assessment: a writing test and a combined numeracy/literacy test. (Year 3 students will not participate in the writing test & will only need to sit the combined numeracy/literacy test).

Student participation in the readiness test is an opportunity for them to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format. It is not an assessment of student ability and there will be no reporting of student results.

It is important to note that participation in the school readiness test has no effect on students' NAPLAN results from the paper-based tests students sat in May.

There's a lot more information on the department's NAPLAN Online website: https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online

#### More information

For more information about NAPLAN Online and the NSW school readiness test:

- Visit the DoE Website: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online">https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online</a>
- Contact the NAPLAN Online transition team NAPLANonline@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 1300 790 844



#### Frequently asked questions

#### Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

#### How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

#### How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment\* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

 Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

#### When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

#### How will students be prevented from using the internet or spell checkers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-ofthe-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

#### Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.





#### Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

#### What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

#### Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

#### Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging\*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.
- Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

#### NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

#### NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

#### For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/ naplan-online/naplan-online-publicdemonstration-site

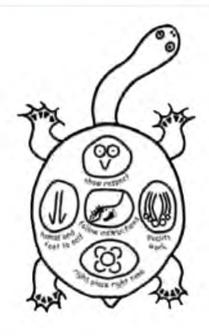
Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

#### http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/ naplan-online

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARANAP website for more detailed information:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html

#### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)



② Lightning Ridge Central School

#### What is PBL?

Positive Behaviour for Learning is an evidencebased whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. Ideally, this involves both students and staff, communicating respectfully, which leads to improved educational outcomes being met.

Students are encouraged to show the following values:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Pride

#### PBL Update:

During the pupil-free day at the start of Term 3, all school staff met with the PBL Team to discuss ways in which we can create a safe and positive environment for our students. The staff and the PBL Team agreed upon a set of expectations for <u>all</u> students and staff. Year advisers and classroom teachers have discussed these expectations with students, and they are being implemented consistently in all classrooms.

The expectations are set out under three headings: before class, during class, and after class. They are:

#### Before class

Students will stand in 2 lines, quiet and orderly

Students will have all their equipment for class

Put food and drinks away

No head phones or ear buds

#### **During Class**

Teachers will display a lesson sequence (what they're going to teach)

Students will sit in a seating plan

Students will stand behind their chair until further instructed

Teachers will use positive contact, issue turtles/merits to the always good and improvers

Teachers will constantly scan and monitor the room

Bags off desks

#### End of Lesson

Students will keep working until instructed to pack up

Teachers will clean the white board

Seats and tables tucked in and straight; students standing behind chairs

Clean floor around all students

Close the windows

Teacher to dismiss class -- no students hanging around by the door

The term has begun well, with students complying with the expectations. We want everyone to achieve their best at all times, and while some of these expectations might seem like "common sense", we find that it's useful to have this behaviour modelled and reinforced so that everyone knows what is expected of them at all times.

Mr MacLean, PBL Team



#### Lightning Ridge Central School

#### Respect · Responsibility · Pride



Dear Parents and Carers

Lightning Ridge Central School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on 16th October 2017.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

- 1. Cash and cheque payments: Between 11 October 2017 and 16 October 2017, we will not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before 11th October 2017. From 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
- 2. Online payments: As of 22 September 2017, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. You will not be able to use the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system until after 18 October 2017.

#### Please note:

Cash or cheque payments to our Canteen and Uniform Shop can still be made as usual – as these payments are made directly to Lightning Ridge Central School P&C account.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact our School Administration Office 0268 290 511.

Tel: 02 6829 0511

Fax: 02 6829 0137

Margaret Morriss **Deputy Principal** 

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#### K-6 School Merit Assembly













#### PARKING RESTRICTIONS AROUND SCHOOLS

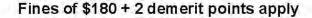
Parking rules are there to help keep our children safe. They protect sight distances, provide safe pick up and drop off opportunities and minimise confusion where children are crossing roads.

Fines apply for parking illegally and in some situations, demerit points also apply.



#### No Parking

You may only stop in a No Parking zone while you set down or pick up passengers or goods. You must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of your vehicle.





#### **Bus Zone**

You are not permitted to stop in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.

Fines of \$325 + 2 demerit points apply



#### Children's Crossing

You must not stop within 20 metres of the approach of a crossing, or within 10 metres after.

Fines of \$433 + 2 demerit points apply



#### **Accessible Parking**

Only vehicles transporting a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit holder may park in these zones. The MPS permit must be displayed in the parked vehicle.

Fines of \$541 + 1 demerit point apply





#### No Stopping/No Standing

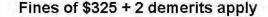
You must not stop your vehicle in any area zoned with these signs, unless there is a medical or other emergency. Times of operation may apply if stated on the sign.

Fines of \$325 + 2 demerits apply



#### **Double Parking**

A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle parked at the side of the road.









#### **Timed Parking**

These signs mean that in certain areas you may park at the kerb for the duration of time shown on the sign between certain hours on particular days.

Fines of \$108 apply for disobeying restrictions

#### **CURRENT AS OF 12 JULY**

The information in this document is intended as a guide only, and is subject to change at any time without notice. It does not replace the relevant legislation.



#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Lightning Ridge Bowling Club 1 Agate St Lightning Ridge 10 – 4pm

If you have a disability, care for or provide a service to someone with a disability; then you should come along

for a yarn & feed.

Ask questions and be prepared for the new Disability funding scheme starting from 1st July 2017 in your area.

#### **NDIS: Straight Up!**

This workshop offers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and carers a better understanding of the NDIS, how to prepare to access the NDIS, and to start 'pre-planning'.

Learn the answers to:

Why are you here? Why is change happening? Where to from here?

#### Learn about the NDIS

Come and find out the answers to:

- What is the NDIS?
- What do they do?
- Who is it for?

Start thinking about what YOU want for your life and get help starting your plan As part of this workshop we explore what you want in your life and look at setting goals. We can help with some tools to help you start your plan.

Hear from:

Hear Real Stories from Real People who have already done their own plan.

#### THIS IS ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FUTURE!

RSVP REQUIRED for catering purposes:
Ring Kareena on 02 6841 1548 or email Kareena.vincent@facs.nsw.gov.au
Do you need transport and child minding, let Kareena know when you rsvp.



Aboriginal Disability
Projects





## 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.

## Every Day COUNTS

Absentee Note

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

## Lightning Ridge Central School PH: (09) 6890 0511

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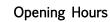
#### P & C Uniform Shop Price List

Year groups	Summer Uniform	Winter Uniform
K-4	Black shorts     Black skorts (girls only)     Red polo shirt with school emblem	Black track pants     Red polo shirt with school emblem     Red sloppy-joe
5-9	Black shorts or black full length pants     Black skorts (girls only)     Red/Black/White polo shirt with school emblem	Black shorts or black full length pants Black shorts (girls only) Red/Black/White polo shirt with school emblem Black jumper – 5 – 8 Black jacket Canterbury jersey – yr9 only
10 - 12	Black shorts or black full length pants     White polo shirt with school emblem	Black shorts or black full length pants     White polo shirt with school emblem     Black jacket     Canterbury iersey









Monday's & Thursday's 8:30am - 9:00am

WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Caps—BB Black Red/ logo	\$7.00			
Hats—Bucket (Black)	\$5.00			
Hats—Red wide brim	\$7.00			
Back Packs Large	\$30.00			
Black Jackets—no logo	\$20.00			
Library Bags	\$5.00			
Sports Shirts—House colours	\$7.00			
JUNIOR K - 4				
Shirts—Red	\$20.00			
Sloppy Joe—Red, logo	\$20.00			
Track pants—Black, Micro fibre	\$24.00			
Track pants—Black, Fleecy	\$20.00			
Shorts—Black <i>old stock. Rugby</i>	\$12.00			
Shorts—Black , Micro fibre, Cargo	\$15.00			
Skorts—Black	\$15.00			
MIDDLE YEAR 5 - 9				
Shirts—Black / Red / White (Stage 3, 4 & 5)	\$25.00			
Jacket— Black (Large sizes only)	\$40.00			
Track pants— Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
Track Pants—Black Micro Fibre	\$24.00			
Jumper-Polo Black Logo 5-8yrs	\$25.00			
Shorts-Black	\$15.00			
Shorts—Black , Micro fibre, Cargo	\$15.00			
Skorts-Black	\$15.00			
Jackets—Red/Black (new)	\$35.00			
Canterbury Jersey 9yrs	\$65.00			
SENIOR YEAR 10 - 12				
Shirts—White	\$20.00			
Jacket—Black/Red	\$40.00			
Track pants— Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
Track Pants— Black Micro Fibre	\$24.00			
Shorts— Black <i>Rugby</i>	\$12.00			
Jackets—Red/Black (new)	\$35.00			
Canterbury Jersey	\$65.00			
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A Parents and Citizens Association is a school based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and interested citizens. P&C Associations reflect the role of the community in the local school and provide opportunities to enjoy, learn and communicate with parents interested in the education of children.

P & C meetings are held at the school twice per term at 5pm in B2 (old ALR)

Next P & C Meeting dates: Tuesday 29th August

All Welcome!



#### The Ridge has got Talent!!!!!!!

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October @ Lightning Ridge Bowling Club
Doors open @ 6pm for 7pm start
Spectator Entry \$10
Talent Entrants Free

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$200 2<sup>nd</sup> \$125

3<sup>rd</sup> \$75

Phone Megan on 0416 838 140 after 4pm to register your act!!!!!!





#### WALGETT LITTLE A's

FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS FOR ALL CHILDREN 3 & OVER

16<sup>TH</sup> AUG – 22<sup>ND</sup> NOV 2016 EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ No. 1 Oval 5.30 – 7.30PM

COST: \$65 per child

#### Online Registrations OPEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AUG www.lansw.com.au

All registrations to be completed online.

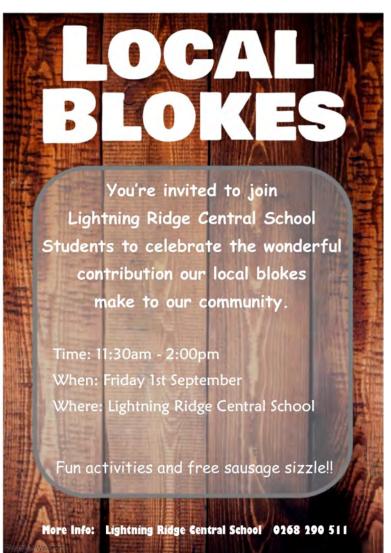
#### REGISTRATION DAYS TUES 8<sup>TH</sup> & WED 9<sup>TH</sup> AUG

3.30PM-6PM @ Walgett Sporting Club
These will be the ONLY DAYS for assistance with
registrations and payment (for those unable to access
online) and uniform collection.

Contact Camilla Rowntree to be added to the Walgett L.As mailing list: camrowntree@bigpond.com

Contact Lyndsay Potter for assistance with registrations: lyndsay.potter2@gmail.com









Located in Opal Street (next to Barriekneal Service Station)

EVERYONE WELCOME



#### Lightning Ridge Central School

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Ksolin Street, Po Box 294 Lightning Ridge, MSW 2834 Tel: 0268 290 611 Fmc 0268 290 137

email: lightning-cischool@det.nsa.edu.au wifi: www.lightningr-cischools.nswiedu.au

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#### **CANTEEN MENU TERM 3 2017**

NACKS (RECESS & LUNCH)		SANDWICHES (gluten free bread available)		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	
']'S chick/pizza/burger/s&v pkt	\$1.00	Cheese & tomato	\$3.00	Travellers 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	
inac pac Chocolate 140gm	\$1.50	Ham	\$3.20	Garlic bread	\$1.30	
oplait 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	
Popcorn salted caramel/Honey	\$1.40	Egg/curried egg	\$3.40	Chicken & Gravy roll	\$5.00	
Fun buns (plain or cinnamon)	\$2.00	Tuna lettuce mayo	\$3.50	Pizza pocket	\$3.20	
resh 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	
<u>DRINKS</u>		Chicken /Ham salad	\$6.00			
pring Water 600ml	\$2.00	Chicken lettuce mayo	\$5.00	Beef or Chicken noodles	\$1.80	
Quench 10% juice blue/cola/pine lime/orange		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	Vegi ricotta rolls	\$4.00	
oppers apple/orange/tropical	\$1.80			Pies (beef)	\$4.00	
Classic 300ml choc/iced coffee/strawb milk	s \$2.60	SALAD BOXES (please pre order)		Sausage rolls	\$3.60	
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Nippys reduced fat choc/strawb/honeycomb	)	Chicken/ham/egg/tuna salad box	\$6.50	Tomato Sauce or BBQ	\$0.30	
ced coffee 375ml	\$2.50	(.lett/tom/cuc/beet/carrot/cheese/onic	n optional)	Bundle of lunch bags	\$2.00	
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Plain ctn milks 300ml	\$2.00	Salad	\$4.50			
		Chicken/ham/egg/tuna	\$5.00			
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cy poles lemonade/raspberry	\$1.30	(all toasties cooking spray used)				
Fandangles fairy floss	\$1.50	Cheese & ham	\$3.50	CANTEEN CLOSES AT 9.30AM FOR C	PRDERS!	
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