# **LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL**



Principal: Primary Deputy Principal: Secondary Deputy Principal: Mr Richard Finter Ms Jane Taylor Mrs Margaret Morriss

Term 4, Week 8 2021

# **Principal's Report**

I wrote in my last newsletter article the changes we are implementing in the Secondary School with regards to Friday Clubs. We have had two weeks of what will be a five-week trial and the feedback from students and staff is extremely positive. Students have been engaged and have pursued their own personal interests and it has been a positive way to finish the week.

Other significant changes taking place next year are the implementation of weekly Literacy and Numeracy classes for secondary students. Students will have one period a week where they will be explicitly taught literacy and numeracy by teachers from across all Key Learning Areas (KLAs). Students will be taught strategies which will allow them to better access all other areas of the curriculum.

Staff have been assessing students through testing, classwork and observation as well as looking at NAPLAN and other sources of data to accurately assess their abilities. Students' skill level has then been mapped on the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions and from that information students have been placed in Literacy and Numeracy classes according to ability. These classes are not restricted to year groups so depending on ability, a Year Seven student may share a Literacy and/or Numeracy class with a Year Ten student.

Like anything we do with regards to change, these changes are informed by evidenced based research, what other schools are doing, NAPLAN and other sources of data and meeting student needs. It is hoped that through these lessons we will be able to extend the more able students and support the less able so that they can then better access the curriculum for all other KLAs.

Literacy and numeracy are skills required for daily life and they are integrated into all subjects. While our focus has always been on literacy and numeracy, these lessons will allow us to specifically target deficiencies in student learning as well as build on student strengths.

#### **Touch Football**

This school is a significant part of the community and it is important that we as a school work with our community to enhance opportunities for our students. Last Thursday the Lightning Ridge Touch Football Competition began. I am terrible at estimating numbers but I would imagine that there were about 100 players and spectators present. The event bought together members of the community from all walks of life and it truly was a fun night and long may it continue.

The establishment of the competition has been driven by members of our teaching staff here at LRCS. I would like to commend Miss Harriet Messner, Miss Amy Deer, Miss Emily Stewart, Mrs Anna Wilson and Mr Jacob Crawley on their efforts in establishing this competition. They have done this in their own time with a clear purpose of contributing to the whole community. I'm sure that all of us who were there on Thursday night would agree that they succeeded. Well done to all!

2021 School Newsletter now available online via our Skoolbag App and website on www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

Important INFORMATION **Crafty Sip & Stitch** Tuesday's From 4:30pm - 6pm Kindystart Fri 3rd Dec **CAPA** Performance Tues 7th Dec School Photos Tues 7th & Wed 8th Dec Presentation Day Thurs 9th Dec Last Day of Term 4 Thurs 16th Dec Students Return 2022 Tues 8th Feb Secondary Sydney Excursion Mon 14th - Fri 18th Mar 2022 **Kids Helpline** 1800 551 800 **Beyond Blue** 1300 224 636 **KEEP SAFE** 

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## **2022 Secondary School Leaders**

One of the great pleasures of this job, and there are many, is the emergence of new school leadership. It gives me great pleasure to announce that our 2022 Secondary school Captains are Amelia Wilson and Adam Newton, and they will be ably assisted by the Vice-Captains Sebastian Bogdan and Annika Thompson. These students were elected by students in Years 6 to 11 as well as staff. I am confident that they will be fine ambassadors for our school. I know that their families are very proud of them and so am I.





# **Secondary Deputy Principal's Report**

During the next two weeks students will continue their learning in classes up until Thursday 16th December. This includes arriving on time to school, in school uniform and ready to learn with books, pens and a laptop every day.

There are some rewards planned for those students who have consistently displayed our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility & Pride, information about these rewards

will be coming home shortly.

Good luck to our Year 12 students who are waiting now completing their HSC exams, these students have almost completed their school journey we wish them all the best in your next journey where ever that may take them.

To our 2022 Year 7 students who are about to embark on their next journey we welcome you to the beginning of your Secondary education and look forward to you all developing into young adults just as our Year 12 students have during the last 6 years. Each of our students are moving forward into the next year group which will bring along new challenges and journeys.

Year 7 2022 have been participating in transition programs thanks to Mrs Rowland who will be there Year advisor, I know Mrs Rowland has already spent a lot of time with our new Year 7 students and organised a number of activities for them. During the transition program students have participated in lessons, learning to move from class to class with different teachers and classrooms, and using the secondary playground area, the use of the gym at recess and lunch was one of the highlights for a lot of these students.



If you need to get a message to your child please contact the school office by 2:30pm.

# **Primary Deputy's Report**



It's showtime!

"Step right up for the greatest show on Earth"

You may have heard the buzz around town. The K-6 students from Lightning Ridge Central School have been rehearsing tirelessly in preparation for our gala event.

Around the World is the name of the show. Please join us on Tuesday 7 December, 2021 at the Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club for an extravaganza that will rival no other!

Every student from every class will be dressed in a dazzling costume and their performance will take you on an incredible journey.

You may have noticed Mr Schembri (our creative music teacher) looking extremely exhausted lately... that is because he has put countless hours into ensuring the show is a huge success. Mr Schembri, along with Kelly Morriss and a team of wonderful volunteers have worked together to design and create amazing costumes that will take your breath away, print fancy tickets and organise a great venue to make this a show to remember.

Tickets are on sale at the school front office and can be purchased for \$5 each or \$20 per family (students performing will not need to buy a ticket).



There are limited tickets, so make sure you grab your ticket early to avoid disappointment.





# Worth your Weight in Opal Hunter Stuckings-Traynor-Chilcott ES1

Hunter was nominated by Miss Deer for helping his friend to count in language during yesterday's Language lesson.



# Worth your Weight in Opal Max Dominic S1B

Max was nominated by Mr Britts for working hard in class.



# Worth your Weight in Opal Kobi Carpenter S2O

Kobi was nominated by Mrs Caley for excellent work in Yuwaalaraay Language lessons.



# Worth your Weight in Opal Chearna Ashby S3C

Chearna was nominated by Mr Delhaas for consistent quality work in class.



# Worth your Weight in Opal Nicholas Newtown Yr 9

Nicholas was nominated by Mr Allen for his outstanding effort in peer support.

## Stage 1



Instead of Smiling Minds, S1Y is now calming down after recess and lunch with an iPad playing a fireplace video and the main screen playing a roaring blizzard of snow. Everyone instinctively moves in closer and then we can tell tales of winters long gone campgrounds we have been too. Sometimes, we tell scary stories, although not too scary. We're trying to prepare ourselves for learning, not to scare the daylights out of each other! It doesn't matter what the real temperature is outside, we pretend it is freezing out there and we are warm and toasty huddled around our fireplace while the wind whistles and the snow blows a gale.



Students in S1B have been kicking goals in Literacy lessons since they have returned from the Covid lockdown. In rotations, students have been focusing on reading with expression along with improving their decoding skills. Students have also been using their iPads to improve their literacy skills also. They have been using Lexia which is fantastic for improving a student's reading ability and grammar knowledge. Soundwaves is used to improve students spelling and Epic Books is a wonderful app which helps students improve their reading and comprehension skills. Students in S1B have been celebrating the success of other students when they have been going up reading levels.



## **Run Beyond Project**

On Wednesday 10th November 2021, students participating in the Run Beyond program completed their final run. After training for two terms, Austin, Evey, Logan and Jack completed the 5 km run out to the welcome sign along the highway.

Conditions on the day were unfavourable, 32 degrees and 45% humidity, however, students demonstrated resilience and determination, all finishing the run in under 1 hour. They are congratulated on their effort. Keegan and Ellie also participated in the program, training regularly and improving their fitness along the way. They are also acknowledged for the persistence and completing the program.

Another special mention goes out to the teachers involved in the program. Particularly Ms Campbell-Nagy, Ms Messner, Mrs Wilson, Mr Allen, and Mr Crawley who all ran the course alongside the students.

Mr Finter, Mr Reavell and Mr Russo are also thanked for the role they played in supporting the program.

We look forward to running the program again in 2022!



## **Secondary TAS**



During the course of the year, our students create many amazing projects in the woodwork and metalwork rooms. Due to COVID and other factors, some students didn't get to finish their projects. These are stored in Mr Degens' store room. Please come and collect your unfinished projects, otherwise these will be recycled or removed at the end of term.







## Parents and Carers: Get Involved!

As part of a wide-ranging approach to improving student literacy, numeracy, wellbeing and engagement, we are introducing a new timetable in Secondary in 2022.

One of the engagement strategies will be interest clubs, and for the rest of Term 4 this year we are trialling these clubs every Friday in Period 5. So far, students have had the chance to be involved in board games,

cooking, drone-flying, drama, martial arts, a reading group, soccer, and making & doing in the workshop, and aquatics at the town pool. As you can see from the photos, everyone really enjoyed seeing out the week on a high.

These clubs are run by the teachers and supported by SLSOs. But we recognise that our community is bursting with talent, and we would love to

have our parents and carers involved in Friday clubs. Are you a skilled welder or fixer-upper? If so, come and support Mr Degens and the kids in the workshop. Perhaps your strength is in cooking, or amateur dramatics, or martial arts, or soccer!

If you would like get involved, contact clubs coordinator Mark MacLean on 02 6829 0511 to find out about school access requirements. The clubs start straight after lunch break (2 pm) on Friday. We would love to see you being a part of our school and making it a fun and engaging learning environment for your children.





# Music

Last week Lightning Ridge Central School received a donation of over 40 instruments from students, parents, and schools in Sydney. The instruments donated include trumpets, trombones, clarinets, flutes, and guitars. These instruments will assist our school in expanding its extra-curricular music program as we transition into 2022. A special thanks to Mrs. Jaythene Hiscock and her daughters Livinia (Year 6), Saskia (Year 4), and Zahlia (Year 1) from North Rocks Public School who brought the instruments up to the Ridge. The school and greater school community is thankful for their kind efforts.



Yuwaalaraay is the dialect for the Lightning Ridge area. The name of the language and Aboriginal people of the Balonne River Region. **Yuwaalaraay Word of the Week** yugal = song

We can say, "Yaama nginda ngayagay yugal bawilday?", which means "Will you sing another song?"





# **Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Lightning Ridge Central School share a Positive Behaviour for Learning focus with our Students each fortnight. Students who show exceptional PBL values are rewarded throughout the year with excursions, special activities and treats.

# This fortnight's PBL focus is Right Place, Right Time





"Right place right time" is shown by a meeting symbol, to give that idea of protocol and Law in knowledge exchange.

Primary Students should arrive at school by 8:55am Secondary Students should arrive at school by 8:40am LATE IS NOT GREAT



When ordering your child's lunch, please have your child's lunch bag written out with the money inside.

You can obtain lunch bags from the front office.

Lunch orders need to be in no later than 9:15 every morning.

No over the phone orders accepted



You are invited to ...



### Scripture Union Primary Age Club

Does your child love Scripture lessons? Or want to learn from the Bible about God and Jesus?

Starting in 2022, Lightning Ridge Community Church will run a SUPA Club at LRCS, in connection with Scripture Union. A handout will be provided the first time each child attends, with relevant information for parents.

This term children can come to our SUPA Club Special Christmas

### For K-6 / All welcome Monday Dec 6 at lunch (1:30-2pm) In the library

Games / Bible time / Music / Craft For all enquiries please contact Heather Robinson (Scripture coordinator, from LRCC) on

hmrobinson143@gmail.com







# Calling all Community Members

Join us for

A Crafty Sip and Stitch

The Students at Lightning Ridge Central School are polishing off their dance moves for their annual school performance and we need your help to create their costumes and make the night a success!

You don't have to have any sewing/crafting ability, just come along on the night and enjoy an evening of fun!

Please RSVP for catering to 0439 593 559

Children must be accompanied by an adult



Materials and equipment will be provided 🗴 Free refreshments and nibbles available

# All Welcome

Lightning Ridge Central School Kaolin Street, Lightning Ridge Tuesday's 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Covid-19 guidelines will be adhered to and members will be asked to check-in upon arrival



# Lightning Ridge Central School

### **Respect** · **Responsibility** · **Pride**



5 October 2021

#### Presentation Day 2021

Dear Community Member,

The Lightning Ridge Central School Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 9:30 am in the school gymnasium.

We would like you to consider making a donation towards our Students book prize at Presentation Day. We have over 325 students enrolled at our School and have a special award for two Students in each class who have excelled throughout the year. The Students selected will receive a special book prize to the approximate value of \$30.00. Every Student in Kindergarten will each receive a book to commemorate their first year at school.

With your generous support we would like to continue these prestigious awards and once again kindly ask for your donation.

In return for your generous donation, we invite you to join us for Presentation Day depending on COVID restrictions. You will be supplied with a tax invoice, be publicly thanked, have your name published on the Presentation Day Program and receive a certificate of appreciation to display in your home or business.

To promptly organise the awards in time for Presentation Day, it would be helpful if your donation could be made by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Donations can be mailed to the School (address listed below), made by cash, cheque or Eftpos at the School's Office or online at <u>www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au</u>. Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts. All donations can be made either anonymously or with full public thanks.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Finter Principal

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Please find enclosed cheque/cash for \$ being a donation towards the 2021 Lightning Ridge Presentation Day Awards.			
I do not mind being publicly thanked for our donation			
I wish my donation to be made anonymously			
Signed:			
Name:			
Organisation:	-		
Postal Address:			
PO Box 294 LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 28			Email: <u>lightningr-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u> Web: www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

### SYDNEY CAMP

#### 14TH MARCH - 18TH MARCH 2022

STUDENTS IN YEAR 9, 10 AND 11 DURING 2021 ARE INVITED.

PLEASE SEE THE FRONT OFFICE FOR A PAYMENT PLAN AND NOTE FOR YOUR STUDENT.

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Sydney Camp Payment Plan

Please retain for your records

\$50	Date Paid:
\$50	Date Paid:
\$50	Date Paid:
\$100	Date Paid:
	\$50 \$50

#### TOTAL AMOUNT DUE 18th Feb 2022

\$250 additional money required for food outlets.



### ALERT: ASTHMA AND AEROSOLS

Some members of the Lightning Ridge Central School Community suffer severe allergies to aerosol sprays or perfumes that can act as a trigger to an (often) serious asthma attack, or bring on a medical complication in a sensitive individual.

The allergy can be sufficiently serious to put staff or students into anaphylactic shock if an aerosol can has been used anywhere in their vicinity. This can be a life threatening situation, resulting in the staff member or student being transported to hospital in an ambulance.

- Roll-on and stick deodorants are permitted at school.
- Aerosols are banned from school premises, excursions, sporting events and all events where students are in confined spaces.
- Students are encouraged to follow correct hygiene procedures by applying deodorant at home after showering: a good deodorant will last all day if applied to clean skin before dressing.

## Let's Help to Create an Asthma Friendly school. This means that everyone needs to be aware of their own:

- Right to a safe learning environment.
- Responsibility for the health and safety of others in their shared spaces.

**Remember:** No student is to use or bring aerosol deodorants or sprays to school. Teachers have been asked to confiscate any aerosol products found at school and bring them to the Deputy Principal. Parents will be informed that the products have been collected from their son or daughter and that they can call into the school and collect the product.

Thank you for considering the health and safety of others.

## How To Wear Your Mask Correctly





Wear your mask above your nose and below your chin.





Wear your mask below your nose.

#### Lightning Ridge Central School

For those who like Scripture, you may like to come along to...



What: a kids' program for preschool to year 6
Where: Lightning Ridge Community Church, 13 Morilla St
When: 9-10:30am Sundays, starting October 17
Why: to learn about Jesus (the 'Rock' we can trust) and to grow as his friends



This term we are looking at the book of Judges in the Bible, to learn about the unlikely heroes God sent to save His people, and how they point us to the Super Saviour – Jesus!

For more information contact Heather at hmrobinson143@gmail.com

Please note that while current Covid regulations are in place with regard to double vaccinations, any children who attend ROCK garden require a fully vaccinated adult from their household to attend church with them. We look forward to the time when we are able to unconditionally welcome everyone!



# **Subscribe to Groups**

Select Class/ Year Group to appear in your feed





## Lightning Ridge Central School P & C Uniform Shop Price List

WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Caps—BB Black Red/logo	\$7.00			
Hats—Bucket (Black)	\$5.00	1		
Hats-Red wide brim	\$7.00			
Back Packs Large	\$30.00			
Black Jackets-nologo (XXL only available)	\$20.00			
Library Bags (Currently on backorder)	\$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 old stock. Rugby	\$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 Rugby	\$12.00			
Jackets—Red/Black (new)	\$35.00			
Canterbury Jersey	\$65.00			
			TOTAL	

#### CONTACT DETAILS

Name: .....
Contact Number: .....

## LRCS - CANTEEN MENU - TERM 4, 2021

**Sandwiches** 

<u>Snacks</u> - (Recess & Lunch)		
Crunch cups (cheese, carrot, celery & cu- cumber) w/ Aioli sauce	\$3.00	
Yoplait yoghurt 175gm (vanilla)	\$2.50	
Grain waves (sour crème)	\$1.20	
Cheese sticks	\$1.00	
Lite muffins 75gm (chocolate)	\$2.00	
Koala popcorn (plain, sweet & salty or butterscotch)	\$1.50	
Fresh fruit (banana,apple,orange)	\$1.00- \$1.50	
Fruit salad cups	\$1.50	
Jelly & custard	\$2.00	
Red rock deli chips (honey soy or sea salt)	\$1.20	
Smokehouse bbq chips	\$1.50	
<u>Drinks</u>		
Spring water 600ml	\$2.00	
Spring Water 1.5ltr	\$3.00	
250ml Juice bombs (grape, blackcurrent, apple/ raspberry, watermelon, orange/ passionfruit, lemonade)	\$2.20	
500ml Juice bombs (grape, raspberry, watermelon).	\$4.20	
Just Juice poppers 200ml (apple, orange, apple/ blackcurrent)	\$2.00	
Classic 300ml milk (chocolate, strawberry)	\$2.90	
Big M milk 250ml ctn (chocolate, strawberry)	\$2.00	
Nippys reduced fat 375ml (chocolate, honeycomb) (iced coffee- <b>high school only</b> )	\$2.80	
Plain ctn milk 300ml	\$2.20	
500ml ctn milk (chocolate, strawberry) (iced coffee- <b>high school only</b> )	\$4.20	
CANTEEN CLOSES AT 9.00AM FOR ORDERS!		

**NO EXEMPTIONS!** 

(Gluten free bread available	)
Cheese	\$3.20
Cheese salad	\$4.20
Cheese & tomato	\$3.60
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.00
Ham or chicken salad	\$4.50
Ham or chicken	\$3.50
Chicken chilli tender, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Ham & cheese	\$3.80
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.00
Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$4.00
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.00
Vegemite	\$2.80
Wraps (Whole Gra	<u>in)</u>
Salad wraps	\$6.00
Chicken or ham salad	\$6.50
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$5.50
Chilli tender, lettuce & mayo	\$6.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$5.50
Tuna salad	\$6.50

#### **Small Salad Bowls**

Sman Salau Bowis	2
Salad	\$5.00
Chicken or ham/egg or tuna	\$5.50
Mini salad (chicken / mayo / eggs+mayo)	\$3.50
<u>Optional Extras</u> (for Salad Boxes)	indi- may-
Ice-creams - (Lunch on	ly)
Quelch 99% juice tubes (apple, tropical)	\$0.60
lce-blocks (berry buzz, mango delish, pink lemon).	\$1.20
Ice-cream cups	\$1.20
w/ mini milo packets	\$0.30
Ka blueys (blue/red/lemon)	\$0.60
Frozen twisted yogurts (mango, blueberry, vanilla,	\$2.20

#### Hot Foods

Village sausage roll	\$3.50
Travellers beef pie	\$3.80
Party pies village 60gm	\$1.20
Sweet chilli chicken tenders	\$1.50
Chicken & gravy roll	\$5.50
Garlic bread (Good Tucker 75gm)	\$1.30
UFO ½ roll Cheese & tomato sauce	\$2.00
Chicken strips per bag (6)	\$3.00
McCains pizza (Ham/pineapple or ham/ cheese)	\$3.00
Beefburger (lettuce, tomato, cheese & beetroot)	\$5.00
Chicken burger (lettuce, tomato & mayo)	\$5.00
Chicken strips (each)	\$0.60
Beef or chicken noodles	\$2.00
Hot Dogs (w/ sauce: tomato, bbq, mustard)	\$4.00
w/ cheese	\$0.50

#### Toasted Sandwiches (Via order)

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(please order during summer	months)
Cheese & ham	\$3.80
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$4.00
Cheese	\$3.20
Cheese & tomato	\$3.60
Chicken & cheese	\$4.00
Chilli tender & cheese roll	\$5.50



#### Miscellaneous

Tomato or BBQ sauce	\$0.30
Bundle of lunch bags	\$2.50
PLEASE PUT RECES	SS AND
LUNCH ORDERS	ON
SEPARATE BAGS, N	AME &
CLASS. THANK	YOU