

# LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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Term 4 Week 10 2022



## Principal's Report

Yaama,

So begins my last newsletter of the 2022 school year and what a year it has been. Thankfully, the year was not interrupted by Covid inspired disrupted learning. While no school, including ours, is perfect, we have continued to strive to provide your children with the best possible educational opportunities throughout 2022.

This year, we have made some curriculum innovations in Secondary, including dedicated Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing classes. The latter will not continue in 2023, because student and staff feedback suggested that it was not having the required impact.

The signs for the Literacy and Numeracy are far more positive, but the impact of these lessons will be evaluated at the end of 2023.

Secondary Clubs have been a success and will continue in 2023.

In Primary, students have continued to be provided with high quality lessons, but in the last semester, we have introduced a literacy intervention program called MacqLit, which has proven to be successful for many students.

There have been many highlights in 2022, too many to mention in this article, however, there are a few that I would like to mention specifically: NAIDOC Week is always an important week for the whole school community, and once again we came together during this week to celebrate Aboriginal culture and acknowledge our shared history under the theme, "Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!" It was truly a magnificent week and a clear demonstration of what a community can do when they work together.

Last Wednesday, CAPA night was also a fine example of school and community working together. Some 250 students were involved, as were 68 staff. It was a great celebration of the talents of our students and staff. It was also a fine example of what collaboration and teamwork can do. To that end, I would like to thank all staff, students and parents who supported this event, but particularly, the leadership provided by our Business Manager - Kelly Morriss, Music Teacher - Lucas Schembri, Visual Arts Teacher - Priscilla Martinez and community volunteer - Andrea Marsh-Babic.



### Last Day Of School

Fri 16th Dec

### Students Return 2023

Years 1 –12 Tues 7th Feb

Kindergarten Thurs 9th Feb

### Whole School Swimming Carnival

Fri 10th Feb

### Long distance Swimming Carnival

Wed 15th Feb

### Primary Barwon Swimming Carnival

Fri 17th Feb

### Term 1 Pupil Free Days

Fri 24th - Mon 27th



Join us on  
**SkoolBag**

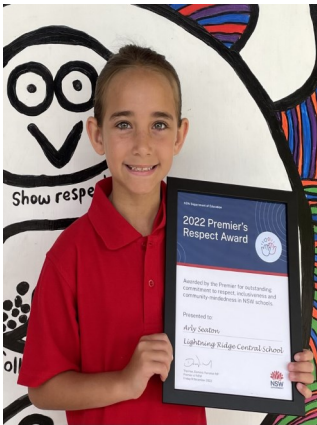
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2022 School Newsletter now available online via our Skoolbag App  
and website on [www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)

The school community also came together on Wednesday 14th December, to acknowledge the efforts of our students throughout the year. The occasion was well chaired by our 2023 Captain, Jada Seaton, and Vice Captain, Nick Newton and our Primary school leaders for 2023, Khiah Boney and Riley Cross were inducted. Congratulations to all the award winners and their families. Particular thanks must go to the lead person in organising this event, Jasna Bedenikovic.

The Premier's Respect Awards were handed out in a lavish ceremony in Sydney last week. Our school nominated Arly Seaton in Year 2 and Chanel Kenny in Year 10. Chanel is to be congratulated on being highly commended, while Arly was flown to Sydney with her family and received an inaugural Premier's Respect Award from the Premier himself and appeared on Channel 9 News last Friday. Arly was one of only ten students throughout the state who received an award. Our school is and should be proud of these two fine students.

The end of the year is an exciting time, but it also brings with it a tinge of sadness. Mrs Morriss' column in



this newsletter lists those staff who are departing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those staff for their service and dedication to the students of LRCS and wish them well in their future endeavours.

To our families, I thank you for your support of our school and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing your students in Years 1- 12 on Tuesday 7th February 2023 and Kindergarten Thursday 9th February 2023.

Yaluu!



## Secondary Deputy Principal's Report

Each term Deputy Principal (DP) awards are organised for all the students who have only positive entries during the term. In Term 4, we had over 40 students who have followed our PBL goals or *Respect, Responsibility & Pride*, they were rewarded by a special lunch. During Week 9 students in Years 9 & 10 were able to complete their First Aid certificate and they participated in the informative *Love Bites* program.

Farewell to Mr Allen, Ms Bankole, Mr Goodall, Ms McGinty, Mr MacLean, Ms Spinner, Mrs Whale, Ms Clothier, Ms Stewart, Ms Slater, Mr Delhaas, Ms Pilatos and Ms Dart, all these teachers have worked diligently at Lightning Ridge Central School, some for a short time and others for much longer. I would especially like to acknowledge the work and input to our school from Ms McGinty & Mr MacLean, both these teachers have worked at LRCS and supported our students to become the adults of our community. Mrs Wilson will be on maternity leave in 2023, Mrs Amanda Caley will replace Mrs Wilson, I am sure she will do a sterling job.

Our best wishes to you all as you launch into a new journey in 2023. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope that you have a happy journey during the holidays and be ready for school in February 2023.

Students return on Tuesday 7th February 2023.







## Primary Assistant Principal's Report

We all know 2022 has been a busy year packed full of many unforgettable experiences. This final week will also be very busy with our Year 6 graduation dinner on Monday night, the end of year Pool party on Tuesday and our presentation day assembly on Wednesday.

As the year 2022 comes to an end, I'd like to express my best wishes and gratitude to some of our teachers who are leaving us. Further, I'd like to extend my deepest thanks for all of our Primary teaching staff who have worked tirelessly all year with flexibility, commitment and dedication.

And to all of our students and their families, I wish you a restful, family-filled and safe holiday over the Christmas and New Year period.

See you in 2023!



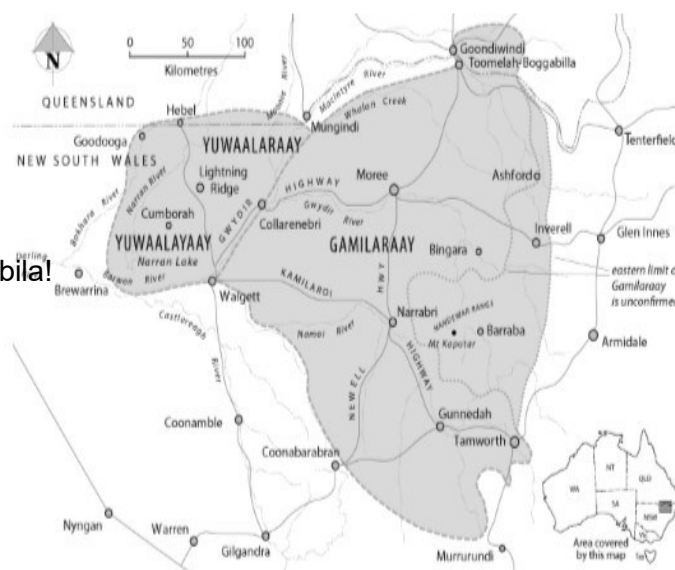
Yuwaalaraay is the dialect of the Lightning Ridge area. The name of the language and Aboriginal people of the Balonne River Region.

### Yuwaalaraay Word of the Week

Ngandanganda = shiny

Bugalaa ngandanganda muya-an-da bindaybila!

Hang the shiny bauble on the tree!



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## Music Award Winners

Each week all students who have been following our Turtle Goals and displaying positive behaviour are put into a draw. Three students from primary and three from secondary are drawn out. These students then get to choose a song which will be played for our new bell music. Congratulations to our Week 9 & 10 winners.

**Primary:** Riley Cross, Meerab Akbar and Charlotte Pavy

**Secondary:** Keegan Brown, Boyd Wiesnet and Boudeeka James



## 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 Hands and Feet To Self



This symbol represents emu tracks because emu's have no arms, and in conflict they have to either use their heads or move away, or both.

Students are reminded that they must keep their hands and feet to themselves at all times. This includes showing respect for others by asking if you can use their pens and pencils.

**Primary Students should arrive at school by 8:55am**

**Secondary Students should arrive at school by 8:40am**

*LATE IS NOT GREAT*



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

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## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Thurston Kennedy ES1J**

Thurston was nominated by Miss Bird for working really hard in language.

Fantastic effort Thurston!



## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Arthur Langmead S1D**

Arthur was nominated by Ms Pilatos for his excellent work habit and positive behaviour at all times.

Great work Arthur!



## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Allegra Kaluski S23N**

Allegra was nominated by Mrs Cross for packing up the equipment at the end of lunch. Thankyou for keeping our playground tidy.

Amazing work Allegra!



## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Rafay Khurram S3C**

Rafay was nominated by Miss Loder for his enthusiasm and participation in language lessons.

Wonderful job Rafay!



## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Jack Miller Yr 8**

Jack was nominated by Mrs Whale for his support in Science during the year 6 transition.

Well done Jack!

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## LOTE Yuwaalaraay

Our Year 8 Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Yuwaalaraay students have been working on a simple children's book as part of their Term 4 assessment task. The book is a creative way for the students to display the language skills that they have developed over the course of the year.

The task culminates with the students reading their books to Primary students. We were welcomed by Mrs Cross's Kindy class (led on the day by Ms Davies), and the Stage 1 classes of Ms Pilatos and Mr Britts.

The students did a great job of reading their books, and the Primary students loved having stories read to them!





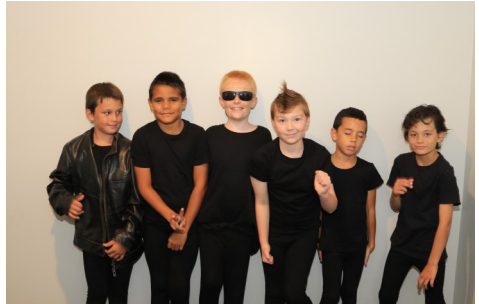
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## CAPA School Performance



On the evening of Wednesday 7th of December, Staff and K-12 students attended the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club for the annual Creative and Performing Art (CAPA) show inspired by Disney.

Students were outstanding during their performances. A big congratulations to you all.







# Primary PBL Awards



## PRIDE AWARD

PRESENTED FOR SHOWING PRIDE BY  
CONSISTENTLY DOING QUALITY WORK!



## RESPONSIBILITY AWARD

PRESENTED FOR MAKING RESPONSIBLE CHOICES  
WITH THEIR LEARNING AND BEHAVIOUR!



## RESPECT AWARD

PRESENTED FOR CONTINUALLY SHOWING  
RESPECT AND  
FOLLOWING  
INSTRUCTIONS!



# Quiz Worx

sharing Jesus with kids everywhere

## The Saviour of the World

This Christmas the Quiz Worx team will be using puppets, engaging props, rockin' music, a hilarious drama...and even cookies to show from the Bible what Christians believe – that Christmas is more than simply presents, food and family....



**GOODOOGA CENTRAL SCHOOL (K-6)**  
**THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER, 2:00PM**

**LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL (K-6)**  
**FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER, 9:15AM**

(NON-SCRIPTURE STUDENTS WILL NEED TO 'OPT-IN' THROUGH SCHOOL OFFICE)

...The most important thing about Christmas is Jesus, because the Bible shows us that Jesus is the Saviour of the World!



[info@quizworx.com.au](mailto:info@quizworx.com.au)

OR visit [www.quizworx.com](http://www.quizworx.com)

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LIGHTNING RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH - 02 6829 0597



## 'Wadjiny' Performance

This entertaining exploration into the culture and day to day life in a hunter gatherer society left students with a lasting insight into Aboriginal histories and cultures. Troy Allen combines dance, storytelling and music and after showing, quickly has students and teachers if willing, to join him in the dance as they all mimic the kangaroo, emu and other Australian animals using their newly learnt movements that stretch back thousands of years.



## UNIFORM DONATIONS

**HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR UNIFORM?**

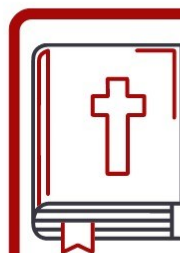
*The Secondhand Clothing Pool will gladly accept the donation of all clean and wearable uniform items*



*Donations can be dropped to the School Office*



# Sign up for



## Scripture

Special Religious  
Education

# for 2023!

Soon the 2023 'walking notes' will be given out.  
This will include a section about Scripture.  
**All students (K-12) are welcome to join in,**  
once permission is given on the note.

While students can join in at any time during the year, signing up now means they won't miss out on anything. Please note, Kindy Scripture lessons start in term 2, after they have had time to get settled into the routine of school.

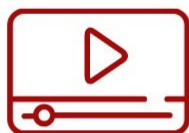
### **What do we learn and what do we do in Scripture?**

We learn from the Bible about God's love and His wonderful plan for the world, achieved through his son Jesus. Ways we do this include:

reading



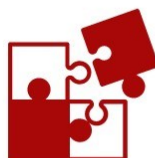
videos



acting



games



music



craft



To see the content of the curriculum please visit:

Primary - <https://whysre.com.au/sre-curriculum/cep-curriculum-overview>

High School - [https://thinkfaith.com.au/files/Think\\_Faith\\_Scope\\_And\\_Sequence.pdf](https://thinkfaith.com.au/files/Think_Faith_Scope_And_Sequence.pdf)

### **Who teaches Scripture?**

Members from Lightning Ridge Community Church who are trained and accredited to teach Scripture and have current WWCC clearance.

For more information contact the church office: 6829 0597  
or Heather Robinson (Scripture Coordinator): [hmrobinson143@gmail.com](mailto:hmrobinson143@gmail.com)

# Uniform Shop



Lightning Ridge Central School  
P&C Uniform Shop Order Form 2023

Uniform shop is open 3-3:30pm every Tuesday.

Uniform Shop opening hours FIRST week 2023

Wed 1st Feb 8:30am - 9:00am

Fri 3rd Feb 8:30am - 9:00am

Mon 6th Feb 3pm to 3.30pm

Tues 7th Feb 3pm to 3.30pm

Students transitioning to Year 5 for 2023  
will continue to wear Red shirts

No eftpos available (Cash Only)

Order forms and pricelists are also available at the School's Office



WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Caps – Black	\$7.00			
Hats – Bucket	\$5.00			
Hats – Red wide brim	\$7.00			
Library Bags	\$7.00			
Black Jackets (limited stock and sizes)	\$20.00			
Sports Shirts – House colours	\$7.00			
PRIMARY K-6	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts K to Year 5 – Red	\$20.00			
Shirts Year 6 – Red/ White/ Black	\$25.00			
Shorts – Black	\$15.00			
Skorts – Black	\$15.00			
Sloppy Joe – Red (limited stock and sizes)	\$20.00			
Hoodie – Red	\$30.00			
Trackpants – Black Microfibre	\$25.00			
Trackpants – Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
SECONDARY 7-12	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts Years 7 – 9 Red/ White/ Black	\$25.00			
Shirts Years 10 – 12 White	\$20.00			
Shorts – Black	\$15.00			
Skorts – Black	\$15.00			
Jacket – Red (limited stock and sizes)	\$35.00			
Hoodie – Black	\$30.00			
Canterbury Jersey	\$65.00			
Trackpants – Black Microfibre	\$25.00			
Trackpants – Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
			TOTAL:	

#### CONTACT DETAILS:

Name: .....

Contact Number: .....

Sport house (if required): .....

Please note: If order is placed through the office money MUST be paid in advance. Orders will not be processed without payment.



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This symbol represents a journey, with an adult footprint on one side and small dots for children's footprints on the other.

Children are following the adult, not being herded or chased - this is a significant point. They are following, but are still on their own side of the track, showing that balance between self-direction and social support.

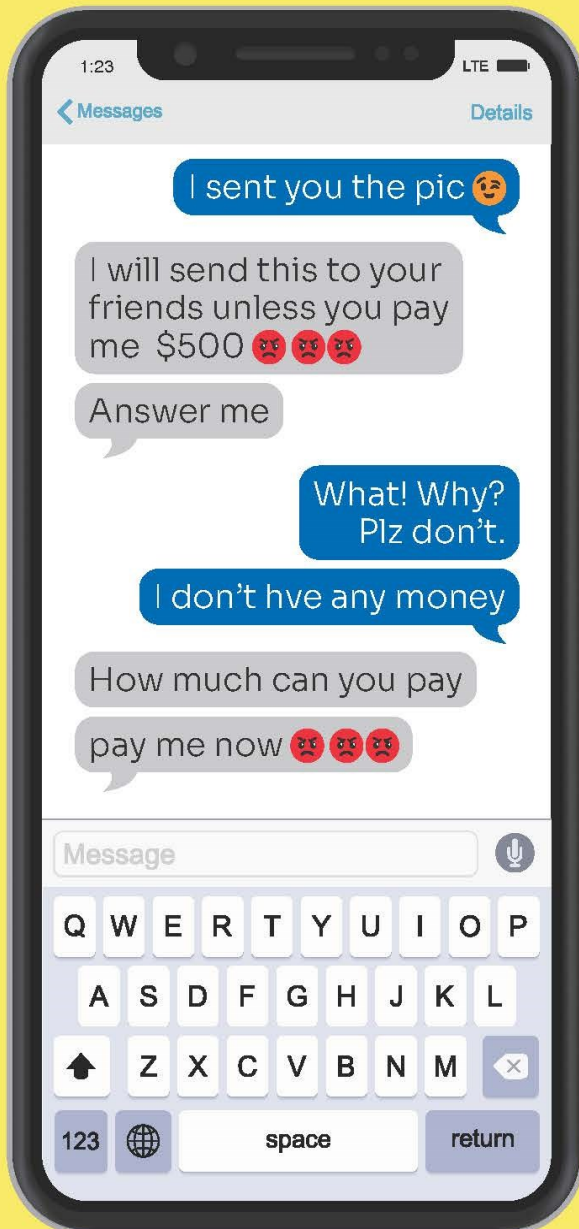


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LATE IS NOT GREAT





## This is sextortion.

It's a scam.  
And it's trending.

You can make it stop.

- ✓ **Do** stop the chat
- ✓ **Do** take screenshots of the text and profile
- ✓ **Do** block the account and report it to the platform
- ✓ **Do** report to the ACCCE
- ✓ **Do** get support

- ✗ **Don't** send more images
- ✗ **Don't** pay
- ✗ **Don't** respond to demands
- ✗ **Don't** enter into further communication
- ✗ **Don't** think you're alone

## If you're under 18, we can help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep children and young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.



To report  
or get help:  
[accce.gov.au](https://accce.gov.au)



Australian  
Centre to Counter  
Child Exploitation



If you're in a life-threatening situation, **call Triple Zero (000).**

The eSafety Commissioner can help to remove naked or sexual images shared online without your consent: [eSafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)





# WE NEED YOUR HELP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENT AND  
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN OUR  
PRIMARY CLASSROOMS.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR SCHOOL OFFICE TO REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST - (02) 6829 0511



## Every Day COUNTS

ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins  
per day



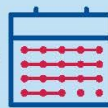
= **3** days



**30** mins  
per day



= **18** days



Patterns of lateness  
can have a serious  
impact on your child's  
education.

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)



Make friends



Build skills through fun









LIGHTNING RIDGE VISITOR  
INFORMATION CENTRE

# Christmas

## LIGHT COMPETITION

2022 CATEGORIES:  
 BEST LIT HOUSE WINNER: \$200  
 BEST LIT HOUSE RUNNER UP: \$100  
 BEST COMMERCIAL/NON-RESIDENTIAL WINNER: \$200  
 BEST COMMERCIAL/NON-RESIDENTIAL RUNNER UP: \$100  
 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: \$150

ENTRANTS MUST HAVE THEIR LIGHT DISPLAY ON FROM 7PM – 11PM FOR JUDGING ON 21ST DECEMBER.



# 7th Annual Orphan's Christmas Lunch

**Sunday 25th December**  
**Lightning Ridge Bowling Club**

Come join us for lunch 'no charge'  
 Bookings to be made by Tuesday 20th

**Doors Open 11:45am Bookings Essential**  
**Call Norm on 0407 934 929**

Lightning Ridge Community Church  
 EVERYONE'S WELCOME

WE'RE COVID SAFE



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

# AUSTRALIA DAY 2023 AWARDS

## NOMINATION FORM

Please tick which Award categories that you are nominating in:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD:</b> To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD:</b> To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen aged over 16 years and under 30 years of age on January 26, 2023.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD:</b> To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen aged over 65 years January 26, 2023.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD:</b> Recognising those who have made a noteworthy contribution as a volunteer in the Walgett Shire. (No age requirement)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD:</b> Presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD:</b> To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen and outstanding service to the local community in the field of health.



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Join Us At The Hilton  
 for our Traditional Christmas  
 Lunch - 12pm  
 \$20 per Adult \$10 per child  
 Bookings Essential for catering  
 purposes  
 Phone: 02 6829 3983



WE WISH YOU  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

