

LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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Term 3 Week 6 2023



Principal's Report

Attendance

International Research demonstrates a strong correlation between students' learning, long-term life outcomes, attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs. For this reason, the NSW Department of Education has very clear policies and guidelines in relation to student attendance at school.

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Regular school attendance enables students to maximise their full potential and to actively participate and engage in their learning. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. Students who are regularly absent from school are at risk of missing out on fundamental aspects of their educational and social development. Children with attendance of 80 per cent or less (that is, 40 days or more absenteeism per year) may be significantly disadvantaged in their learning.

Consistent and sustained high attendance rates at school are no different to the attendance rates required to succeed in the work place.

Late is not Great

Arriving at school and class on time is also crucial to success to educational success:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Give students time to greet their friends before class.
- Reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

At the beginning of the day students are informed of the day's program, events and important instructions are often given. Students arriving late to school (after 9:00 am in Primary and 8:40am in Secondary) also disrupt the class they are in, as they get organised and settled for the day.



Wear it Purple Day

Fri 25th Aug

P & C Meeting

Tues 29th Aug
5pm

Primary North West

Regional Athletics
Wed 30th Aug

Father's Day Stall

Thurs 31st Aug - Fri 1st Sept

Science Fair

Thurs 7th Sept

R U OK? Day

Thurs 14th Sept

Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion

Thurs 14th - Fri 15th Sept

Primary Assembly

Mon 18th Sept

Term 3

School Holidays

Mon 25th Sept - Fri 6th Oct

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and website on www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

The aforementioned times are the cut off times for late arrivals. After those times students will be recorded as being late for school. A student arriving late to school must sign in at the office and their late arrival will be recorded on the daily attendance roll. Parents/Guardians must provide a reason for their child arriving late to school.

If you are not at school



I, we cannot teach and you cannot learn.



Secondary Deputy Principal's Report

Students in Years 8 & 9 will have the opportunity to select their elective subjects for 2024 during Week 6. A range of electives will be on offer, students need to select subjects which they have an interest in. Some electives have course fees attached to cover the cost of consumables. Mrs Caley has been discussing possible career opportunities with our secondary students.

During Week 6 students in Year 12 will be sitting their Trial Examinations in readiness for the Higher School Certificate Examinations in October. At this time of year, students in Year 12 should all have a study timetable which includes completing practice papers. Some Year 12 students will be busy completing Design & Technology & Visual Arts major works, we are excited to see the end results. Most students have been applying themselves with due diligence and sustained effort these students will earn the marks they deserve, unfortunately we have a small group of students who have left their major project to the last minute, I do hope they put more effort into their studies than they have their major works.

Our Year 11 students will be sitting their Yearly Exams in Week 10 of this term, this is the culmination of their Year 11 studies, during Term 4 they move into Year 12 learning programs.

Once again we have had a number of activities available to our students, this week our Agricultural students are participating in the sheep trials in Dubbo, this involves leading the sheep around an arena and participating in the judging of the sheep. Schools from across the district are involved in this hands on experience.

Congratulations to our 15's boys basketball team coached by Ms Pickard, they had a resounding win against Moree and will be traveling to Coonabarabran for the next round in Week 6.

Ms Messner's PASS class will be participating in a Rugby League refereeing coaching course in Week 7. Then they will be representing our school by being the referee at a Primary gala day held at Spider Brown oval.



Primary Assistant Principal's Report

Yaama ngindaay (Hello everyone),

We hope that all our students, teachers and parents are feeling recharged after the Pupil free days. As we resume our school activities in Term 3, we have some exciting experiences to share with you that continue to make LRCS such an amazing place.

We had a popular visitor return to LRCS over the last few weeks. Our friend Healthy Harold, the lovable giraffe mascot, was back and participated in interactive sessions with our Kindergarten to Year 6 students that focussed on personal safety, cyber-safety and social and emotional wellbeing. Thank you, Harold!

Our adventurous Stage 3 students recently claimed their independence and embarked on a memorable journey to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Lake Macquarie. They connected with nature, developed their teamwork skills, and challenged themselves with a range of exciting outdoor activities. From canoeing, the giant swing and high ropes we trust our students returned home with unforgettable memories, a newfound confidence and knowing there's no place like home!

Our high-flying Primary Basketball team travelled to Inverell to play Ross Hill Public school in the PSSA North-West basketball knock-out competition. Unfortunately, LRCS lost 13-43 to Ross Hill. Congratulations to our team and their coach, Mr Ellery, for making it so far into the tournament.

Finally, the Primary school came to life with students dressing up as their favourite book characters for our annual book parade. Thank you to all the parents who helped create and assemble costumes at home to make this year's parade a success.



Library

Students in Stages One and Two have been building and Coding LEGO robotics.



Kindergarten have been learning to build and code mini Botzees by following a line and command cards.



Music Awards

Each week all students who have been following our Turtle Goals and displaying positive behaviour are put into a draw. Two students from primary and two 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 5 & 6 winners.

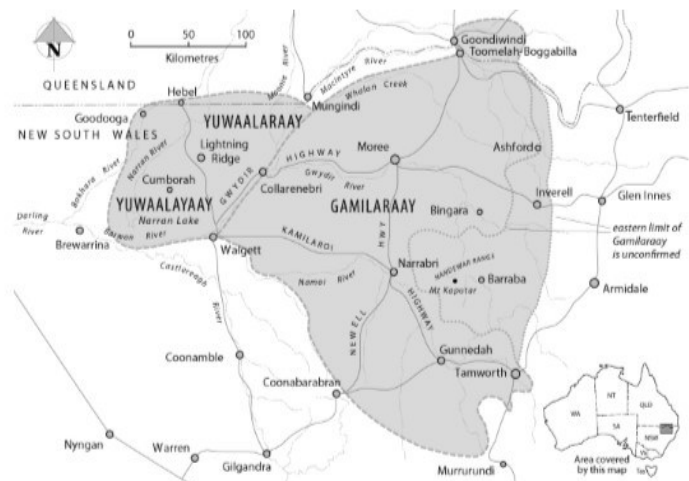
Secondary: Bryton Seabrook ,Chanel Kenny & Izabella Mallouk



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**

yuluwirri = rainbow



Stage 3

This Term S3C have enjoyed participating in lots of exciting activities. We recently visited ES1P and got involved in some of their rotations. We also worked together to create posters and pompoms for the Bin Wars Championships which were held on the primary cola. All students enjoyed this activity and we even had a couple of our class members on the winning team!



S3B have had a busy few weeks. Some students went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for 5 days. The reports from the students were very positive and all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We have started reading a young reader novel called 'Runt', which has actually won the CBC Young Reader Book of the year award. We created a display to show the comparison between drought and after the rains.



Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp

On Monday 7th August Stage 3 students attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Beyond the thrilling adventures, the camp fostered personal growth, teamwork, and lifelong friendships. It served as a reminder that some of life's most valuable lessons and cherished memories are not found within the four walls of a classroom, but rather in the great outdoors where exploration and camaraderie flourish. As students returned home with hearts full of excitement and minds brimming with stories to share, it was clear that this camp had truly been a resounding success in creating lasting memories and an unparalleled sense of fun. Students enjoyed lots of different activities such as canoeing, flying fox, raft building, rock climbing & archery.



Book Parade

The Book Week parade is an exciting event where students and teachers dress up as their favourite book characters. The parade celebrates reading and encourages students to engage with books. It was so great to have our students and teachers celebrate the start of Book Week at LRCS in such a fun way.



Bake-A-Book

Congratulations to the winners that entered in the Bake-A-Book competition, the winners stood proudly with their creations, it was clear that the Cake Competition wasn't just about crowning champions it was a celebration of passion, dedication, and the artistry that transforms simple ingredients into edible works of art.

Bake-a-Book

ES1	Willow Elsheikh	– Very hungry caterpillar
S1	Mason Kent	– Mandrake
S2	Luke Carpenter	– Pig the Star
S3	Riley Cross	– Man from Snowy River
Highschool	Lily and SJ	– Diary of a wimpy Kid
Teachers		– Gruffalo

Class window Displays

1 st	– S3C	A is for Australian Reefs
2 nd	– MC	Market Day
3 rd	– S2H	Naturopolis
Honourable Mention	– ES1P	Snap!

Book face Winners

1st Kobi Carpenter
2nd Luke Carpenter



Secondary HSIE

Geography

Year 7

Students have been learning about water in the world. Students have been investigating the different components of the water cycle and how it connects people and places. Students have also been exploring Australia's major water sources; both rivers and lakes. Additionally, we are starting our Assessment Tasks on Lake Eyre.

Year 9

Students have been learning about environmental change and management. Students have been developing an understanding of the functioning of environments and the scale of human-induced environmental change challenging sustainability. Students are also in the process of completing their Assessment Tasks, Skills Application Portfolio.

English

Year 7

Students have started their introduction to poetry - learning about different poetic forms including the popular limerick and haiku. We've worked together to write poems about Shrek and sentient trees while learning about structure and poetic features.

Year 8

Students have embarked on an exciting journey into the rich world of Australian poetry. We have been exploring the captivating verses of renowned Australian poets, uncovering the hidden gems that lie within our country's literary heritage. From the vivid landscapes of Dorothea Mackellar's "My Country" to the profound themes of identity and belonging in Oodgeroo Noonuccal's "We Are Going", our young scholars are gaining fresh perspectives on Australia's cultural tapestry.

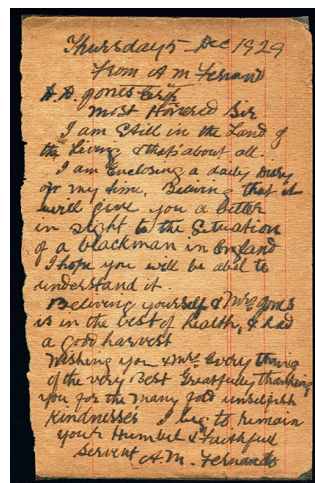
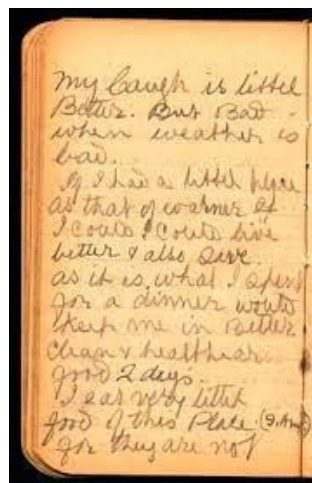
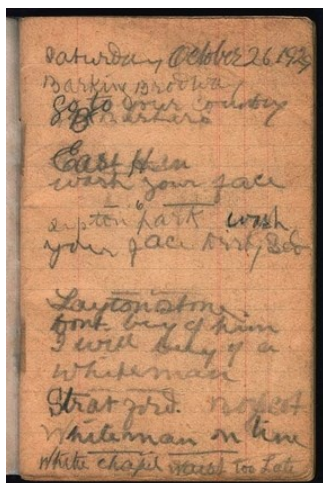
Year 10

English have been looking at Poetry Through the Ages, we started way back with the Ancient Greeks and their favourite poem type, "The Ode". We've looked at popular poems from Medieval Europe and "Shakespeare's Sonnet 18", and learnt how to sing some songs written in middle English.

Secondary History

Year 10 History

In Year 10 History, students are studying Rights & Freedoms. We are currently looking at activists and their aim of achieving change for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. One of our case studies focused on AM Fernando, who travelled all the way to England in the early 1900s dressed with skeletons on his cloak to spread the word about what was happening to his people back in Australia. He kept detailed notebooks on his travels and students have studied these as a primary source to inform their understanding of Fernando's goals as an activist. Students have been having some fantastic class discussions about our rights and the history of Governments that haven't respected the rights of all people.





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



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer





Lightning Ridge Central School



Thursday 7th September



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



Lightning Ridge Central School
P&C Uniform Shop



Uniform Shop

Opening hours

Tuesday's • 3:00 - 3:30pm

Please KEEP your child at HOME if...



They have a Fever

A temperature of over 37.5C (99.5F) is a fever

Also check for:
Persistent cough,
Shortness of breath,
Sore throat, swollen
glands, earache



Remember to keep your provider informed when your child is unwell, even when they are being kept at home.



They have a Rash

Especially with a fever or itching

Check for:
Chickenpox, Impetigo
or Hand, foot and
mouth



They have an Upset Stomach

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea within the last 48 hours they must **STAY at HOME**



They have an Eye Infection

Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or swollen face



They have Headlice or nits

Please check your child's hair regularly and treat immediately



They are Feeling Unwell

If your child is unusually tired, pale, cranky or lost their appetite, they will be more comfortable at home.



Ensure your provider has up to date emergency contact details, allergen and medical information for your child.



If you or your child are displaying symptoms or have a confirmed diagnosis of **coronavirus**, please **STAY AT HOME!**



If your child has a mild cold, infrequent cough or clear, runny nose and is active, playful and rested, They can **Stay and Play!**

Please help to keep our Setting **SAFE** for **EVERYONE**



Wednesday's
7:30am
Senior Cola
Stages 3-6 Welcome



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

Lightning Ridge Community Church presents...

Community Gospel Gathering

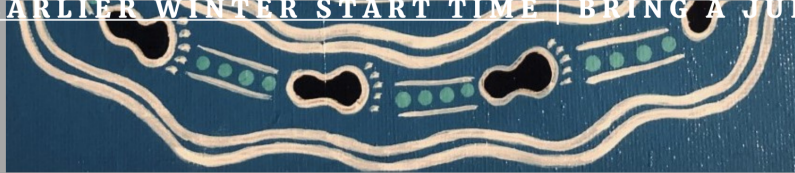
Saturday 26th August



5-6:30PM @ THE HUNGRY SPIRIT
(574 WOOLOROO RD, L/RIDGE)

GOOD TUKKA, GOSPEL SINGALONG & BIBLE
STORYTIME FOR ALL AGES - STARTS W/ DINNER
FROM 5PM

(NOTE EARLIER WINTER START TIME | BRING A JUMPER!)



Contact: Kurt – Minister (02 6829 0597) | Carol Ferguson (0472 913 763)

Ever wondered what a Christian is?
Who can be one? Come along to the
after school group for years 5-8 run by
Lightning Ridge Community Church ...

This term our theme is
TRUE IDENTITY (i.e. being one of God's mob)

TRUE
IDENTITY



Fridays (in term time), **3-5pm**

Walking bus 3pm (stage 3 go in walkers
line, join stage 4/leaders @ the pencils)

At "the DiGout" (42 Kaolin St)

Includes things like arvo tea,
games, craft and Bible time

Rego form required to attend

Contact - church office: 6829 0597

Heather: hmrobinson143@gmail.com



Women Out West Pop up Clinic Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club



Celebrating Women's Health Week
Wednesday 6th September
10am-7:30pm

Thursday 7th September
9am-3pm

Cervical screening (Pap smear), self collect
option available

Refreshments available and walk-in's
welcome!



The GRAWIN SHOW returns!

**Sunday the 24th of
September 2023**



- Competitions - Prizes
- Multi draw Monster Raffle - Market Stalls
- Live entertainment - Food
- Kids activities with Blue Reelers Bus
- FREE Jumping castle for the kids!
- Face painting - Greasy Pig
- Opal Fields Ugliest Man
Plenty of fun to be had and great company!

**Join us 9am-4pm at
The Club In The Scrub**



Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES



Community Engagement – Family Fun Day

**Tuesday 29 August
10am to 3pm**

Services will be there to help you with:

- Consumer & credit debts, rent/buy contracts & payday loans.
- Fines debt / Work & development orders.
- Birth registration checks & certificates.
- Energy & water bill issues & complaints.
- Housing application assistance.
- Access to Government rebates, savings and vouchers.
- NDIS issues.
- Family law, kids & child support.
- Everyday legal problems about housing, employment, access to education, working with children's check, discrimination & much more.



FREE BBQ & Entertainment by Ducky Dennis

**Walgett Gray Park
Cnr Pitt & Euroka Street, WALGETT**

For information call: Harmoni on 02 6857 8122



Communities
& Justice



**WE NEED
YOUR
HELP!**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE.

We're looking for people who can provide emergency care, short-term care, care for siblings, or care for children with a disability.

You can be a couple, single or a family, rent or own your home. Carers receive specialist training, financial assistance and support.

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child?

Email WesternNSWcarerenquires@facs.nsw.gov.au directly or visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/carers and click on 'enquire about fostering' to learn more.



Lightning Ridge Central School

P&C Uniform Shop Order Form 2023

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

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			
Sports Shirts – House colours	\$7.00			
PRIMARY K-6	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts K-5 – Red	\$20.00			
Shirts Years 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 – 10 Red/ White/ Black	\$25.00			
Senior Shirts Years 11-12	\$25.00			
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.

L RCS – CANTEEN MENU

SNACKS – (RECESS & LUNCH)

Crunch Cup (carrot, celery, cucumber & cheese w/ aioli sauce)	\$3.50
Carrot & Celery Crunch Cup	\$2.00
Yoplait Yoghurt 160gm (vanilla, strawberry or mango)	\$2.50
Cheese Stick	\$1.50
Muffin (banana or blueberry)	\$2.00
Fresh Fruit (apple, banana, orange or mandarin)	\$1.50
Fruit Salad Cup	\$1.50
Popcorn (sea salt or butterscotch)	\$2.00
Grain Waves (sour crème)	\$2.00
Red Rock Deli Chips (sea salt)	\$2.00

DRINKS

Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00
Spring Water 1.5L	\$3.00
Just Juice Poppers 200ml (apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant or paradise punch)	\$2.00
Juice Bombs 250ml (grape, apple/raspberry, watermelon, orange/passion, lemonade)	\$2.50
M2Go Milk 250ml carton (strawberry or chocolate)	\$2.00
Classic Milk 300ml (strawberry or chocolate)	\$3.00
Nippy's 375ml (banana or chocolate)	\$3.50
Classic Milk 500ml (strawberry or chocolate)	\$4.50
Nippy's 500ml (honeycomb or chocolate)	\$4.50

CANTEEN CLOSSES AT 9AM FOR ORDERS.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

ALL PROFIT MADE BY THE CANTEEN GOES TO THE P&C FOR THE STUDENTS.

SANDWICHES (Gluten Free Bread Available)

Vegemite	\$2.50
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese & Salad	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Ham & Salad	\$5.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Egg & Salad	\$5.50
Chicken & Salad	\$5.50
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$5.00

TOASTED SANDWICHES (VIA ORDER)

Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Chicken, mayo & Cheese	\$5.00

WRAPS (VIA ORDER)

Salad Wrap	\$7.00
Ham & Salad	\$7.00
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$7.00
Chicken & Salad	\$7.00
Flame Grilled Chicken, mayo, lettuce & sweet chilli sauce	\$7.00

SMALL SALAD BOWLS (VIA ORDER)

Salad Only	\$6.50
Ham	\$6.50
Egg	\$6.50
Chicken	\$6.50

(All salads include lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber, red onion, beetroot & your choice of either mayo or aioli sauce)

HOT FOODS

Travellers Beef Pie	\$5.00
Party Pies village 60gm	\$2.00
Village Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Chicken Strips per bag (6)	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$2.00
Garlic Bread (good tucker 75gm)	\$2.50
McCains Pizza (ham & cheese or ham, cheese & pineapple)	\$3.50
Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$6.00
Beef Burger (lettuce, tomato, cheese)	\$7.00
Cheese Burger (beef pattie & cheese)	\$6.00
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger (lettuce, cheese & mayo)	\$7.00
Chicken or Beef Noodles	\$2.50

ICE-CREAMS (LUNCH ONLY)

Vanilla Dixie Cup 100ml	\$2.00
Snap-Stix (sour blueberry, sour raspberry or sour strawberry)	\$1.00
Ice Mony (sour blue raspberry, lemon ice or sour watermelon)	\$1.00
Paddle Pop (Chocolate or Rainbow)	\$2.50

MISCELLANEOUS

Tomato or BBQ Sauce	\$0.50
Bundle of Bags	\$3.00

PLEASE WRITE RECESS AND LUNCH ON SEPARATE BAGS AND DON'T FORGET NAME AND CLASS.

THANK YOU!