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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Wednesday 21st February we had our annual "Meet and Greet" barbeque, where parents and carers had the opportunity to come and meet our existing and new staff members, and just chat informally. It was a well-attended event, and I am sure those parents and carers who came along found it beneficial. I would like to thank our office staff for their organisation of that event and Charlie Carpenter and Ben Morriss for their outstanding cooking skills.

In recent years the number of learning opportunities above and beyond what we would call normal classroom learning have increased significantly for our students. These opportunities have encompassed culture through dance workshops run by the DET Arts Unit, NAIDOC Week, STEM Camps, the Educational Pathways Program (EPP) and days where students have gone "on country". In addition, we have had our curriculum focussed excursions where students have gone to Canberra, Dubbo and Farm visits for VET and many other places, and there are too many sporting and careers opportunities to list.

When students attend these excursions or participate in these programs, they are representing our school and they encounter members of the public who will take an impression of our students as individuals and as a collective student behaviour. It is therefore important that our students always behave in a respectful and responsible manner but especially when on excursions.

As a result, if students are to avail themselves of these opportunities, they need to meet some behaviour criteria at school. Some of these criteria may include being punctual to school at the beginning of the day and to lessons, not being on Orange or White level cards, being in school uniform, having 85% or better attendance and generally daily behaving in a respectful and responsible manner.

Additionally, if students are provided with the opportunity to attend extra-curricular activities, it is essential that their permission notes and any monies that may be required to attend the excursion, are given to the office staff by the deadline clearly stated on the permission note. Permission notes will not be accepted after the due dates.



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The bar is set high for these opportunities because the organisation of these extra-curricular activities is complex and time consuming for teaching and non-teaching staff and when teachers take excursions away their lessons at school have to be covered by their colleagues, so therefore as Principal, the least I expect of the students who wish to partake of these opportunities is that they behave in a manner that allows teachers to teach and their peers to learn.

NSW Department of Education

Behaviour code for students

Information for students and parents or carers

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- · resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy or dress code
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.

Schools take action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high-quality teaching and learning.

All students have a right to:

- safety at school
- · access and fully participate in their learning
- be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- express their views, set goals and selfadvocate.

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments and apply an appropriate action when students are not meeting these expectations. The department is responsible for the provision of a policy framework and resources such as legal issues bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context, the NSW



Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Behaviour code for students: Student actions

Promoting the inclusion, learning, wellbeing, and safety of all students in NSW public schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches across a range of settings to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

To meet the expectations set out above, students in NSW public schools, to the best of their ability, should adhere to the following principles.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity.
- · Communicate and behave courteously.
- Act and work cooperatively with other students, teachers, and school staff.
- Develop positive and respectful relationships.
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others.
- · Respect the learning needs of other students.
- Dress appropriately by wearing the agreed school uniform or dress code.
- Take care with school property and the property of staff and other students.

Safety

- Model and follow school and class rules and expectations around behaviour and conduct.
- Negotiate and resolve conflict.
- Be aware of and take responsibility for how their behaviour and actions impact others.
- Care for self and others.
- Be safe and help others to make safe choices that do not hurt themselves or others.

Engagement

- Arrive at school and class on time.
- Be prepared for every lesson.
- Actively participate in learning.
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.



of the Balonne River Region.

Yuwaalaraay

Word of the Week

dhulan = Waterlily

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The very successful whole school swimming carnival held in week 3 was a fantastic event in which many of our students displayed their swimming skills and awesome sportsmanship. Many thanks to Ms Messner and Mr Ellery for their organization which enabled the smooth running on the day. House spirit was shown by the very loud war cries and students and staff dressing in their house colours. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their children. Good luck to those children representing our school at the regional event in Armidale.

During this term we have a number of events planned for our students. It is important that students arrive on time to school so they are informed about these opportunities. There are a number of sporting and cultural excursions on the horizon. Student must be in Rollcall at 8:40 to receive information about these events. Students need to be following our PBL values of respect, responsibility and pride to be able to participate in these exciting events. Students will also be required to be in full school uniform when they represent our school, if they are not in uniform they will be turned away from the excursion.

Permission notes will now have a due date included– permission notes handed in after the dues date will be declined. It is the students responsibility to hand permission notes to parents/guardian and return them promptly to school.

During Week 5 staff will be involved in training with our NESA Liaison Officer. This training will provide up to date information from the NSW Education Standards Authority—this group provides information for students in years 10,11 & 12 regarding pattern of studies, N determinations and ROSA determinations.

In Week 6, LRCS are fortunate to have Charles Sturt University visiting to talk to students in Years 11 & 12 about life at University, applications, scholarships and admissions. We rarely have these groups visiting in Lightning Ridge, thanks to Mrs Caley & Mrs Wilson for securing this event.

Welcome Week is organised annually by the Lightning Ridge Community Church in partnership with NorthLight Anglican Church (Sydney) and has now been running for over 20 years in our town! It involves a range of events and activities in our school and community, centring around the daily Kids' Club and Youth Club after-school programs which will run Monday to Friday, March 11-15 — more details available from the Community Church office (02 6829 0597). Another important part of the Welcome Week program are the Scripture Presentations to both LRCS primary and high school students. These faith-based (Protestant Christian) seminars aim to present the message of the Bible to the students in a fun, engaging and age-appropriate way. The Primary Seminar will be held on Monday 11th March, and the Secondary Seminar will be on Tuesday 12th March, during school hours. The seminars are opt-out, meaning that all students will attend unless parents/guardians request otherwise through the school office. A free BBQ lunch will be provided by the visiting team on each day. If parents would prefer their child does not participate in this event please let the front office know prior to Monday 11th March so alternative arrangement can be made.

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

QUEENSLAND

YUWAALAYAAY

VIIWAAI ARAAY

GAMILARAA

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



I hope all families and staff enjoyed the Pupil Free Days and were able to rest and relax. It is hard to believe that we are already over halfway through Term 1. Kindergarten -Year 6 have had a positive start to the year and the teachers are very proud of their efforts. Students have been diving head-first into new learning, practicing classroom and school routines, and spending quality time with new and old friends. Lightning Ridge Central School is truly a wonderful place to be, where the students are settled and learning.

Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet

On Tuesday 20th February, teachers and parents gathered in the Secondary COLA for an informal chat and an opportunity to meet their child's 2024 teacher. It was a wonderful evening for all involved. If you were unable to attend the evening, please contact the school office and ask to make an appointment with your child's teacher. We would love to meet you.



Swimming

I would like to express my congratulations to all Primary students who participated in any of the recent school swimming events – The Swimming Carnival, Long Distance Swimming Carnival, and Primary Barwon Zone Swimming Carnival. The school community are very proud of your willingness to get involved, have fun and try your best. An extra congratulations to all students who will represent Lightning Ridge Central School at the Regional Swimming Carnival next month in Armidale. We will be cheering you on and can't wait to hear about your races when you return to school.





Library days

- **K1P** Tuesday
- **ES1J** Tuesday
- S1Y Wednesday S3C Thursday
- **S1D** Wednesday
- **S2F** Thursday
- **\$20** Thursday

- **S2H** Wednesday
- **S3N** Thursday
- - **S3B** Thursday
 - **MCP** Tuesday
 - **MCM** Tuesday

Secondary Lunch time only Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Early Stage 1

K1 Puggles demonstrated a fun playdough activity that strengthens children's growing hands and supports the development of fine motor skills.

The students learnt to use their index finger to point to the ball of playdough under each letter when reading words. As they squash each ball of playdough starting at the left, working to the right; they learn to identify the beginning middle and end sound of simple words.



We are very proud of how well our Kindergarten students have transitioned to Primary school. It is a big adjustment for children, but equally it is a big change for families too. Everyone has done a wonderful job!

K1 Puggles and ES1 Joeys have been having lots of fun exploring numbers using concrete materials. We have been learning that you can show numbers in many ways. We are very impressed with how quickly the children have learned to use ten frames, finger, tally marks and dice to represent numbers. As Kindergarten explore and discover numbers 1-10, Year 1 students are testing and deepening their understanding of numbers 1-30.

In literacy we are reading and talking about stories, building our hand strength and learning skills for reading and writing.



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 4 & 5 winners.

Secondary:Brett McFadden, Amelia Reavell, Shalay Brack, Erin Aitchison, Ruby Webb and Adrian Ferguson



Aboriginal Dance

Last Friday secondary students participated in an online Aboriginal dance workshop run by the NSW Department of Education in collaboration with internationally renowned Bangarra Dance Theatre. Along with 7 other schools in NSW, dance students were educated and engaged in contemporary style Indigenous dance.





Mathematics

Year 9 have been learning about right-angled triangles and Trigonometry in Mathematics this term. We have been using measuring tools, including clinometers to help calculate lengths. In these photos the students are calculating the height of the flagpole using their Trigonometry skills.







Year 8 Science, we have been investigating if air is matter. Matter is anything that has volume and takes up space. A balloon that that is blown up is heavier than a balloon that is flat, so air is matter.

Last week, we wanted to investigate how much mass (weight) fifteen inflated balloons could hold. We discovered that they could hold one table, six students and three heavy school bags before a few of them popped. If we assume each child weighs around 50kg, and the able weighs around 10kg, that is nearly 350kgs being supported by balloons! When we were only left with six balloons, they could hold one table and three (and a half) students before they all exploded. Six balloons supported around 160kgs!



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

Book Club

Students have just been gifted their first book for 2024 LRCS book club. The new Goosebumps book by R.L. Stine - Scariest. Book. Ever.

Students from Stage 3 and High School have opted in to join book club. Our first meeting will be in Week 8 where students will be required to finish their book.

Happy Reading!



Extra-Curricular Music



Commencing Monday 11th March 2024 (Term 1 - Week 7).

Slip

Lightning Ridge Central School will be offering K-12 students the opportunity to learn an instrument and attend music lessons.

The lessons will occur outside of school hours, with most being free of charge except Concert Band - This ensemble involves a \$50 refundable deposit for instrument hire.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please complete and return the permission note. Additional permission notes are available from the School office.

Please note: If your child is interested, it is a requirement that they attend each weekly lesson, to provide them with the best opportunity to succeed.

Slop





Slap

Seek

Slide







Fundraiser Fundraiser Easter Raffle \$2 ticket Lots of prizes to be won Drawn Wednesday 27th March

Tasmania Excursion Student Fundrasing

The Tasmania excursion students are running an Easter raffle to raise funds for their Tasmania excursion. To make the raffle a success each student is asked to donate an Easter egg or chocolate to create the prizes for the raffle. Please have all donations to the office by

Please have all donations to the office by Tuesday 26th March to allow the prize baskets to be assemble



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WELCOME WEEK KIDS' CLUB 2024!

MARCH 11-15 3:45-5PM, MON-FRI

Kids' Club is for anyone in primary (K-6), and will run as a separate opt-in group during council's after school care program. (Kids' Club participants also need to register for, and sign in/out of the council program). Come and hang out with the church team and youth development team from 3pm! 'Walking bus' from school available - see rego form.

Multi-purpose centre,
Spider Brown oval

[+ Finale BBO, 6pm Friday for families]

Join us as we seek to find out about Jesus, the King of God's forever kingdom...

Free! Registration required. Forms available at school office Or by contacting: Church office – 6829 0597 communitychurchelightningridge.com.au More info: Irccweb.site

(with NorthLight Anglican Church, Sydney)



Ever wondered why Jesus was an ordinary guy but could do awesome things? Check out what the Bible says about him, at the after-school group for years 5-8 run by Lightning Ridge Community Church ...



This term our theme is MUST BE THE MESSIAH (clues about Jesus as the promised Saviour King) MUST BE THE Walking bus 3pm (stage 3 go in walkers ine, 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







Lightning Ridge Central School

P&C Uniform Shop Price List

WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Hats – Bucket (replacement if hat provided is lost)	\$5.00			
Library Bags	\$7.00			
Sports Shirts – House colours	\$7.00			
PRIMARY K-6	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts K-6 – Red	\$20.00			
Shorts – Black	\$15.00			
Skorts – Black	\$15.00			
Sloppy Joe – Red (limited stock and sizes)	\$5.00			
Hoodie – Red	\$30.00			
Jacket – Red	\$35.00			
Trackpants – Black Microfibre	\$25.00			
Trackpants – Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
SECONDARY 7-12	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts Years 7 – 10 Red/ Black	\$25.00			
Shirts Year 11 – 12 Senior Red/Black	\$25.00			
Shorts – Black	\$15.00			
Jacket – Black (limited stock and sizes)	\$35.00			
Hoodie – Black	\$30.00			
Canterbury Jersey	\$65.00			
Trackpants – Black Microfibre	\$25.00			
Trackpants – Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
Caps – Black	\$7.00			
			TOTAL:	

CONTACT DETAILS:

Name:....

Contact Number:

Sport house (if required):

Please indicate:



Cash included

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Pay (with cash) on pickup from the office

LRCS – CANTEEN MENU

SNACKS (RECESS & LUNCH)

Fresh Fruit	
(apple or orange cut in 1⁄4)	\$1.50
Bega Cheese Stringer 20g	\$1.50
Fruit Salad In Juice Cup 120g	\$1.50
Red Rock Deli Chips (sea salt) 28g	\$1.50
Milky Max Chocolate Custard 100g	\$2.00
Yoplait Yoghurt 100g	
(vanilla, strawberry, raspberry or mixed berries)	\$2.00
Crunch Pack (carrot, celery,	00.50
cucumber & cheese w/ garlic aioli)	\$3.50
DRINKS	
Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00
Spring Water 1.5L	\$3.00
Just Juice Popper 200ml	

or paradise punch)	\$2.00
M2Go Milk 250ml carton (strawberry or chocolate)	\$2.50
Classic Milk 300ml (strawberry or chocolate)	\$3.00
Classic Milk 500ml (strawberry or chocolate)	\$4.50

(apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant

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

THANK YOU!

CANTEEN CLOSES AT 9:00AM FOR ORDERS.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

SANDWICHES (Gluten Free available add 50c)

Vegemite	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Egg, Mayo & Lettuce	\$5.00
Chicken, Mayo & Lettuce	\$5.00

TOASTED SANDWICHES (PLEASE ORDER) (Gluten Free available add 50c)

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

WRAPS (PLEASE ORDER)

Salad Only	\$7.00
Ham & Salad	\$7.00
Chicken & Salad	\$7.00
(All salad wraps include l	ettuce, tomato,

cucumber, carrot & grated cheese) (mayonnaise or garlic aioli available)

SMALL SALADS (PLEASE ORDER)

Salad Only	\$6.50
Ham & Salad	\$6.50
Chicken & Salad	\$6.50

(All salads include lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & grated cheese) (mayonnaise or garlic aioli available)

HOT FOODS

Party Pie	\$2.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$2.00
Garlic Bread 85gm	\$2.50
6 Chicken Strips	\$4.00
McCains Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$4.00
Sausage Roll 120g	\$4.50
Travellers Beef Pie 160g	\$5.00

MISCELLANEOUS

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

ICE BLOCKS (LUNCH ONLY)

Berri Juice Cup 110ml (orange or apple)	\$1.00
Ice Mony (red berry blast, sour watermelon or lemon ice)	\$1.00
Snap-Stix (sour strawberry, sour raspberry, sour watermelon, sour sour blackcurrant or pineapple)	grape, \$1.00

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