From the Principal’s Desk

Quality Work!

In the last few weeks I have been inundated with quality work. For those of you who follow our Facebook page you will be able to see the examples of the primary students whose work has been brought up to me and, let me tell you, some of it is brilliant! Some are students who are reading and writing well above their stage level and others are students who have improved so much that they deserve the rewards that the school gives to students who achieve high level results.

In the high school the quality work has been seen in exams with many students achieving way above any previous levels. It’s heartening to see so many of the students now beginning to study and prepare for their exams, we have seen them working harder in engaging more in class throughout the year and is fantastic to see this effort is being rewarded with better exam results.

Remember students at Lightning Ridge Central School compete with students from all over the state once they leave school and move into the wider community. While it is terrific to be number one at Lightning Ridge Central School our secondary students are now seeing that doing your best is the only way to be truly competitive outside of Lightning Ridge. What a great start for a successful future.

With the school year rapidly drawing to a close it’s time to remind everybody that the final day of school is Wednesday, 17 December and until then our expectation is that every student will be here ready to learn until the last day. For this reason teachers are working hard to develop and engaging programs of interesting and educational work to help students get the best out of this year and also prepare for next year. If your child is absent from school they will be missing out and as usual they will need to explain their absence within seven days. If you would like to come and see me about absences or anything else please ring and make an appointment.

Our school welfare and discipline system specifies the consequences for students who do the wrong thing and we try really hard to be very consistent and fair with this all throughout the year. There are rewards which are outlined in our welfare and discipline system for students who behave very well, live up to expectations or work hard throughout the year and we try very hard to be consistent and fair by making sure the students get the rewards that they have earned. This is one of the reasons why we have a thriving school community.

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the end of the year is so busy. Students are attending heavily subsidised excursions to Copeton dam, pool parties, movies in Narrabri, discos and a range of in school treats. These rewards are only available to students who have earned them and fortunately that’s most of our students.

Some of our students are having an extra special treat. Our Girls Aboriginal Dance Group has been invited by Royal Far West Foundation to attend a special function in Sydney where they will perform before a large audience. The girls will be travelling with Jo Parker, their dance teacher, and a few lucky parents. While it’s a long way to travel to Sydney and back the girls will also be going to Taronga zoo, travelling on a ferry and lots of other exciting things to make the trip worthwhile. This is a very special function and being able to show their terrific performance to the many Sydneysiders who have probably never seen dancing of this quality before.

Last weekend we were fortunate to have Mr Bob Fuller, a researcher from Macquarie University in Sydney, come back to hand back the knowledge gained in his latest research project. Mr Fuller has been looking into traditional aboriginal astronomy. His research has shown an amazing complexity and understanding in traditional astronomy that, over many thousands of years, indigenous people have built up observing, studying and applying their knowledge to the stars and our natural world. I was amazed with the complexity and accuracy of traditional astronomy and how it was used for navigation as well as predicting seasons and other natural events. Mr Fuller and his team also set up three telescopes so that locals could go stargazing on Saturday night and it was a magnificent success. The clouds went away, and the night sky was full of beautiful stars and planets to look at and with experienced astronomers to explain what we were seeing the students and families who came along received an excellent introduction to the fascinating world of stargazing.

We look forward to our presentation Day on December 5th and would like to invite all parents, carers and friends to come along and share this wonderful event with students and staff. At the end of the year it is always terrific to see and hear how many of our students have excelled.

Moorambilla Voices Outback Choir

In 2013, the primary choir was filmed as part of a ABC documentary. Outback choir tells the story of these wonderful children, their musical achievements, the resilience and capacity of the region. The documentary features the Lightning Ridge community and many local children.

Outback Choir
Sunday 30 November 7.40pm
Silver, Gold & Opal Reward Disco— Friday 21st November seen the Reward Disco for students whom have achieved their Silver, Gold or Opal Award. Entertainment was provided by DJ Grassy. Students who attended said they “the Disco was lots of fun” and they “had a blast!”

Parent Teacher Interviews— Notes will be sent home this week inviting Parents to meet with your child’s teacher, to discuss their progress this semester. Parents will need to select 3 times that will be suitable and return the notes to the CLASSROOM TEACHER ... not the front office. The classroom teacher will then indicate which time will be most suitable.

Hot Weather— As the days are getting hotter, a reminder to parents that Students need to bring a hat and water bottle for outside play at school.

Reminders

05/12/14  Presentation day
08/12/14  Books in Homes presentation
09/12/14  K-6 Merit Assembly
10/12/14  Year 6 Farewell
11/12/14  Stage 3 pool party
12/12/14  K-6 Opal Award Pool party
Primary Student of the Week
Week 7  MCT
Kirra Scott
Kirra has has been nominated Student of the Week as she has shown great improvement in all areas of her learning this term. Great Work Kirra!

Primary Student of the Week
Week 8  S2S
Tilah Ciprian
Tilah has been nominated for Student of the week this week for her efficient completion of tasks, positive and supportive attitude. Well Done!!

Secondary Student of the Week
Week 7  Year 11
Stevan Kotru
Stevan has shown impressive entrepreneurial skills while selling items to fundraise for his grade. He has also been doing a fabulous job in presenting speeches for a variety of school events and participating in extracurricular activities.

Secondary Student of the Week
Week 8  Year 7
Hareem Sohail
Hareem is a consistent student who has achieved outstanding results in her Yearly Examinations. She is committed to all classes and is an excellent role model for her peers. Congratulations Hareem.
Hello,

When I started writing things on a 2015 planner I knew that time was ticking away. Teachers are always getting ready for the next thing and as parents you would know that planning helps your family’s life and operation too. Some things have to be planned well in advance. I have an author for next year, Tony Bones Performance and know the direction for my Library/RFF programme. I have also done most of my Christmas shopping...but that’s just me!! Potts Point Bookshop in Sydney is a great bookshop and they will gift wrap if you want to give them a call for Christmas presents.

The Stage 1 students will receive their Books in Homes books at a presentation in the library from 9.30 –10.30 on Monday 8th December. Come if you can!

The LRCS Reading Challenge finishes on Thursday 4th December and the party is the following Monday 8th December. Late entries will get a certificate but not be able to come to the party.

Library Turtle Draw winners recently have been:

**Week 3**
- ES1 Levi McCabe ES1T (Book: Wow! Dinosaur)
- Stage 1 Travis Smith S1W (Magazine Voucher)
- Stage 2 Billy Roy Frail S2G (Book: How the Kangaroo Got their Tails)
- Stage 3 Josh Doctor S3M (110 Inventions in History)

**Week 4**
- ES1 Caleb Peters ES1T (Magazine Voucher)
- Stage 1 Quintin Bolton – Cubby S1M (Book: Me and My Dad)
- Stage 2 Ava Seaton S2S (Canteen Voucher)
- Stage 3 Elva Cran S3M (Canteen Voucher)
- Stage 3 Chloe Brain S3L (Book: King Pig)

**Week 5**
- ES1 Lennie Frail ES1B (Book: Puppy)
- Stage 1 Taylor Morgan S1M (Book: Love is in the Air)
- Stage 2 Ava Seaton S2S (Book: Selection of Magazines)
- Stage 3 Feli Ciprian S2/3D (Book: Amazing Giant Sea Creatures)

**Week 6**
- ES1 Olwyn Flick ES1T (Canteen Voucher)
- Stage 1 Markell McBride S1F (Canteen Voucher)
- Stage 2 Ashton Murray S2G (Book: 1931 Do You Dare?)

Josh Doctor with the book he chose from our selection of DK Learning books which we received from Books in Homes. He appeared on the Books in Homes website too. What fun!

Penny Fahey Teacher Librarian
Earlier this year the students above were identified and then trained as peer mediators at Lightning Ridge Central School. Peer Mediation involves one or two trained students assisting other students through confidential structured process to reach the resolution of a dispute. The peer mediators systematically isolate issues in order to develop options, consider alternatives and have disputing parties reach a settlement that will accommodate their needs. The process that the peer mediators take participants though empowers the students involved to take responsibility for making decisions that will directly affect them.

Peer mediation is an early intervention strategy that teaches students the skills they need to resolve conflicts non-violently. It shows them ways that will enhance their relationship and allow the use of conflict in a productive and positive manner.

The benefits of peer mediation can be far reaching. For students it provides a safe place in which they can discuss issues and adjust their position without any unacceptable loss of face. For the School, there is generally a more co-operative atmosphere with an overall increase in the self esteem of the school community. Finally for the community there are long term benefits for the broader community with students emerging from Lightning Ridge Central School with a wide range of positive social skills.

If you are a student and wish to have an issue go through the resolution process please let one of the peer mediators know, or see Mrs Adamthwaite.

Parents who would like to find out more about this confidential service can contact Mrs Adamthwaite on 68 290 511.
Last Friday 21st November, several secondary students volunteered to assist at the St Vincent DePaul Society Christmas party. Katie Thomas, Hareem Sohail, Chiffona Kennedy, Elisha Jones, Camille Babar, Michael Forsberg, Ted Smith, Ricky Rushby and Lachlan Lawson all helped decorate, set tables, prepare and serve lunch to those attending the luncheon. They were assisted by Kayle Hobden and the entire group thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
In History this term, students have been exploring the Mongol Expansion and how societies have changed from the end of the ancient period to the beginning of the modern age. Recently, students have looked at how the people, the groups and ideas from this period of time influenced the world today. Students learned about some of Mongolian’s favourite foods and how some of their dishes from the ancient period still continue to be eaten in the modern age. Here are some pictures of James, Connor, Marshall and Ben actively participating in cooking Mongolian Beef.

Every morning during roll call students make their way down to the Agriculture plot to water the plants, feed the chickens and collect their eggs. The students enjoy coming down of a morning. It’s a good way to start off their day.
2014 has been a good year for the MC Senior class. We have enjoyed some great excursions and have others planned for the rest of the year. We are off to Dubbo Western Plains Zoo for a trip in Week 10 and we are also looking forward to spending some time at the pool on Tuesdays for sport. This term, the class have really enjoyed playing sport. Some of our sport activities include outdoor and indoor tennis, hockey and even fishing!

Photos below include Kevin helping to place the Timber for the Grandparents Day seating plan, Norton enjoying his birthday with a special treat, Tyson drawing on the whiteboard, Connor & Ron with a line in on the river bank. We also have at last, finished painting our room. Pictured Russell Dean rolling the walls.

We look forward to more fun filled educational activities in 2015.
Year 12 Formal

Graduating Class of
2014

John Bibby, Jayden Brown, Zoe Bryant, Brendan Byrne, Lincon Costello, Tamara Frail, Kelsey Hutchinson, Torrey Mack, Tanella Maybury, Michael McGregor, Zac Phipps, Brian Scott.

Congratulations!
BUY A BALE FARM RESCUE CONCERT

featuring

Sara Storer

supported by

Mackenzie Pringle

&

Craig Hamilton

FREE ENTRY

Thursday 27 November
6pm at the Lightning Ridge Bowls Club

Dear Parents & Carers,

During 2014 the secondary staff, together with parents and students, have worked hard to increase school pride, promote effective teaching and learning and reduce disruption in classes following our PBL values of Pride, Responsibility and Respect.

Following an overall very pleasing attitude to the Yearly Examinations, it is now time to look at the class structures for 2015. I am pleased to say that we have made huge gains in all areas; our students achieved some outstanding results in the Naplan testing for example.

As the concept of commitment classes was an outstanding success we plan to further improve the program by offering the opportunity to all students to be in a commitment class. In fact we have reached the point where many students feel empowered to defend their right to protect their own learn by saying ‘no’ to disruptive students and by letting them know that every student has the right to learn without disruption.

To support these ‘committed’ students we have looked at extending this opportunity in all classes and subjects for all students. Students in all classes will agree to be prepared for learning each day, to work consistently on their learning and tasks and to not interfere with the learning of others. These classes will be a place for teachers and learners to come together in an environment that allows every student to achieve their potential every lesson.

There will be 3 classes in Stage 4 (Yrs. 7 & 8) and 3 in Stage 5 (Yrs.9 & 10) the classes will be structured in the following ways:

- High Commitment with Independent learners
- High Commitment with some support learners
• High Commitment with additional support learners

Parents will need to support the classes by providing an opportunity for effective homework and study and ensuring students attend everyday prepared for their learning. All students will have their behaviour and commitment regularly monitored so that any issues can be rectified swiftly. If a student is unable or does not meet the level of commitment required in a specific class they will be moved into a class with a more appropriate support structure.

Entry to the classes will not be based on academic achievement; all students will have the opportunity to apply to be part of these special classes.

Entry will be given to those students who show a commitment to their learning, a commitment to supporting the rights of others to learn and the right of teachers to teach.

If you have a child in Years 7 – 10 in 2015 and would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your child’s placement in 2015 before the 28th of November.

Yours faithfully,

K Adamthwaite

Commitment Classes 2015 (please return to the front office by the 28th November)

• Yes I am interested in my child being a part of the commitment class in 2015.

Please indicate which option you & your child would prefer

• High Commitment & Independent Workers
• High Commitment with some support
• High Commitment with additional support

Name: ____________________________
Student __________________________ Year 2015: __________________________
Movember is about bringing back the moustache (Mo), having fun and doing good to change the face of men’s health. Mo Bros take action by changing their appearance through the growth of a new moustache for the 30 days of Movember, and in doing so become walking, talking billboards for men’s health. Mo Sistas sign up and commit to supporting the men in their lives while helping to promote men’s health at home, in the workplace and within their community.

You can support the LRCS team by donating to the website below.

www.movember.com.au

Search Lightning Ridge Central School TEAM

Support Your Local Moustache

Some of our LRCS Teachers involved in Movember

Computers for Tender

We have a number of desktop systems that we intend to dispose of.

These computers have no operating system and no software.

If you would like to purchase one of these systems please contact the school to tender before the end of term. After 17/12/2014 we will be disposing of them via auction.
December 2014
8:30 — 9:30 am
Monday & Thursday

Will be closed during school holidays and will re-open

2nd February 2015
8:30—10:00 am
Monday—Friday

Uniform Shop

opening hours

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CANTEEN NEWSLETTER

As this will be the last Canteen Newsletter for the year, I would like to wish Students and Staff a wonderful Xmas and New Year.

Please note that the Canteen will be CLOSED Presentation day Friday 5th December, 2014 and opened until the last day of Term 4, Wednesday 17th December, 2014.

ITEMS DELETED:

- Classic milks 375ml cartons, have been deleted and replaced by 300ml Classics available in Choc, strawberry and Iced coffee. - $2.50ea.
- Banana flavoured milk has been deleted.

XMAS TREATS: (The Canteen is allowed 2 RED days per Term allocated by the Fresh Tastes program)

Xmas treats will be available to buy or order at recess or lunch from Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th December, 2014, treats are listed below:

- Choc brownie puddings (cupcake size) - 0.80c ea
- Choc top ice-cream bowls (ice-cream topped with ice magic) - $1.50ea.

Merry Xmas.

Thankyou,

Susan Chapman
Living Hope is a 2 Day Training Program developed by The Salvation Army, with funding provided by the Department of Health and Ageing under the National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

This comprehensive program covers all aspects of suicide bereavement including;
- practical matters to be attended to following the death of a loved one
- the grieving process
- aspects of spirituality
- the influence and impact of culture on grieving
- understanding emotions

In the Living Hope Bereavement Support Training Course you will learn;
- the impact of the loss of a loved one by suicide on family, friends and the community
- grief and the grieving process
- the five big feelings
- the importance of rituals
- trauma and resilience
- qualities of a helpful carer
- practical concerns - funeral arrangements, the Inquest, etc

Who should attend?

The course is targeted at people who may be called on to provide support to people who have been bereaved as a result of the suicide death of a loved one. This could include Chaplains, Counsellors, Health and Welfare workers, education professionals & support workers etc.

Dates: Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December 14 (930am – 430pm)
Where: Lightning Ridge Child and Family Centre – Lot 95 Pandora Street
Cost: Nil
Resources and workbooks, Lunch and Tea and Coffee provided both days

To enrol please contact
Ashlee Brown
Phone: 02 6829 2271
AshleeB@brebc.com.au

Enquiries about content: please ring Hennie on 0419 330 433 or hennie.watts@aus.salvationarmy.org any other matters re venue etc ring above
2015 FWAS Tennis Program Application Form

Warren Tennis Courts - Saturday 15th March 2014

*Please print clearly and ensure all required information is entered including postcodes and Medicare No.
*Lightning Ridge residents please ensure your postal address is correct as mail will be returned by Post Office if street address is incorrect.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Family Name: [ ]
Given Names: [ ]
Name of Parent/Guardian: [ ]
Medicare Number: [ ]
Postal Address: [ ]
Postcode: [ ]
Home Address: [ ]
Postcode: [ ]
Date of Birth: [ ]
Age in 2014: [ ]
Are you of Aboriginal/Territorian/Islander descent? YES / NO
Are you of a culturally diverse background? YES / NO

Phone: [ ]
Phone: [ ]
Mobile: [ ]
Email: [ ]
Name of School: [ ]
Year at School: [ ]

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please list any current medical conditions (e.g. asthma, allergies) or special dietary requirements

TENNIS DETAILS

Tennis History (Last Two Years): [ ]
Representative History: [ ]

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM STAFF (PARENTS/GUARDIANS)

I declare that I am a competent, healthy and drug-free person who has the ability to train safely and effectively. I will attend all training sessions and support my participant in the following capacities: [ ]

Private/Coach: [ ]
Assistant Coach: [ ]
Manager: [ ]
Other (please specify): [ ]

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The information on this form will be used to determine eligibility for this program. By completing this form, you are giving permission to supply your personal information to the Far West Academy of Sport for the purpose of assessment and future contact. PLEASE NOTE: Information supplied will be kept confidential and will only be used for the purpose of assessing and selecting participants for the program.

RISK WAIVER AND MEDIA CONSENT

I agree to my image and personal information being used in relation to the program. I agree to any information I provide being supplied to agencies in relation to the program. I agree that my participation in the program may be recorded and that video or photography may also be used for promotional purposes. I hereby give permission for photography and video recording of all Far West Academy of Sport programs.

I hereby declare that I am of sufficient age to participate in this program. I understand that the program is for recreational purposes only and am responsible for my own safety while participating. I understand that I will not access any medical assistance unless it is necessary. In the event of an emergency, please call 000.

Signature: [ ]
Date: [ ]

Who is Eligible?

Tennis players who reside in the Far West region of NSW (ie area bounded by Lake Cargelligo - Lightning Ridge, Trangie - Broken Hill).

Athletes must turn 10 to 16 years in 2015 (ie born between 1999 - 2005).

Cost

Free

What to Bring

Tennis Equipment, Training gear, Hat, Water Bottle, Towel, Sunscreen and Strapping Tape (if required).

How to Enrol

For further information or to enrol please contact the Far West Academy of Sport

P: (02) 6847 3638
F: (02) 6847 3651

programs@fwas.com.au

When: Saturday 29th November 2014
Where: Warren Tennis Courts, Victoria Park, Udora Road, Warren
Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Friday 28th November, 2014
Communication Matters

Speech Pathology Drop-in Clinic

Drop in and chat with other parents and carers as well as the speech pathologist about children’s communication development.

Friday 21st, 28th November
Friday 5th, 12th December

9am-11am

Cost: Free

MacKillop Rural Community Services
28 Morilla Lane, Lightning Ridge
(building directly behind Harlequin’s Café, in the lane way)

For more information contact:
Lisa Newnham, Speech Pathologist
Phone: 02 6829 1800   Email: lnewnham@fwml.com.au
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Life Without Barriers is seeking compassionate and motivated people who are capable of providing care and support to children and young people.

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Come and get your tyres & tyre pressure checked before Christmas Holidays – it’s free
Lightning Ridge Community Christmas Carols

Friday 12th December 7:30pm

At the Central School

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Carols & items for kids
Glowsticks, food and drinks for sale
Contact David Piper 6829 0597 for any queries

BREAKFAST CLUB will be closed
Last week of School