From the Principals Desk

2014 NAIDOC Week

I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this School stands and also pay respect to Elders both past and present and future.

It has been a wonderful NAIDOC week full of activities and celebration as you will see in the following pages of this week’s newsletter. Thank you to so many staff and community members for the organisation of the week.

As you know Lightning Ridge Central School has five core goals which assist to maintain a positive learning environment. Quality work is so very important and it is represented by a bowerbird display because they work so hard on these and they have to be perfect. I was fortunate enough to have plenty of quality work brought up to me lately which is great to see.

Our Year 5 & 6 excursion to Lake Ainsworth was a great success and the students had so much fun as you will also see in this newsletter.

Wow what a busy semester we have had this year. There have been many positives this semester. Student behaviour and, as a result learning is improving. As a school we are building many positive relationships with parents and carers. Our work with other agencies has improved things for many families and agency support for school initiatives is at an incredibly cooperative and productive level.

As our school goes from strength to strength I am proud to be working with such a supportive community, talented students and such a committed, caring and professional staff.

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and I will see you back in Term 3 on Tuesday 15 July.
From The Deputy Principal

Darren Ball

This week has been an extremely busy and productive week at Lightning Ridge Central School. NAIDOC Week has seen a variety of activities happening across the school, starting with a whole school assembly on the Monday. This assembly showcased the quality work happening in our school and the valuable contributions the local community make to the learning of our students. It was great to see so many members of our local community take part in the morning tea and luncheon.

On Tuesday Secondary students were recognised for their achievements this semester in an assembly and then had the opportunity to be involved in a variety of hands on engaging activities, everything from Art lessons to making Clap sticks and Jewellery. Students had the opportunity to make Johnny cakes on an open fire and the Police visited the school with the multimedia Van, which was a highlight for many of our students.

Wednesday saw a Grandparents workshop held to give grandparents advice on how they can support their grandchildren with their schooling. This was very well attended. Thank you to Mrs. Adamthwaite for her exceptional organisation of this event.

The BBQ lunch organised by Barriekneal on Thursday was delicious and very much appreciated by staff and students alike.

Friday afternoon will see the week come to an end with students watching films with an indigenous perspective.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who were involved in the organisation of NAIDOC Week celebrations, in particular our Aboriginal Education Officers Mrs Roslyn Shaw and Mr. Lennie Frail who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the week. They could not have done it alone so a big thankyou to all staff and community who were also heavily involved in the organisation.

This week has truly been a wonderful indication of what a Proud and Positive place Lightning Ridge Central School can be.

Thankyou to everyone; staff, students and community members who have made a positive contribution to the school this term and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Happy 70th Harro

On Wednesday 25th June Staff surprised our Groundsman Ian Harrison with a morning tea. Harro is a wonderful asset to our school, as he keeps our school grounds in spectacular condition. We were happy to share such a special time in his life.
SALT is a group of women who travel around NSW and Support And Link women in Trades.

This week some of our female students were given the opportunity to participate in this workshop which was designed to increase the number of women employed in trades. It involved ‘hands on’ activities which involved students making a wooden carrying tray. It gave students a chance to talk to tradeswomen about future careers.
Secondary Student of the Week

During week 7, five year 11 students attended ASPIRE UNSW step up program in Sydney and represented the school in a proud and positive way. Congratulations to Amanda Morriss, Renae Bennett, Aldrex Acala, Kent Joven and Stanley Hancock.
Primary Student of the Week

Week 9
Taylor Morgan  SIM
Taylor consistently demonstrates an excellent attitude toward her learning. She always tries her best and is a helpful and considerate classroom member.

Local Hay Drop

Friday 27th June

A convoy of 36 Trucks carrying Hay to be donated to Local Farmers will be travelling through Lightning Ridge between 3:30—4:30.

This hay has been donated from farmers in Victoria.

Please show your support to the farmers and Truck Drivers who have kindly donated their time and efforts to help our local farmers in need, by cheering them on as they drive up Opal street Then turn down Pandora Street.

Media and film crews will be present.
LRCS Reading Challenge for Term 2 had fifty one students complete the challenge. This is less than last term and there are various reasons for this. We had a celebration party in the library at recess on Wednesday which is always fun.

Well done in particular to Dakota Skuthorpe who read thirty books. Dakota is often in the library and helps to shelve books.

People who are around books tend to read more. Try to be a role model for your children. Show them you read.

It was pleasing to see Willy Ferguson at the Naidoc Assembly on Monday hold up two special books, carefully taking them out of a plastic bag before telling the students about what the books were about.

So my message for the holidays is to read with your children! Look at the list below of LRCS Reading Challenge participants and see if you know any of these students. Next time you see them please let them know they are readers and that it good to be a reader!

| Austin Hallett | Lillian McBride | Amelia Hackett |
| Dain McKay | Austin Hallett | Zara McLeod |
| Erin Buchanan | Tarnee Flint | Peter McLeod |
| Clayton Dominick | Lexi McBride | Torin Barron |
| Dakota Skuthorpe | Alex McFadden | Kyanna Skuthorpe |
| Adam Boney-Morris | Tayla Flint | Allira Bleasdale |
| Stevie-lee scott | Izabella Mallouk | Danniele McFadden |
| Sally_Anne Gregory | Sebastian Bogdan | Rory Noel |
| Zack Johnston | Brianna Kotru | Ashton McBride |
| Angel Johnston | Finn Sisa | Riley Gibson |
| Thomas Pickering | Hayden Langley | Levi Dominick |
| Rianna Haverhoek | Dylan Worley | Tillarna Taylor |
| Nate Bamford | Phoebe Taylor | Jazmin Murray |
| Ellie Barrett | Millie Lehman | Melanie Biciancin |
| Taelan Jeffries | Byron James | Lennie Frail |
| Taylor Morgan | Brandon Dos Santos Hall | Layla Dench |
| Steven Walsh | May Troutman | Penny Fahey |
| Quintin Bolton-Cubby | | Teacher Librarian |
Stage 5 Commitment class have been working with special numbers and the patterns that can occur. In order to see the gradual increase of nappies required as each tier is created, the students made nappy stacks and recorded their findings. They were also asked to investigate how many nappies would be required if they had to make the 66th tier of the stack.

**Left** - Each layer of this nappy stack was a circle. It followed a set pattern of: 7, 12, 19, 28, 39 The students found that the increase was a progression of the previous stack’s increase plus two more.

**Above**—the tiers in this stack were designed as squares. They followed the square number pattern: 1, 4, 9, 16, 25

The 66th layer would take 4356 nappies to make as per pattern $N^2$.

**Left** -

Each layer was shaped as a Rhombus or Kite—the mathematical sequence for the number of nappies used per tier was:

1, 4, 9, 16, 25

Which turned out to be square numbers.

The 66th layer would take 4356 nappies to make as per pattern $N^2$.

**Above**—These tiers were made in a triangular shape. The number of nappies used per tier followed the pattern of triangular numbers.

1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21. The 66th tier would take 2211 nappies following the pattern $(N(N+1))/2$.
Celebrating NAIDOC week

School Assembly, Indigenous boys and girls dance groups, Primary performances
Thank you to Guest speaker William Ferguson
Elders Luncheon and cutting of NAIDOC Cake
Primary Indigenous activities included a visit from the Walgett Police Giyaali Youth Van, face painting, making traditional Johnny cakes, boomerang painting, Move it Mob style dancing, jewellery making and more!
Secondary Indigenous Activities were action packed with Woodwork students making clapping sticks, Making jewellery, looms and head bands, Aboriginal art.
Cake Decorating Competition, Special Guest Judge John Murray

Cake Decorating winners:

Early Stage 1
1st Jaidey Samuelson
2nd Jasmin Murray

Stage 1
1st Amelia Hackett
2nd Byron James
3rd Ellie Gough & Zach Johnston

Stage 2
1st Megan Pymble
2nd Teagan McGovern
3rd Adam Newton

Stage 3
1st Chris Jones
2nd Angel Johnston
3rd Kayden Morgan
Celebrating NAIDOC week
School and Community BBQ sponsored by Barriekneal Housing and
Tackling Smoking Workshop

Thank You to all of our Volunteers who have helped make our
NAIDOC week 2014 a success!
The experience at Lake Ainsworth for Stage 3 was life changing. We participated in all types of activities there like canoeing, archery, snorkelling and the list goes on and on. The teachers who took us were awesome and so hip! The funniest experience on camp was when we all went surf skiing and people kept tipping surf skis over into the water.

Thank you to Miss Menz, Mr Forbes and Miss Gamble for taking us to Lake Ainsworth and a special thanks to Miss Menz for organising this excursion you are just the best teacher in the whole world!  

By Natasha Kotru and Sally-Anne Gregory
Kindergarten Beach Party

NARRAN LAKE NATURE RESERVE

SATURDAY 5TH - SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2014
FROM 10AM – 3PM DAILY

YUWAALAYAAY VISITOR AREA

Come and join the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Narran Lake Nature Reserve Co-Management Committee for an open day at Narran Lake Nature Reserve.

Explore this amazing area on a guided tour and stop and enjoy a free BBQ after you have soaked in the rich culture and stories of the traditional people.

Advanced bookings are essential.

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