From the Principals Desk

Education week

Education Week has been celebrated across New South Wales again this year. At Lightning Ridge Central School we have a lot of reasons to be proud. We have a growing school where quality work is celebrated and student achievement is increasing.

We have a school in which the number of incidents of unacceptable behaviour is declining rapidly and the time spent on learning and teaching is increasing proportionally.

We have a supportive parent body who work with the school individually and also through our Parents and Citizens Association and AECG. We have a committed and caring staff who work hard every day to improve the learning outcomes for students and we have students who have a huge range of talents and abilities which we try to highlight and expand.

Our celebration for education week this year included a successful Secondary Parent Teacher Evening and a very successful open classroom day in Primary.

As our school grows and changes the need for more staff or staff with new talents is ongoing, I have been approached a number of times by different groups in our community asking about the potential for work in our school. It's very difficult to look into the future and accurately predict what staff skills we will need and when there will be an opportunity for additional people to work within the school. The best way for anyone to have the highest chance of employment is to leave their resume at the school office and if you are really keen, offer to volunteer in the school for a while so we can see the skills you have and how you work with children and other staff. I always believe the best way to gain employment is to be known in the workplace and have your skills valued by your prospective workmates and employer.

There may be a vacancy next week, next month or perhaps not until next year so take the opportunity now to leave your resume and, if you're interested enough, come in and spend some time working with us so we get to know you.

One of the very highest priorities is working cooperatively with all parents and community groups and the best way to do that is come in and see us if you have an issue or a question please come in and visit the school. Our welcoming staff in the front office are always happy to help out and find the person who can best answer your question or resolve the issue. I am always happy to meet with parents and community members if I can be of any assistance.

Please remember that we ask all parents to use the front door of the school office when coming into the school. The rear door opens onto the side of the office that is only to be used by students and staff. Thank you for your cooperation as this helps our school run more smoothly and ensures we can best protect our students.

We are very fortunate that at a time when our school is improving rapidly we are also in a cycle of planning determined by the Department of Education. Our major planning will take place this year for the years 2015 to 2018. The plans developed this year will guide the direction of the school and how we allocate our resources for the next three years. It is very important that anyone who has an idea, suggestion or a concern takes part in the consultation around our planning process. We will shortly be organising parents and community consultation meetings and it would be fantastic to see as many people as possible at those meetings, we will of course be consulting with our AECG and P&C. This is another avenue for you to have your say if you can’t make it to our community consultation meetings.

Planning a positive future for our school is one of the most valuable contributions we can make to the development of our students.

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What’s Coming Up!

Term 3

Week 4
8 Aug
Barwon Athletics at Collarenebri

Week 5
11—12 Aug
School Photos
12 Aug
UNSW Mathematics Competition
13 Aug
Year 10 Student & Parent Information Evening
15 –18 Aug
Mid-Term Break

Week 6
18—29 Aug
Book Week & Book Fair
19 Aug
Bake a book competition
20 Aug
Placard Parade
22 Aug
Oral Reading Competition

Week 7
25—28 Aug
Stage 2
Bathurst Excursion
Education Week

Wow! What an excellent turnout we had from community members coming into the school to celebrate education week. It was wonderful to see parents and carers engaging in some fantastic lessons put on by the teachers. Thank you to all who attended and please remember you are always welcome to discuss your child’s progress.

PBL Focus of the Fortnight

This fortnights PBL focus is Follow Instructions. This rule is important for two reasons. Firstly, for students to learn they must be able to do what the teacher is asking them to do and secondly following instructions at school helps keep everyone safe. To help with this many classes use the 5L’s.

Rugby League and Netball

Selected students from Stage 3 will be participating in the upcoming George Rose and Jenny Wright Shields. Keep a look out for notes going home as they will need to be handed in for teams to be finalised.

Personalised Learning Plans

At Lightning Ridge Central School all of our students and teachers work together to create learning goals to help improve learning. However, in New South Wales all Aboriginal students are required to have a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) developed. These involve teachers, students and parents negotiating a set of goals and putting in place strategies on how to achieve these goals. Some students have already had their plans developed. However over the coming weeks, parents will be contacted to make arrangements to have their child’s plans developed. We hope you can support this Important initiative.
Lightning Ridge Central School is full of very enthusiastic educators and learners. We pride ourselves on delivering high quality education to all our students. To help celebrate all the benefits that a quality education brings, the Primary section of our school held a number of activities to celebrate Education Week on Friday 1st August. Below are some open classroom and Athletics carnival presentation photos.
Secondary Student of the Week

Week 3 Year 8
Xanthe Bryant

Xanthe is a respectful and hard working student who represented the school well at the Aspire program in Sydney in week 2 (21st-25th July). She is a great role model for her peers, as she consistently works well in class and encourages others to follow her lead. Xanthe is always willing to assist both her peers and teachers when needed with a positive attitude.

Primary Student of the Week

Week 3 S1F
Layla Dench

Layla consistently follows instructions and is always on task. She is a wonderful role model for her peers and a fantastic representative of S1F.
Secondary Student of the Week

Week 4 Year 9
Darci Brain
Darci has made a significant improvement in her application towards learning this year. She has increased her involvement in lessons and is quick to begin activities and produces quality tasks. She assists others and has become a good role model as she encourages her peers to follow instructions and complete their own work.

Primary Student of the Week

Week 4 ES1B
Brett McFadden
For always following the school rules and putting in a big effort.
Congratulations Brett!
The Tony Bones Performance of *The Windy Farm* in the gym in Week 2 was a highlight of our term. The scope of using a picture book allowed me to prepare the students for the dramatized version. To see actors act out a story we have studied gives deeper meaning and allows students to experience music, puppetry and drama of a live theatre performance. This event was funded by the school and I believe it is a very valuable way to educate our students.

Students had many opportunities of audience participation during the performance. Our students were totally engaged in the performance. Our Stage 3 students felt comfortable enough to instigate their own way of involving themselves with their own movements and clapping. There was question time at the end and the actor explained how certain effects happened and told our students how they could also achieve this.
Last term Clayton Dominic S1M, entered the Books in Homes competition which is always on the second page of the catalogue. Clayton sent his entry away and was rewarded with a parcel of books, a puzzle and other fun things for his efforts. Stage 1 will receive Books in Homes again in Term 4. (None this term)

We have, with Books in Homes, applied for funding for Books in Homes for K-6 through a government funded project. Mr Adamthwaite wrote a submission and I liaised with the Books in Homes General Manager, Kim Kingston. Kim put in a huge amount of work on our behalf and I am quite confident that we should be successful for next year. I will keep you informed.

A reminder that Book Week is on soon. Week 6!
How quickly the term goes!! I would like you to start thinking about saving money so your children can purchase a book at the Book Fair, Reading aloud with your child in preparation for the Oral Reading Competition, Preparing for the Bake a Book cake decorating competition, and talking to your child about a book they love in preparation for the Placard Parade. Some classes will make placards at school, but it is always more fun to do it at home and with the mid term break this is a great opportunity to use the extra time for a fun activity. The town library is also a good place for inspiration and I know they do craft activities there too...

Welcome back to Kerrieanne who has been on leave. Thank you to Camilla Finne for working so well in the library while Kerrieanne was away. Camilla is now working with Year 2 so we haven’t lost her completely!

Penny Fahey Teacher-Librarian

Week 1
ES1 Levi McCabe ES1T
(Canteen voucher)
Stage 1 Phoebe Taylor S1F
(Book: Staircase to the Moon)
Stage 2 Riley Gibson S2G
(Book: Patricia )
Stage 3 Jordan Mahoney S3L
(Magazine: Countdown collection)

Week 2
ES1 Tayla Flint ES1B
(Canteen voucher)
Stage 1 Joseph Griffiths MCT
(Canteen voucher)
Stage 2 Leilani Spicer S2B
(Book: The impossible quest)
Stage 3 Jordan Mahoney S3L
(Canteen voucher)
Mandatory Technology Food

During Semester Two Year 8 students are studying Mandatory Technology Food. In this subject they will be experimenting with some café style foods. Areas of study include nutrition, advertising, costing, safety and working through the design process. They have a practical & theory task which is due in Week 9.

BUSINES SERVICES & BUSINESS STUDIES

Year 12 Business Services students are working towards one of their last tasks for this subject. They are required to plan, source, work within a budget and produce an electronic presentation. Shortly some students will be completing their last work placement to complete this course.

Year 11 Business Studies students are now working towards completing assessment tasks which involve writing a Business Plan. This involves them pretending they are starting a new business and they have to complete a plan of actions required.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This term students will be studying a unit about festivals & celebrations, they will be studying a celebration/festival of their choice. They will then be producing a food from this festival/celebration in Week 8. The theory component needs to be handed in by Week 8, 4th Sept.
Year 12 are currently studying non-linear functions in Mathematics. In particular we are studying parabolas and exponential graphs. We have been applying these skills in practical situations.

Year 12 General Maths

Through the use of a phone app called ‘Time Shift Burst’ we were able to track the motion of a basketball as it was thrown. We then used the bricks as a measurement tool and were able to make coordinates to graph this motion. What we discovered is that it created a perfect symmetrical parabola.

Year 12 have also been participating in dice activities which demonstrate exponential decline and how this forms an exponential graph. They were then asked to demonstrate, using counters, a scenario of exponential growth.
Year 8 Mandatory Technology

This term half of Year 8 are completing a Technology unit on Design. Students began with a recycling exercise where they had to create as many useful items as they could using a plastic milk bottle. Each product was marked by the whole class and students were rewarded for ingenuity, attractiveness, functionality and the number of products they made from one bottle. The articles made ranged from door stoppers to funnels and measuring cylinders and also included watering devices and science experiments.

Students then chose a design project from a long list of suggestions including jewellery, mosaic, electronics, textiles, interior design, scrap booking, string art and card making. Almost all chose string art after researching various templates but many decided to design their own patterns. There is currently a great deal of hammering going on in the room but as yet hasn’t disturbed the one student designing and creating their own dream catcher.

WELFARE PROGRAMS

Year 11 Study Skills Year 11 are currently working on their Study Skills during Roll Call each morning. Topics including motivation, time management, effective listening skills, study timetables, memorisation techniques and note taking will be covered during this term. It is hoped that some of the information learned will be most beneficial for them in their end of Year 11 exams to be held from 15th – 19th September.

Our Minds Matter

A team travelled to Dubbo last week to look at the ways we can improve the wellbeing of everyone at Lightning Ridge Central School. They were part of a MINDMATTERS workshop which focused on helping schools support young people to cope with challenges, build relationships and achieve their goals. Students and staff participated in an anonymous survey about their current state of wellbeing and this data will be used to create an implementation plan that addresses whole school change for mental health and wellbeing in the school. Student and community Focus Groups will be involved in the process and their input will be vital to the way the program develops.
HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

The Stage 4 MC Class assists at Food for Families every Thursday morning. It is wonderful to see them interact with other volunteers and help community members with their food purchases. This opportunity is also improving their social and educational outcomes.

James and Cassie helping in the storeroom by filling people’s orders

Marshall and Conner packing the food orders for the clients.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Last Friday the 1st August, there were lots of jeans on display. Students were encouraged to wear jeans and donate to the Children’s Medical Research Institute. Pictured below is some of our Year 10 students who supported the cause.

Don’t forget Boys Night In on Thursday 7th August. Make sure you return your note to the Main Office ASAP!
Secondary Sport Reward Day

Tuesday 29th July, 2014

Rock Climbing – Lightning Ridge Indoor Aquatic Centre
Last Thursday and Friday at the Opal Festival four of our students Casey Rice-Jones, Michael Forsberg, Ted Smith and Aaron Pardey participated in an opal carving workshop at the Bowling Club. The four students absolutely loved every minute of it. They all gained invaluable skills and knowledge that they will continue to use in the future. A huge Thankyou must go to Justine Buckley for putting in the time to teach these students, she does it every year and it is greatly appreciated by the students and the school. Thankyou also to Lyn Carney and the Committee for allowing this to happen each year.
Dear Parent,

This note is being sent home with your son/daughter today because it is suspected that some children in the class have live nits and/or lice in their hair. We ask you to please check your son’s/daughter’s hair.

In accordance with Department of Education policy, if you find them, you are asked to treat if there are any alive so that he/she may return to school after the treatment. Please note that it is important to treat everyone living at the house at the same time.

Appropriate treatments are available from the pharmacy without prescription. A cheap, effective and non-toxic alternative is thick white hair conditioner and a lice comb. The conditioner is to be applied very thickly to dry hair, making sure all the hair all the way to the scalp is covered in conditioner. Leave this in your child’s hair for at least 15-20 minutes and then using a lice comb comb through the hair and remove the suffocated lice and eggs. It is useful to comb out the lice sitting in the bath as the dead lice will be washed away. Wash hair as normal after this treatment.

Some outbreaks are resistant to some treatment types and so it could be useful to consult the staff at the chemist or the Health centre as they should be as well placed as anyone to give advice about what is currently proving effective.

Nathan Forbes
Assistant Principal
Loom Band Guessing Competition

Ending Soon!!!
Competition will be drawn
Thursday 7th August

$1 per guess at Office during Recess and Lunch
Abby's Big Day On The Green

Saturday 16th August 2014
Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club
Dress in RED for Cystic Fibrosis Awareness

Barefoot Bowls Family Fun Day and Fundraiser
Teams of 4, $10 per person

1pm Bowls Team Registration
2pm Bowls kicks off
4pm Sausage Sizzle and tickets go on sale for Market Day Raffles
5pm Kids Disco in upstairs Function Room
      Market Day Raffles start in Auditorium
7pm Karaoke in Auditorium with Trina Brown

*All proceeds go towards helping Abby's Family purchase a CF Airway Clearance Vest*

For more information, or for early Bowls Team Registration, phone:
   Peter Williams: 0427783454
   Liz Smith: 0419612627
   Tamen Nagy (L/R Pre School): 02 6829 0626
   Amelia Maxwell: 0467974018
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"Touches of brilliance"
"...it’s a blast!"

3 NIGHTS ONLY!
11 - 13 September 2014

Music Karen Nicholls • Script Rosie McKellar and Karen Nicholls

7pm Lightning Ridge Central School Hall | Tickets at the school from 21 July 2014 | Tickets only $10
# Canteen Menu Term 3 2014

## Snacks (Recess & Lunch)
- J’J’S chick/pizza/burger/s&v pkt $1.00
- Grain waves sour crème $1.20
- Go cookies choc chip lite/Anzac bisc $0.80
- Snack pots choc /vanilla 140gm $1.50
- Yoplait yogurts vanilla/strawberry 175gm $2.00
- Cheese sticks $1.00
- Lite sara lee muffins choc $1.80
- Popcorn $1.00
- Fun buns (plain or cinnamon) $1.80
- Bacon & cheese rolls $1.50
- Fresh fruit banana/apples/oranges $1.00 - 1.20
- Fruit salad or peach cups $1.30

## Drinks
- Spring Water 600ml $2.00
- Quench 10% juice blue/cola/pine lime/orange $2.20
- Apple raspberry $2.20
- 350ml Orange/apple/tropical juice $2.30
- Poppers apple/orange/tropical $1.80
- 300ml choc/strawty/banana milks $2.50
- Big M choc/strawb lite ctn milks 250ml $2.00
- Nippys reduced fat choc/strawb/honeycomb $2.30
- Iced coffee 375ml $2.30
- LOU’s Razzbri/blackcurrant/strazzb/ $2.40
- Plain ctn milks 300ml $1.80
- Classic iced coffee/choc milks ctn 375ml $2.80

## Icecreams Lunch Only
- Icy poles lemonade/raspberry $1.20
- Fandangles Fairy floss/rainbow Chocolate $1.50
- Chocolate dixie cups/vanilla $1.00
- Ka blueys blue/red/lemon fizz (2 only p/p) $0.50
- Frozen yogurts strawberry/mango $1.80
- Fruitiscs $1.50
- Bananarama/choc /real caramel icecream $1.50
- Fruity ice pops $0.60

## Sandwiches (Rolls Extra 20c)
- Salad $3.40
- Cheese & tomato $2.60
- Ham cheese tomato $3.20
- Ham or chicken salad $3.50
- Ham $2.80
- Chicken $3.00
- Ham & cheese $3.00
- Chicken lettuce mayo $3.40
- Egg lettuce mayo $3.20
- Eggs/curried egg $3.00
- Tuna lettuce mayo $3.50
- Vegemite/cheese $2.40

## Wraps (Wholegrain)
- Salad wraps $4.50
- Chicken / Ham salad $5.00
- Chicken lettuce mayo $4.50
- Chilli tender lettuce tom avo cheese $5.50
- Tuna lettuce mayo $4.50
- Tuna salad $5.00

## Salad Boxes (please pre order salad bowl or box)
- Salad box $5.50
- Chicken/ham/egg/tuna salad $6.00

## Salad Bowls
- Salad $4.00
- Chicken/ham/egg/tuna $4.50

## Toasted Sandwiches Wraps Extra 20c
(all toasties cooking spray used)
- Cheese & ham $3.20
- Ham cheese tomato $3.40
- Ham cheese pineapple $3.40
- Cheese $2.40
- Chicken avo cheese $3.50
- Chicken & cheese $3.40
- Cheese & tomato $2.80

## Hot Foods
- Sausage rolls (lite pastry) $2.80
- Travellers pies $3.20
- Party pies light $0.90
- Chilli tenders $1.40
- Garlic bread $1.20
- Chicken strip or Chicken wedge ea $0.60
- UFO ½ roll cheese & tom sauce $1.50
- Chicken wedges/stripes per bag $2.80
- Lasagne $3.80
- Macaroni cheese $3.80
- Pizza pocket $2.60
- Enrico Pizzas 160gm Ham pine $2.80
- Enrico Pizzas BBQ meatlovers $2.80
- Beelburger (lett/tom/cheese) $4.00
- Chicken burger (lett/tom/mayo) $3.80
- Potato bake $3.80
- Chicken or beef & gravy roll $4.00
- Beef or chicken noodles $1.80

## Miscellaneous
- Tomato Sauce or BBQ $0.20
- Salad dressing $0.40
- Bundle of lunch bags $2.00

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**Salad Boxes incl. (lettuce/tomato/cucumber/carrot/beet/cheese) (please pre order)**

**All profits made by Canteen go to the P&C for the students.**

**Please note Canteen closes for orders at 9.30AM!**
Dear Parent

- This envelope MUST be handed to the school office.
- This envelope enables the school to name students for school records.
- If you are buying photos choose which pack and tick it accordingly.
- Please include the correct money as no change is available.
- Cash or Credit Card payments preferred (AMEX not accepted).
- Credit Card - a $1.50 surcharge is charged on each transaction. Inability to process credit card transactions within 7 days incurs a $10 administration fee.
- A full refund is guaranteed if dissatisfied - RETURN PHOTOS WITHIN 7 DAYS.
- A $20.00 search fee will apply to all late orders received after packages have been printed.
- Both a composite and traditional style photo included.
- Family envelopes are available from the school office - Siblings attending the school only.

Academy Photography
PO Box 25
Regents Park BC NSW 2143
Telephone: 1300 766 472
## School Photographs Order Envelope

### pack A
- 2 - 18x13cm
- 4 - 9x6.5cm
- 4 - bonus wallets
- class

### pack B
- 3 - 18x13cm
- 4 - 13x9cm
- 4 - 9x6.5cm
- 4 - bonus wallets
- class

### pack C
- 1 - 25x20cm
- 3 - 18x13cm
- 4 - 13x9cm
- 4 - 9x6.5cm
- 4 - bonus wallets
- class

### INDIVIDUAL ONLY
### pack D
- 2 - 18x13cm
- 4 - 9x6.5cm
- 4 - bonus wallets

### CLASS ONLY
### pack E
- class

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**Credit Card Voucher. If you are using credit card facilities, please detach this slip and place inside envelope.**

Please charge my credit card (please circle): [ ] Mastercard [ ] Visa (AMEX and Diners NOT ACCEPTED)

Card No

Cardholder’s Name

Address

Expiry Date / Amount $

Signature

Postcode

Daytime Phone No

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### Gift Pack 1
- 8 gift cards - 6x10cm each

### Gift Pack 2
- 5 x bookmarks - 20x6cm each

### Gift Pack 3
- portrait sheet - 20 portraits