It’s wonderful to be back and looking forward to an exciting year in 2015.

A couple of reminders for the start of the year:

- Any student absent from school must bring a note explaining their absence when they return if you have not already phoned the school.
- All students should only access the front office through the back door (school side) and use the student/staff counter. All parents, carers and visitors should only enter the office through the Front door (street Side) and use the Parent/Visitor counter.
- Please remember that for the safety and security of all children ALL VISITORS MUST GO TO THE FRONT OFFICE and sign in and obtain a visitors badge.
- Please don’t be offended if you are asked to go to the office to sign in if you are in the school without a badge. It is for the security of ALL students.

As always the number one focus for the year is the growth success development and of course happiness of our students as well as cooperation and consultation with parents and carers and community.

It’s great to see already our community is heavily engaged with motivating and assisting with the learning of our students. After school we are looking at running interest activities across a broad range of areas for any students who are interested in participating. Some of the activities already in development are; go-kart building, GEEKS club, sewing, embroidery and photography. These have all been developed in less than a week, who knows what next week will bring.

As well the excitement of a new year we have the excitement of new staff members and I’m sure you’ve all seen their introduction to Lightning Ridge in the Ridge News last week. Our new staff members will bring to our school a mixture of experience, enthusiasm, and energy that will improve the education of all students at Lightning Ridge central school.

I would like to mention two staff members in particular firstly Nathan Forbes. Nathan came to Lightning Ridge as an inexperienced young teacher a number of years ago. During his time here Nathan has been more than happy to take on new challenges, develop his excellent teaching and last year after gaining the position of Assistant Principal spent most of the year expertly leading the primary department. Nathan’s skill, talent and dedication has been recognised and Nathan is now the Principal of Goodooga Central School. Congratulations Nathan we will miss you but we know that our loss will be a huge gain for Goodooga.

The other staff member I would like to mention is Penny Lehman. Penny left her position as Deputy Principal here at the end of 2012 to pursue other priorities. We have found since then that

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From the Principal's Desk

These two staff members are typical of the staff supporting your children every day at school. Lightning Ridge Central School has the ability to develop a high level of skill in all of our teachers. While this is great for the staff and your children unfortunately, it is recognised elsewhere and we will always be losing our talented staff to areas where they are needed. We will always have talented staff ready to step up and replace those who leave and that’s part of being a great school. Our aim in this school is to provide the best quality education for every individual who attends our school but to be able to do this we need to have the students at school every day.

In 2015 attendance will be a very high priority if students are not at school they are not getting the best preparation for their future.

To ensure the highest possible attendance we are looking to engage a person to work in the community assisting students and families to ensure that every student enrolled at school attend school on every day that is possible. If your child has an excessive number of absences expect a knock on the door in 2015. We are also looking encouraging participation by providing an exciting range of activities to extend our school beyond normal school hours as well as ensuring the highest quality education during school time. Our aim is to provide every Lightning Ridge student with the best possible preparation for their future.

Just like last year our school will be encouraging and rewarding students who are doing the right thing and that includes attending school, in uniform, being prepared to learn and being part of our respectful learning environment.

Our Commitment Classes successfully provide a wonderful learning environment for students who wanted to focus on learning in classrooms where educational activities receive priority and disruption is minimised. This has been so successful that we have extended that concept to all classrooms. In 2015 every classroom is one in which everyone will be expected to focus on learning and success. The difference is some classrooms will have independent learners other classrooms will have learners who need more support to reach their potential. We aim to place every student appropriately to maximise their learning and give them the best opportunities into the future.

I would like to begin the year by inviting all parents and carers to visit our school whenever there is a need. Sometimes just because you would like to see what is happening in classrooms Even though we have a large fence it’s not there to keep out parents, carers and friends of our school. If you would like to see a particular person or class it is always better to make an appointment. There are many things happening here all the time and as much as we are happy to spend time to talk to you about how we can improve your child’s education, without an appointment you may arrive when we are already busy with something else.

Primary Report

Penny Lehman – Assistant Principal

Proud and Positive in the Primary Department

Primary Newsletter

The year has started with a lot of energy and enthusiasm across the primary area of our school. Welcome back to our returning families and a special welcome to our new families. This year we have started with 12 new students into the primary area, as well as 32 kindergarten children. The uniforms look fantastic and I thank the parents and carers for their efforts.
Staffing for 2015 – a big surprise for our area of the school was the news that Mr Nathan Forbes was awarded the principalship of Goodooga Central School, starting day 1, 2015. This is a fantastic promotion for Mr Forbes, but a very sad day for our school. Mr Forbes has been part of our school for 7 years and during that time he had lots of positive experiences with kids, parents and school staff. We wish him well at Goodooga and know that he takes with him a very strong commitment and passion for maximising the learning opportunities for all students. As a result of this change, I will be reliving in his position. Unfortunately Ms Johnson (Instructional Leader K–2) will not be returning to LRCS until term 2 and Michelle Taylor has stepped in to co-ordinate and oversee her program, this will be a great opportunity for Mrs Taylor and one where her class and staff will benefit from her experiences. We welcome 2 new classroom teacher: Mr Jakob Currie (Stage 2) and Miss Ellen Stiller (Stage 1).

Attendance – this year we are having a big focus on attendance. It is so important for all kids to come to school every day unless they are sick. All absences need to be accounted for, that means that parents have to explain to the school any days their child has been absent. Children that come to school regularly do much better academically and are more settled in class. Something to keep in mind: if a student missed 1 day each week for their primary years – it would add up to approx. 280 days (56 weeks)... this would put the child so far behind with their learning, it would impact their post schooling options immensely.

Mid-Term Break – dates 27th Feb – 2nd March

Emergency Lunches – these will no longer come from the school canteen. Students need to see Mrs Lehman or Lennie for assistance.

Swimming Carnival – as parents are aware we had our school swimming carnival in the first week of term. The day was well organised and we had for the first time in years a full school carnival. It was great to see students from Year 2 – to Year 12 having a go and participating for the fun of it.

Staff Training – shortly, staff in the primary will be starting to participate in professional learning sessions. Unfortunately this takes the teachers away from their classes for short periods, however the feedback from staff last year was that the training was highly valued and each of the teachers were able to make improvements to their teaching practise. This is a ‘win’ for our students and their learning outcomes. Please be understanding that teacher absence is a necessary consequence - we do try to coordinate training so that there is as little disruption to learning as possible.

Playground issues – in the past week a number of students have been causing concern on the playground. When teachers see students breaking the PBL rules the students are ‘benched’ for time out. Time out is an opportunity for the students to stop and think about the implications of their behaviour on the safety and wellbeing of both themselves and others on the playground. It would be fantastic if parents could reinforce the rules of:

- Right place, right time (stay in bounds)
- Hands and feet to self (don’t touch others or take their hats)
- Following instructions (listen and do as you are told)
- Showing respect (think about how my behaviour is impacting others)

First Aid – if your child is referred to the front office for first aid, the front office staff will provide first aid as required. Parents will only be notified if their child needs to be picked-up, if the ambulance has been called or if the staff feels that the injury is serious enough to contact parents.

Getting to know your child’s teacher – kids perform the best when there are genuine partnerships between the parents and their child’s teacher. We encourage parents to make contact with the school to talk about the learning of your child. Please be proactive and make the time to meet the teachers and look at how together we can maximise the learning of your child. The Primary department will be holding 2 sessions which will be meet and greet opportunities. More on this in the coming week.

If you would like to formally meet with a particular staff member, please ring the office (68290511) and organise a time that is suitable to yourself and the teacher. The front office staff are very friendly and happy to help with this.
Primary Student of the Week

Week 3  S2F

Maddison Fuller

Maddison has been selected as student of the week for her excellent transition to year 4 and being a mature and responsible role model for her class peers. Well Done!

Primary Student of the Week

Week 4  S1W

Natasja Thompson

Natasja Thompson has been awarded Student of the week for helping others, showing respect and always trying her best. Congratulations Natasja!
Primary Student of the Week
Week 4 MCT
Izaya McLaughlin Brooks-West

Izaya has been awarded Student of the week for always trying his best and making good choices. Great work Izaya!

Secondary Student of the Week
Week 4 Year 7
Maliek Cobb

Maliek has had a great start to his high school career. He has shown all of his teachers his commitment to our school values and has produced quality work. He is respectful student who has tried his best in all activities.
Hello and welcome back to school for 2015,

I thought of changing my photo and the font for Library News but I actually like both so, like a good book which you can read more than once, the same is good if it works!

Many of the things we do in the library this year will be similar because they work. They work in getting students into the library and reading. They work in complimenting what happens in the classroom and they work because the students like most of what happens.

In the first week back at school our lessons involved discussing what happens in the library: the borrowing and returning procedure, library rules, the LRCS Reading Challenge, the timetable and what happens in the library at lunchtime. Stage 1–3 were given their LRCS Reading Challenge recording sheets. Kristen Drew of S1S has already read ten books and handed her sheet in! Kindergarten start the challenge in Term 2.

Kindergarten students started school the way we all do with something new: some with confidence, some with apprehension and a small number who just looked overwhelmed and did not want to be here. If you are prepared then your progress should be easier.

Mem Fox, a highly regarded picture book author believes a diet of books is fundamentally important to becoming successful readers. Please parents if you read to your children it will nurture a desire to read. Keep that child reading and you will change so much in their life.

With that in mind the town library is a great place to visit and below is the Library timetable so you are aware of your child’s Library Day. We work best when we work together. Always feel that you can ask about anything that occurs in my lessons and in the library. Borrowing occurs in library lessons and also students can borrow at lunchtime. I like students to bring a library bag to protect the books, but we have plastic bags if sometimes they forget.

Secondary students have a great collection of Senior Fiction to borrow and some teachers are bringing their classes into the library, but hopefully students will visit independently. I am teaching two secondary classes this term so these students will be in the library. Good readers become good writers and in senior years assessments often involve writing.

Kerrieanne Turk is again assisting me in the library and we are available to answer your queries and help you to be more involved in your student’s learning.

Best wishes with involving yourself in reading and encouraging your children to also enjoy reading.

Penny Fahey Teacher - Librarian
Welcome to two of our senior students who have been accepted through AEST to undertake school based traineeships in Education Support. This is a great opportunity for these students. They will gain valuable experience and qualifications out of it. To start with Zachary Webb will be working in stage 3 and Tellulah Mahoney will be working in Early stage 1.

Congratulations Zac and Tellulah.
First Day of Kindy
Learning their titrates from their nitrates, their pipettes from their burettes, has started in earnest for Stage 6 Chemistry.

Accurate observations and accurate records provide the evidence for all our scientific knowledge. Evidence helps us make sense of our world.
This year is the International Year of Light. Science Week from the 16th to 24th of August will have the theme “Making Waves—The Science of Light”.

Year 7/8 Maths were astounded to learn that the metre is the distance that light travels in a vacuum in one 300 millionth of a second.

Reflected light waves give us the brilliance of the opal, colours in flowers and birds.

Students are encouraged to think and learn about how light contributes to our world, for our Science Week celebration of light..

**BOTANISTS AWAKE!!**

For late-night wanderers and those with good eyes and noses, you might be lucky enough to see or smell the flower of the night-blooming *Cereus cactus*. They open for one evening only, sending out scent to attract as many insects as possible to help them fertilise for this next generation. Careful not to get too close, on Thursday night his Lightning Ridge beauty was full of greedy bees.
Swimming Carnival
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Registration for 2015
Lightning Ridge Central School Hall

Yearly Registration Fees-$45
Class- $8.00

Classes

**Wednesday**
Senior Performance Jazz Ballet 11-16yrs 3:30-4:30

**Thursday**
Tiny Tot Class 3-6yrs 4:00-4:30pm
Junior Jazz Ballet 7-10 years 4:35-5:15pm

Expression of interest-Hip Hop 10-16yrs
Classes begin Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th February
Miss Menz and Miss Mittasch
Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes less than 35 minutes to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

As well as schools getting student feedback, the Department of Education and Communities, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), will have access to data from across the State and will run a research project to look at state-wide patterns of student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The research will look at how these things impact on student outcomes, including academic performance. Individual students and schools will not be identified in any CESE publications, and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students’ personal information will not be disclosed by the Department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by Friday 27 February.


Kerry Adamthwaite  
Principal  
Lightning Ridge Central School

Dr Jenny Donovan  
General Manager  
Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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E cese@det.nsw.edu.au  
www.cese.nsw.gov.au
Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey

If you do not want your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by Friday 27 February 2015.

I (print name) ................................................................. DO NOT give consent
for my child/children (print name/s) ..............................................................
of class/es .......................to participate in the Tell Them From Me
student feedback survey.

Signed................................................................. Date.................................
Wednesday 22nd, 2015 is the final date for the University Competition Entries.

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The NSW University Competitions 2015

The NSW University has competitions for students from Year 2-12. They are now known as ICAS. (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Students who participate in these competitions gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared to the rest of the students tested.

I am available if you would like to discuss the competitions further. Money and permission notes need to be at the front office by Wednesday 22nd April, 2015.

Ms T Parsons  
NSW University Competitions Organiser

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2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Permission Slip.

Please return this section to the front office with payment by Wednesday 22nd April, 2015.

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The Uniform Shop is open
8:30-9:30 am
Mondays & Thursdays only

**Lost Property**

Reminder to all parents, if your child is missing items of clothing please check lost property in BOTH Front office and your child’s classroom.

All unclaimed items will be recycled into our uniform pool at the end of each Term.
AECG MEETING

Wednesday 25th February
3:30pm
Lightning Ridge Central School
Agenda: Connecting to Country
Facilitator: Desmond Barton from State
AECG
Afternoon Tea will be provided.

P&C MEETING

5pm
Tuesday 10th March
Did you know a **speech pathologist** regularly visits your school?

Far West NSW Medicare Local Speech Pathologist, Lisa Newnham will be at Lightning Ridge Central School in Term 1, 2015 on:

- Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} February – Week 3
- Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} February – Week 5
- Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} March – Week 7
- Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} March – Week 9

You can contact the speech pathologist on 02 6829 1800, talk to your schools Learning and Support Teacher or come to Communication Matters, drop-in clinic (see flier attached).

**Why is communication important?**

Communication is essential for letting someone know what you want or need, building friendships, learning, literacy, numeracy and being involved in all daily activities at home, school or in the community.

A speech pathologist can help someone communicate using speech, sign, symbols, gesture, reading and writing.

**What is Speech Pathology?**

Speech Pathology can assess, diagnose, treat and manage difficulties with communication and swallowing.

**Speech Pathologists can help with:**

- **Speech** – making the sounds that are used to make up words.
- **Using language** – using a range of words, forming complete sentences and telling a story in order.
- **Understanding language** – being able to follow instructions, answer questions and understand any information.
- **Fluency** – stuttering or speaking smoothly.
- **Social skills** – being able to play and talk with others.
- **Voice** – using voice that is age and gender appropriate.
- **Feeding** – being able to taste and swallow a range of flavours and textures.
Communication Matters

Speech Pathology Drop-in Clinic

- Ask any questions you have,
- Chat about communication skills,
- Strategies and ideas to encourage communication,
- Find out more about speech pathology,
- Advice on whether you should refer your child.
- For everyone! – those who have not seen a speech pathologist, if you are on the waiting list or already seeing the speech pathologist.

Fridays Term 1, 2015
Starting 13th February

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
Welcome back to Term 1, 2015.

Please note to all parents, teachers & students, the Canteen is operated by the P&C, all profits made by the Canteen go to the P&C for the students. The Canteen has a NO BOOKING UP ITEMS, CASH ONLY POLICY! Please do not ask to book-up, as it will be declined.

The Canteen follows the Fresh Tastes Healthy Canteen guidelines set out by the canteen association. GREEN (healthiest ie. Fruit, salads, sandwiches, etc), AMBER (majority of menu ie. Pizza, pies etc), RED (items to be sold only twice a Term ie. Confectionary etc., Easter & Xmas).

The canteen tries to cater to all tastes, healthier the better, please find revised Canteen menu for Term 1, 2015, attached, (copies available at the Canteen or in the class room baskets) any new items, deleted items or price rises will be advertised in the Canteen Newsletter.

Please note that all profits made by the canteen go to the P&C for the students.

The usual sandwiches, rolls, wraps and small and large salad boxes are available all year round. Please pre order salad boxes, some sandwiches, rolls, and wraps are ready made to sell over the counter, ordering is still the best way of getting exactly what you want for recess or lunch.

**CANTEEN RULES**

- **MORNINGS: CANTEEN OPENED FOR ORDERS AND TO BUY DRINKS ONLY**
  - 8.30am – 8.40am
- Year 5 & 6 and High school only allowed to buy drinks in the mornings during the above times!
- Parents can order until 9.30am for students. Canteen screen will be closed from 9.30am until Recess.
- Kindy to Stage 2 (Red shirts) all orders can be placed in canteen baskets (menu and bags available in each stages baskets) and sent around to canteen for Recess and Lunch orders.
- Please when ordering students Recess and Lunches please put R or L on separate bags with students name and class and items to be ordered any icecreams ordered for lunch will be put in separate bag with students name on bag and sent with lunch orders, change will be sticky taped to bag. Year 5 & 6 to year 12 students can buy over the counter at recess and lunch.
- Icecreams are sold or ordered at lunch only.
- Please note that the Canteen will close 5 min before bell time. Roller doors will be closed. Students will not be served outside of Recess & Lunch times.
- Over the counter hot foods and snacks always available and an assortment of sandwiches and rolls also available, Beefburgers and Chicken Burgers.
- Wraps, salad boxes please pre-order these items always best to order as you get what you want!

Thank you,

Susan Chapman.
## Canteen Menu Term 1 2015

### Snacks (Recess & Lunch)
- Frozen orange ½ or ½ banana: $0.50
- Banana sandwich or toasted: $2.50
- J'T'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 pacs choc/vanilla 140gm: $1.50
- Yoplait yogurts vanilla/strawberry 175gm: $2.00
- Cheese sticks: $1.00
- Lite sara lee muffins choc: $1.90
- Popcorn: $1.00
- Fun buns (plain or cinnamon): $1.90
- Bacon & cheese rolls: $1.50
- Mamee lone star Cheese snacks pkt: $1.00
- Mamee noodles chicken or BBQ pkt: $0.80
- Fresh fruit banana/apples/oranges ($1.00 - $1.30): 
- Fruit salad / peaches cups: $1.30

### Sandwiches (Rolls Extra 20c)
- Cheese: $2.40
- Cheese & ham: $2.40
- Cheese salad: $3.60
- Cheese & tomato: $3.00
- Ham cheese tomato: $3.60
- Ham or chicken salad: $3.80
- Ham: $3.00
- Cheese: $2.60

### Hot Foods
- Frozen orange ½ or ½ banana: $0.50
- Cheese: $2.40
- Ham: $3.00
- Chilli tenders: $1.50
- Garlic bread: $1.20

### Wraps (Wholegrain)
- Salad wraps: $4.80
- Chick. burger (lett/tom/mayo/beet): $4.00
- Potato Bake: $3.80
- Beef or Chicken noodles: $1.80
- Chicken strips ea. (replace nuggets): $0.50

### Drinks
- Spring Water 600ml: $2.00
- Quench 10% juice blue/cola/pine lime/orange: $2.30
- Apple raspberry: $2.30
- 350ml Orange/apple/tropical juice: $2.40
- Poppers apple/orange/tropical: $1.80
- Classic 300ml choc/iced coffee/strawb milks: $2.50
- Big M choc/strawb lite ctn milks 250ml: $2.00
- Nippys reduced fat choc/strawb/honeycomb: $2.40
- Iced coffee 375ml: $2.40
- LOL'S Tropical/blackcurrent/Razzbri: $2.50
- Plain ctn milks 300ml: $2.00

### Icecream (Lunch Only)
- Icy poles lemonade/raspberry: $1.20
- Fandangles caramel p/corn/choc/fairy floss: $1.50
- Chocolate dixie cups/vanilla: $1.00
- Ka blueys blue/red/lemon fizz: $0.50
- Frozen yogurts strawberry/mango: $2.00
- Frozen moosies Blue/Choc/Strawb.: $1.20
- Bananarama/choc /real caramel icecream: $1.50
- Fruity ice pops: $0.60

### Salad Boxes (please pre order salad bowl or box)
- Salad box: $5.50
- Chicken/ham/egg/tuna all salad box: $6.00
- Italian lite dressing: $0.40

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

### Toasted Sandwiches Wraps Extra 80c
- (all toasties cooking spray used)
- Cheese & ham: $3.40
- Ham or chicken salad: $3.80
- Chicken avocado cheese: $3.70
- Cheese & cheese: $3.50

### Miscellaneous
- Tomato Sauce or BBQ: $0.20
- Italian lite dressing: $0.40

**Salad Boxes incl. (lettuce/tomato/cucumber/carrot/beet/cheese) all profits made by canteen go to the P&C for the students.

***Please note that canteen closes for orders by 9.30am!*
We Want You

To help provide our students with extra activities (after school, on school grounds). The purpose of our exciting new program is to offer our kids something more..... ignite their imaginations and show them every opportunity available. If you have a skill or talent you would like to share WE NEED YOU.

The Community of Lightning Ridge is AMAZING

Projects in the pipeline include: Go-Kart Building and Racing

Photography, LEGO, Landcare, Music

Sewing, Knitting, Crochet

Homework Centre, Golf

We also need donations of equipment and supplies


Contact the Lightning Ridge Central School on 68 29 0511

"Inspiring Our Kids To Dream Big"