From the Principal’s Desk

It's hard to believe that with so many things going on around the school, that our students are spending more time in class focused on learning than ever before.

This is a school after all and the most important thing we can do is to produce the type of student that our community wants to see as adults in the future. When asked what other properties that you will want to see in your children as they grow to adulthood most respondents said that they wanted happy, well-adjusted young adults who will be successful (in whatever field they choose) and make a positive contribution to our community.

At Lightning Ridge Central School we are working towards that goal every day. We understand that the best way to ensure success is by ensuring maximum academic growth for every student while at school. This gives them the best options in the future. We also understand that the development of a child is based around support, security, consistency and the development of an understanding of the responsibilities of being a good citizen and community member.

It’s a huge task and one that the staff of the school relish every single day and it’s a task that I believe they are being incredibly successful in doing. In the past few weeks we have seen our little school achieving a much higher rate of success than anyone could have guessed.

From across Australia 66 students were chosen to attend the Brothers in Union Camp, A Lloyd McDermott rugby development opportunity in Sydney. 3 of those students were from Lightning Ridge. From the hundreds of students all across the region who attended a workshop for the Bangarra dance group, 3 were chosen from Lightning Ridge and from the hundreds of students who attended Moorambilla choir workshops, 30 were chosen from Lightning Ridge. All of these events are difficult to be selected for and show not only the talent of Lightning Ridge students across a broad variety of activities but it also shows the dedication, persistence and desire to succeed in whatever it is they are doing. This is an enviable quality in young people and it seems now to extend into the classroom, the workplace and sporting and cultural activities that occur in our area.

In a partnership between parents, community and school, the real winners are the students. We can all be very proud of the young people of Lightning Ridge.

On Saturday, 25 April 2015 Australia commemorated the 100th anniversary of the landing at Anzac Cove. This was a major turning point in the development of our country as a nation on the international stage and the ceremony that took place in Lightning Ridge reflected the importance of that day to our community today. It was great to see the number of people who turned out for the town service to honour the fallen from all wars and to remember so that we never have to go through the horror of war again. As Principal I was particularly proud to see about 130 students of Lightning Ridge Central School attend in full school uniform to represent the school, the town and the other students who were unable to attend or who attended ceremonies at different venues. I’d like to thank the students who marched and I would particularly like to thank all those parents and carers who made sure that our students were there on time and beautifully presented. I would also like to thank all the organisers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to produce such an outstanding ceremony on such a very special day.
Look at what's been happening in stage 1...
Primary Student of the Week
Week 1 S1S
Mattie-Lee Seaton

Mattie-Lee Seaton has been awarded student of the week for consistently displaying a positive attitude towards all school areas and always being a lovely reliable friend. Congratulations Mattie-Lee!

Primary Student of the Week
Week 2 S2F
Boyd Wiesnet

Boyd Wiesnet of S2F has been awarded student of the week. Boyd always sets a good example for his classmates by following the school rules.

Well done Boyd!

Secondary Student of the Week
Week 1 Year 7
Maddison O’Neill

Maddison has had an excellent start to High School. She takes pride in her work as she produces tasks of high quality across all subjects and is a polite and motivated student.

Congratulations Maddison!

Secondary Student of the Week
Week 2 Year 8
Leslie Cobb

Leslie has shown increased commitment to his studies this year. He has consistently completed tasks and is willing to share general knowledge and shows a curious and enthusiastic nature towards his learning.

Good work Leslie!
Stage 4 classes explore why there are different time zones around the world. We had to get the maps out to find some of those cities and countries.

Stage 6 were looking at spheres. We found that the radius of the Earth (at 6371 Km) was 42.5 million times the size of our globe.

The surface area of the Earth is \(510064471 \text{ sq Km.}\)

The Volume of the Earth is \(1083206917000 \text{ cubic Km.}\)
Stage 6 Chemists show that we are just a combination of elements. Stage 4 scientists are keeping it under their hats (but apparently we are mostly made of Solids, Liquids and Gases.) Stage 6 Biologists swear it’s all in our DNA.

This Term students are learning about energy.

**Thermodynamics Experiment**
The aim of this experiment was to predict, observe and explain what happens to the water temperature when different volumes of water at different temperatures are mixed. Student made a prediction of what the equilibrium temperature would be and then proceeded to test this.
ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION 2015
Questacon Science Circus is coming to Lightning Ridge Central School.

A whole hour of marvels and wonderment.

On MONDAY 1st JUNE
Year 7 –10 at 9 am
Stage 3 at 10 am
Stage 2 at 11.30
Stage 1 at 12.30
Cost $5 per student.

Everyone gets to attend.

Watch out for a permission note in a schoolbag near you!
Irlen Screening and Lens Assessment

On Monday the 4th of May and Tuesday 5th May (Term 2 Week 3) Erin Young from the Dubbo Irlen Clinic will be coming to Lightning Ridge to screen or test children for Irlen Syndrome (formerly known as Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome).

Children/adults use coloured overlays or glasses to help process visual information. Symptoms can include: Light sensitivity, reading problems, discomfort, attention and concentration problems, writing problems, depth perception and word distortion.

Costs: Dubbo Irlen Dyslexia Clinic prices
The basic screening costs $98 and takes 1 hour
The second assessment is for the coloured overlays/lens assessment and costs $198
Coloured lens costs a minimum of $200 (Plano only, no script)
Should you wish to have your child assessed or reassessed please contact Jasna at Lightning Ridge Central School 6829 0511 and I will put you on the list.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6829 0511.
INVITATION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Acknowledging and celebrating our Volunteers

GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 11-17 MAY 2015

VOLUNTEERS PICNIC DAY

Saturday May 16, 2015

Lions Park 11.00am to 2.30pm

Free Induction Kit and Volunteer Handbook,

Update on Work Health and Safety

Sharing of stories and experiences in volunteering

BBQ Lunch, Tea, Coffee and cakes

For more information call
6829 4027 or 0428 862 738

This alcohol free event is organised by
The Ridge Community Resource Centre and
is sponsored by the Walgett Shire Council

Supported by Volunteers, Local Service Providers and Community Organisations
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 2, 2015 on:

- Thursday 30th April – Week 2
- Thursday 14th May – Week 4
- Thursday 28th May – Week 6
- Thursday 11th June – Week 8
- Thursday 25th June – Week 10

You can contact the speech pathologist on 02 6829 1800 or talk to your schools Learning and Support Teacher.

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.

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.
Please join us for a Lightning Ridge Central School

MOTHER'S DAY

LUNCHEON

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

12.00PM - 1.30PM

Three course luncheon

Adults $25, Students $15

Students must be with an accompanying adult

Tickets for sale in School office until 6th May.

Tickets cannot be sold on the day for catering purposes

There will be prizes & games on the day
Dr Kath will be visiting the school on Thursday May 7th.

If you would like to see Dr Kath, please make an appointment with Michelle Pymble or at the front office.

A parent or guardian will need to attend the appointment.

All appointments need to be made before 11am on Wednesday May 6th.

**Uniform Shop**

**Opening Hours**

The Uniform Shop is open

8:30-9:30 am

Mondays and Thursdays only

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Year 11 Hospitality students Trent Taylor, Cristen Finne and Ted Smith have won the local CWA competition for their Lemon Zest Cake! They will now advance into the next level of the competition.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015

Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT.

Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in this envelope, complete entry details on the back and return to your school or workplace co-ordinator to be eligible for the draw.

Submit your entry on Stewart House Day 8\textsuperscript{th} May 2015

ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH STEWART HOUSE BY Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May 2015
to participate in the draw
Need support, but don’t know where to go?
Call the Western Family Referral Service

Are you a parent/carer of a child aged 0-18 years, a young person aged over 16 years, a pregnant woman?

We can support you to find services that will help you or your family.

Telephone, Drop in, and Outreach to your home or community can also be arranged.

Please contact us on:

1300 339 016
Head Office: 213 Brisbane Street, Dubbo
Operating Hours: 8am and 6pm Monday - Friday (except public holidays)