From the Principal’s Desk

As usual it’s been a very busy few weeks of learning, sport, culture and motivation. Stage 2 excursion to Dubbo went exceptionally well as did the Under 15 Basketball competition. Gymnastics has replaced Athletics training as sport.

Our girls and boys went to Mooramibilla rehearsals and our older students attended Maxed Out rehearsals in Baradine. School photos were completed and students competed in Ronny Gibbs rugby league and netball competitions. Our senior students attended HSC Enrichment days and our Dancers were able to take part in a regional dance workshop held in our own school. Book week was a big week in the library and across the whole school. All of these events required staff to give up their time to ensure students benefited from all of these opportunities – thank you all. Thanks to parents and carers who also gave up their time to support their own children.

In addition to all of these activities, we taught classes all day every day, teachers and support staff prepared lessons and managed the running of the school. We held meetings to plan and better prepare for the future of our school and to improve student learning, after all, that is the main focus of our school. Thanks to all this hard work and commitment, our students continued to grow and develop with pride in themselves and their school.

Our NAPLAN results were released last week and our students’ results are now closer to state expectations and more importantly, the growth of our students has dramatically improved. In fact it did surprise me when I heard our local member on the Moree radio naming us as having very high student growth – much better than similar schools.

At school we are working really hard to improve student results and as time progresses that growth will take our results closer and closer to state expectations. The Year 3 results are a little lower than state expectations but I expect with the work that is being done with the Early Action For Success (EA4S) Program and with the knowledge our staff are gaining from this EA4S expertise, the Year 5 results will be very good and next year’s Year 3 results will be quite good.

At Lightning Ridge Central School we are not only developing students’ NAPLAN results, we are also working on building student leadership and establishing high expectations for quality work and behaviour. This is flowing through into improvements in classrooms. Most students are starting to understand that this is a school that it is not playground, not a holiday camp but it is a place where you go into a classroom to learn and that is the most important thing any young person can do for their future. With the support of Staff and Parents, learning is being valued to an increasing extent.

Parents are a vital part of improving the learning and behaviour of students and I am pleased that we have worked really closely with many parents however at times it is frustrating to attend meetings where very few parents come along to discuss the future of their children. The teachers of the school are committed and work long hours to help your children become the best people they can be and they need your help. Teachers need to have input from parents about the best way to develop students and about the direction our school should be taking.

On Tuesday 8th September, there is secondary parent teacher evening and a personal invitation has been sent home with the students for every parent or carer to attend. The meeting will be held between 4 and 6 PM in the school library and all parents are welcome. If your child has not brought home the invitation please contact the school to let us know that you are coming along.

The following night on Wednesday 9th September, a Regional Departmental Officer will be running a workshop between 4 and 5 PM for all community members about the Department of Education’s new Well-Being Framework. The well-being framework is a new policy which sets out how schools should go about providing for the well-being of students. This important information will be discussed with community members in this forum.

A late congratulations to the students who attended the Regional Athletics Carnival in Tamworth last week! I have not heard all the results yet but I do know that some of our students have made it to state representation. Congratulations to all who competed and if you look further into this newsletter I’m sure you will find more information.

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So much fun to be in ES1G! Look what we’ve been up to!

The Gingerbread Man – We made and decorated gingerbread men!

Jack and the Beanstalk - We planted our own magic beans and wrote about what we would find at the top of our very own beanstalks.

The Three Little Pigs – We created individual pieces of art and wrote wanted posters for the big bad wolf.
Fairytale Castles by Temia and Macy

Local Superheroes – My dad plays games with me. By Riley

The Three Little Pigs

The bird’s foot was swollen and the birds got their colours. By Mia

Looking at our footprints

Kindy fun at the Placard Parade
Books light up our world! The library was alive and alight during Book Week.

The cakes that were made for the Bake a Book competition were truly splendid. Thank you so much to the families who made an effort and helped their children participate in this fun activity. The competition created a lot of interest and students were able to relate to some of the books that others loved. Two families of teachers made a great effort with their children and also entered a cake themselves.

The winners are listed below:

Teachers: Miss Campbell and Miss Francis
Stage 3: Kyhnan Samuelsson and Daemen Thompson
Stage 2: Tia Medhurst S2C
Stage 1: Alex Hawkins-Lohse S1S
ES1: Sharlize Masters ES1T

Miss Francis and Miss Campbell in front of their prize winning cake. It was for the book *Everyone Poops* and was creatively hilarious.
Teachers also were involved in the display this year showing their favourite books.

Three happy students with their books purchased from the Book Fair.

Jack Cummings and Ace Medhurst

Students colouring for the K-12 Book Week Colouring in Competition. The winner of the competition was Natasha Kotru of Year 7.

Library Turtle draw winners have been:

Week 6
ES1    Temia McBride ES1T
Stage 1 Dannielle McFadden S1 M
Stage 2 Ellie Barrett S2V
Stage 3 Ace Medhurst S3M
The Placard parade was fun!
The Placard parade is always fun. Most students never have a problem choosing a favourite book. Creating a placard takes a bit more effort as does baking a cake for Bake a Book. It was delightful to see the books that were student’s favourites. Thank you again to parents who took an interest in making placards. Most classes had this as a homework activity.

The Oral Reading Competition was held on Friday. This was the last Book Week event and it was great to have two local authors adjudicating. Cilka Zagar and Barb Moritz were so positive in their comments about our readers and so interested. Their love of books showed as they spoke to our students.

The winners were:

Kindergarten: Lily Kaluski
Stage 1 joint Winners: Jazmin Murray
Stage 2: Bryce Abel
Stage 3 joint Winners: Mahad Sohail

Thank you to Kerrieanne for a fabulous Book Fair, Sue Scoles for helping with the Placard Parade and thank you to Cilka Zagar and Barbara Moritz for adjudicating so splendidly at the Oral Reading Competition.

Books light up our lives during Book Week. I hope they continue to do so for the rest of your lives.

Penny Fahey
Teacher—Librarian
Primary Student of the Week
Week 7 S1S
Paxton Kaluski

Paxton is consistently giving his best in all classroom activities. He always provides a helping hand to his peers. Paxton’s work ethic, encouragement towards others and friendly personality are admirable qualities. It is a pleasure to have Paxton in S1S.

Well done Paxton!

Primary Student of the Week
Week 7 MCT
Sarah Haywood

Sarah has made improvements in her reading and writing. She takes pride in her work and strives to improve daily. Sarah is a great role model in the class and tries to follow classroom and playground rules at all times.

Keep up the positive work Sarah!

Secondary Student of the Week
Week 7 Year 12
Matthew Grace

Matthew is an inspiration to his peers due to his growth during Stage 6. He is an example that a student can change their attitude and motivation to schooling to achieve success. His teachers are impressed by his development and are proud of his determination to complete Year 12. He also makes excellent milkshakes!

Congratulations Matthew!
Recently students travelled to Dubbo to participate in an education study day. This was a joint program between Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Australian Museum and Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens.

Taronga Zoo presented live encounters with a range of Australian animals. Students learnt how these animals have adapted to their environment.

The Australian Museum presented fossils for a study on fossil ancestors and modern day animal skeletons. The Botanic Gardens gave students a first hand look at mechanisms found in local examples of Australian flora for pollination, seed dispersal and asexual reproduction. Students also had a close encounter with the rare Wollemi Pine and compared it to its’ fossil ancestor *Agathis jurassica*.

Students had a fun filled excursion which was full of exciting learning through hands on activities.
Stage 5 Cardinal have been working on angles of elevation and depression in trigonometry. We made our own clinometers to measure these angles, then used our knowledge of trigonometry and right angles to measure the height of the flagpole and the width of the ‘Crocodile and Piranha infested river’ that we (obviously) could not cross.

Stage 4 Harlequin have also been working with Right Triangles. They have been making the two small squares fit into the one big square. A bloke called Pythagoras says it’s possible. Maths keeps you wondering!
Book Week—Bake a book competition
Book Week—Library displays and Placard Parade
Bangarra Dance
Year 12 major works

Art works

Stevan Kotru

Amanda Morriss

Matthew Grace

Renae Bennett

Craig Reardon
In our second year of U15 CHS knockout competition the boys had a win against Moree by the way of an unfortunate forfeit. After the disappointment of not playing and having a few boys that had been training missing, the team lined up against Collarenebri High for their second round match. Both teams started tentatively and matched each other basket for basket during the first half and going into the break the game was tied 11 all.

As the second half started both teams started to play a better brand of basketball, with Cameron Summers, Angus Hallett, Christian Babar and Luke White combining well with Leon Raveneau, Josh Doctor, Max McMaster and Joshua Mahoney with some good passing saw some good baskets being scored. Lightning Ridge gained a small break at the midway mark of the half and led by 8, but Collarenebri staged a late comeback with good full court pressure and pegged back the lead and eventually ran away with the game 34 – 28

Patrick Demaine for Lightning Ridge had a great game scoring 17 points and playing some great defence.
FATHER’S DAY Breakfast

Thursday 3rd September from 7.30am to 8.30am

$10 breakfast

Children are asked to invite the special man in their lives to our Father’s Day Breakfast on Thursday 3rd September. We will have bacon & egg rolls or pancakes with maple syrup & ice cream with tea and coffee.
If you are interested in ordering an ergonomic school bag or chair bag, please complete this form and return it to the front office.

Prices for bags and ordering information will be available once expressions of interest have been received. The school may be eligible to make a bulk order subject to expressions of interest received.

Name: ________________________
Phone number: __________________

I am interested in:

☐ Ergonomic school bag
☐ Chair bag

Please submit your expressions of interest by Monday 7th September.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Secondary staff at Lightning Ridge Central School would like to invite you to attend a Parent and Teacher Evening at the school on Tuesday 8th September, 2015. The parent teacher discussions will begin at 4.00pm and conclude at 6.00pm. There will be signage to guide you to Q block where the interviews will be held. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Your child’s development and learning at Lightning Ridge Central School is important to us. To ensure your child has the best possible opportunities to succeed we encourage you to contact the school office staff and make a 15 minute appointment to meet with each of your child’s teachers. Students are invited to attend as well if you wish, as they need to take responsibility for their learning as well.

The Parent and Teacher Evening is held for the purpose of increasing your understanding of the progress your child is making at Lightning Ridge Central School. We encourage all parents to come along and discuss the learning opportunities that are offered.

During the meeting the items discussed may include the following;
- Your expectations of your child’s learning
- Strategies to personalise and enhance your child’s learning
- Teacher feedback
- School policies and goals

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

The staff at Lightning Ridge Central School
Workplace Support Skills
Providing employees with essential support skills
for work and everyday life

Do you come in to contact with distressed persons within your workplace? Would you like to be able to deal more effectively with stressed clients and difficult conversations? Would you like to know more about how and where help is available for mental health concerns?

This **3 hour short course** will cover:

- stress—impacts and coping techniques
- effective communication skills
- delivering unwelcome information
- how to deal with an angry or distressed person
- signs that a person may be struggling with their mental health
- seeking and providing help
- available mental health services
- how to look after your mental wellbeing

**When:** 12th October, 2015

**Time:** 10.30am

Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Integrated Child and Family Centre

**Where:** Lot 95 Pandora Street
Lightning Ridge NSW 2834

**6th October 2015**

**RSVP:** Ellie Blanch (RAMHP Coordinator) 0477 343 628
Ellie.Blanch@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
Education Services Forum supporting Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Agreement

As part of the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Agreement educational services personnel from the Department of Education invite members of the community to participate in a forum about the Wellbeing Framework.

The forum will give the community an opportunity to hear about the Education Department’s approach to wellbeing and provide an understanding of the behaviour code for students, Suspension and Expulsion of School Students policy and attendance requirements.

The forum will run Wednesday 9 September 2015 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at Lightning Ridge Central School Library.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Golden Tickets Has Officially Been Launched

The Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Integrated Child and Family Centre and The Lightning Ridge Local Police, together have formed a partnership to reward the children of Lightning Ridge for their positive behaviour in the community.

What Is The Golden Ticket?
The police will issue the children with a ‘Golden Ticket’ for positive behaviour
There will be two age groups 7 and under & 14 and under
Every three months there will be a movie rewards night for all ‘Golden Ticket’ holders
‘Golden Ticket’ holders details will go into a barrel, one name from each age group will be drawn out at the rewards night.

Those two lucky “Golden Ticket” holders will win a prize to the value of $400

Positive Behaviour = Positive Rewards

For More information please contact Rebel at the AICFC on (02) 5352696 or 0455626587
## Canteen Menu Term 3 2015

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## Drinks

- Spring Water 600ml: $2.00
- Quench 10% juice blue/cola/pine lime/orange: $2.50
- Apple raspberry: $2.30
- 350ml Orange/apple/tropical juice: $2.50
- Poppers apple/orange/tropical: $1.80
- Classic 300ml choc/iced coffee/strawb milks: $2.60
- 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

## Salad Boxes (Please Pre Order Salad Bowl or Box)

- Salad box: $5.50
- Chicken/ham/egg/tuna all: $6.00
- Chicken/ham/egg/tuna: $4.50

## Miscellaneous

- Tomato Sauce or BBQ: $0.20
- Italian lite dressing: $0.40
- Bundle of lunch bags: $2.00

## Small Salad Bowls

- Salad: $4.00

## Sandwiches Wraps Extra 80c

- (All Toasties Cooking Spray Used)