From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome Back to School for another terrific year.

A few things to think of this year.

Across the whole school the focus is on LEARNING!

The year has begun perfectly. Students are placed in the best classes for their learning and this will be reviewed again in about 3 weeks to ensure that students are still in the best learning environment for their growth.

This will not include consideration of where their friends are or how many times family has contacted the school. It is all about learning.

Secondary students will be able to lease a laptop for learning for just $25 per term.

Computer technology is becoming a part of everyday life and it is important that students become familiar with using this tool. Learning can be enhanced and made more engaging when all secondary students have access to computers and teachers are using innovative teaching practices.

The laptops will be issued to students who agree to a comprehensive set of guidelines to ensure they are looked after, available when needed and used as a learning tool only when at school.

This is our aim in 2016 – Improve learning through innovation and technology across Years 7-12.

K-6 have not been forgotten – iPads will soon be available in all Primary classrooms as part of the Primary Technology Plan. This will improve learning and engagement in lessons throughout K-6.

This school loves to hear what students and parents have to say.

Students can inform us through their SRC and Parents have their official voice through P&C and AECG. Both organisations would love to have more active members and we would love to learn the opinions of a wider range of parents and if these organisations are more informed, they can make better decisions for your children and their learning.

I am always happy to talk to people about any issue and would love to make time for an appointment whether it is a problem you see, a great thing our students or staff have done or an idea we could use to improve learning at our school. Please ring the school office and we will arrange a time for our discussion. If you arrive without an appointment I may already be engaged with someone else and you could waste time waiting.

Respect, Responsibility and Pride are the words our school has chosen to represent our school values. I’d like to congratulate our families on the way all our students have returned to school trying their best to live up to these three very important ideals as a way to improve their learning and provide the best possible future for every student.

It is going to be a great year!
Hello,

I am delighted to say that I saw a family at the town library each time I went there myself in the holidays and they were sitting in bean bags engrossed in books. I try to engender a love of reading but some special parent has done this for these three children.

I am hoping parents will support a love of reading at home by reading themselves, discussing what is being read, reading to and with their children, buying their children books and showing an interest in what book their child brings home from our school library. Knowing when your child’s library day is helps too, so I have included the Library timetable below for your information. Scripture is also held in the library and this is on Friday between Recess and Lunch.

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The library is open Monday-Thursday at lunchtime.

In the lessons I teach outcomes from the English syllabus and for Semester 1 these are Speaking and Listening, Writing and Representing and Reading and Viewing. I will give more information in subsequent newsletters, but I have each K-6 class for an hour a week in the library. Students can borrow books during their library time and also at lunchtimes. We have a visiting author later in the term and Stage 1-3 have the LRCS Reading Challenge.

That’s all for now. This is a busy term but any questions you have related to the library please feel you can contact either Kerrieanne Turk or myself.

Penny Fahey
Teacher- Librarian

S1 - Balabalaa
Primary Student of the Week
Week 3 S2 - Flannery
Bryton Seabrook

As a new student, Bryton has not wasted any time settling in. He has a great attitude towards school and has contributed with enthusiasm at every opportunity. Bryton has made friends quickly and participates in all aspects of classwork. It is my pleasure to welcome Bryton to our class.

Well done Bryton!

Secondary Student of the Week
Year 7
Alannah Dean

Alannah has had an excellent start to high school. She participates well in all activities and ensures she completes quality work. She shows respect to everyone that she interacts with and is eager to assist others.

Congratulations Alannah!
Primary News

The classes have settled really well into the routine of school. The uniform is great and everyone is focussed on learning. As everyone would be aware we have changed the names of the classes for 2016. Following, are the details for all the classes across the primary area and an explanation of the class names:

Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) & Stage 1 (Yrs 1&2): Nathaniel Sundstrom

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Assistant Principal Stage 2: Michelle Taylor

Assistant Principal Stage 3: Pam Caley

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A big thank you to Beck Arthur, our school chaplain. Whilst on leave, Ms Arthur managed to arrange a large amount of stationery equipment to be donated to the school.

The donation is for students from remote and isolated areas.

Some of the stationery will go straight into classrooms and some will be kept for prizes for our K-6 students.
Stage 4 scientists have been working hard to attain their Bunsen Burner licences and figure out how to separate difficult mixtures, colloids and suspensions.

Stage 5 scientists are diving into the human body, practicing their microscope skills, learning about diseases and the immune response.
Stage 5 have made an excellent start to 2016 in Mathematics. They have been working very hard learning about Financial Mathematics, particularly GST, discounts, best buys and calculating incomes.

Stage 4 have started this year as highly committed students in Mathematics. Year 7 is settling in to their new classes and are busy learning about measurement, particularly length, perimeter and time.

Please don’t forget that all students in years 7-12 need a calculator. These are used daily in Mathematics and are frequently used in many of their other subjects as well. They are available from the School Office for $22 if needed. The model used at LRCS is the CASIO fx-82AU PLUS as pictured.
The Year 12 English Standard class has started the year on the run with their HSC Module A Run Lola Run film study. They are encouraged to maintain their enthusiasm for their studies and motivation for the next three short terms that are left of their time at high school.

Year 12 English Studies have started the year by considering their use of the internet and social media as part of the module Digital Worlds – English for the Web. Of particular relevance to these students is an evaluation of their posting history given that many employers now check job applicants’ Facebook, Instagram and other online activity.

Ancient Historians of Year 11 are investigating the past and the connections between archaeology, science and history, particularly how science is used in archaeology. They will soon move on to a study of ancient human remains.

Year 11 Standard English have started the year with a review of narrative and language in preparation for their close study of the classic novel To Kill a Mockingbird. The Year 11 English Studies class is preparing for their future in the workforce with resume writing and interview practice.

Non-fiction texts are the focus of the Stage Five and Stage Four English Units and classes are drawing their inspiration from the late Robin Williams’ belief that ‘words and ideas can change the world’.

Students have begun the course by writing letters to themselves as a means to reflect on their strengths and goals. Students have also begun exploring the use of non-fiction texts such as letters and documentaries in working toward social change.

Stage Five HSIE has started the new Geography Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. This term they are studying biomes and sustainability with a focus on food production and other sustainable living practices.

The new Geography Syllabus is also being rolled out in Stage Four HSIE. Students are learning about landscapes and landforms worldwide, and have begun the year with plenty of skills practice.

Lightning Ridge: a grasslands biome

Lightning Ridge Central School has received a grant in conjunction with Punchbowl Boys High School and community arts organisation Westwords to run a creative writing project throughout 2016. Visiting author workshops and a writing camp will be part of the program. Stay tuned for more details.
Cricket practice with Mr Britts
Thursdays from 4pm –5:30pm.
Starts 25th February
Teachers, parents & guardians & Stage 2 & 3 students are invited to participate in cricket practice.
For the first practice, hot chips and soft drinks will be provided.
Cricket gear is provided.

Opal Dance Works
Classes start 17th February

Wednesday
Senior performance Jazz Ballet - 11-16 years—3:15-4:00pm
Junior Jazz Ballet - 7-10 years - 4:00-4:45pm
Tiny Tot Class - 3-6 years—4:15-4:45pm

Thursday
Senior Hip Hop - 11-16 years—3:45-4:30pm
Junior Hip Hop - 8-10 years—4:30-5:15pm

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they 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 improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.
Play for the Tigers in 2016

Registration Will be held at

Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club

Saturday 27th February - 12 Noon

$80.00 registration fee per child (includes insurance, football shorts and socks)

Under 8’s  New Registrations Welcome

Under 10’s  New Registrations Welcome

Under 12’s  if your child is new to the Tigers and interested in playing for the Under 12’s this year, please discuss with Committee during registration.

Families are welcome to participate in our charity barefoot bowls. All proceeds raised on the day will be donated to our Tigers JRL club.

$10.00 per person includes a sausage sandwich

Everyone Welcome!!
The Early Intervention Indigenous Liaison Program is a national program funded by Department of Social Services and hosted by Autism QLD. The Program is designed to assist Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families, communities and service providers to gain a better understanding of what Early Intervention is available for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-6 years with a disability.

**WORKSHOP DETAILS**

**Day 1**
Tuesday 1st March 2016
Time: 900am – 3:30

**Day 2**
Wednesday 2nd March 2016
9:00am – 2:00pm
Venue: Walanbaa Dhurrari

**WORKSHOP**

**WHAT IS AUTISIM SPECTRUM DISORDER?**

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH AUTISIM SPECTRUM DISORDER?**

**CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS**

**WHAT IS COMMUNICATION?**

**MANAGING CHILDHOOD ANXIETY**

**WHERE TO FROM HERE?**

**RSVP**

BJ Morgan or Loretta Schuler
Phone: 5852 0000
Email: lrettas@brebc.com.AU
Before: Friday 26th February 2016
Stage 3 Fundraiser

Brochures can be picked up from the Lightning Ridge Central School front office.

Orders need to be returned by Friday 4th March 2016.

Thank you for your support
Welcome back to Term 1, 2016.

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, 2016, 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.

NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE:

- Slams pizza or chicken flavour (bite size pies 8 per pkt) - $3.00ea
- Snaps BBQ or Tangy salsa flavour 25g pkt - $1.50ea
- Gluten free Sausage rolls (by order only) - $3.50ea
- Gluten free pies (by order only) - $4.00ea

EASTER TREATS (RED DAY) will be advertised in next newsletter. As previously mentioned the Canteen is allowed 2 RED days per term. (i.e. confectionary etc.).

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 doors 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!

Thankyou,

Susan Chapman
**Canteen Menu Term 1 2016**

### Snacks (Recess & Lunch)
- **Banana Bread 75g** $2.50
- **Weetbix berri bites (10 per pkt)** $0.70
- **J’J’s chick/pizza/burger/s&v pkt 20g** $1.00
- **Grain waves sour creme** $1.20
- **Gomes chocolate/Anzac bisc** $0.80
- **Chocolate yogo** $1.30
- **Yoplait yogurts vanilla/strawberry 175gm** $2.00
- **Cheese sticks** $1.00
- **Lite sara lee muffins choc** $2.00
- **Popcorn** $1.00
- **Fun buns (plain or cinnamon)** $2.00
- **Snaps BBQ/Tangy salsa gluten free pkt 25g $1.50**
- **Frozen ½ banana or ½ orange** $0.50
- **Fresh fruit banana/apples/oranges ($1.10 - $1.30)**
- **Fruit salad cups** $1.40

### Sandwiches (Rolls Extra 40c)
- **Cheese** $2.60
- **Cheese & Tomato** $3.00
- **Ham cheese tomato** $3.60
- **Ham or chicken salad** $3.80
- **Ham** $3.00
- **Egg lettuce mayo** $3.50
- **Egg/curried egg** $3.30
- **Tuna salad** $5.80
- **Chilli tender lettuce tom avo cheese** $5.60
- **Chicken/ham/egg/tuna all salad box** $6.00

### Hot Foods
- **Cheese & Bacon roll** $1.70
- **Sausage rolls (lite pastry)** $3.00
- **Travellers pies** $3.40
- **Party pies lite** $1.00
- **Chilli tenders** $1.50
- **Garlic bread** $1.30
- **UFO ½ roll cheese & tom sauce** $1.70
- **Chicken strips per bag (6)** $2.90
- **Chicken wedges (4)** $2.90
- **Lasagne** $4.00
- **Slams (pizza/chick pie bites) pkt 8 $3.00**
- **Pizza pocket** $3.00
- **Pizzas Ham pine** $3.00
- **Pizzas Bacon/cheese** $3.00
- **Beefburger (lett/tom/cheese/beet)** $4.20
- **Chick. burger (lett/tom/mayo/beet)** $4.00
- **Nacho Dippers Spag. Bol. Sauce** $4.50
- **Beef or Chicken noodles** $1.80
- **Chicken strips ea. (replace nuggets) $0.60**
- **Sausage roll gluten free** $3.60
- **Pie beef gluten free** $4.00

### Drinks
- **Spring Water 600ml** $2.00
- **Quench 10% juice blue/cola/pine lime/orange**
- **Apple raspberry** $2.40
- **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**
- **Iced coffee 375ml** $2.50
- **LOL’s Tropical/blackcurrent/Razzbri** $2.50
- **Plain ctn milks 300ml** $2.00

### Icecreams Lunch only
- **Icy poles lemonade/raspberry** $1.30
- **Fandangles caramel p/com/choc/fairy floss** $1.50
- **Chocolate dixie cups/vanilla** $1.00
- **Ka blueys blue/red/lemon fizz/strawberry** $0.50
- **Frozen yogurts strawberry/mango** $2.00
- **Bananarama/choc Homebrand icecream** $1.50
- **Fruitzy ice pops** $0.60

### Wraps (Wholegrain)
- **Salad wraps** $5.20
- **Chicken /Ham salad** $5.80
- **Chicken lettuce mayo** $4.80
- **Chilli tender lettuce tom avo cheese** $5.60

### Salad Boxes (please pre order salad bowl or box)
- **Salad box** $5.50
- **Chicken/ham/egg/tuna all salad box** $6.00
- **Salad** $4.00

### Small Salad Bowls
- **Chick. burger (lett/tom/mayo/beet)** $4.00
- **Shrimp/currried fish rice** $4.50
- **Pizzas Bacon/cheese** $3.00
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### Toasted Sandwiches Wraps Extra 80c
- **Cheese & ham** $3.40
- **Ham cheese tomato** $3.60
- **Ham cheese pineapple** $3.80
- **Cheese** $2.60
- **Chicken avo cheese** $3.80
- **Chicken & cheese** $3.60
- **Cheese & tomato** $3.00

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