

In this month's Newsletter...

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- *Christmas Gathering and sharing of gifts.



Paint The Ridge REaD Dhinawan supports the LRCS Presentation Day.

Winners of our Christmas Raffle Draw

1st Red E10 C Molyneux, 2nd Orange C64 Sam Watt, 3rd Green E88 Kylie, Orange C17 Mel Ravot, Red E74 Edi (offered back to redraw) Red E21 Mark M, and Purple E52 Hannah G. Congratulations to you all. Our Lucky door prizes went to Mary Cross, Tara Morris and Grace Ranger. We hope you all enjoy your prize.

Thank you to everyone who supported POLD in this fundraising by either purchasing or selling tickets and also to everyone who contributed to the prizes...

Robyn Johnson, Sarah Chamberlain, Grace Ranger, LRE, Mr Cheap, L R Mining and Steel, Whites Pharmacy, John Murrays Art Gallery, That Shop, LR Bowling Club, Seaton's Newsagency, Edi Webb, Tara Morris, Sue Cummings, Mikki handmade jewellery Emma Reavell and Khans IGA. Your community spirit is greatly appreciated.



Great news! ... Telstra Kids Grant.

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a \$1,200 grant from Telstra.

Telstra Kids helps kids thrive in their connected world. Our Telstra Kids grant **will be used to further development of the vegetable gardens and build a mud kitchen** for the children of Little Diggers, Lightning Ridge. There is a proposal to construct a mud kitchen. These proposals are to further support the children's educational journey based on reducing, reusing and recycling. They will be provided with opportunity to learn about water usage in a monitored environment throughout such a harsh drought whilst also establishing understanding of being environmentally aware.

Thank you to POLD the Parent committee of Little Diggers is committed in supporting these learning journeys that are assisting the future generations. **Huge thanks to Thomas Stewart from Telstra**, who is the referrer, for applying for the funding for us. We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids connect to their future.

*** Important dates coming up...**

December - * Friday 20th - Last day.

Wishing you all Safe and

Happy Holidays!

January 2020 - * Monday 20th – Reopening.



Congratulations to our children transitioning to

Kinder Class next year... Hendrik Havehoek, Clay Barry, Azzan Akram, Alira Sands, Myah Clauss, Charlotte Pavey, Izak Webb, Scout Newman, Lucas Kent and Thomas Caley.

Wishing you all the best on your continuing journey of learning.

* **Police Visit.** Thank you to **Hannah, Steve and Therese** for coming in and talking with the children about... what they do - Helping people and keeping them safe. They told us about their badge and show how they communicate.



Then it was time to sing a cool song by Steve... (sung to the tune of I'm a little Tea pot)

**"I'm a police officer with my badge,
I help people near and far.**

**If you have a problem, call on me,
And I'll be there in one, two, three."**

All the children were lucky to receive a book **Keeping me safe** – Learning together, play together, stay together.



Then we got to check out the police car and take a photo... Thumbs up everyone!

* **Joey's visit with Kirsty ...**

Extending on our vet play and caring for animals, we were lucky to have Kirsty come in to show us how to care for joey's and rehabilitate them.

Kirsty came to Little Diggers when she was a child, it was great to have her return and share her passion with us.

Thanks Kirsty.



Getting in to the spirit of the season we had **Ryder** shared a natural Christmas tree with us... a bottle brush shaped like a Christmas tree. **The Elf** has been hiding in different places for the children to find. On Friday 6th we had our Gathering. **The Children** sang and danced. **Santa** brought gifts. **Thanks Santa (aka Brad)**. The **Paint The Ridge REaD Dhinawan** also came and share gifts with our community, giving out Lego packs and Pikmi Pops surprises which were **kindly donated** **Thanks to Paint The Town REaD**. **Thank you to everyone** who brought in a plate to share. We hope you all enjoyed your gifts from the children that shared the love. Also, hope that the children liked their cup with their name on it from Santa.