



Lord Howe Island Central School

'Today for Tomorrow'



November 7, 2012 #XVIII

Upcoming Events

08/11-13/12 - Swimming
9,16/11 -Kindy Orientation
14-21/11 -Numerate 4 Life
13/11 - Year 8 ESSA Exam
13/11 - Yachtie's BBQ
16/11 - Yr5 Leader Course
26-27/11 - Big Music
29-30/11 -Trev Mason visit
30/11 - Assembly
30/11 - Morning Tea
30/11 - Book Fair
03/12 - P&C 7:30pm

Canteen Roster

November 14

Shireen Mostert

November 21

Emma Nulty

Historical Movies

Roster

November 14

Mr Nulty

Ethan Lamb Kelly
Student Volunteer

November 21

Julia Thompson

Monique Thompson
Ruby Dixon Crisp

Principal's Report from *Julian*

The action never stops at school as students conducted their own version of the Melbourne Cup yesterday as Ruby is showing you above. Whilst testing week this week has been providing some clear diagnostic academic data that we are able to access to review how successful our programs are, we have also recently examined closely other data sources which are also available to us and very valuable. These were presented in full to School Council last week but I will summarise below.

This year's NAPLAN data was again positive. All Year 3 and 5 students who sat the test achieved results above national standards. Even more promising was the growth shown by our Year 5 students from Year 3. The growth in Literacy was outstanding and it was also strong in Maths.

School surveys are very important to us as they are the parents forum to rate our school and provide views for future school improvement. 19 of a maximum 30 surveys were returned by our parents this year with highly positive results. Parents indicated genuine satisfaction with school practices implemented in 2012. Parents felt our school was a genuinely safe, happy and vibrant place to be with strong teaching and management demonstrated. They also noted deep satisfaction with the variety and quality of extra-curricular options offered at our school.

I will be taking two days of long service leave over the afternoons of the golf open to participate again in the open. Thanks to all for the support I have received to do this. Have a top fortnight! Cheers,

Julian

After School Sport - Touch Football:

Thanks to Wrighty and Mr Nulty, touch footy has been a fantastic after school sport option. It finishes today as the golf open is on next week and the warmer weather is more conducive to the beach not footy. Well done to all who participated and improved their skills.

Kindy Orientation: The first week of Orientation was held last week and all the new kindys were so excited to be in the big class with the big kids. They were all fantastic and will be a great asset to our school in 2013. There are two more orientation sessions left.



Wendy Binks: Wendy finished her week here having had the students produce sensational art. The book will be unbelievable and we can't wait to show it off to you when it's ready. Thanks P&C for supporting Wendy's visit.

Numerate 4 Life: Numerate 4 Life begins on Wednesday. Staff analysed NAPLAN 2010-2012 data to determine this year's focus; Patterns & Algebra, 2D, 3D and Money in problem solving equations. It will be conducted in stage groups utilising real life scenarios.

Swimming Scheme: Swimming Scheme has had four solid weeks and is starting to show some rewards. Denis Pontin was a guest coach last week, helping staff with ways to specifically support each group. Students are working well to battle the cold H₂O and sea eggs in style.

Year 5 Leadership Course: Mr Nulty will be starting the Year 5 Leadership Course soon. Completion of this is one of the criteria for



students to be eligible to contest the captain's elections. It will focus on some of the specific skills needed to be a great student leader.

Thank You Helpers Morning Tea, New Principal, Book Fair & Assembly: The school will welcome its new principal and his wife, Trev and Helen Mason, to the island on November 29-30. At 11am on November 30, we will conduct our annual Thank You Morning Tea for all of the helpers who have contributed to such a successful school year in 2012 as well as meeting Trev. We will then have the Book Fair and our only school based assembly for the term. It will be a busy but brilliant day!

Yachtie's BBQ: Kelly is finalising jobs for the Yachtie's BBQ next Tuesday and will be sending home your job soon. Thanks to all for supporting this major P&C fundraiser.

Memory Bricks: FINAL CALL! If anyone wants a brick for the paved area around the relief map, please contact Leonie or Julian by Friday. Bricks are \$30 each, payable to the school and we'll need the name and dates that you would like etched on your paver to get it.

Canteen: There are no Chicken Nuggets or Chicken Sticks for the remainder of the year!

P&C: Thanks to the students and volunteers who give up their time to staff the still highly successful Historical Movies. The final P&C meeting for 2012 is December 3 at 7:30pm in the library. Enjoy the next fortnight! Cheers,
Leanne, Matt & Julian