



Lord Howe Island Central School

'Today for Tomorrow'



December 5, 2012 #XX

Upcoming Events

6,13/12 - Swimming
06/12 - Parent VC 6:00pm
07/12 - Captain's Elections
07/12 - Year 6 Farewell
10,12,14,17/12 - Hall gig
14/12 - Dive Program #1
17/12 - Presentation Night
19/12 - Gold day FINALE!
19/12 - Reports Home
21/12 - Staff Last Day
28/01 -Staff commence T1
29/01 - Students start

Canteen Roster

December 12

Fiona Wills

December 19

No Canteen

Historical Movies

Roster

December 12

Kelly Galloway

Charlotte Tofaeono

Gina Krick

December 19

Barrie Rogers

Matthew Rogers

Daniel Rogers

Principal's Report from Julian

Welcome to the last newsletter for this year. It has been an absolutely sensational year, but one crammed full of non-stop activity. I imagine most students are as exhausted as our hard working staff but with two weeks of school left before holidays, we still have lots of things to do.

As I write my 104th school newsletter since we arrived in January 2008, I feel humbled by the experience that Lord Howe Island CS has meant. I truly believe that this is one of the most special schools in the state, and the opportunity to lead it for the last five years is one I'll always treasure. I'd also like to thank the many people who've made it such a wonderful experience for Shireen, Laini, Zeke and I to live here.

I would like to publically thank Mrs Tilbrook and Mr Nulty for their diligent efforts with their classes this year. Their genuine care and commitment to each student in this school overcomes many obstacles for students which in other environments would lead to significant issues. Thank you to our reliable casual teaching staff. Ms Wilson, Mrs Tofaeono, Mrs Mostert and Ms Dorrough have all made a mark on each student in their own positive way. Thank you to Mrs Higgins for her efficient work in the office all year, evidenced through her flexibility this week with our annual financial rollover. Thanks Denise, David and now Troy for your work ensuring the school is genuinely a beautiful place for children to come to each day. Finally, thank you to the students who have made me laugh so many times over the last five years. It has been a genuine pleasure to come to school every day and I know that I'll miss you all in 2013! Thank you and cheers, *Julian*

Mrs Tilbrook: The school's very excited about Mrs Roberts and Mr Mason starting next year but definitely wanted to thank Mrs Tilbrook for the many things she has done at LHICS whilst she's been here. Our school movies could be the most visual. I know many people have directed family and friends onto our school website, then onto the school page to click on it and enjoy. Her expertise in teaching a multi-stage group so well in the crucial beginning of their school journey is also a real credit to her. Enjoy South West Rocks!



Trev Mason Visit: Last week saw the our new principal, Trev Mason and his wife, Helen, visit. They were overwhelmed by the island, the school and the warm welcome they received from everybody. They are overwhelmingly excited about their future here on the island and are all set for their arrival in mid-January.

Thank You Morning Tea: The school staff were delighted to provide morning tea last week before Assembly to say thanks to anyone who has helped our school in 2013. Volunteers are the lifeblood of a great school and it was wonderful to share a cuppa with many of you and also our Senior Citizen friends last week.

New Powerhouse Excursion: Students enjoyed exploring the new powerhouse last week. They completed a Tsunami Evac Drill on the way, before being educated on the world of island power generation and then eliminating the board's sausage supply. Thanks LHIB!

Captain's Elections: Elections for our 2013 captains will take place at 11:30am on Friday.



Numerate 4 Life: Numerate 4 Life finished today. According to students responses in their learning journals and follow up conversations, it was very well received. The small stage based groups based Newman's Problem Solving Process to solve real world problems and was highly engaging for all.

Swimming Scheme: The attached photos show happy, excited students at swimming. It's a good guess that these were taken before students marched into the water for their intense sessions, but the improvement by students has been impressive. Lucinda's recent journey to and from the pontoon at high tide or six 5-7 year olds breathing both ways over 20+ metres of freestyle, shows the tangible value programs like this bring.



Big Music Strikes

Again: Scott from Big Music unleashed his talent again last week when he visited. He has now skilled students, and staff to support them, up to perform a beautiful song for you on Presentation Night.

Gold Day: Final plans and information on this term's Gold Day will come home next week.



Presentation Night: The students are putting in the effort to fine tune their performances for a sensational show on Presentation Night. We are asking all students to wear black on the evening. Where possible we would like black pants and a black t-shirt (even one with a logo which can be worn inside out). There will be some costumes for other acts which students are currently organising. Thank you those parents who have or will be donating props for the evening. We will finish off the year in style with you on Monday, December 17 at the hall at 6:30pm. Students are asked to be fed and at there by 6:15pm to ensure the show starts on time and runs as smoothly as is possible whenever you work with children, animals or fire...

Cohesive Community: The school received notification yesterday from the head office of the NSW Department of Education and Communities that it had received a "Highly Commended" status for its nomination in the state Cohesive Community Awards.



School Signage: The school is looking to upgrade and replace its sign on Lagoon Road. P&C have viewed the options and committed substantial funding to cover half the cost of the new sign. The proposed new sign is similar in size and location to the current one. Signs can be a contentious issue on Lord Howe Island and as such, there will be a public viewing of the proposed new school sign in the office. Any feedback regarding the sign can be made directly to Julian before Monday, December 17.

School Returns: School resumes for staff on Monday, January 28 2013. Students commence their first day on Tuesday, January 29. Please contact the school if you have any inquiries.



Jujitsu Classes: Chad Wilson is trying to organise a Ju-Jitsu teacher to come out to the island in late January. There is no cost for the classes but a contribution will be requested to cover the airfare. Please contact Chad on 6563 2446 if you are interested.

P&C: The final P&C meeting for 2012 was a great event. P&C committed over \$5000 in funding for school and P&C projects such as tennis equipment, Lexile primary readers, a new school sign and poster framing for the Yachties BBQ. P&C will meet again at 7:30pm on Monday, February 4 in the library for their AGM. Well done P&C, and in particularly Kelly and Fiona, for such a stellar year.

Have a great summer and a super 2013! Cheers,
Leanne, Matt & Julian