



Lord Howe Island Central School

'Today for Tomorrow'



February 13, 2013

Upcoming Events

17/02-Fish Fry fundraiser
24/02 Markets
25/02-Swimming Carnival
01/03 - Back up day for swimming Carnival
01/03 - Clean Up Aust Day
04/03 - Sea Week
04/03 - P & C Meeting
11/03 - Big Music
15/03 - Senior citizens Morning Tea
15/03 - Assembly
15/03 - Rockfest Concert

Canteen Roster

February 15

Liz Wright

February 22

Janice Ong

Historical Movies

Roster

February 13

Mr Mason

Mrs Wills

Nicholas Wills

Isaac Mason

February 20

Julia Thompson

Monique Thompson

Keyah Crisp

Principal's Report

When my family and I got off the plane it was to a warm welcome for us and a sad farewell to the Tilbrook's and the Mostert's. They were an integral part of the community. Both Leanne and Julian are fantastic educators and were completely dedicated to the school and the learning and emotional needs of the students. It certainly has been a time of adjustment for all. The warmth, support and hands of friendship from the community have been incredible for my wife and me. My children have been welcomed and embraced. The respectful behaviour, enthusiasm and joy of learning from the students at the school are a tribute to the parenting, teaching and supportive community. The professionalism, experience and collaboration from the teaching team are outstanding. The dedication, passion and drive to make a difference ultimately will translate into quality teaching to drive deep, engaging and meaningful learning. *Trev Mason*

Big First Day



What a brilliant sight — watching our Kindy's start their school life journey at the most unique and incredible school in NSW, Lord Howe Island. What a privilege and fantastic adventure ahead. Starting school is an important step in a young child's life and it has been fantastic to see the older kids, teachers and parents all pulling together to ensure a smooth and enjoyable transition for all our Kindy's. It really does take a community working together to raise healthy happy children. Thank you to everyone involved in supporting our students at a crucial time in life.

Excellent Transition Program gives students the best start to school

The Best Start Assessment data is in for all our Kindy's. We are definitely off to a head start this year. The data has demonstrated an upwards trend of improved growth with more skills for learning in Literacy and Numeracy for students starting school. The 2013 Transition to School program started today with the newest and largest bunch of preschool age students to date. Good luck everyone involved.



Focus on developing confident, articulate students

Our School Captain represented our school with courage, pride and dignity. He calmly presented his genuine Australian Day speech to a large crowd. His humble demeanour and thoughtful words had a strong effect on the audience. Great job Matt!

Developing Good Sports

School sport is off to a great start. The students are getting fit and learning to develop teamwork and cooperation skills as they work together having fun practicing for Discovery Day relays, sack races and tunnel ball.



Riding to School

We support all students to safely come to and from school in a responsible manner. We recommend parents encourage the practice of safely walking and riding to school as it encourages a healthy life style. Parents should actively model, guide and supervise their children who ride a bike to promote safe choices.

Opportunities for student decision making to foster responsible citizens

Our Secondary students have been busy getting organised and down to work. The year 7's are adjusting well to a challenging and daunting few weeks in their lives. They are beginning to develop study habits and routines to support their learning. We have encouraged a range of discussion, collaboration and various opportunities for students to set organisational practices that are flexible, evolving and right for each individual student. The senior secondary students have been very generous with their experience, advice and peer support. Mr Nulty and Brian Busteed has been busy supporting our senior secondary students to finalise their dive course.



Job outlook – career quiz

Go online for a career quiz to help your teenager identify what occupations they are most likely to be good at. Find out more: <http://joboutlook.gov.au/pages/careerquiz.aspx>

Commanding Role Models

The school also welcomed Commander Mark Mackintosh from the Royal Australian Navy. He shared and lead discussion about identity and life as a leader in the navy. The kids asked many clever questions. The Commander answered candidly and managed to weave personal concepts about the importance integrity, respect, trust and being true to one's self. His wife Jane also really enjoyed the visit to LHICS and we hope to see them again in the future.





Student Representative Council 2013

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC school leaders who will represent and support all students to engage in school life. K-2R: Lucinda Tofaeono, 3-6N Isaac Mason and 7-12M Emily McGrath.

Outstanding Community Resource and Expertise

Students from 3-6N and 7-12M visited the Museum last week for a fascinating presentation from Ian Hutton. The students asked many questions and were spellbound by Ian's photos and interesting discussion.



P&C News, 12 February 2013

The P&C held its AGM and first meeting for the year last Monday. The 2013 committee comprises:

Kelly Galloway - President

Emma Nulty - Vice President

Liz Wright - Vice President

Amy Hickey - Treasurer

Fiona Roberts - Secretary.

At the meeting, P&C agreed to contribute funds to a number of important projects including airfares for children and a parent helper for the 5/6 excursion, a new mulcher for the vegie garden, new surfboards, assistance for professional development opportunities for staff, and funds towards Big Music's next visit.

P&C has an important role in the school community which includes: Funding resources and activities: In recent years funds raised by P&C have been used for the Yr 5/6 excursion, tennis camp, school photos, reference books for the library, new garden beds and visits by a speech pathologist and artist. Parent input on how funds are spent is welcomed.

Each year the P&C raises about \$8000. The major fundraising activities are Discovery Day Fish Fry, Yachties BBQ, Historical Movies and sale of the local phone books.

The P&C meeting provides a great forum to discuss School Policy, Programs and activities and allows active parent involvement in the school.

Representation on teacher interview panels. It is a Department requirement that there is a P&C representative on every staff interview panel.

Next meeting Monday 4th March at 7.30pm in the library. All parents & community members are encouraged to attend. If there are items you would like on the agenda, or if you would like to receive minutes via email please contact Fiona on 6563 2169 or

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The best way to succeed is by helping others to succeed. Have a sensational fortnight. Judy, Matt and Trev

