



Lord Howe Island Central School

'Today for Tomorrow'



April 10th, 2013

Upcoming Events

12/04- Gold day

Next term

29-30/04 - Staff Development Days

01/05 School resumes for students

Canteen Roster

Term 1

April 12

Sarah Dorrough

Term 2

May 3

Emma Nulty

May 10

Fiona Roberts

Historical Movies

Roster

April 10

David Kelly

Ethan Lamb-Kelly

Ruby Dixon Crisp

Term 2

Roster

May 1

Amy Hickey

Ryan Galloway

Wilson Hickey

May 8

Stephen Wills

Louis Rogers

Nick Wills

May 15

Kelly Galloway

Daniel Rogers

Mathew Rogers

Senior Citizens Morning Tea, School Assembly and Book Fair

Our Senior Citizens and School Learning Community gathered in our beautiful school grounds for a special morning tea of cakes and cuppas to celebrate LHI Senior Citizens week. It was a unique and incredible experience to meet with the Senior Citizens, some of whom actually attended the Lord Howe Island Central School. One Senior Citizen explained that her grand father was the Head Master for 20 years from the 1900's. Where else in Australia does this happen at a school community gathering? This exciting event was followed by our School Assembly where the community was able to share and celebrate our student achievements and enjoy the fantastic student performances. It was absolutely packed and great fun. Our School Captain Matt Rogers and Vice Captain Riley Wilson did a wonderful



job presenting the school assembly. Charley Hill received the Principal's Award for her excellent writing. Lucinda Tofaeono, Isaac Mason and Emily McGrath were formally recognised as the School Representative Council Leaders. Congratulations! All the students put on a heart felt performance singing to our community. It was brilliant. After the main event Mrs Tofaeono organised a huge range of resources for our super successful Book Fair. The students, parents and visitors alike had a ball going through all the amazing books and related materials. The lines to buy books, posters, rubbers and pencils were as big as the smiles on everyone's faces. The buzz was electric and is another fine example of the team putting the students needs first. A huge *Thank You* to Mrs Tofaeono for organising and running this event for the benefit our students and visitors. It was a great success!

Special Visit

3-6N has been actioning their unit on Identity with another special visitor, Kate Shedden, who is from Primrose Elementary in Canada. She lead a reading group and then shared some stories with the whole class from her visits around the world from various schools. The students and Mr Nulty really enjoyed the experience.



Collaborative Learning

K-2R have been working in small groups to drive learning based on individualised needs. The students have been highly engaged in developing their reading and writing strategies. I have witnessed the learning first hand on a number of occasions and it has been fantastic! The explicit, student centred learning is producing excellent results.



School Camp

The awesome Paradise Island (North) Bay School Camp was held last Thursday and Friday . The kids enthusiastically engaged in guided walks and games where they competed and worked in teams to complete various tasks. The various exercises and activities were designed to challenge the students as individuals and as a group members. The students had to share ideas, design and perform acts, build totems and



water proof shelters, compete in building towers and enjoy the fantastic experience that only camping can offer.



A huge thank you to Anthony Riddle for his flexibility and contribution of providing safe transportation of the equipment, parents and the students to and from North Bay. Special mention also to Jim McFadyen, Nick Holt, Fiona Roberts, Kelly and Keith Galloway, Matt Hill and all the Kindy parents for all your effort in supporting the students, setting up tents, preparing and cooking food, washing up, running activities and for providing an extra set of hands to ensure a truly sensational camp. It was an incredible adventure that just couldn't happen with out the massive support of all the parents and the fantastic leadership, commitment and passion of staff.



Transition Program



Sadly, our Transition to School leader Sarah Dorrough will be leaving us. She has done an outstanding job and I am sure all the community will join me in thanking her for her passion, patience and outstanding approach to Teaching at Lord Howe Island central School. She is a star and we all wish her the very best on her new adventure on the mainland. We are really lucky to welcome Sherdian Turner to the roll of Transition to School Leader. Miss Turner has worked closely with our Infants class and has a wonderful rapport with the students, staff and parents. She has demonstrated strong teaching skills and care with our students and will be a great asset to our team. She has already met with Sarah and has joined the transition experience today to ensure she is able to best meet the needs of our transition kids.



Principal's Report

The start of this year has been a time of transition for the school with my new leadership and the introduction of our new K-2 teacher, Mrs Roberts. Sometimes it feels like the only constant in our world today is change. I would like to finish this newsletter with a reflection of our school journey this term. The school is one of 229 pilot schools across the 2250 schools in NSW to engage in the Empowering Local Schools (ELS) Program.

As a pilot school we are involved in the first new funding and budgeting management system in 30 years of education. Our education system is engaged in the biggest ever paradigm shift since its introduction with the need to address 21st century learning and supporting our students for the future. The goal of ELS initiative is to drive improved student performance and outcomes by giving principals, parents and each school community greater power to determine how their local school is run. This includes more accountability for learning, greater responsibility for school budgets, determining the right mixture of staff, setting local priorities, focusing on 21st Cen-



tury thinking and learning with preparation for the new National Curriculum implementation. We have a challenge ahead of us but I believe Lord Howe Island Central School has taken a strong first step in the right direction this term. Staff has engaged in Professional Learning on *'The learner and the New Curriculum'*. We have implemented a school wide Action Plan to meet the needs of the learners and provide enrichment and support based on student welfare. We have continued to build and strengthen relationships with the community. Examples of this are Professional Learning on our school wide approach to collecting and analysing data to ensure assessment and its use informs planning and teaching to impact on student learning needs.



Principal's Report Continued

We have strategically planned, implemented, observed and used extra teachers in classrooms to support individualised learning and to provide feedback to evaluate the impact of our teaching on the learning. We have utilised Video Conferencing to move learning beyond the walls of the classroom for students and staff development.

The P&C has funded Expert literacy and Numeracy Consultants to visit and meet with teachers to best support learning. The School Education Director has formally reviewed and evaluated my leadership of the school. I have engaged in Professional Development to strengthen my capacity to lead the school focusing on School Leadership, National Curriculum implementation, New Finance Budgeting tool & Primary and High School visits. Our active learning community has been acknowledged with a Highly Commended Cohesive Community School Award.



We have celebrated student achievement and performances at the School Assembly and during Rockfest. The Best Start data has demonstrated that we have provided a strong *Transition to School Program* with formalised opportunities for early learning with a focus on building positive relationships and confidence in our early learners prior to starting school. We have provided enrichment and experience by actively engaging and supporting opportunities for our students through specialised school visitors, Sea Week activities, our unique Swimming Carnival, Vision and hearing testing (for Kindy's), expanding on our Distance Education program for Secondary students by supporting a mainland Mini School Excursion, lessons via Video Conferences with the Camden Haven High School and with the opportunity for Secondary students to complete their Open Water Dive course.

Our Senior Citizens engaged in a special morning tea and assembly. Our successful Book Fair provided a wonderful opportunity for parents, community and students to access a huge range of resources on site.



The Fish Fry, Discovery Night and School Camp are other examples of how we have worked together to achieve great things focused on our students. Underlining all of our achievements this term has been a strong focus on learning. Thank you to the staff, parents, community and students for an outstanding term.

Dates to watch - Next Term

Term 2 across NSW starts with 2 Staff Development Days this year. The extra Staff Development Day across NSW is purely focused on the Implementation the New National Curriculum. This means that the *students will return to school on Wednesday the 1st of May.*

School Photos

School Photo day will held be in week 2 , Wed - 8 May

P&C Fundraising

Please check the **Historical Movie Roster** for next term.

Chaplaincy Program

The official start of our Chaplaincy Program has been held up due to formal course requirements that Chappie has to complete. He has had to travel to the mainland to complete this and is currently undertaking the course.



Finally, we would really appreciate any feedback on any of the programs we have run this term so we can evaluate, fine tune and improve our approach. Please email trevlian.mason@det.nsw.edu.au or call anytime.

Thanks Trev, Matt and Judy