



Lord Howe Island Central School

'Today for Tomorrow'



May 8th, 2013

Upcoming Events

13/05 -15/05 NAPLAN

14/05 After School Sport

24/05 Walk Safely to
School Day and Pancake
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Canteen Roster

May 10

Fiona Wills

May 17

Helen Mason

Historical Movies Roster

May 8

Stephen Wills

Louis Rogers

Nick Wills

May 15

Kelly Galloway

Daniel Rogers

Mathew Rogers

May 22

Mrs Roberts

Keyah Crisp

Teb Crisp

Welcome back to Term 2

Welcome back to all families. We have another busy term ahead of us. I have attached a calendar to this newsletter for the fridge. I have also set up an online calendar on the school's website <http://www.lordhowe-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/>. This is a work in progress and will be updated regularly. It is a great way of staying abreast of what is coming up. There are loads of photos and information so please take the time to have a look. All the previous newsletters are attached. We are also trying to use our school's Facebook Page regularly to enhance communication. If you LIKE the Lord Howe Island Central School's FB page then you will receive notifications each time it is updated. This is a great way to follow updates and messages as they happen. Please ensure this is a highly respected zone at all times. If you would like to receive the Newsletter electronically instead of by hard copy please let me know and I will arrange to send it to your email.



The first 2 days of term 2 for Staff were Professional Development Days. Most of the professional learning was focused on the Implementation of the National Curriculum for next year. The team also completed a School Golf Coaching course led by Ray Robbins. We are planning on running a 5 week focus during school sport on golf skills this term. After the 5 weeks we will be encouraging the students to participate in a community event where students play a modified competition at the Lord Howe Island Golf Course.

We are trialling different lunch and recess times this term. We are trying to utilise the most of our prime learning time. It also provides the students with a longer rest and bigger feed earlier so they can refuel and rest up for a longer middle session. Bell times are now: Lunch 11:00-11:50 and Recess 1:30-2:00.



Expert Support

Ray Robbins not only provided coaching for the teachers but also spent a lot of time in the school with the students. He is an experienced high school head teacher in Science. He liaised with Camden Haven High School before and during his visit to support our stage 4 and 5 students in their Science work. Ray completed various Science Demonstration lessons. He also led all the students through an intensive golf training session. He provided his specialist expertise, time and resources for our school to use and keep, all for free. A huge thank you to Ray for his support of our students learning.



Coming up!

Mrs Roberts will be away next week on the mainland engaging in Professional Learning. She will be completing the AUS SWIM course and will be fully qualified to teach and lead our swim school. She is also completing specialist training on L3 (early literacy) Program focusing on Sage 1. Mrs Roberts has said this opportunity is like a dream come true.

NAPLAN

Our year 3's, 5's, 7's and year 9 students will be sitting the NAPLAN Assessments on 13/5 Tues, 14/5 Wed & 15/5 Thurs in the Library.

Technology Upgrade

Next week we will also host a DEC technology expert who is setting up and installing new servers in the school. This is part of plan to ensure we have an up to date technology infrastructure across the school.

Taronga Zoo Visit

Staff from Taronga Zoo will be visiting our school next week. They will be having a Sausage sizzle on Thursday 15/5 after school. They will be discussing a strategy for the student involvement in a captive management program. Everyone is encouraged to come, eat, and participate.

Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event where all Primary School students will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. We will be celebrating the day 24/5 with a Pancake Breakfast at school.

New Position

Fiona Roberts completed her final role on Monday night as the P&C Secretary. Her skills, passion and outstanding organisation were deeply appreciated and she will be missed. Thank you Fiona for your dedication, time and energy! Fiona has ensured there are electronic copies, procedures, documents and notes to enable a smooth transition for a new parent or community member to take P&C Secretary role. This is a great opportunity to contribute and engage in the school.

Head lice

It has been brought to our attention that there has been an outbreak of head lice in the school. We ask that you please check your child's hair for signs of lice infestation. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Any articles, which may harbor lice such as clothes, towels and bed linen, should be washed in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes should also be washed in hot soapy water. As head lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.

Public Speaking Presentation

We will have a School Assembly this term on the 14/7 (week 7) where selected students will demonstrate their Public Speaking Skills. Please see the attached note. After School Sport will start next week on Wed, please see attached note. Reports go out on 17/7 (week 8) and Parent Interviews will be on 20/7 (week 8).

Thanks

Trev, Matt and Judy