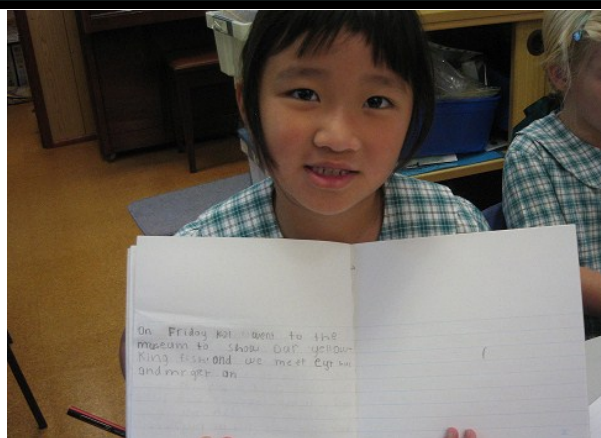




# Lord Howe Island Central School

## 'Today for Tomorrow'



**June 5th, 2013**

## Upcoming Events

05/06 After School Sport  
05/06 ICAS Science Test  
08/06 Movie & Chips from 7pm at SDA Church Hall  
10/06 Public Holiday  
12/06 After School Sport  
14/06 School Assembly  
17/06 Reports sent home  
20/06 Parent Interviews  
21/06 School Breakfast  
28/06 Gold Day  
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### Canteen Roster

**June 7**  
Lucy Kuilman  
**June 14**  
Natania Drew  
**June 21**  
Karen Wilson  
**June 28**  
No Canteen

### Historical Movies Roster

**June 5**  
Lisa Makiiti  
Sunny Oxley  
Ethan Lamb-Kelly  
**June 12**  
Mr Mason  
Isaac Mason  
Sunny Oxley  
**June 19**  
Kelly Galloway  
Ryan Galloway  
Wilson Hickey

**Principal's Report** - It was fantastic to see everyone come and support our walk safely to school day, thank you. The kids had a ball and it was great way to come together. We raised over \$300 for the McGrath foundation. I visited all of the classrooms to see what effect all that food and maple syrup had on the kids. All reports indicated there were no major sugar dramas. We are acting on feedback from the learning community to hold our School Friday breakfasts twice a term. Our next School breakfast will be on Friday the 21st June to acknowledge and demonstrate our appreciation of our amazing teachers. Everyone is welcome!



**Bell Times** - We are well and truly into our trial involving the swapping of lunch and recess times. The rearrangement of bell times has extended the middle learning session and shortened the last session. Teachers have reported that having more time in the middle session has provided an enhanced opportunity for prime learning. Teachers have also provided feedback that the although the last hour is now shorter, the students are more focused and the session is more productive. Thank you to all the parents that provided feedback. There was some very healthy discussion with students, staff and parents. After review of the trial, feedback and consultation it has been decided that recess should be first for half an hour from 11:00 until 11:30. Then lunch at 1:10 from 2:00. This ensures the maximum prime learning time and addresses the issue of food portions and break times. We will start this from the beginning of next term.

**Historical Movies** - Please note we have attached a new Historical Movie roster for term 3 and 4. If you are unable to fulfill your rostered position for this important fund raising and community event please arrange for a replacement or a swap and notify Mr Mason.

**Reporting to Parents** - The school half yearly reports will go home on Monday (17th of June) in week 8. Later that week on Thursday the 20th of June we will be conducting Parent Teacher interviews. Please return your preferred time for an interview as soon as possible to assist us in allocating everyone a reasonable time.

**Winter Escape** - I believe some families are planning to go away for some extra R&R. Can you please let us know in writing. This lets us update our planning, assessment and learning routines and also provides the formal written evidence I need for approval of leave. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Transition to School** - The program will go through until the last Wednesday of term, 26th of June. Please keep an eye out for next term's permission note soon.



**Professional Learning** - Mr Nulty will be spending the last week of term on the mainland engaging in Professional Learning on Literacy. He is looking forward to experiencing some time in bigger schools and engaging with their organisational structures and networking with his peers. He will be meeting with teams in the primary year's to focus on assessment, planning, teaching and evaluation of teaching. He is interested in developing his leadership capacity. He will be completing a leaders course on Programming for Quality Teaching and Assessing which he will then get to run with our team on Staff Development day term 3.

**After School Sport** - The students are having a great time extending their athletic skills. Just a reminder that the final After School Sport for term 2 will be on Wednesday in week 8, 19th of June.

**NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge** - The school will be once again participating in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge which aims to encourage children to be more active, more often.

The students will be given a log book to fill in and their weekly results will be recorded on the class achievement wall chart. These log books will come

home in the next couple of weeks so we are ready to go straight up next term. We look forward to each child participating and we are all striving for Diamond!!!



**School Assembly** - This term's assembly will be held on Friday 14th of June in week 7. Please join us as we celebrate our student achievements'. Two students from each class will be chosen to perform their Public Speaking Presentations.

**Interest Groups** - The school is considering running Interest groups this year. Interest Groups are a weekly program which allows students to choose something outside of the normal school curriculum that they would like to learn more about. They will run for 6 weeks in term 3 on a Wednesday afternoon. We are seeking volunteers who have a skill in any area of interest who could work with a small group of students one afternoon a week to help them learn new skills. Please contact Mr Mason if you are interested.

**Leave** - Mrs Higgins will be away next week on the mainland. The mornings are especially busy so it would be really helpful to Mr Mason if any calls to the school could be made later in the day if possible.

**Walk Safely to School Day** Pancake Breakfast Report  
*by Matthew Rogers*

This years 2013 pancake breakfast was very filling. As I looked around at all the community members I could tell everyone was enjoying themselves and having a great time. Everyone was talking, smiling and eating. We all hope that in the future we have many more delicious breakfasts at the school.





### From 3-6N

The past few weeks have seen some fantastic learning take place. We have been busy brainstorming topics and developing our understanding of the components of an engaging and entertaining speech. Students should be well into their speeches now. In literacy we have been exploring the new National Geographic Explorer magazine which is like an amped up School Magazine with loads of great connected resources. Mrs T has been developing the visual arts skills of the class; look out for the Giraffe in a Scarf. Nikki and Paul from Taronga Conservation Society gave the class 'Real Science' experiences around the study of the worms that Woody's love to eat as part of their Project Woodhen visit. We enjoyed a fantastic Video Conference with the Education team from the zoo and met some wonderful endangered species. We are busy finalising the 5/6 Excursion details and are studying Democracy and Government in preparation for this great experience. We farewelled Nick Wills and wish him and his family all the very best.

Mr Nulty

### 3-6N Cinquain Poems

*weekend  
free to do stuff  
go fishing and diving  
we love the weekend because we swim  
it's great  
by Jordan Liam McGrath*

*Surfing  
Is a great sport  
Because it gives you great thrills  
When you catch the clear mighty waves  
Awesome  
RILEY ALEXANDER WILSON*

*Skateboard  
Doing ollies  
Riding on Lagoon Road  
Hanging out with my two brothers  
Weekends  
Louis Rogers*

### K-2 R Newsletter

This term has seen a lot of changes in our classroom and this has led to many research and writing opportunities for the children. We have all learnt where Canberra, Groote Eylandt, Rome and Paris are and the children have been learning how to send and receive emails so they can keep in contact with friends who have left this island but are still in our thoughts.

This week I have been busily placing the children on the Literacy and Numeracy continuum and it has been very pleasing to see the improvements the students have made this semester.

We have eaten the produce from our garden and have planted carrots seeds that we hopefully will be able to eat by the end of term. Our Yellow-Tailed Kingfish display and rap were delivered to the Museum and we enjoyed saying our "Rats of the Sea" rap to Jimmy and Ian before Ian left the island.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be fine tuning the aspects the students will need to help prepare them for their Public Speaking Presentations. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June the children will be presenting their public speaking speeches in class. We will be starting after lunch at 12.00pm and from these speeches, 2 students will be chosen to present their speeches at Assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Here is a web address that we use in class during our literacy and maths groups that you may find useful. The children can show you the games they are focusing on each week.

<http://getsmarts.weebly.com/ks-1.html>

Looking forward to another fantastic couple of weeks of learning  
Judy



Thanks  
Trev, Matt and Judy