



# Lord Howe Island Central School

## 'Today for Tomorrow'



**November 5th, 2014**

## Upcoming Events

06/11 Speech Therapy  
06/11 Kindy Orientation & Parent Info Session  
07/11 Assembly, SRC Raffle Draw & Book Fair, Bike Safety Day  
10-14/11 LHI Golf Open  
13/11 Kindy Orientation  
18/11 Yacht's BBQ  
20/11 Kindy Orientation  
21/11 School leader voting  
21/11 School Council meet  
27/11 Presentation Day  
01/12 P&C Meeting

### Canteen Roster

#### **Term 4**

**November 7**

*Natania Drew*

**November 14**

*Janice Ong*

**November 21**

*Liz Wright*

### Historical Movies

#### Roster

**November 5**

*Wayne McGrath*

*Wilson Hickey*

*Katelyn McGrath*

**November 12**

*Kelly Galloway*

*Isaac Mason*

*Ryan Galloway*

**November 19**

*Julia Thompson*

*Wilson Hickey*

*Monique Thompson*

Can you believe we are half way through the last term of the school year? It has been a full and fantastic journey of learning and discovery for our students. The staff have been working very hard to evaluate where each child is at with their learning for the end of year reports. We are in the midst of completing our school wide situational analysis. We have analysed surveys, student learning data, teaching programs, lessons and our school approach. All the internal and external school data and feedback help us to evaluate our impact and to develop our School Management Plan for the next 3 year cycle. We want all parents and community members to speak to our parent, community and staff representatives on the School Council about what they want to include in the next 3 year plan for our school.

**Kindergarten Orientation Program** - Tomorrow we will be holding our first Kindy Orientation for our Transition students in the K-1R room. We will also be leading a parent information session in the library. We will have some toys and teddies set out for any younger siblings as we want to encourage and support everyone to attend. The parent informative session is very informative and we know parents will find it a valuable experience to support their child's transition into school.

**P&C** - The last P&C meeting was held on the 27th of October. This was a great opportunity for the school to receive input for our future directions into next year and beyond. There were some very important issues and decisions made. The P&C passed a motion asking that our school logo is included on School Sports Uniforms. The request is for a blue logo on the Gower yellow shirt & a black logo on the white Ligbird shirt. A separate question was raised to include a green logo on the girls winter white shirt as an option. We are asking for everyone's views to consult on this important issue. Please return the survey note by 13/11/2014.

The 2015 school leadership roles were also discussed and the parents unanimously supported the decision that the future Year 5 students should be eligible as there are no future Year 6 students enrolled at the time of the election. Voting will take place after recess on Friday the 21st of November in the 2-6 classroom. We wish all our candidates the best of luck!

**Road Safety** - A young student rode their bicycle straight out in front of an oncoming vehicle on their way to school on Monday. All the staff were extremely upset by this incident. The driver was highly distressed and personally visited the school to share her ordeal. Thankfully no one was physically injured. Wayne will be visiting as part of a bike safety course with the K-6 students on Friday. We are asking every parent to please vigilantly practice safe riding with their children on the road. *Thanks Trev*

**Canteen** - I raised the issue of the DEC Nutritional policy and sadly informed the P&C that the school will be unable to run the canteen next year. The issue is we are not entitled to sell food that does not meet the strict regulations set out by the DEC policy. Although we will not be purchasing any more stock we will be using up what we have left until the end of this year. We are out of chicken nuggets, chicken sticks, mini meat pies and frozen yoghurts. We still have pizzas, sausage rolls, large pies, hash browns, cheese and spinach rolls, P&C fried rice & tomato and pasta available. The good news is the P&C has indicated that they would like to consider how they might run the canteen next year in line with DEC regulations and healthy food policy.

**Speech Therapy** - Our online Speech Therapy sessions are on every Thursday. The sessions are working really successfully and have already made a strong impact on our kids. Thank you to Mrs T for your dedication, energy and extra time to support and liaise with the various stake holders to ensure great results for our kids.

**SRC** - The Student Representative Council are selling the last of their raffle tickets to raise funds for Gower Wilson Memorial Hospital. First prize is a near new adult bike and second prize is a near new student bike. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

**Assembly** - The SRC raffle will be drawn at the school assembly this Friday, 7/11. The assembly will start at 12.00p.m in the library. We will be hosting the Book Fair straight after the assembly. Please join us for this exciting event.

**Chaplaincy Program** - The Chaplaincy program has been in full swing with the Sailing Club every Wednesday. The group are finalising the catamarans which are almost ready to sail. A huge thank you to Chappie and Jim McFadyen for supporting this initiative.

**Presentation day** - We are busy practising and preparing for the Presentation Day. We are asking for support with some of our costumes and props for the event. We are after wigs, a pole with 2 light pretend weights and four long sleeve grey tops. We also need 7 chicken beaks, 4 sets of large elephant ears and one lion's mane. If you are able to help please contact the school.

**Uniform Orders** - Please find attached to the newsletter the uniform order for next year. This needs to be returned by November 14th in order for us to receive orders for next year.

**Piano, flute and singing lessons** - Qualified teacher, Inga Brasche will be providing piano, flute and singing lessons for all ages and abilities at school or privately. If you are interested please contact Inga on 6563 2387 or email [ibrasche@une.edu.au](mailto:ibrasche@une.edu.au)

## 2-6 News

Another week of action in the 2-6 classroom.

### Great Southern Excursion

On Friday, 24th October, the class, lead by Ms Wilson went on a bird watching adventure. In their study of Lord Howe Island's bird life, the children have been discussing the different types of birds that come to Lord Howe and those that stay here year round. Ron Matthews very kindly shared his knowledge as the class ventured to the southern end of the island in search of different bird species.

Many migratory birds were spotted and the class became quite expert in their identification skills.

Thanks to Ron Matthews for giving up his time and to Leanda Lei for providing transport on the day.



### Phasmid Update

Our classroom 'pets' have enjoyed the arrival of Spring and the enclosure is now like a nymph pre school. There are around 8 adult phasids in the enclosure and 10 nymphs.

Everyone enjoys seeing these light green youngsters on the top screen of the enclosure. We have started to think of names for them.

### Presentation Night

Roll up, Roll up! It's nearly time to play the music, light the lights, put on make up and dress up right.

We are in full rehearsal mode. Please don't think your child is crazy singing in the bath tub or practising out loud in the lounge room. It is all about having fun at the circus and 2-6 are practising their moves! Only a few more weeks!

### The Living Classroom

Our garden has 6 new beds, three of which have been planted out with potatoes, and zucchini.

We have turned sand into soil, with our glorious mulch and look forward to some bumper crops. Mrs T was very impressed that we used coffee grounds to improve this mix and the smell was delightful as you entered the school.

Sebastian and Natalie are on watering duty this fortnight and so far haven't missed a beat. Well done!

### COGS: Symbol Systems.

We are looking at China in our Connect Outcomes lessons. The students have really enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year and the legend explaining how the years came to be named. Our class is full of Monkeys, Pigs, Dogs, Roosters and Sheep.

We have also drawn some amazing dragons that are found throughout China's legends and feature in many Chinese art works and architecture.



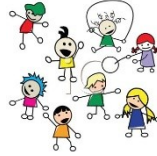
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**Scripture 2015** – We are looking for a volunteer to run our Catholic scripture classes next year. Scripture is held from 9.00-9.30 every Friday. There is a requirement for the volunteer to have a working with children check before being able to commence any lessons. If you are able to assist please contact the school as soon as possible.

### K1R News



Thank you to everyone for the information about the children's Christmas Past. We have been busily writing, editing and publishing our work each week. As this is taking longer than I anticipated I am changing the format so that we can finish our work within the timeframe. So as per this week's homework I would like information on a couple of Christ-mases that the children found especially exciting and write about these times. For example maybe they went to visit family and friends on the mainland, they received a present that they especially liked, something funny happened on that Christmas or any information on why one Christmas stood out from the others. It would be appreciated if this information could be sent in ASAP as we are on a very tight timeframe to complete these books.



*Learning takes place inside and outside the classroom*

The TEN (Teaching Early Numeracy) course that I attended was amazing and I am very excited at the prospect of starting this wonderful program in force next year. For the remaining of this year I will be slowly introducing games that can be differentiated to cater for the individual needs of the students in the classroom.

The songs for this year's end of year Presentation Night were sent home on Monday with the children's homework for them to practise nightly as part of the children's reading time. Chords to the song The Lion Sleeps Tonight have been included so that these can be practised as well.

In the gymnastic part of the performance, the students will need to be dress up as clowns (bright shirt and baggy pants and maybe a colourful wig if you have one.) Remember they will need to be able to perform gymnastic activities in the outfit!!

Just a reminder that Swim School is to be held from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> December. Helpers would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to a fantastic couple of weeks..

Judy