



Lord Howe Island Central School

To create a happy and engaging environment focused on every student's learning!



February 12, 2014



'Today for Tomorrow'

Upcoming Events

12/02- Transition begins
14/02- Community Breaky
17/02- Fish Fry fundraiser
03/03 - P&C Meeting
07/03 -Swimming Carnival
21/03 - Senior citizens
Morning Tea 11:00am
21/03 - Assembly 12pm
24/03 - Big Music
02/04 - School Photos
07/04 - P & C Meeting
10/04 - School Camp

Canteen Roster

February 14

Liz Wright

February 21

Janice Ong

Historical Movies

Roster

February 12

Mr Mason

Isaac Mason

Ryan Galloway

February 19

Julia Thompson

Monique Thompson

Jake Wright

Principal's Report

What a fantastic moment — watching our Kindy's start their school journey at the most unique and incredible school in Australia. 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 families all pulling together to ensure a smooth transition for all our Kindy's.

Helen and I are making the readjustment to life with the arrival of our new son Benjamin. The warmth, support and hands of friendship from the community have been a fantastic level of support for us, thank you!

Our Director Public Schools NSW Mr Mark Youngblutt visited our school last week. He was super impressed with the respectful behaviour, enthusiasm and joy of learning displayed by our school learning community. He believed that the school's vision to create a happy and engaging environment focused on every student's learning was evident in every aspect of school life. He noted that all students were engaged, staff are happy in their work and the relationships between the adults and students are fun, caring and respectful. He also mentioned that the parents and members of the broader community hold the school in high esteem. All the feedback was excellent and is a tribute to everyone in our wonderful school.

Chaplaincy Program Update

We will be hosting a Community Breakfast this Friday on the 14th of February. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The K-2's will start their After School Sport program hopefully next week. The older students will be offered the opportunity to join the Sailing Club. A huge thank you to Chappy for all your dedication, hard work and effort for our kids, brilliant!

Student Representative Council 2014

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC school leaders who will represent and support all students to engage in school life. K-1R: Audrey Logan, 2-6N Jake Wright and Secondary's Katelyn McGrath.

Gymnastics Program

The children are certainly enjoying their gymnastics with Lisa. It is wonderful to see the students building on their skills from last year. Our new Kindys had a great time getting involved and are gaining in confidence.

Transition Program gives students the best start

The Best Start Assessment data is in for all our Kindy's. We are definitely off to a great start again this year. The 2014 Transition to School program started today with a healthy group of six students. Good luck everyone involved.



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.

P&C News

The P&C held its AGM and first meeting for the year last on the 3 of February. The 2014 committee comprises:

Kelly Galloway - President
Emma Nulty - Vice President
Liz Wright - Vice President
Amy Hickey - Treasurer
Andrew Logan - Secretary

At the meeting, P&C agreed to contribute funds to a number of important projects to support the school including a \$4000 to the School Gymnastics Program and \$1700 towards funding some new laptops.

P&C has an important role in the school community. Parent input is valued and welcomed. Each year the P&C raises about \$8000. The major fundraising activities are Discovery Day Fish Fry, Yachties BBQ and the Historical Movies.

The P&C meeting provides a great forum to discuss School Policy, Programs and activities and allows for active parent involvement in the school. The next meeting is on Monday 3rd 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 Kelly on 6563 2443.

Special Visitor from Zimbabwe

Chris Hingley is the Rector from the Petra Schools in Zimbabwe. He spent some time with the students showing a few clips of his students and answering lots of questions. It was great experience for everyone.



Happy Birthday

Mrs Roberts celebrated her birthday yesterday. I know everyone will join me in wishing her all the best for her very special day. Happy Birthday Mrs Roberts!

Phasmids

Lord Howe Island Central School is the only school in the world to have a permanent Phasmid enclosure in a classroom. Make sure you pay a visit into Mr Nulty's classroom have a look and ask some questions.



Swimming Carnival Update

We have moved our Swimming Carnival to Friday 7th of March. To accommodate setting up and the tides we will be starting the carnival at 10:00am.

We need you!

We need all the School Organisational Notes returned as soon as possible please. We have not been able to put a roster together for the canteen or for the Historical Movies as we do not have enough parent volunteers yet. The school doesn't make any money from the canteen. It is set up as a service for parents to make life that little bit easier. The Historical Movies brings in crucial fundraising for the P&C to be able to support our kids. Please if you are able to spare some time for these important services please let Mr Mason know asap. Please remember School fees are now due.

News from the classroom

From 2-6N

The first few days of school have been great and having the Year Two's in our class is very noisy and they are keeping Mr Nulty busy. We have a big fish tank sitting next to our sink and we are going to get some Phasmids and start breeding them in the classroom with the help of Hank Bower and LHIB.



Our class is quite different with so many kids but it's lots of fun. It's also great that I have some more girls in the class! We look forward to a great term with some great experiences coming up.

By Monique

K1R News

All students have settled well into the new school year and the Kindergarten students are quickly becoming familiar with the classroom routine and school rules.

Most of the Year One students have kept up their reading over the holidays and were very eager to show me how much their reading has improved. Well done to those who made the effort, it certainly paid off.



Once again we are in for a very busy term with reading and math groups starting off this week. Just a reminder parents are more that welcome to come into the classroom and help during literacy and math groups to help with the playing of games and working on the computers/ipads.



Homework starts this week and all students have been given a home reading folder which should be returned daily so that readers can be changed.

Looking forward to another great year with a wonderful group of students

Judy



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

URGENT REMINDER!

There were a lot of vehicles and bike riders out yesterday afternoon. There were also a few parents in cars picking up students on Lagoon Road close to where we send the students home on their bikes. The congestion is an accident waiting to happen. Please make sure that any pick-ups and drop-offs before, during and after school by vehicle are done on the oval side of the school please. The front of the school is only for students travelling to and from school on foot or by bike. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Draft Historical Movie Roster

Wednesdays at 5:00pm at the Town Hall (4:45pm arrival)

January	29	Matt Nulty	Katelyn McGrath
February	5	Wayne McGrath	Katelyn McGrath
	12	Trev Mason	Isaac Mason
	19	Julia Thompson	Monique Thompson Jake Wright
	26	Dave Kelly	Ethan Lamb-Kelly
March	5	Andrew Login	Hamish Login
	12	Kelly Galloway	Isaac Mason
	19	Anthony Wright	Monique Thompson
	26	Julia Thompson	Ethan Lamb-Kelly
April	2	Wayne McGrath	Wilson Hickey