

LHICS Newsletter



Developing successful learners and confident individuals!

The spirit of the Anzac Centenary was launched with respect and style this year starting at the Dawn Service. A big thank you to Jim McFadyen for organising this special event. Most of children attended and their representation of the school was as unique as their Anzac Day Centenary Art work and the line of poppies they made to support the occasion. One Islander noted; "The kids were amazing. The only sound were the waves." The staff & students also participated in Anzac Day march and ceremony held at the cenotaph. The LHICS choir, led by Inga Brasche, opened the commemoration in spectacular fashion. It was a very special Anzac Day where all students wore full school uniform and sat beautifully on the mats. Isaac opened the proceedings with the formal reading of the Anzac Day prologue. Ryan followed this up humbly with the laying of the wreath. All the kids finished the ceremony with their heartfelt rendition of the Last Anzac. Thank you to Judy, Kylie, Inga and Rhonda for all the work that went into the preparation and lead up to ensure a successful experience for our children.

School Council Update

Mrs Roberts has indicated that she will be submitting a letter to extend her teaching tenure to the School Council. This will be addressed at the next School Council meeting which will be held on Tuesday the 26/05. Other Agenda items for this meeting include the an overview of the 2015-2017 School Plan.

Mother's Day Stall - Thank you to all the families that have donated a wrapped Mother's Day Present. The children will be able to choose a present tomorrow at lunchtime for \$5. Thank you to Kelly and the P&C for organising the event.

In The Groove - The teachers have been running the regular Friday music sessions for the students to practice their singing and ukulele skills. Simon Martin will be leading the guitar group starting from Monday. We will also be holding auditions for our new school band to be held on Monday during lunch times. Interested students will need to be prepared to give up their lunch on Mondays if they want to be a part of this great experience.

Gymnastics - The students have been practising their skills each week and the results have been very impressive. They are jumping off mini tramps, vaulting and rolling over the mats and making their way across the high balance beam. The students will be highlighting their skills straight after our next assembly on Friday 29th of May.

Denise - You are in our hearts and prayers.

Kind regards Trev Mason - Principal LHICS



Week 3, May 6th 2015



Upcoming Events

08/05 - Mother's Day Stall
12-14/05 - NAPLAN
22/05 Cross Country
26/05 - Sch Council Meeting
29/05 School Assembly
08/06 Queens Birthday
13/06 Trivia & Song
Fundraiser Night

Canteen Roster

May 8
Audrey Ball
May 15
Megan Bennett
May 22
Natania Drew
May 29
Lucy Kuilman
June 5
Cam Lay
June 12
Mel Vowels

Historical Movies Roster

May 6
Trev Mason
Isaac Mason
May 13
Janice Chia
Natalie Chia
Wilson Hickey
May 20
Julia Thompson
Monique Thompson
Ryan Galloway
May 27
Anthony Wright
Jake Wright
Micah Lay
June 3
Megan Bennet
Hamish Logan
Hayley McFadyen
June 10
Simon Martin
Aidan Martin
Lewis Vowels
June 17
Kelly Galloway
Ryan Galloway
Lucinda Tofaeono

Supporting Positive Parenting

Opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016 - If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between **Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015**. The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Staff update - Kylie Martin will be away for Professional Learning next week. She will be engaging in Professional Learning focused on enhancing teacher effectiveness with training on Choice Theory, Reality Therapy and Lead management. Mrs T will replace Kyle for the week.

Parent - Teacher Interviews - Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend the interviews. The process was a very informative and positive result for all involved.

School Cross Country - The School Cross Country will be held on Friday, the 22nd of May. A note will come home soon with the times. Please check your child's bag.

P&C - We were not able to make a quorum for our P&C meeting on Monday as we didn't have enough people due to delayed planes and various other variables. We will be holding another P&C meeting tomorrow at 7.30p.m in the library. There are a range of important decisions to be made so I encourage everyone to attend.

Nationally consistent collection of data

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with a disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>. Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/>

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.



Fundraiser Event

Saturday June 13th is fast approaching. Have you booked a dinner reservation at the Bowling Club? To support our Stage 3 Mainland excursion we are holding a special fundraiser event where everyone is invited. We will have a table with games and activities set up for the kids. The adults can start the night with a fun filled trivia session. There are some fabulous prizes. After the trivia we are hosting the biggest band on LHI to perform all the greatest hits for everyone to sing-along and dance. The LHI Bowlo are putting on a special feed and only early bookings will be accepted for dinner. We would appreciate a \$10 donation per person for the Trivia and Band. All funds raised from this donation will go directly into reducing the overall cost for the excursion. Food and drinks will be at your expense. Any prizes or contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Mr Mason at the School on 65632096.

What: Dinner, Trivia and Band

When: Saturday 13th June from 6.00p.m

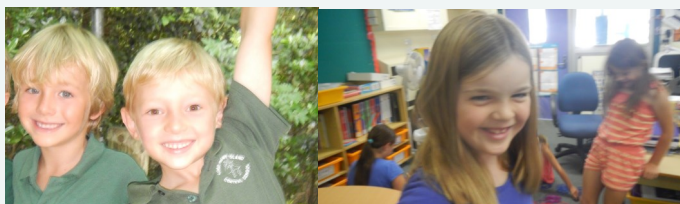
Who: LHI Community, friends and visitors

Where: LHI Bowling Club

Cost: \$10 donation (Contribution bucket at the door on the night)

2-6 News

Wow! Week 3 already, another busy start to the term. Thank you everyone for attending the ANZAC service on Saturday. I've had many a comment about the 'great job' the kids did. They represented Lord Howe Island Central School proudly, well done. The first two weeks in the classroom linked with ANZAC Day. We read many books about the wars that Australian soldiers had fought in, with a particular focus on Gallipoli. As a writing task the students had to write a Soldier's account, putting themselves in the shoes of a soldier that landed at Gallipoli. The results were fantastic!! Please see a couple of Year 2 student's accounts over on the next column.



I heard the ship crash at the shore. As I climbed on to the rock I heard the first bullet explode. I ran up the steep hill. I was worried. I saw my mate fall to the ground. I wished I was back home with my family. It was loud. Men running up, more and more explosions shot up in the sky. Lots of bodies fell to the ground. Loud yells screamed as I ran and ran up. Blood all around me, I am lucky I am not dead yet. Fire flying in the sky. I dug a trench, other men came in. It was a bit squishy. I came out and attacked. I survived. **Tiko Lay**

We were out in the boat and about to land at our destination. I felt sea sick and frightened then I saw a bullet zip past me. I screamed. I was so scared. I felt the boat start to rock. It nearly tipped over. Then we landed. I saw my friend get shot. I ran to him and cried heellpp! No one answered me. I started climbing up the cliff. Then I saw someone get shot climbing up the cliff. I felt even more worried. I got over it and started climbing again. Then I made it. I felt so brave. Then I heard someone give orders to the Turkish soldiers. Next I started running. I looked back and there they were charging at me. I shot a bullet and it got one of the Turks. I felt so brave I couldn't breathe. It felt like I was getting strangled. Then me and my mates dug a trench. The next day the fighting started again. I grabbed my gun and ran out straight away. I saw a Turk get shot. In my head I was saying yes but then one of my mates got shot so I said no in my head as well. Then my commander got shot. Everyone on my side started to get angrier, especially me. I started to shoot everywhere. I killed most of the Turks. Then one shot me. My friends ran over to me and started crying. Then they got shot. That was all of my team gone.

Bonnie Martin

If you would like to read more, and it's well worth it, please come into our classroom and have a read, they're hanging around the room with a field of poppies.



As the weather cools down the students are reaching for their school jumpers. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to please label your child's belongings. We are already accruing a small collection of jumpers and unfortunately there are no names on them.

I will be away all of week 4 attending a course with Judy Hatswell, linking directly with the two days we spent with her at the beginning of term. Mrs T will be with the class. During this week Year 3 and 5 will be completing NAPLAN testing. These students will be withdrawn from the classroom three mornings of that week to complete their tests. **Mrs Martin**

A Passionate Class



The last week and this we have been in the garden getting it ready to plant this terms crop. We have planted some broccoli and lots and lots of carrots as we all love eating them. On Thursday we ate some of the delicious passionfruit that we have growing in the garden and then wrote about our experience during writing time. Writing is always so much more enjoyable after a good feed!!!

On Monday we walked the Cross Country course and we will be playing lots of games during sport to build up our stamina so that we can all enjoy the cross- country on Friday 22nd May.

Looking forward to another couple of exciting weeks of learning.

Judy

