



Lord Howe Island Central School

Creating an environment to develop successful learners and confident individuals!



Positive, Polite & Productive

August 12th 2015

Upcoming Events

14/08 Assembly - Public
Speaking Presentations
22/08 Mainland Excursion
07/09 P&C Meeting
7-11/09 School Audit
18/09 Gold Day

Canteen Roster

Aug 15
Cam Lay
Aug 21
Rachael McFadyen
Aug 28
Judy Riddle
Sept 4
Emily Riddle

Historical Movie Roster

Aug 12
Megan Bennett
Hamish Logan
Aiden Martin

Aug 19
Kelly Galloway
Ryan Galloway
Isaac Mason

Aug 26
Mellisa Vowles
Micah Lay
Lewis Vowles

Sept 2
Jim McFadyen
Hayley McFadyen
Jake Wright

Principal's Report - Staff have been working tirelessly to accurately assess where each child is at with their learning to support our planning and meet every students needs. This process allows us to evaluate and measure our effectiveness. Staff discussions have been frank, robust and overwhelmingly positive where staff have all challenged each other to provide evidence of where we have been doing things well and also where we need to focus for the future.

I feel very privileged and happy to announce that the School Council unanimously recommended in favour of extending my tenure for 2016 as Principal Lord Howe Island Central School.

P&C - The Parents and Citizens Meeting was held last week and was well attended. There was vibrant discussion around community use of schools, tennis camp, public speaking, school working bee and various updates about the special things that have been happening around the school. The P&C is a strong forum to be positively involved in the school community voice.

School Working Bee report - A huge thank you to all the parents, teachers and community members for giving up their time (and resources) on a perfect sunny Saturday to come along and provide the person power to support the school working bee to get the school garden operational again. There was also some great work completed on removing the moss and slippery layer on our pavers. The effort, vibe and progress were fantastic. This is another fine example of our community working together to achieve great things – thank you!

First Aid - This Sunday the School will be hosting a FREE First Aid Workshop for Parents from 2-4p.m in the School Library. There will be FREE baby sitting available at the School for this important event. We already have various mums attending which is wonderful. There will be various very young children in care. In order for us to be able to provide appropriate care for extra families requiring supervision we are asking for bookings with the school prior to the event. Please call 65632096 or email Trev Mason on trevelian.mason@det.nsw.edu.au. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Please share this with all families with young children on LHI.

The School will also be hosting a full day formal first Aid course on Tuesday the 18/08 for anyone who is interested. The formal course will cost \$220 per person. Bookings are essential and numbers are strictly limited. Training will be in the library at LHICS.

We are happy to announce that Charlotte Tofaeono and Malekai Shead have joined our DE learning team. They have already made a very positive start this week.



New faces - I know the community will join me in providing a warm welcome to the Clougher family. Astrid and Lucy enrolled last week and are very excited about their new adventure at school on Lord Howe Island whilst mum relieves as our local doctor.

School Mainland Camp – Last week we met with all the parents of the students attending the Mainland Excursion to finalise all the details. Everyone is very excited about this fantastic event. The kids will be leaving next week on Saturday 22/08, on the 2.40p.m flight to Sydney.



Woolworths Shoppers - Our School is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. We are asking all Woollies Shoppers to support the program by collecting the stickers that Woolworths send with the shopping orders. You can either fill in the sticker sheet that is available from the school or you can just drop your stickers into the Collection Box that is outside the K1 classroom.

Speech Therapy - Our online Speech Therapy sessions are on every Friday. 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 stakeholders to ensure great results for our kids.

Reminder - As has been a long tradition on LHI 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, away from the driveway please. It is also DEC policy that any visitors entering the school grounds must report to the office first please.

Tree Day – Last Wednesday week, the LHI Board and the school organised for all our students to plant native trees up near the playground equipment on Lagoon Rd. A huge thank you to Shane Deacon and the LHI Board for all their preparation and support for National Tree Day. The students really enjoyed the experience.



Supervision reminder - We have had various students staying after school on their own either meeting up with friends for some extra play or waiting around for piano lessons. Ms Brasche is busy giving her individual lessons during this time. All parents are reminded that all students must either return home straight after school or have active adult supervision please. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Website and Facebook Pages - Our school Newsletter is our main form of communication. As always, if you are unsure of any upcoming events, please contact your child's teacher for clarification. Just to remind everyone we have a calendar planner for every term on the school's website <http://www.lordhowe-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/>. 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 also attached. We 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 see photos and details of events advertised in the newsletter. Please ensure this is a highly respected zone at all times. All events are on the School calendar on the Website and in the newsletters.

The Value of Play - As usual a whole bunch of students from Year 9 to Kindy were engaged in a physical game during playtime. This week it was a self-run game of Fly on our small grass patch. There was no arguing and lots of laughing. Our school believes in being polite, positive and productive. Each week the kids play a variety of games and often invent their own. The common theme is the values and attitude of our kids working cooperatively and effectively together. Small School Big difference!

Staffing Update – Miss Turner will be away for 2 weeks from the 17th of August. Mrs Higgins will be attending the School Administrative Manager's Conference on the 21-22/08. Mrs Martin will be away on the School Camp from the 22/08 to 31/08. Mrs Roberts will be on Long Service Leave for the last 3 weeks of term. I have been called to the mainland for a Principal Network meeting and a LMBR workshop from 25-27/08.

NITS – We have had some reported cases of nits again on students from our school. We are asking all parents to check their children please. It takes just one infested head to infest the whole class. Thank you for your support in this matter.

News Direct from our Fantastic Classrooms

K-1R News

This week we have started a new unit of work- Seasons and Changes. During this unit we will be studying the following books, -A year on our Farm, You and Me- Our Place, The Gardener and Windows. The overarching theme of the unit is "Change".

This English unit focuses on the concept of "Representation". In particular, focusing on how language, characters and illustrations represent change in stories.

The Science unit on "Weather", "Seasons" (or similar) will link with the text "A Year on the Farm".

The HSIE unit on "Families Past and Present" will link with the text "The Gardener", "You and Me: Our Place" and "Window". It will focus on change in lifestyles from families in the past compared to modern day family life.

All the students have presented their speeches and they all did a marvelous job. The students have elected the following students to present their speeches at this week's assembly. Elsie from Year One- her speech will be recorded and shown on the day. Brodie from Year One and Mem from Kindergarten.

Looking forward to another fantastic fortnight
Judy



2-6M News

It's been a great week of Public Speaking. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students of the 2-6 class for all the effort and time they put into their speeches. They all should be very proud of themselves. Their topics were interesting and well researched and they all did a great job of speaking clearly in front of an audience. The seven students listed below from the 2-6 class will be reading their speeches at this Friday's assembly (not necessarily in that order): Jackson O'Hehir, Ruby Deacon, Lucinda Tofaeono, Hamish Logan, Isaac Mason, Wilson Hickey and Isabella Vowles. Of course everyone is welcome to come along and listen.

We've been spending some time discussing and reading Dreamtime stories and other Aboriginal stories. We have also begun to create some dot art, based on Aboriginal dot art and a novel that we have been reading call "The Fat and Juicy Place", we're calling it ***Lizard Dreaming***. Here are a couple of examples of work in progress. As you can imagine it is a time consuming process that requires focus and patience. Aren't they great. Come in and have a look at them, they should be up on the walls by Friday.



On an exciting note, the Stage 3 camp is fast approaching, only a week and a half to go. I hope the students are beginning to think about packing their bags and checking their lists for all of the necessities. We are going to have a fantastic time. I'm particularly excited about going to Canberra (even though I'm sure it's going to be cold!) because I've never been there before. I'm not sure what the students are excited about? Mrs T will be taking the remaining students while we're away.

Kylie

