



Lord Howe Island Central School

Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 8

Coming this term

Please remember Covid 19 requirements and sign in at the office when entering the school grounds.

News from the Principal

Gardens

Thank you to Matthias and Z-Hua who have helped create a beautiful garden near the front office. Well done to all the students who assisted in clearing the leaf build up around the storage and P&C sheds. Our school is starting to look amazing. If anyone has spare time or spare plants and would like to do something in our gardens please contact me and I will happily find a task for you.

Year 5/6 Excursion

Congratulations to the parents and students on their curry night. Amazing effort and an awesome amount of fundraising. Keep your eyes out on Facebook for the next one.

Canteen

A reminder that parents and family working in the canteen need to have completed a WWCC or declaration prior to the day. An ID check is required with 1 source of photo ID included to ensure that all legal requirements are met. We are very pleased to see the canteen running each week and the students enjoying this Friday treat. Some of our students find the amount huge and will often put their uneaten portion in their lunchbox for later, keep an eye out for this when they come home. We have placed a small bar fridge in K/1/2 specifically for students to refrigerate their leftovers and necessary food coming to school that needs refrigeration. This is only a small fridge so please do not send large quantities of food to be refrigerated.

Chickens

It has been fantastic to have families take care of the chickens on the weekends. We will need to look at school holidays and their care as I will be off island for most of the holidays. The photos being shared with me have been wonderful to put in the school newsletter.

Chicken Roster:

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE

VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

"Make a Payment" tab

Weekend of the 12/13/14th June the key will be with Evie.

Weekend of the 19/20th June the key will be with Isla.

School holidays: ????

If you can't do the weekend allocated please let me know. Will also continue the roster next term.

Visits to School

Next week Lisa Kirkland will be visiting. She is Principal School Leadership support who will be assisting us with support to get ready for External Validation next term.

Darren Isaacs will be visiting the following week to work with staff on Close reading, Scope and Sequence PD/H/PE, preparation for new K-2 teaching requirements, formative assessment, and a few other professional learning activities.

Phone Installation

During week 10 the phones at school will be disrupted due to a new system being put in. The outage will mainly affect Wednesday, 23rd June.

Athletics Carnival

Athletics carnival is planned for early next term. Between now and end of term students will participate in field event practice and elimination events as part of Friday sport. If you can assist with the carnival please contact Ben Gallen early next term. Many hands make light work and we look forward to having parent involvement again. COVID restrictions will apply to this event.

Reward Day

Reward day this term will be a school sleepover and movie night. Students not wanting to sleep over can come to movie night and be picked up and taken home. The sleepover will be Thursday, 17th June and begin at 6pm with a party share arrangement for dinner, students can bring a plate of something to share with others. The first movie will be suitable for all and begin at 6:30pm in the library. This will

conclude around 8pm and K/1/2 will have supper and bed down in the library or head home. Years 3/4/5/6 will watch a second movie in their room in their sleeping bags and go to sleep at the end of it. All parents are welcome to stay. Students come for part or all of the night. Notes with information for this will go out tomorrow.

Reports

Student reports are being finalised and will be available Week 10. Students on individualised programs will have semester 2 meetings with teachers' early term 3, to review progress and plan for the rest of the year. Semester 2 reports will contain a section completed by the students about their learning and their reflection on their goals and challenges.

COVID ISLP Funding

The school was given a small amount of money/funding this year to support student learning because of the disrupted school year last year. During Semester 1 we used this money to employ Sheridan Turner to work with the Year 2's in literacy. This choice was made due to the critical nature of year 1 and learning and the disruption these students had. This will continue for the second half of the year. We have seen pleasing growth from the students in this program. We are currently using school funding to support other students who have also been impacted on by a disruptive 2020.

Leave

Thank you to the families that have used the leave application process for their absences during the winter months. If you are unsure how to complete these forms please contact me, either by phone or email, and I can assist you with completing them in a manner that meets departmental requirements. To date no one has been declined. Being an isolated community there are many reasons why this travel would be acceptable, including access to cultural, educational, and sporting activities that are not

available on the island and you are not able to access at any other time. Thank you to the families who have combined their appointments with school holidays to minimise impact on their child's education. For every day your child is absent it will take them 3 days to catch up on missed learning. Over a year if they miss 2 weeks of school they will need 6 weeks to make up the lost learning and engage in current learning. Talk to us about how to minimise this impact when you need to travel.

School Attendance

The year 3/4/5/6 students created some fantastic short videos on why attendance matters. I will be very pleased to share these with you. Am working on adding them to our school website. We are tracking attendance as it is a priority for our school. Students that fall below 90% attendance automatically are referred to Learning and Support. Students that fall below 95% are monitored by the teacher and the teacher will often contact them to discuss attendance. Should a child be away for a period of time and is well enough to complete some school work we encourage parents to contact the class teacher and get some reading and numeracy work.

World Ocean's Day

World Oceans Day was an awesome day, the students participated in some great activities, including board game making, video making, mobile making and a photo competition. Thank you to Emily Riddle and Caitlin Wood for their support of this event. Thank you to all the families who have supplied photos at short notice. It is a priority of the school to be involved in the wider community and we seek opportunities from all areas of the community to be actively involved. It is through this involvement that we educate our children who will be the custodians of the island in the future.

Thank you

Thank you to the Deacon and Riddle families for their donations of books to our school library. New books coming into the library have allowed us to allocate sets of books to the classrooms to be used for home reading, kindergarten to year 6. Please encourage your child/ren to participate in home reading and library borrowing.

ICAS

We are getting close to that time of year again for the ICAS Assessments. These are academic assessments that recognise and reward excellence for students in years 2-12. Again, we will be doing online assessments. Participation in these tests is optional and tests will be purchased through the parent payment system.

Access details for parents

Your school access code is: ERA360

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Dates and Prices:

Writing

9 th – 13 th August	\$21.45	Yr 3-12
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Digital Technologies

9 th – 13 th August	\$17.05	Yr 3-10
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English

16 th - 20 th August	\$17.05	Yr 2-12
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Science

23 rd -27 th August	\$17.05	Yr 2-12
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Spelling Bee

23 rd -26 th August	\$17.05	Yr 2-7
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Mathematics

30 th August – 3 rd September	\$17.05	Yr 2-12
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Please remember Monday is a public holiday, no school!

Lynne Takacs M.ED
Principal

Quote of the day

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." -Eleanor Roosevelt