



Lord Howe Island Central School

Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 6

Important Reminders.

Please remember to sign in at the office when entering the school grounds.

Any late arrival or early departure students must be signed in and out of school via the office.

Only fully Vaccinated volunteers or workers are allowed on School Property.

Vaccination and WWC or Declaration is required when helping as a volunteer.

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE

VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

"Make a Payment" tab

News from the Principal

Leave

If you are planning on taking leave from the island during the winter months, we encourage you to take leave during the school holidays to support your child's education. A disruption to their education can have an impact that is lifelong.

If your child is absent from school for one day, it will take them three days to catch up on the missed learning

Justified reasons for absence from school include

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

If your child is absent, it is a requirement that you provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year. In some

circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Tips to help us all stay healthy

As a school we are minimising the impact of illness by:

- regular handwashing
- regular use of hand sanitiser
- ensuring plentiful access to tissues
- using air purifiers in the classroom
- when your child is unwell contacting you to pick them up
- providing RAT (rapid antigen tests) when required to your child
- providing mosquito repellent to your child

How can you help?

- read the attached advice on Too Sick for School
- ensure that your child is 24 hours symptom free before returning to school
- advising the school of your child's absence as soon as possible
- allowing your child to rest and recover, if they are too sick for school then they are too sick to complete schoolwork at home, at least for the first few days. If it is an ongoing illness the school will support with an adjusted work requirement for your child
- keep your child at home when unwell
- keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service now. Flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under 5 years, or for a small charge for those aged 5 years and older.
- getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result.
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water.
- taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events

Keeping warm in winter.

With the sudden onset of winter weather, we encourage you to ensure that your child's jumper has their

name on it as we are getting an ever-increasing amount of lost property.

You might like to also consider sending your child in shoes and socks for play outside during the day and using the toilet. The floors of the toilets are cold and often become wet through over enthusiastic handwashing.

Your child will be permitted to take their shoes off in class and wear their socks only if more comfortable for them.

Suitable footwear must be worn for health and safety reasons. Sports shoes or school shoes are most suitable, ugg boots, slippers, thongs, sandals are not suitable footwear for school.

The school uniform includes the wearing of green tracksuit pants in winter, and we are permitting the wearing of black tights under the school dress. Black tights are not suitable to be worn on their own with a shirt. Black track pants or any pants with a logo are not suitable for school.

New Teacher for K-2

Jessica Andrews will be joining us in Term 3, bringing along 7 years of experience from teaching across Sydney, the Mid North Coast and Far West NSW.

Miss Andrews provides the following for your information:-

I am passionate about teaching inquisitive young minds and creating a positive, supportive and happy classroom for my students. Enjoyment of learning is paramount and to accomplish this I use a unique teaching style, taking a holistic approach to education. My students are learning life-long skills that will benefit them not only in the classroom but as young members of their community.

I also enjoy pottery, camping, drawing and nature walks in my spare time and am excited to explore the natural wonders of the Island. I am moving with my soon-to-be husband, Alexander, who currently works in major construction. We are both looking forward to this new adventure together, enjoying a

slower pace of life in contrast to our current Sydney lifestyle. Having grown up in a small country town, we are also looking forward to becoming part of the close-knit community of Lord Howe Island.



Lynne Takacs M.ED

Principal