Principal’s Report
We are all now well and truly into school life for 2013. It has been a great start to the school year and the feedback about the kids attitude and learning from the teachers has been really positive. The school is closely looking at what assessment processes are in place to ensure that we are able to teach to each students individual learning needs. The weather has impacted on some upcoming events. We were planning to visit the airport for a discussion and observation of the helicopter. This has been postponed until further notice at the moment. We also had to postpone our swimming carnival until this Friday; fingers crossed please. There are some important events coming up, see left panel, please add them to your school calendar. As always, if you are unsure of any upcoming events, please contact your child’s teacher to clarify your concerns.

Trev Mason

Community sets the example
The P&C organised the highly tasty 2013 Fish Fry. What a fantastic community event and fundraiser for the school. A huge thank you to all the Parents and helpers who organised, set up the tables, decorated, prepared food and ensured the event was a fantastic success. The coordination of people and resources was incredible and enabled the dinner to be served to approximately 300 adults and children. It was a huge effort and clearly demonstrated the commitment and passion to support our children.
success and Lord Howe Island Central School was able to enjoy and celebrate being the overall winner of Discovery Night.

**Winners Are Grinners**

Congratulations to *Solitary Light* for winning the grand prize in our Stage 3 raffle for our Student Excursion. A massive thank you to QANTAS. Without their support and generous donation of an airline ticket we just couldn’t raise as much money as we did. The Stage 3 parents have been prioritising and working hard to raise funds so our children can have the unique and special hands on opportunity of the educational experience that is really only available on the mainland.

**Never To Old To Discover New Things**

The excitement continued after dinner with the start of Discovery Night events. The community at large settled on the oval to enjoy and celebrate the history, heritage and settlement of Lord Howe Island by competing in the Discovery Night races and competitions. It was a sight to behold with pre-schoolers to golden oldies participating and having a go. The founders would certainly be proud. Despite a few trips and falls, the night was highly successful, entertaining and a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the night. The competition was strong and the school was well represented. Participation is key to

**United We Achieve**

The skills our children are learning in life are reflected in the classroom. Our students have been collaborating in writing with a partner to list, develop and plan ideas. Partners then decided how to write the most convincing persuasive paragraph they could by utilising all the shared ideas from discussions. The kids all wanted to share their writing and were able to receive feedback to further enhance their learning.

**Transition Supports Success**

The Transition Program is outstanding. The children are highly engaged and experiencing the learning of skills that will enable a successful start to school life.