**Diverse Learning**

What a huge fortnight at Lord Howe Island Central School. Swimming carnival, vision and hearing testing, professional learning, Sea Week, new students, Rockfest and a broken arm! Thank you to everyone for your wonderful contributions to our Swimming Carnival day held at the Lagoon. We have had loads of really positive feedback from the day. What a unique experience! The participation, communication, leadership, team building and enjoyment of the whole school community are a genuine and positive opportunity for the students to be immersed in a culture of unity. Congratulations to Gower and to all our champions. Remember if you had fun, then you won.

**Kids leading the way**

Jackson broke his arm and had to be flown off the island. Our hearts went out to him and his parents. It was with much relief to see Mum, Dad and Jackson finally return after their ordeal. Every student and teacher spontaneously made their way up to surround Jackson with love and compassion. The support and shared smiles was a truly exceptional moment. Welcome back Jackson to the best school in the world buddy.

**Focus is on learning**

The teachers have been engaging in professional learning focusing on a school wide approach to assess, plan and teach reading. It has been a fantastic effort from the team on improving processes which are focused on the impact of teaching on the learning, especially in such a busy time.

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**Upcoming Events**

13/03 - Big Music—Oval
15/03 - Senior citizens Morning Tea, 11am
15/03 - Assembly, 11:30am
15/03—Book Fair 12p.m
16/03 - Rockfest Concert at the Golf Club
4-5/04 North Bay Camp
12/04 Gold day

**Canteen Roster**

March 15
Lee Rogers

March 22
Amy Hickey

March 29
No Canteen due to Public Holiday

**Historical Movies Roster**

March 13
Craig Wilson
Riley Wilson
Sunny Oxley

March 20
Wayne McGrath
Katelyn McGrath
Emily McGrath

March 27
Melissa Crisp
Derek O’brien
Teb Crisp
Jordan McGrath
Sea Week involved the students visiting the museum for a fascinating presentation by our local expert – Ian Hutton – for a discussion about local fish types, sizes and local marine sustainability issues. The students then set out on field trips to observe the marine environment. Thank you for the support by Turtle tours - Anthony Riddle - who lead the educational experiences on the Lagoon. The K-2 students participated in a guided glass bottom boat tour and then explored the local rock pools. The Primary and Secondary students engaged in a guided glass bottom tour and snorkel expedition. It was awesome.

Also, a big thank you is due to Brian Busteed from Howea Divers, who supported our Secondary students to complete their Open Water Dive course. What an adventure as the main street was blocked off for the opening Rockfest concert. My legs were sore from dancing and my throat was tender from cheering and singing along with all the bands. Our talented students opened the Lord Howe Island Idol with a star performance of *The Golden Ukulele*. This fantastic performance earned the kids a place in the finals and a place in the hearts of the judges. Matt and Judy will be supporting the kids at the finale concert on Saturday night. I will be flying out on Saturday to Sydney for a week to attend the Regional Principal's Conference and my PARS review. Meeting Mr Nulty will be relieving as Principal for the week.