It is hard to believe that we are already into Week 3 of the last term of 2015. So much has happened already this year and there is a lot more to come. Students in both classes are busily practising their performances for the end of year Presentation Day, which will be held on Thursday 10th December at 6.45p.m at the school. We have our Athletics Carnival coming up on Friday 6th of November. This is always a super special day and everyone is invited. We will need some helpers please. If you are able to support on the day please contact Mrs Roberts at the school. This will be followed by our school Assembly which will be held on Friday 20th November at 12.00p.m as usual in the library. We will be hosting our awesome Book Fair straight after the assembly. Please come along and share in this special event. We will have the books out early for families to have a good look.

I’m sure everyone knows all about the filming that is about to take place on the Island for part of a movie. The film crew will be using the LHI Community Hall from 18th October until the 11th November. There will be no P&C Historical Movies during this time.

I will be sharing our School NAPLAN analysis at the next P&C meeting. I strongly encourage parents to attend this important meeting. This will be a great opportunity ask any questions, to develop an understanding about how to interpret the reports and also to find out how we as a school use and interpret data to impact on learning.

We are currently working our way through our end of year school evaluation process and we need as many parents and community members as possible to complete our school evaluation survey to ensure we are able to get the full view of parent’s perception. The evaluations form part of our ongoing school consultation and helps us to determine our future planning directions. All Schools in NSW are required to report against the DEC’s School Excellence Framework in their Annual School Reports. The School Excellence Framework is a matrix that enables school’s to map various forms of evidence to make a judgement on the various aspects of what makes up an excellent school. Each aspect provides a measure from delivering, sustaining and growing up to an excelling level. We are using the School Excellence Framework as the basis for our parent evaluation survey. There are 28 questions. Each question has spaces for extras comments for any feedback or comments. The Survey is designed to be completed online. If you would like to complete the survey online at school or manually on paper please contact the school. Please access the survey on the link below (or via the School Facebook site) to enter the survey. The option to complete the Survey will close on the 12th of November. Your support in completing this survey is appreciated. https://www.surveymonkey.com/ (Please cut and paste the URL or type into your browser bar).

Kind regards Trevelian Mason
School Council Meeting - The School Council met last Tuesday week to share and discuss the Athletics carnival, assembly, Tennis Camp, professional learning, Historical Movies, Stage 3 Excursion, First Aid Course, Public Speaking, Special Visitors, School Working Bee, Gold Day and student enrolments. We also spent a considerable amount of energy and time analysing our school learning data. We were able to review our school milestones and begin evaluating our strengths and weaknesses. Julia Thompson will provide a more detailed report of this at the next P&C meeting.

School Council Nominations - The School Council performs a very important role within our school. It oversees the decision making process within the school, ensuring that we are managing and utilising all resources available to us efficiently, effectively and with an agreed purpose in mind. The School Council meets around 5-6 times a year in the afternoon at mutually agreed times. Julia Thompson will be moving to the mainland and will not be available as the parent representative role in 2016. This presents an exciting opportunity for a parent on the committee. The School Council will then be made up of the newly elected parent, along with our other parent representative Luke Hickey, Kelly Galloway, our P&C President, and Bronwyn Tofeaono, our staff representative, and Greg Higgins, our Chairperson and myself as principal.

Nominations are now being called for the position of Parent Representative on our School Council for the start of 2016. The position carries a two year negotiable tenure. In accordance with the Lord Howe Island School Council Constitution, nominees must be proposed and seconded by members of the parent community and the nominee must sign the nomination form, indicating a willingness to accept. Completed nominations should be left in the box at the front office or faxed through to school on 6563 2238. Nominations will close on Wednesday the 2nd of December by 3:00pm. Please find a Parent Nomination Form attached.

Yatchies BBQ - The school's P&C are once again organising to conduct their famous catering for the yachties' "Classic Australian Barbecue" at Ned's Beach on Tuesday evening, November 17th. This is a great fundraiser for the P&C to further provide our students with something that they otherwise wouldn't be able to have. At this stage it appears we will be catering for around 60-70 people. There are a variety of jobs to be undertaken on the day and if every family is able to offer assistance in at least one area we will be able to make it all come together. Kelly Galloway has very kindly offered to coordinate the event again (very generous as she also did the Discovery Night Fish Fry). She needs all of our support to ensure a highly successful event. Please return these notes as soon as possible to support the preparation of the roster. This will also help us to let everyone know when and where they will be required. Thank you for your support. If you would like to attend this fundraiser as an active enthusiast of classic yachts, please contact Kelly for more information.

Transition Program - We will be hosting our formal Kindergarten Orientation Program for 3 weeks from the 5th of November. This is a great opportunity for the students to engage in the K-1 class and with Mrs Roberts. This program will be in addition to the Transition to School Program. We have sent Expressions of Interest Notes home for our next potential Transition Students for next year. We need these notes returned by the 30th of October to determine the numbers and begin the planning and organisation process for Transition 2016.

Tennis Camp - The tennis camp was a huge success in the holidays. Well done Greg for the wonderful training sessions. Thank you to Blue Lagoon for the use of your tennis court. Thank you to the P&C for funding this amazing opportunity for our children and a huge thank you to Emily Riddle for setting up, organizing and juggling the variables as needed - great job! It was wonderful to hear about the skill development and growth of the children over the week.

The school welcomed several new students this term. Lachlan Wilson started day three this term and has settled straight into our school. We also welcomed Hamish and William Bryant to our school for the next eight weeks. I know everyone will support and encourage our new students and their families with their unique Lord Howe Island experience.
Dear parents,

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Kindest regards,
Trev Mason

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016 NOMINATION FORM

We nominate ______________________ to serve as a parent member of Lord Howe Island Central School Council for a term of two (2) years.

Proposer: ______________________ (Name) ______________________ (Signature)

Seconder: ______________________ (Name) ______________________ (Signature)

I accept the above nomination ______________________ (Signature of nominee).

Completed nominations should be left in the box inside the front office or faxed through to the School on 65632238 by 3pm on Wednesday, 2nd December.