What a wonderful few weeks of the school last term for our students. We enjoyed a spectacular week of Rockfest. A big thank you to Damo and the team who worked hard with the students and teachers. The students performed at the LHI Town Hall and at the Golf Club. I am sure you will agree that the effect, influence and opportunity of the Rockfest Team on our students were outstanding. What a fantastic experience and learning opportunity for our students to engage in music with a bunch of highly talented genuine band members and rock n rollers who have such a love and passion for sharing their knowledge and vision. A massive thank you to our home grown stars – Judy and Kylie for all your preparation, dedication and enormous effort to ensure an outstanding preparation and incredible experience for our kids. Of course to the biggest stars of all – the kids. You guys ROCK!

The shenanigan’s continued in the final the week of school where every student packed up their gear for our special overnight expedition to North Bay. It was a fantastic fun learning event for our students. From the moment we set off the kids are presented with a whole new set of challenges, some of which are easily accomplished, others which take persistence, grit, and learning new skills. We carefully organised the kids into mixed social teams with aspiring leaders, Hamish, Micah and Jake at the helm. We set up unique situations where the kids must work together to figure out how to meet social challenges and solve problems to stretch and grow each individual’s resilience. This allows students to safely experience dealing with life’s inevitable changes and losses. We all develop coping skills by being in situations that push us out of our comfort zones. A big thanks to all the dads for helping pack and transport all the equipment over to North Bay. Special mention to Anthony Riddle for the use of the Turtle Tours boat to get the amarda of supplies and equipment to and from North Bay. Thank you to all the dads who set up the tents and camp. Thank you to all the parents involved for the organising, cooking, providing equipment and the various support roles throughout the 2 days. This is crucial to us being able to provide such an incredible experience for our kids. I want to put out a huge thank you to the teaching staff who worked round the clock to ensure a super special event for our kids. The whole school camp provides a great opportunity for our kids to test themselves outside the home and see that they are capable, they can connect with other kids, and they can solve problems and collaborate.

25/04 ANZAC Day
30/04 - Parent - Teacher Interviews
04/05 - P & C Meeting
08/05 - Mother’s Day Stall
12-14/05 - NAPLAN
19/05 Sch Council Meeting
22/05 Cross Country
05/06 School Assembly
08/06 Queens Birthday
12/06 Trivia & Song Fund raiser Night

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Canteen Roster
Term 2
April 24
Julia Thompson
May 1
Jim McFadyen

Historical Movies Roster
April 22
Jim McFadyen
Ryan Galloway
Hayley McFadyen
April 29
Melissa Vowles
Lewis Vowles
Isabella Vowles
May 1
John Tofaeono
Lucinda Tofaeono
Isaac Mason
School Camp continued: We are conducting a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Other, Threats) analysis as an evaluation process to see where we can build on next year’s camp. We warmly encourage input from the parents and the kids. There is a large sheet on public display on the pin board outside my office where anyone can add whatever they feel is relevant in their own time (please note we will be collecting feedback for 2 weeks, ending Friday week 2, term 2). I will leave a pen marker on the table opposite. Please return the pen marker to the table after use.

Community Partnerships – I am a avid believer that it takes a community to help raise the best kids we can. We have utilised and built on a range of initiatives to strengthen our capacity to support our learning community. Our Kindergarten Orientation, Best Start process and Transition to School Program continue to support our early action for success strategy. Our dynamic P&C and School Council meetings have been well attended and focused on the needs of the kids. Our Parent Information Night was a huge success. We will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews next Thursday (on the 30th April) to further enhance our partnerships. We have invited representatives from Camden Haven High School for a field school program and are aiming to develop an orientation and transition program to further enrich the relationship and provide the best outcomes for our kids. We are building on our strong partnership with the LHI Board by providing our facilities and professional consultation for staff development. This will be further enhanced by the School Council supporting the school to establish close connections with the Isolated Children & Parents Association and the Pre-school Association. As discussed previously, the Big Music team continue to add to our outstanding school based music programs. We were able to host the Positive Parenting workshop in the holidays. I highly commend the strong support from parents with 14 families represented at this important learning event.

Parent - Teacher Interviews
We will be conducting our Parent / Teacher Interviews late next week. The Interviews will take place on Thursday, April 30th in week 2 of term 2 as part of our reporting process. A note will come home has been sent home in regards to this. Please return this note early to secure the best time slot.

ANZAC Day March
ANZAC Day is on this Saturday, 25th April. All families and students are invited to participate in the ANZAC March with the school on this day. The school will be meeting at the museum at 10:40am (weather permitting) with the march commencing promptly at 10:55am. Children are to be in full school uniform. If poor weather prevails the service will still go ahead without the march and be held in the museum where the students will be singing as a school.

School Council Meeting
There were School Council meetings on the 17th and 18th of March to discuss the school terms learning data. There was rich discussion on the importance of updating the schools reading resources and home readers. The P&C has offered to contribute up to $5000 for this important resource. The School Council has demonstrated their commitment by allocating an additional $5000 so we are able modernise and best utilise quality reading material for learning. The school wants to continue to ensure the community has a strong voice on school governance by providing an avenue for representation from the broader perspective of parents, staff and the community via the highly active an engaged School Council. Our members are Kelly Galloway, Greg Higgins, Bronwyn Tofaeono, Luke Hickey, Julia Thompson and myself (Trev). We will be discussing the new 2015-2017 School Improvement plan at the next meeting on 19/05 in the Library from 4p.m.

School Cross Country
The School Cross Country will be held on the 22nd of May, between recess and lunch. Please come along and celebrate this exciting event.

Assembly
We will be acknowledging our student’s success at our School Assembly on the 05/06. Please come for this important event.

Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall in week 3. Each child will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for Mother’s Day. All presents will cost $5 each. Families are asked to donate a present for each child in their family. Please place your donations in the box in the school office. The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday, the 8th of May.
Riding a bike to school

I believe that riding a bike is better than walking. I am certain that riding a bike is faster and easier. I truly consider that riding a bike is enjoyable.

Firstly, I passionately believe that riding a bike is quicker than walking. Riding a bike is quicker because it is less effort.

Secondly, I certainly believe that riding a bike is enjoyable. Isn’t riding a bike good for kids? I honestly believe that riding a bike is enjoyable because it is fun. I am positive that riding a bike is good exercise.

Finally, I believe that riding a bike is faster and easier than walking because it is less effort. I am positive that riding a bike is enjoyable.

By Wilson Hickey

Should we walk or ride?

Horrified, I look at the time! Argh! Schools in 4 minutes, Should I ride or walk? The choice is obvious.

I avidly consider that riding a bike is way better than having to walk to school. I’m strongly confident that it is better than walking to school because it’s faster, easier and enjoyable.

Firstly, I passionately believe that riding a bike to school is much easier and a lot faster. Accurately, I confidently consider that when you ride your bike it is easier because you get to sit on a seat and peddle, and it’s less effort when sitting down. Don’t you think everyone should be comfortable? When riding you get to school on time because it’s faster. While peddling with your legs you’re moving the tyres, now that’s how you go fast. Surely you agree?

Honestly, I am positive that when you ride it is enjoyable. It is extremely important that you get to exercise as you ride. Do you want to be lead to obesity? When you ride you can ride with your friends, so you can have a great time and become fitter. Don’t you agree?

Furthermore, I am positive that it is faster, easier and more enjoyable.

By Isabella Vowles

Stage 3 Mainland Excursion

Our Year 5 and 6 student’s will be heading off on a very special school excursion on the mainland in August of this year. We only do this every two years. We started the planning and organisation early last year to ensure a very special event for our kids to experience an opportunity that they will remember for the rest of their lives. As a team the parents and school have been deliberately choosing and designing experiences that will foster crucial life skills, such as, resilience, courage, confidence, cooperation, problem solving and self-regulation. To support this fantastic experience we will be holding a special fundraiser event where everyone is invited to demonstrate their support. The night will start with two fun filled family trivia sessions with fabulous prizes (please see Mr Mason if you can help with any prizes). The trivia session will be followed by a professional band where everyone can kick back and have a great time. The LHI Bowlo are putting on a special feed and only early bookings will be accepted for dinner. The school organising committee for the excursion are suggesting a $10 donation per person for the Trivia and Band. All funds raised from this donation will go directly into reducing the overall cost to parents for the excursion. Food and drinks will be at your expense.

Any prizes or contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Mr Mason at the School on 65632096.

What: Dinner, Trivia and Band
When: Saturday 13th June from 6.00p.m
Who: LHI Community, friends and visitors
Where: LHI Bowling Club
Cost: $10 donation (Contribution bucket at the door on the night)

By K-1R

ANZAC DAY Acrostic Poem

Anxious adventure off we go
Nervous nurses on the ship
Zing zang bullets boom
A soldier carries a gun to war
Capture the enemy on Anzac shore

By K-1R

NITS

It will come as no surprise that the head lice infestation appears to be on the rise. The P&C will be running a Nitbusters event very soon. In order for Nitbusters to be successful, every child should be involved. It takes just one infested head to infest the whole class. As you can see by the photo, anyone and everyone can contract nits. Treatment needs to be community-based and ongoing.

Each child is encouraged to participate and requires a signed Parent Consent Form before they can be screened. No child will participate without a signed consent form or be penalised in any way for not participating.
**Historical Movie Roster**

| April | 22  | Jim McFadyen | Ryan Galloway  
|-------|-----|--------------|----------------|
|       | 29  | Melissa Vowels | Lewis Vowels  
|       |     |              | Isabella Vowles|
| May   | 6   | John Tofaeno   | Lucinda Tofaeno  
|       | 13  | Janice Chia    | Natalie Chia  
|       |     |              | Wilson Hickey |
|       | 20  | Julia Thompson | Monique Thompson  
|       | 27  | Anthony Wright | Jake Wright  
| June  | 3   | Megan Bennet  | Hamish Logan  
|       | 10  | Simon Martin   | Aidan Martin  
|       | 17  | Kelly Galloway | Ryan Galloway  
|       | 24  | Janice Chia    | Natalie Chia  
| July  | 15  | John Tofaeno   | Lucinda Tofaeno  

Thank you so much for volunteering. If you can’t make it on your rostered day please arrange a swap with another volunteer. Instructions will be in the canteen plus a helping hand on your first day. Regards P&C.
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