It’s been all action this term with lots of great learning experiences taking place for the kids and staff. It’s good to know that we are well into our curriculum delivery for the term and are preparing students’ assessments for term’s end. Congratulations to our year 3 & 5 students who completed the NAPLAN Assessments for Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar and Numeracy last week. It is a valuable but gruelling process which ran over 3 days. Our year 7 students started their NAPLAN today. Well done to everyone involved. We are supporting our kids to face new challenges and it is very important to help them build the skills they need to become resilient. With self-confidence and the ability to express themselves, our kids will be able to handle whatever may come their way.

P&C - There was a range of items addressed at the last P&C meeting. The team decided that over Winter it would be a good idea to bring the meeting times forward. It was decided that the Winter P&C meetings would run from 5.00p.m till 7.00p.m. We will be asking for some parent volunteers to help us lift and move our wooden garden beds to a more suitable location. If parents have any items they would like to add to the agenda or you are interested in coming along please feel free to contact Kelly before 6563 2443. The P&C meeting will be on 15th of June.

Updates - The School Photos have been completed and are available for pick up in Leonie’s office. You may have noticed the brand new Australia Flag flying proudly at the school. A big thank you to Pam Goyen who was able to arrange this special icon for from our MP Federal Member for Sydney, Tanya Plibersek.

Fantastic Friday - This Friday is the National Walk Safely to School Day where all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school with their parents. Also on Friday is our Cross Country Carnival. Mrs Higgins and I have been called into an all day meeting, so the team would really appreciate any parental support to run the event please. Please see Mrs Roberts if you are able to help. Due to the tides we will be running the event from 1.30p.m. We will be serving lunch earlier at 12.40p.m. Please come along and enjoy the carnival.
Monique hard at work completing her NAPLAN

School Council Agenda items - Mrs Roberts has submitted a letter to extend her teaching tenure to the School Council for next year. This will be addressed at the School Council meeting which will be held on Tuesday on the 26/05. Other Agenda items for this meeting include Pre-school Committee updates and an overview of the 2015-2017 School Improvement Plan.

Music - Simon Martin has been leading the guitar groups on Mondays. We have two groups of kids learning how to play. A big thank you to Simon for providing this unique opportunity for our kids. We are also in the process of holding auditions for our new school band. The school band will practise on Monday during lunch times.

Mother's Day Stall - Thank you to all the families that donated a Mother's Day Present. The children were able to choose a present and the $5 cost went directly into the P&C funds. Thank you to Kelly and the P&C for organising the event.

Learning Resources - A huge thank you to the P&C and the School Council for your support in order for us to be able to modernise and update our school wide reading texts. The P&C has offered to contribute $5000 for this important resource. The School Council has demonstrated their commitment by allocating an additional $5000 towards this crucial resource.

Fundraising Event - On Saturday June 13th we are holding a special fundraiser event where everyone to come along and support the event. We will have a table with games and activities set up for the kids. The adults will start the night with a fun filled trivia session. There are some fabulous prizes. Then we will be hosting a band The LHI Bowling Club is putting on a special feed and only early bookings will be accepted for dinner. We would appreciate a $10 donation per person for the Trivia and Band. All funds raised from donations will go directly into reducing the overall cost of the excursion. All bookings need to be made directly with the Bowling Club. What a great opportunity to have a fun filled night out and support a good cause at the same time.

Hands on learning experiences

Micah shares one of our Phasmids with Dr Rachel Lowry, from Wild Life Conservation & Science Zoo’s Victoria.

Special Visitors - Yesterday the school hosted a special afternoon of learning where the kids engaged in an active and rich discussion on threatened, endangered and instinct species from around the Island. The LHI Board organised the special visit which included the Commonwealth Threatened Species Commissioner, the CEO of Zoo’s Victoria and head of Wildlife Conservation and Science from Zoo’s Victoria. Our kids charmed our visitors with their local knowledge, openness and capacity to share. It was a wonderful opportunity and special thanks to Hank Bower for providing this opportunity for our kids.
K-1R News
The students have been very busy again this week undertaking lots of assessment tasks and all have made excellent progress with their learning this year.

We have been reading lots of books about Australian Native animals and this week we have been writing information reports about Emus. These will be published in the next newsletter.

All students are enjoying our weekly gardening times and we now have spinach, carrots, broccoli and sunflower seeds planted. Hopefully in the near future the planter boxes can be moved so that we can plant out some strawberries runners.

Each afternoon the students have been out practising for this week’s Cross Country and all have shown improved stamina.

Looking forward to another couple of exciting weeks of learning.

Judy

2-6M News
Well done to the Year 3 and 5 students who have completed their Naplan testing this week! After each test, they continued to arrive back at class with a big smile on each of their faces! It’s been a great opportunity to venture from K/1 into the 2-6 class this week! While some were out undertaking Naplan, the remaining students have enjoyed reading groups, persuasive writing and learning about 2D shapes during maths/art sessions.

The week has absolutely flown by and we look forward to Mrs Martin’s return next week!

Miss Turner

2D Art Shapes
This week has been a different week without the Year 3’s and 5’s. Without Mrs Martin we have had Miss Turner and we have been doing shape art and reading a book called ‘Hating Alison Ashley’. On Wednesday we had gymnastics and perfected our routines. It has been a great week with Miss Turner and we look forward to Mrs Martin on Monday.

Jake