

# Longford Intermediate School

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## Fortnightly Newsletter

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### Triathlon—Friday 7th April 2017

The Longford Intermediate school triathlon is being held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 1pm. Students have met with their waka and have formed teams or opted to compete as an individual. Students have been sent home with an entry form to fill in. This is due back **TOMORROW** (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March).

In order for the triathlon to take place we will require parent/whanau support. If you can help out, by being a marshal for the course please ensure you fill in the bottom part of the triathlon form OR contact me here at school via email: [kate@longford.school.nz](mailto:kate@longford.school.nz). If we do not get enough helpers we will not be able to run this event.

### Principal's Report

Kia Ora Parents, Whanau and Caregivers

#### Eastern Southland Sports - 21 March

It is great to see 49 of our students representing the school at Eastern Athletics. Congratulations to the following students. **10-year olds:** Jake Potter, Alizay Cooper, Oakland Moody, Rhett Brunton, Jaydan Pope, Bailey Sheppard, Mackenzie Napier, Mikala Graves, Tayla Phillips, Sahara White, Sarah Pullar. **11-year olds:** Marshall McChlery, Tommy Balloch, Harry Lyall, Jack Campbell, Josh Barrett, Carl Graham, William Gibson, Sentre Harden, Jayden Gerken, Ahrees Waihape, Seaira Hadley, Alyssa Allen, Louie Adams, Alexa Hurley, Abbie Sandford, Meg Heaps, Anahera Wilson, Patience Cowan, Saffie Hare.

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#### IMPORTANT DATES

- 17 Mar Book Fair—Final day
- 17 Mar Oreti River Trip—Yr7
- 21 Mar Eastern athletics
- 24 Mar Mana Waka—12.30pm
- 27-28 Mar Girls Self Defence
- 31 Mar S'ld Lit Quiz—Longford
- 3 Apr Deep Cove Parents meeting
- 7 Apr Triathlon—1pm
- 8 Apr Southland Athletics
- 13 Apr Teacher Only Day**
- 1 May Start of Term 2—8.50am

**Scholastic Book Fair—final day tomorrow 12.45-1.30pm and 2.30-3.30pm**

**Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday 23 March—6.30pm**

### Report from the Principal

Continued from previous column:

**12-year olds:** Colby Gilder, Reuben Fa'amoe-Ioane, Elis McKenzie, Patrick Johnston, Josh Tripp, Ceysson Gutschlag, Jacob Sheppard, Cody Waihape, Mitchell Morton, Kaloni Taylor, Inia Lewis-Terekia, Rangi Hamilton, Jessica Ballantyne, Grace Michaels, Gabby Harrex, Anikah Moody, Gabby Winkel, Tayla McCormack, Sophie Carse.

#### Billets for Filipino Students - 8-14<sup>th</sup> of April. We still require billets for this group of students please.

We have been invited to host a group of students from the Philippines. The group are coming from Ateneo Grade School (one of the most exclusive schools in the Philippines) and consists of 17 young boys aged 10-11 years old and 3 teacher chaperones. These children have travelled internationally before, are fluent in English and come from very good families. We are wanting to billet the students out to families from the 8<sup>th</sup> of April - 14<sup>th</sup> of April. A total of 6 nights. Due to their age, two students need to go to one home, they can't go alone. Therefore we need 8-9 families. The students will come to school during the day and participate in classes.

If you are interested in billeting two students please contact the school or the classroom teacher. This is a great opportunity to further develop our students as global citizens through understanding and awareness of different cultures.

#### Self Defence

The year 8 girls just completed Self Defence training with Sandra Stewart. This has been a great opportunity for the girls to learn how to be more confident, what to do if they feel unsafe and how to protect themselves if needed. This programme will continue on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Deep Cove

A meeting for parents wanting to attend the Deep Cove Camp will be held in the staff room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April at 7pm.

#### Accelerated Literacy Learning.

The school is in the third year of a professional development contract to accelerate the achievement of students in writing. This in-school professional development is being lead by Mrs Sinclair and Miss Adams who have just returned from a two day course in Dunedin. A group of target students will work intensively with their teacher in each class but all students will benefit from the professional development which will include interviews with students about the teaching of writing in their class.

#### Science

Today and tomorrow all students in the school will be taking part in activities at the Mataura River lead by Environment Southland to test the water. They will be looking at the clarity, velocity, acidity and counting the macroinvertebrates to assess the health of the river. Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who are helping to run the activities.

#### Teacher Only Day

We are having a teacher only day on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April which is the last day of the term. School will be closed to all students on this day.

#### Shona Hewlett - Principal

*Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth... these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women's empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all.*

*Ban Ki Moon.*

**Waka Winners—Aotea & Tainui**

## Deep Cove

Year 8 raffle tickets went out for Deep Cove yesterday. **Price \$2.00 each.**

A few reminders about them:

Every ticket that is sold goes towards the individual student's Deep Cove costs (it is not compulsory to sell these raffles. If you choose not to, please return your card to school).

1st prize is a fully processed lamb ready to be picked up for your freezer.

Students are asked to contribute an item for the raffle around the theme of Easter, so this could be chocolate, Easter bunny, totally your choice.

There will be 14 baskets in total.

Please return a ticket before getting another one, unless you indicate in writing to us about this (as I know that some parents have done already).

We have additional tickets as needed – these are at the office with Mrs Allison.

**ALL tickets are due back by Monday 3rd April** – then we can total the number of tickets sold and deduct the amount from your child's camp fees. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 10th April – prizes need to be collected by April 13th please.

It is also a good time to have a good look through the gear required for Deep Cove – we never expect you to purchase new items, but rather borrow from others as needed. When out tramping, students are expected to wear a long sleeved thermal top with a t-shirt over it, along with a waterproof jacket as well as long john thermals and shorts over the top. Deep Cove have a number of yellow PVC waterproof jackets available to use if you do not have one. If you are struggling to collect your gear, please contact your child's teacher as others may be able to help with this.

## PRIDE Cup—Emma Fotheringham

Today it's my great pleasure to award Emma the PRIDE Cup. I have been fortunate to teach Emma here at Longford as a year 7 and 8 and previously as a year 4 in her earlier school life. Emma is one of those



quiet achievers who is honest, reliable, true to herself and kind in nature which, makes her a valuable member of 20 Takahe. Emma has come out of her shell in the past couple of years and has shown Mrs Mitcheson and myself her true potential. She strives for excellence in everything she does, whether it is academic or extracurricular. This is evident in one of Emma's outside interests, ice-skating in which she shows dedication always strives to achieve excellence in. This was evident during athletics practice and on athletics day. This same standard of excellence and perseverance is transferred to her school work which is always presented with pride and to a high standard. Emma also ensures that her work in class is above what is required and this is appreciated by all the teachers here. Emma contributes to the school community as a librarian and is one of the students who are able to train new librarians. Emma has a super group of friends and a wonderful set of social skills, which are evident by the way she accepts the diversity within her class and the school. Her sense of humour is accepted well by her classmates, myself and Mrs Mitcheson, especially the wry smile that appears when there is humour to be found in different situations that can be more subtle but not missed by her. Emma you are a fantastic young lady who demonstrates that you have a wide set of social and academic skills and that you understand every aspect of our school values. Emma you are a real treasure to have at Longford and a truly magnificent student. I feel that you are one of our young achievers who will do well in life and a totally deserved recipient of this accolade. Well done. Mr Mowat

## PRIDE Cup—Annalei Symons

It is my pleasure to award the PRIDE Cup to Annalei Symons. Annalei is an exceptional young woman who consistently displays Longford's PRIDE values.



Annalei always works to her full potential and gives everything her best. She is incredibly polite and greets everyone with a warm smile. Her kind and caring nature means that she gets along well with both her classmates and the staff. Annalei has also contributed to the life of the school by being a Librarian as well as a member of the Longford Stars netball team, last year. In both roles she displayed an excellent level of commitment. During netball season she made sure that she attended all trainings and showed great determination to improve her skills. Annalei is a very humble and mature student who is undoubtedly going to achieve some wonderful things in the future. Congratulations, Annalei, you are a fantastic role model and a very deserving recipient of the PRIDE Cup. Candace Adams

## PRIDE Awards

10SC Neihana Wilson/Tiana de Villiers  
11NC George Hedley/Ahrees Waihape  
12KS Mya Nicholson/Josh Tagalogon  
14CA Marshall Ross/Mitchell Morton  
16KM Greer Cleland/Zane Kelland  
17NP Mackenzie Mcleod/Lincoln Phillipson  
18EM Quentin Mitchell/Jaden Christie  
19RR Hunter Tabor/Dylan Miller  
20HM Josh Webb/Josh Tripp  
S Tech Jaedey Carter/Jack Dickson  
H Tech Aryan Kumar/Alizay Cooper  
**PRIDE Cup:** Annalei Symons/Emma Fotheringham

## Kiwi Can Lessons—Term 1 Positive Relationships Topic: Cooperation

### Week 4 : Working Together

This week we are learning about **Working Together** in our Kiwi Can lessons. It's important that we can work together and be considerate of other people's ideas.

### Week 5: For the Good of the Team

This week we are learning about **Teamwork** in our Kiwi Can lessons. The children will be able to describe and demonstrate the importance of working as part of a team.

### Week 6: Compromise

This week we are learning about **Compromise and Negotiating** in our Kiwi Can lessons. We are learning how to negotiate and accepting the team decision.

## Sports Notices

1. **Netball** trials are coming up next week. We still require coaches for teams.
2. **Basketball** sign up will be coming up for next term. In need of basketball coaches.
3. **Touch** trials Under-12 Wednesday 22 March 5-6pm. Newman Park. [www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/36125](http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/36125)
4. **Eastern Athletics** forms have gone out as well as timetables - permission slips need to be returned this week.
5. We need parent help for Eastern Athletics to help run the Nerf Throw event please.

## Mana Waka Afternoon

On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March we will be having Mana Waka afternoon. This will begin at 12:30pm. Mana Waka afternoon is a series of water based challenges that students compete in as a group. Students need to ensure that they bring a full change of clothes, towel and a plastic bag to put their wet clothes in.