

# Longford Intermediate School

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## Fortnightly Newsletter

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### ATHLETICS—Thursday 1 March 2018

Athletics will be held on Thursday 1st March 2018, Students have been working hard practising for these events and we are all looking forward to a fantastic day. We do require some parent help on the day. If you are available to help, please contact Colleen in the office on 208 7416 or email me at treana@longford.school.nz

The distance races (200m, 800m & 1500m) and Nerf throw will be run on different dates to be confirmed. Students are able to dress in their Waka colours for the day. No paint or sprays are to be brought to school, it must be applied at home and left there. Their dress also needs to be appropriate for competing in athletic events. Treana Morton—TIC Athletics

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 16 Feb Softball/Showgrounds 5pm
- 16 Feb Friday cricket commences
- 19 Feb Girls Cricket v BMC
- 22 Feb Book Club closes
- 26 Feb Streamed Math Classes
- 1 Mar Longford Athletics
- 2 Mar Athletics/Postponement day
- 9 Mar Sld Kids' Lit Quiz—Hall
- 13 Mar Eastern Athletics
- 30 Mar Easter break—Good Friday
- 2 Apr Easter break—Monday
- 3 Apr Easter break—Tuesday

### HPV Vaccination Forms

#### All Yr 8 Students

Forms were due back yesterday, please ensure your child has returned the form regardless of whether you intend to have the vaccination done at school or not.

### PRIDE Awards

- 10TM Ace Kawenga
- 11KJ Preston Cockerill
- 12RJ Hunter Sandford
- 14GM Jaydan Pope
- 17NP Neela Grant
- 18EM Caleb Burr
- 19MS Joshua Morgan
- 20CA Oliver Carson
- S Tech Jack Murray
- H Tech Daniel Kerr
- PRIDE Cup Damian Dowie

### Softball—Join the FUN

If you are under-13 and wish to play or even just have a go at softball, head along to the lime diamond at the Gore showgrounds at 5pm tomorrow night.

Sessions will commence tomorrow and continue through until 23rd March. Training and all softball gear will be provided. No cost. If we receive enough interest, we would look to entering a mixed children's team in the Morning Grade in Invercargill next season. For more information please text: Heather 027 233 4748.

### Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau and caregivers, It was wonderful to meet so many parents at the Meet the Teacher evening last Thursday. It was a great opportunity for parents to see their child's classroom and have a chat with their teacher and it really helps the teachers to put a face to the parents that they talk with over the phone. We are all working together for the benefit of the students so please make sure that the classroom teacher is the first person you talk to if there are any concerns or anything to would like to share.

We are all practising athletics every day and in this hot weather it is vital that the students have their PE gear to change in to. If you need help to purchase a P.E. uniform please contact us ASAP as we can provide support for this. All students are required to participate in all P.E. activities and will only be excused if they have a signed note from a parent because of an injury or illness they may have.

This year our school wide inquiry topic is "If it is to be, it begins with me." This is a topic based on looking after our environment and is closely linked to our EnviroSchools work. It also incorporates learning from all the other curriculum areas. It has very close ties with our school values of PRIDE because the emphasis is on what we, as individuals, can do to make our world a better place.

The teachers at Longford are making writing and science a priority for our professional development in 2018. We are working closely with facilitators from the University of Otago and we are continuing with the Accelerating Literacy Learning project so that we can improve the achievement of our students in these areas.

Yvonne Catherwood—Principal

*He waka eke noa*

*We're all in this together.*

### Lost Property Items—2017

We still have a heap of lost property items from last year. If you or your child wishes to check it out—please look in the library block bin.

Glasses found—if you know of anyone who misplaced a pair of glasses with red lenses last year, please contact the school office.

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thurs 22 February 2018  
Meeting Room—7.00pm

## Wanted homestay families

We are very privileged to be hosting Ateneo Grade School from the Philippines from the 7th April to the 14th of April this year.

As part of being the host school we require homestay families from our school community. Families interested would have two 11 year old boys staying with them for the seven days. Families would be given \$250 to help cover any costs. More details of Ateneo Grade School's itinerary will be given out closer to the time.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know students from another culture and country.

If you would like to be a homestay family please contact Kate Sinclair at school on 208 7416 or by email

## Mataura Junior Rugby

### Registration Days

Girls & Boys welcome

Beginners, experienced or returning to the game! Registration days for 2018 are planned as follows:

Friday 2nd March 3pm at Mataura School.

Saturday 3rd March 11am - 12 noon at Mataura Rugby Clubrooms.

More information to come.

Rippa Grade (6 years and under as at 1st Jan 18).

C Grade (7 & 8 years as at 1st Jan 18)

B Grade (9, 10 & 11 years at 1st Jan 18).

Convenors: Mark & Leanne Heaps.

Any questions please call 203 8867 or 027 203 8867.

## PRIDE CUP—Damian Dowie

It is with great pleasure that I get to present the PRIDE cup to its first recipient of the year to Damian Dowie. Damian is an outstanding Longford student. He is a quiet achiever, completing all of his work to the absolute best of his ability. Damian is honest, reliable and a great friend, making him a valued member of 12 Piwakawaka. Damian showed real dedication and commitment during the production of Maui and the Genie at the end of last year when he took on the role of one of Maui's brothers. He displayed perseverance and excellence when learning his lines. It was a pleasure seeing Damian grow as a performer from this experience. He displays integrity in all that he does and is accepting of others. Damian comes in to the class every day with a contagious smile and a sparkle in his eyes to say good morning. I'm sure Mrs Jackson will enjoy having you in her class this year just as much as I did last year! Damian is an excellent role model for other students here at Longford. Congratulations Damian, you truly are a worthy recipient of the PRIDE cup.



Miss Mason

## Waka Leaders

Tainui	Sophie Cupit
	Jelesa Webb
Tokamaru	Caity Soper
	Saraya Lawson
Aotea	Alexa Hurley
	Jess Evans
Takitimu	Oakland Moody
	Rubi Edwards

## WAKA COLOURS

AOTEA - GREEN

TAINUI - BLUE

TAKITIMU - RED

TOKOMARU - YELLOW

## Autism Support Group

Contact Wendy Jenkins

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Email: [southland@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:southland@autismnz.org.nz)

## Children's Day

Sunday 4th March 2018

1-4pm

MLT Event Centre

Gore MultiSports Complex

ALL FREE

All children must be accompanied by a parent.

## Friday Cricket

Cricket practices will be held at lunch time on a Wednesday and after school from 3.15-4.30pm on a Thursday. Please all attend.

## Jewellery

Students are allowed to wear:

- A watch
- Earrings (silver or gold only – studs or keepers).

If a student has a bangle or necklace of significance it must not be visible.

## Late Students

Unfortunately, we are noticing students arriving late to school in the mornings. Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8.45am so they can be in their classroom by 8.50am. When streamed math classes commence on Monday 26 February, after the testing is completed, students will start math at 9am.

If your child/ren are going to be absent, please contact the office by 9am each day.

## Sushi Lunch Orders—Tuesday

for Wednesdays lunch

The first order for Sushi this week was well received by students and staff. If you wish to order Sushi for lunch next WEDNESDAY you need to put your order in to the office on the TUESDAY each week. Prices and flavours were stated in our last newsletter.

## School Photos

School photos went home with students today. Please have your order and money returned to the school office by Friday 2 March 2018.

## Parenting Helpline

Available from 9am—9pm

Monday—Sunday

Call 0800 568 856

Support, advice and Practical strategies

## Music Lessons

We are still looking for students to be involved in ukulele, guitar and drum lessons with Dean Ashby. As stated in our last newsletter Dean is offering these lessons during class time here at school. The cost for ukulele and guitar lessons is \$7.00 for 20 minutes and the drum lessons are \$9.00 for 30 minutes.

If your child is interested please contact the school office.

## WAKA WINNER

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