

# Longford Intermediate School

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## Fortnightly Newsletter

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### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is being held in the Cooking Room at Longford Intermediate. Students, parents and caregivers are welcome to view and purchase books at the Fair which will be open during our lunch times from 12:45pm to 1:30pm from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Also open from 3:00pm—4:00pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Please sign in at the office before entering any other buildings.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- 16 Mar Scholastic Book Fair starts
- 16 Mar Ballet Workshop
- 19 Mar PTA Meeting 7pm
- 20 Mar ICAS Digital Tech closes
- 21 Mar Enviro Hui—Curio Bay
- 22 Mar Mana Waka 12.45-2.45pm
- 23 Mar ALL/Parents Meeting 7pm
- 28 Mar Yr8 Raffle Cards—all returned
- 29 Mar ICAS Assessments close
- 30 Mar Easter break—Good Friday
- 2 Apr Easter break—Monday
- 3 Apr Easter break—Tuesday
- 6 Apr GHS Junior Production
- 7 Apr Southland Athletics
- 7-14 Apr Ateneo School Students
- 13 Apr End of Term 1—3pm
- 30 Apr Start of Term 2—8.50am

#### Ateneo School Billets

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to billet these students from the Philippines at the end of this term. We do have enough families to host them now. Thank you for your support.

#### Year 8 Camp Raffles

All Year 8 students were given a camp Easter raffle card to sell yesterday. If you do not wish to sell this raffle, please return it to school now. All cards must be returned regardless of being sold or not by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

Please bring along your items to be included in the raffle prizes as soon as possible.

### Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau and caregivers,

It has been a very busy two weeks. The start of our athletics day was a fantastic example of support shown for the different waka with the colours clear for all to see. Takatimu looked especially good with their lovely red clothes and adornments! I was proud to see all the students putting a huge effort into their events and a number of school records were broken on the day. Eastern athletics day on Tuesday was another exhibit of great sportmanship by the Longford competitors and again, I was proud to be part of the Longford family. Not only did we see the students strongly competing in their event, we also saw students who had spare time helping out at the events. A great example of our PRIDE values.

The visit from Mike King as part of his “I am Hope” tour was a great example of a person spreading a positive message and making a difference. He talked about his life in a “warts and all” way and talked about the importance of being kind and treating others with respect. The students wel-

comed him with the school haka which was very stirring and he appreciated this greatly. I hope the students listened to his message well and take on board the importance of being kind to each other.

Yesterday we were fortunate to have John Parsons at the school talking about how students can keep themselves safe in a digital world. He talked to the students during the day about keeping their identity safe and not opening up their private life to an online community. He had a workshop with the staff after school which was very interesting as he was able to show us what to look out for to keep students safe. The parents who came to the evening workshop found his no-nonsense approach very engaging. He showed the parents some ways in which children had made themselves vulnerable and he gave some great examples as to why there is a 13 year restriction to belong to facebook, instagram and other social media.

Yvonne Catherwood—Principal

#### Camp Columba

Africa Camps—April holidays. Information was sent home last week regarding these camps. If you need another copy please ask at the office.

#### ALL Literacy Parents Meeting

Staffroom Thursday 7pm—8pm

Invitations will be sent home soon.

#### ICAS Assessments

If you wish your child to enter in these assessments please complete the entry sheet included with this newsletter. If you wish to enter in the **Digital Technologies** you need to return your form urgently by **20<sup>th</sup> March**, otherwise please have your entry form and money to the office by Friday 29 March 2018.

#### Uniform Items

Please ensure your child's uniforms are clearly named. We have a heap of lost property items in the school.

#### Board of Trustees Meeting

Thurs 22 March 2018  
Meeting Room—7.00pm

### PRIDE CUP – JALEESA WEBB

Jaleesa is an incredibly helpful student, who is supportive and respectful of everyone. I was impressed with how she encouraged and supported others at the discuss during athletics last week. She is diligent with her work, and is a perfectionist, so is consistently trying to do the best she can, and always endeavours to complete her work to an incredibly high standard. No matter what Jaleesa is attempting, she always strives for excellence, and shows amazing perseverance and never gives up. When it comes to her learning she is always organised for her learning day. Jaleesa has stepped up this term to become a waka leader for Tainui, and consistently always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She is a great role model for all the students here at Longford. Jaleesa is a respected member of 20 Takahe who will always contribute her thoughts and ideas to discussion, in a way that shows the level of respect she has for her peers. She always has a warm smile for everyone. Jaleesa is a kind and caring friend and has a good sense of humour. Whilst relieving in room 20 last year, I was always impressed with how diligently she completed her work, and how incredibly helpful she was, especially when, as a reliever, I wasn't always sure of the classroom routines. Jaleesa was able to guide me, and help with what would be happening next. Jaleesa consistently shows our PRIDE values of Perseverance, Resilience, Integrity, Diversity, Excellence. She is a fantastic role model to all students here at Longford and this is the reason why she is a worthy recipient of the PRIDE cup this week. – Mrs Morton.



### PRIDE CUP – SARAH PULLAR

It is my absolute pleasure to award the PRIDE Cup this week to Sarah Pullar. Sarah is a delightful young lady who has exceptional manners and only ever has kind words to say to others. Sarah is diligent, she works hard always, giving 100% in all that she does. Sarah has extremely high personal standards and strives for perfection. There is never a "t" left uncrossed or an "I" undotted with Sarah. Sarah is quiet by nature, she is the student who simply gets on with her work without uttering a word. Sarah is also the student who listens to every word teachers say and follows instructions carefully. I recently asked Sarah to complete an extra curricula activity for me...without hesitation Sarah chose to do this spending two hours on the piece of work which she presented beautifully. I could tell that a lot of time and effort had gone in to her Matamata lizard and thanked her. She simply replied "It was a pleasure Mrs J". Sarah always presents herself immaculately and wears her school uniform with PRIDE. Sarah is a positive role model to her peers and Year 7 students alike. Sarah is highly respected by teaching staff. Mrs Sinclair observed Sarah waiting quietly on the courts ready for Athletics last week. She whispered to me "Mrs J, look at Sarah sitting there waiting quietly. That's Sarah...such a beautiful girl, quietly spoken, amazing manners and nothing is ever a problem". Sarah, your time at Longford to date has been hugely successful. We all look forward to watching you achieve even more this year. Thank you for being you, you are truly very special and one of a kind. Simply put...you epitomize our school PRIDE values. You are a perfect example of all that we could ask for in a student at Longford Intermediate. – Mrs Jackson



### Eastern Athletics

Eastern Athletics were held on Tuesday. The day was a bit cooler, but still a great day. We had 50 students head to Newman Park to represent Longford. These students should be proud of their efforts, and their attitudes on the day. All of the students showed our PRIDE values. I was particularly impressed with how fantastic our students were by helping out at other events, and encouraging students from other schools. It was great to see. We had some great results, with many students gaining top placings. We do have a number of students heading to Southland on the 7th April and they will be notified shortly.

Treana Morton—TIC

### Waka Winners

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### School Accounts

Students accounts were sent out two weeks ago. If you did not receive yours please contact the school to check your address and personal details. If you move addresses please ensure you let us know.

Thank you.

**Longford PTA AGM**  
**19th March – Staffroom**  
**7pm**

### PRIDE Awards

10TM Jordan Gilson  
11KJ Ericka Patterson  
12RJ Nic Lewis  
14GM Keegan Jackson  
17NP Kaine Rogers  
18EM Clarke Sheddan  
19MS Pyper Shuttleworth  
20CA Corban Shearer  
S Tech Jack Campbell  
PRIDE Cup—Jaleesa Webb

### Deep Cove Camp

The year 8's are going to be heading to Deep Cove at the beginning of Term 3. This is an amazing place that we are lucky to explore and I am sure it will be a camp that remains in their memories for ever. The cost for camp this year is \$250.00 for students, and \$200 for parents coming to help. To help with the cost we are holding an Easter Raffle. Students will be selling tickets for \$2.00 each. Each card they sell reduces their cost for camp by \$40, so I am sure we will be seeing lots of students selling raffles around. Please feel free to start paying off your child's school camp now via weekly payments to the office or via internet banking—please state your child's name in the reference column. Now 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 hostel do have a number of yellow PVC waterproof jackets available to use if you do not have one. If you have any questions let me or your child's classroom teaching know. Treana Morton