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Blues Celebrations—tonight 7pm

Everyone welcome to join us at 7pm tonight in the hall to celebrate the amazing achievements the children have done for the first half of the year. We will also have the Kapa Haka and Choir performing.

Year 8 Camps

Good luck to all our Year 8's heading away to Deep Cove next term. You are in for a real treat and an amazing adventure! Please ensure camp fees are paid prior to leaving.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 5 Jul Blues Ceremony—7pm Hall
- 6 Jul End of Term 2—3pm
- 23 Jul Start of Term 3—8.50am
- 23 Jul-4Aug—Year 8 Camps
- 8 Aug Open Night 5.30-7.00pm
- 17 Aug Ski Trip
- 28 Aug Bandquest
- 13 Sep Taieri Sports Exchange
- 18-19 Sep Parent Interviews

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St Johns

A couple of weeks ago Felicity from St Johns came to school to teach the Year 8 students first aid in preparation for our camp to Deep Cove. We learned about survival in the bush, how to treat a patient suffering from hypothermia and CPR. We did several role plays and now know how to treat patients who have asthma, who break bones and who burn themselves. Thank you Felicity for prepping us for Deep Cove and ensuring we will all be safe!

Room 12 Piwakawaka

Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau & caregivers
Tonight we are going to be celebrating the students who are achieving to a high standard in the academic, sporting and cultural areas as well as the students who take on leadership roles. We acknowledge these students so that others can see that it is rewarding to step out of their comfort zone and set high goals. For this reason it would be great to have all of our students attending this ceremony because they will be able to see that there is nothing that these students are achieving that they will not be able to achieve themselves. While we are celebrating high academic achievement, we are also celebrating the good runners, librarians, Waka leaders, school councillors, team sports players, dancers and many other areas of achievement. We will have the privilege of being entertained by the Kapa Haka group and the school choir. We are very proud of the students who take all the opportunities offered to them at Longford, no matter what their strengths are.

It is with great sadness that I am letting you know that Kris Simpson, who has been teaching in Room 11 in term 2, has resigned from his position due to family reasons. We will be very sad to see him go as the students have really enjoyed having him for a teacher and they will miss him greatly and we have loved having him on the staff. At the beginning of term 3 we

welcome Nicola Millar who will teach in that class. Some of you may know Nicola as she will come to us from Gore Main School. We are very excited to have Nicola join our staff and if your child is in Room 11 I am sure she would love you to pop in sometime to introduce yourself.

As you are probably aware from the media coverage, teachers and principals are negotiating our employment contracts at the moment and this is not going so well. It is not my intention to be political, but we are at crisis levels with the lack of teachers in the workforce. Around 40% of teachers who are trained leave teaching before their third year in the job and there is a 40% drop in the number of people who are training to be teachers. The main reason for this is the lack of respect given to teachers by the government which is reflected in very low pay levels for professionals with our training and expertise. Your child has probably been affected by the lack of people willing to relieve for schools as we have had to split classes when teachers have been absent from school. Many schools are having to do that full time as they are not getting teachers applying for vacant positions. For these reasons teachers have voted to strike on August 15 if the government does not improve it's offer. We will let you know if this is going ahead next term.

Yvonne Catherwood – Principal
He waka eke noa-We're all in this together!

Longford PTA Meeting
Monday 23rd July at 7pm
(first day of term)

Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs 26 July 2018
Meeting Room—7.00pm

Lost Property—There is a considerable number of lost property items displayed in the school library at present. These include: PE tops, school jerseys, vests, socks, hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, shorts, tops and singlets. Please check through these clothes for any articles belonging to your child. Items not claimed will be sent to the Salvation Army or disposed of. We also have a navy Rugby Southland hoodie, size 12 left in the hall on Matariki Day.

Longford Intermediate's Annual Speech Competition

Last Wednesday we held our annual school speech competition, with 17 students representing their classes.

The calibre of the competition was very high and all the students involved should be very proud of themselves.

The competition is judged two ways, where firstly, the two top scoring students will move on to the Eastern cluster competition to present their speeches and secondly, we have a winner and runner up for each year group.

This year the two overall winners were; Ethan MacKay - with his very entertaining special on banning single use plastic and Ailish Wilson - with her insightful speech on reducing expectations.

The Year group results were:

Year 7

Winner - Ethan MacKay

Runner Up - Keira Dawson

Year 8

Winner - Ailish Wilson

Runner Up - Summer Munro

A huge thank you to Scott Bowden who came along to help with the judging.



Lunch Orders

Rosmini House (St Peter's College) menu is available to order on a Thursday & Friday only.

Subway is available on a Tuesday.

Pork riblet and gluten free wraps are now available also.

Sushi is available to order on a Tuesday for lunch on a Wednesday.

Heat ups are also available at present.

All orders & money need to be handed in to the office before school each day.

PRIDE Awards

10TM Alizay Cooper/Callum Findlay
 11KS Jayden Broome/Pearl Edwards
 12RJ Connar Anderson/Nash Barnett
 14GM Mikala Graves
 17NP Cristina Webb/Scott Parker
 18EM Sentre Harden/Rhett Brunton
 19MS Aleah Williams/Jessie Woodward
 20CA Ethan Mackay/Oakland Moody
 S Tech Nicole Smith/Aryan Kumar
 H Tech Hanna Lawlor

Pride Cup - Alyssa Allen

The recipient of the week's PRIDE Cup is Alyssa Allen. Alyssa is a wonderful young lady and is a well-respected member of 18 Huia and Longford Intermediate.

Alyssa has a very determined attitude and works hard in all the curriculum areas, persevering with things she finds challenging and asking for guidance when she isn't sure. Alyssa also, takes on student and teacher feedback and isn't afraid to ask questions. Alyssa is a student who can be trusted with any sort of responsibility, this being evident with her two terms as class councillor and making sure the Heat Ups system was working efficiently when this started at the end of term one. Alyssa especially enjoys helping-out around the classroom and always puts her hand up to help-out in any way. She has excellent initiative and a real can do attitude. Alyssa demonstrates diversity by being involved in many extra curricula activities Longford has to offer: Netball, school council, choir and attended National Young Leaders Day in Dunedin. Alyssa will happily work alongside anyone. She is patient and nothing seems to be a bother for her. Her smile is infectious and she has a happy go lucky spirit. Alyssa is always friendly, polite and considerate. She is supportive of her peers and displays empathy towards others. She is a fantastic role model and is definitely a deserving recipient of the PRIDE cup.

Kate Sinclair



Waka
 Winners
 TAKITIMU



Netball Draw for Saturday 7 July 2018

Longford A v GHS9B Court 1 8:45am

Longford B v GHS9Gold Court 3 9:40am

Longford Hotshots v Longford Stars Court 2 8:45am.

Please be advised that all Longford netball teams will be playing on Saturday 21 July (last Saturday of the school holidays). Hopefully all players will be available for these games, if not it is the players responsibility to let their coaches know, in plenty of time so that we do not have to default.

We are hoping that the games will be during the 8:45am or 9:40am rounds.

Please check The Ensign on Wed 18 July for the draw, for that weekend.

Longford Intermediate Matariki Celebrations

Both Monday and Tuesday of this week was a hive of activity around the school. We had parents/caregivers/whanau and students preparing kai in the hall and our men and boys preparing the hangi hole for our hakari(hangi feast) followed by our workshops. Tuesday dawned crisp and cool but fine so our fire was lit and it was all on to get our hangi laid. The rest of the school was then busy moving around the various workshop activities, making korowai, kites, porotiti, putiputi, fried bread, stars, using their artistic skills, singing, skipping, playing games, testing their knowledge, hearing the stories of Matariki and even learning Māori Tai Chi. What a memorable celebration, that we had, thanks to our talented staff, our amazing tutors, our enthusiastic students and our awesome whanau. Thank you to Whaea Vanessa and her tumeke crew in the hall and Matua Pete and his incredible band with the hangi. Kei runga rawa atu koutou! (Just outstanding).

Matariki

On the 3rd of July, our whole school celebrated Matariki Day (Maori New Year) by completing extra-curricular activities based on Maori culture such as weaving harakeke, waiata, Poi, Te Rakau, Korowai feathers, stars, baking fry bread and kite making.

A major highlight of our day was the hangi. Whanau from our school community and students dug a hangi pit, prepared food and served every student and staff with a two course meal including potato and kumara, stuffing, chicken and steamed pudding with custard.

Students and staff are grateful to all those who volunteered their time to make this amazing day happen. Thank you! - Room 12.

Sir Peter Blake Award

Recipient:
 Sophie Cupit
 presented by
 Sandra Robertson
 (Westpac).

