

Longford Intermediate School

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Fortnightly Newsletter

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Meet the Teacher Evening

Next Thursday 8th February we are holding our annual 'Meet the Teacher' evening here at school from 7pm - 8pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher for 2018 and get to know more about the classroom and the learning for the term.

We ask that everyone meets in the school hall at 7pm please.

Our wonderful PTA will have a cuppa and biscuit ready at the end of the evening.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6 Feb Waitangi Day—school closed
- 7 Feb PTA Meeting—7pm
- 8 Feb Meet the Teacher Night 7pm
- 13 Feb Breakfast Club commences
- 13 Feb School Photos
- 14 Feb Yr8 HPV Forms returned
- 1 Mar Longford Athletics

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 give \$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 kate@longford.school.nz

Sushi Lunch Orders

Orders and payment to be done on Tuesday for lunch delivery on Wednesday. Starting 13th February. There are four different sushi types for school lunch:

Teriyaki chicken 5pc \$6.00 (teriyaki chicken, capsicum, avocado)

Crispy chicken with fresh Veg 5pc \$6.00 (crispy chicken, pickled radish, cucumber, carrot)

Salmon & Avocado 5pc \$6.00 (salmon and avocado)

Crispy chicken with mayo \$5.00 (crispy chicken, mayonnaise sauce, teriyaki sauce).

Report from the Acting Principal

Kia Ora Parents, Whanau and Caregivers

Welcome to Longford Intermediate for 2018. It is great to see all the students settling into their classes and it is thrilling to feel the sense of optimism that the beginning of a new year brings. A new year means a new start and while this can be exciting it can also be stressful so please make sure the classroom teachers know about any issues that may arise so that the Longford Intermediate experience can be a positive one for every student. Next week the students will start training for the Athletics Day but this week they will spend some time getting to know each other and setting routines. There are a large number of opportunities for the students at Longford and we encourage them to be involved in the vibrant life of the school. It was great to see parents at the school yesterday morning and please remember that it is the community that makes us strong so we invite all family members, whanau and caregivers to feel welcome in the school at any time. But please ensure you call into the office before entering any other area of the school. The office entrance is off Wayland Street, not Broughton Street.

Powhiri

Thank you to Angela Mills, Terry Pohatu and Tau Kapea for supporting our school to welcome the new students, parents and staff on to our school yesterday.

Staff

Yvonne Catherwood Principal, Kate Sinclair Deputy Principal, Candace Adams Assistant Principal R20, Treana Morton R10, Kelsey Room R11, Gretchen McStay R14, Mrs Prattley Room R17, Emily Mason R18, Marie Scully R19, Simon Cade Hard Tech, Carol Ruddenklau Soft tech. Support staff: Colleen Allison – admin, Jill Youngson – Librarian, Ann Smithies, Lynette King, Miranda McDowall, Michelle Parish teacher aides, Alan Toogood-caretaker and Debbie Thurston and Tara Ruzsa cleaners. Our teachers email addresses are their christian name @longford.school.nz

Assembly

Assembly runs from 12.15-12.45am on a Tuesday in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. You will be contacted if your child is receiving an award.

Meet the Teachers

On the 8th of February from 7-8pm there is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher. You will find out about topic, camp, the reward system and the teachers' expectations for their class this year. We would love to see you all there.

We look forward to a positive and rewarding year for all students.

Yvonne Catherwood - Principal

Longford Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.15-8.45am in the Longford School hall starting on Tuesday 13th February. Your child is welcome to come along for breakfast e.g. weet-bix and milk, toast and milo, or just come along and socialise with students before school, even if they have already had breakfast.

Newsletter—email version

If you wish to receive your newsletter via email as well as a hard copy please request this by sending an email to:

admin@longford.school.nz

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thurs 22 February 2018

Meeting Room—7.00pm

HPV Vaccinations

All boys and girls in Year 8 are able to have the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine at school to protect them against future infection from nine types of HPV that lead to cervical, anal, genital, mouth and throat cancers, as well as genital warts. The HPV vaccine is the final immunisation given as part of New Zealand's free childhood immunisation programme.

All year 8 students will be given a consent form to take home which includes detailed information about the immunisation. Please complete the consent form, either consenting or declining to the school based immunisation programme, and return the form to school before Wednesday 14th February 2018.

For more information:

www.health.govt.nz/hpv

Contact the HPV Immunisation Team at WellSouth

(03)214 6436, 0800 800 249 or
hpv@wellsouth.org.nz

Cyber Safety and Consent Forms

School-wide Internet/Cyber Safety and various consent forms were sent home yesterday. Please read and complete both forms and return them to your child's classroom teacher asap.

Bus Code of Conduct Forms

All bus students received a notice yesterday to be signed by the student and parent. Please sign this form and return it to school. A copy of this form will be given back to your child.

Deep Cove Camp—Year 8

It is already time to start thinking about this for 2017. Deep Cove is an amazing opportunity for Year 8 students and it really is a once in a lifetime chance to go to such a remote place! We are going to be enjoying three nights in this paradise and will be able to look at the unique marine environment in Doubtful Sound and many students enjoy going fishing for the first time. The scenery is beautiful and we are able to head out for a cruise in Doubtful Sound as well! Costs will be approximately \$250 per student and possibly \$200 per parent help this year (which is an awesome deal). You may start paying for camp now if you wish. Further information will come out later.

Treana Morton—TIC Camp

SPORTS NEWS

Longford will be offering our amazing students an abundance of sporting opportunities this year. Our goal to get as many students as we can involved in representing our school. This will only happen if we have support from our parents, caregivers and whanua.

The first sporting opportunities for the year are cricket and touch. Cricket is due to begin on Friday the 9th of February. We will need coaches for our students to be able to play. Usually we enter two teams, this will be determined by the interest of the kids. If you can help with this, or would like to coach a touch team, please contact me as soon as possible.

If you have any other sporting interests and would like to be involved within these sports throughout the year, please contact me as I am always looking for people with expertise and skills to help our students. We will be needing netball and basketball coaches next term. These coaching roles are very rewarding, watching the kids grow in confidence and form relationships with their team mates. The earlier we can get coaches organised the better prepared we will be.

Any questions regarding and sporting opportunities please feel free to contact me or make an appointment to come and have a chat.

Simon Cade—Sports Coordinator

Telephone Use

We discourage students from using the school telephone. If your child has forgotten something at school and it is urgent that they need to use the phone, a charge of \$1.00 cellphone and 50c per landline call is charged.

Cellphones—IF your child chooses to bring a cellphone to school it must be handed in to the classroom teacher first thing each morning. Your assistance in this matter would be really appreciated. We would prefer that children do not bring their cellphones to school unless it is absolutely necessary. The school takes no responsibility for these personal items being brought to school.

School Assembly

Held weekly from

12.15pm—12.45pm

Every Tuesday

Parents/Caregivers welcome

School Uniforms

Please ensure that your child's uniform is named. Everyone's clothing is the same, so you can only get it returned if we know who it belongs to. This year we have introduced a new soft shell jacket which is available from Southern Workwear, Mersey St, Gore (towards the river from Main Street). Unfortunately, we still have a heap of uniform items in our lost property bin from last year. Check the Library bin!

Items to Collect

We collect certain items on behalf of the Lions Clubs:

Aluminium can tabs

Aluminium wine tops

Old glasses (spectacles)

Useful items for school:

Plastic supermarket bags

Containers for the art room.

Please keep these items in mind when you are throwing them out in the rubbish.

Health Clinics

Nurse Maria Popplewell is our visiting health nurse for the school. Maria comes to the school fortnightly on a Wednesday from 1.00-1.30pm. Please contact the school office if you and/or your child would like to meet with her.

School Photos

Geoff Horrell will visit the school on Tuesday 13 February to have our class & individual photos taken. Please ensure your child/ren are in the correct school uniform. Thank you.

Absences

When your child is absent please phone the school landline and leave a clear short message, stating your child's name and the reason for the absence or text by 9am to the following cell phone:

Text only—027 405 1929

This cell phone is cleared for the final time about 9.15am. Thank you for your assistance in this matter, it is very much appreciated.

LONGFORD OFFICE HOURS

8.30—12.50PM

1.30—4.30PM

Please note the office is unattended during the lunch break 12.50pm—1.30pm.

Please report to the office before entering any other areas of the school. Answerphone, fax and email available.

PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting for this year is on Wednesday 7th of February, starting at 7pm in the school staff room. Please enter door near the ex-dental clinic. New members are very welcome to join our friendly and vibrant team.