

Longford Intermediate School

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TEACHERS' NZEI UNION MEETING

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023

SORRY, NO SUPERVISION FOR STUDENTS FROM 12.45PM.

PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL AT 12.45PM.

IMPORTANT DATES

17 Feb Gore Garden Show
17 Feb Year 8 HPV forms returned
21 Feb Steel Netball visit 9-11am
22 Feb Book Club closes
24 Feb Wig Mufti Day—Cancer
24-25 Feb Longford 50th Reunion
27 Feb Athletics Day
28 Feb Teachers' Union Meeting
School finishes at 12.45pm
22 Mar Southland Kids' Lit Quiz
22-24 May School Musical Production
18-27 June Year 8 Deep Cove camps

Year 8—HPV Vaccination-Forms

All Year 8 students were given an HPV form recently to be completed and signed by parents. These forms are required to school by tomorrow please. Please complete the section for YES-your child will have the vaccination done at school or NO-your child will not have the vaccination at school. This form must be completed and returned urgently please.

The WellSouth team do have a video link if you wish to watch it. Thank you.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuwcOyMjAzc>

Book Club—Booklets have been given out to students today and will close next Wednesday. Please hand your orders in to your classroom teacher.

Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau & caregivers

Athletics Day

Our athletics day is planned for Monday 27 February. We are really looking forward to it because this time last year we were not able to have parents watching the students. The classes have been doing a lot of practice. The teachers have been doing some professional development on athletics skills but please remember that they are not athletics coaches and are doing a really good job giving the students experiences in the various activities and engaging them in outdoor activities. Practicing out on the field has been problematic over the past few weeks because the weather has been so hot!

Teachers contract round.

You may be aware the teachers, along with a number of other public services, have to renew their collective contract. Please give your support to this as the teachers all around the country are doing an extremely difficult job and are very dedicated to their students. This is a message from our union - NZEI;

Whakamana tamariki, whakamana kaiako

We all want the best for our kids. Our teachers love what they do, but not enough funding for schools means that they don't have the time they would like to support all kids to thrive.

We can fix this though. NZEI Te Riu Roa primary teacher and principal members are making the case to the Government for the best invest-

ment in tamariki. Smaller class sizes, more time for individual students and more specialist learning support staffing would make a huge difference.

Keeping and retaining teachers is top of mind right now, and this term, our teachers will also be meeting to consider a pay offer – and assessing if it's enough to make sure that teaching is valued and is an attractive profession. That is why teachers at our school will be attending paid union meetings on Tuesday 28 February.

When we support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive. We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support building the case for better investment in our tamariki.

School Policies

All of our school policies can be found on a website called Schooldocs. This is a very easy way to find any information about the school policies and procedures that you need. You can find the website by searching schooldocs.co.nz. The username is longford and the password is pride. When you go onto the site you will find a tab called current review and this is where you can have any input into reviewing some policies that are identified.

Yvonne Catherwood – Principal

He waka eke noa – We're all in this to-

Subway Lunches – They are very popular with the students. If there are extras left over (ie absent students) the other students are welcome to take them home.

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Tonight—16 Feb 2023
Meeting Room—6.00pm**

Netball Trials

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Wednesday 22 March 2023

Gore MultiSports Stadium

Year 7s trial from 3.30pm-4.30pm

Year 8s trial 4.30pm-5.30pm.

We have also booked Wednesday 29 March - this will either be a practice, or maybe a skills session.

Players need to listen carefully for updates on the class daily notices.

Sam Caughey (Miss)

Longford Netball Co-ordinator

Recycling Items to Collect

Please continue to collect can tabs & Aluminium wine tops for Kidney Kids Foundation. We have a big Kidney Kids tin at the office for these. Also old spectacles (Fred Hollows Foundation), plastic bread tabs to help wheelchair people. Drop all items into the school office for collection. Thank you.

MUFTI DAY

Next Friday the 24th of February we will be having a mufti day and encouraging students to wear a wig or wacky hair. This is to support our teacher, Mrs Forbes who is going to be cutting her long hair to be made into a wig and raising money for the Cancer Society. Gold coin donation please—School Council

RDA Certificate

Congratulations Damian Richardson for successfully mounting his favourite horse "Rosie" from the ramp at RDA this week.



Posi Play—Water Games Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon 2pm is Posi Play! Water themed! Come in your uniform but you must remember to bring clothes to change into & a bag—they will get wet!

Dress in the colour of your WAKA if you wish.

Musical Production

Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits

The Longford musical production this year is Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. This production is a fun comedy that has something in it for everyone!

If your child is passionate about acting, singing or dancing then auditions are going to be held next week (week 4). Listen out for messages regarding this. We will be starting rehearsals in Week 5.

The production is going to be led by Miss Prescott and Mrs Gentle.

Absences

Please continue to advise the office whenever your child is absent from school. The best way to do this is by text, the text number is on the top of page one of this newsletter, Skool Loop is also available and an email to admin@longford.school.nz

Thank you for your support!

Teachers' NZEI Union Meeting

Tuesday 28 February 2023

No Supervision available

Please be aware that students will need to be collected at 12.45pm on this day as **no buses** will be operating at this time.

Second-hand Uniforms

We have good stocks of both girls and boys uniform items. Please ensure to name all your child's school uniforms, as they all look the same. They need to be clearly named.

Athletics Day

Our Longford athletics will be held on Monday 27 February. Please ensure your child has their correct PE uniform to compete. We will have Gore High School students helping, so parents are free to come along to support their children. Please come along.

School Photos

Class & individual photos were taken at school today. Expect to receive a copy of the proof home in the next few weeks.



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Deep Cove Camp-Year 8's

Year 8 students at Longford Intermediate go to Deep Cove for school camp. This is an amazing experience and often proves to be the highlight of the year for many! This year we will be going towards the end of Term 2.

Please contact your child's teacher, to register your interest, if you would like to come to Deep Cove as a parent help. All parent helpers have a crucial responsibility in ensuring the success of the camping experience. They are expected to provide full support to the teacher in charge, assisting with the successful execution of activities. Additionally, parent helpers are entrusted with the task of looking after the well-being of all students, ensuring their safety and comfort at all times. As a role model for the students, camp helpers must set a positive example by demonstrating responsible decision making.

The cost of camp is approximately \$250 per child and \$200 per adult. You are able to begin paying for this now. We will be doing an Easter Raffle should you wish to fundraise for some or all of this cost. Camp payments must be made by the time your child leaves for camp. If this is going to be an issue please contact Yvonne, our principal, and she will try to assist.

More information about camp and the Easter Raffle will come out in due course, if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact your child's teacher. The dates for this years camps are as follows:

Room 1 (Year 8's) & Room 7 - Miss Adams and Miss Newell
Camp 1: Sunday 18th June- Wednesday 21st June.

Room 8 Mrs McStay
Camp 2: Wednesday 21st June- Saturday 24th June.

Room 9 Mrs Jackson
Camp 3: Saturday 24th June- Tuesday 27th June.

Bank Account details:

ASB Gore
12 - 3434 - 0011501 - 000

Please state child's name and camp in the reference columns.