

# Longford Intermediate School

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## Year 8—Deep Cove Raffle

It is great to see some families taking up the opportunity to fundraise for camp by selling raffle tickets. If you would still like to get some tickets, please contact your child's teacher and we can arrange to have these sent home. A reminder that the \$40 per card (20 tickets) goes directly to your child's camp fee. The students who are selling tickets are expected to contribute an Easter item for the hampers. All tickets and hamper items will need to be given to the class teacher by Friday 31st March so the raffle can be drawn before Easter.

Candace Adams—TIC

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 16 Mar School Closed—Strike action
- 22 Mar Sld Kids' Lit Quiz
- 22 Mar Vision Testing—Year 7
- 23 Mar Pipe Band Workshops
- 25 Mar Southland Athletics
- 30 Mar Parent Interviews 1.30-7.30pm  
Classes finish at 12.45pm
- 5 Apr PTA Colour Fun Run
- 6 Apr End of Term 1—3pm
- 24 Apr Teacher Only Day—closed
- 25 Apr ANZAC Day—closed
- 26 Apr Start of Term 2
- 19 May Mufti Day—Pink Shirt
- 22-24 May School Musical Production
- 18-27 June Year 8 Deep Cove camps
- 30 Jun End of term 2
- 17 Jul Start of term 3

## Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau & caregivers

### Whānau hui

Next Wednesday 22 March we will be hosting a whānau hui at school. This is a hui hosted by Longford and Raiha Johnson, with whom we have been working with to increase our cultural capability. The Māori tamariki worked with Raiha at the end of last year to kōrero about moving forward with cultural competency at our school and this evening will give them the opportunity to share this mahi. The evening will start at 5:30pm with a BBQ and then we will begin the hui at 6:00pm. We would love as many whānau members as possible to come along.

### School interviews

Teacher/parent interviews have been scheduled for Thursday 30 March from 1:30pm to 7:00pm. You can make a booking for these on the website [schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the code **yjrbz**. We would like to see as many whānau as possible as the connection between home and school is extremely important for academic success. If you are having any difficulty making a booking please contact Colleen in the office. If you can not make it on that day please contact the classroom teacher to meet on a day that is more convenient. All students will be leaving school at 12:45pm on that day.

### Events

We have had a number of successful events in the past couple of weeks. We hosted "The Ugly Shakespeare Company" last week. This is a touring group of actors who acted out the

Shakespeare comedy "A Midsummers Nights Dream" with some more modern additions. They were hugely talented and the students were presented with a highly entertaining play.

The year 7 students also had their fun day out at Camp Columba this week. The purpose of this day is to give the year 7 students the opportunity to get to know one another in a fun setting. It builds relationships, lets students try things they may not have done before and helps them feel that they are part of our Longford community.

### Teachers Strike

The teachers here at Longford are very sorry that we have been put into the position where the only option we have is to strike so that we can be heard by the government. Our main concerns are, and have always been, about giving teachers the resources and time they need to provide a quality education for the tamariki in our care. The teachers at Longford are a very dedicated bunch but the workload is becoming unsustainable and all too often we lose good teachers because the job is becoming too difficult with too little support. We are asking for more non-contact time to be able to do the intense amount of paperwork and planning required, more support for students with high behaviour and learning needs and fair remuneration to attract and retain quality teaching staff.

Yvonne Catherwood—Principal  
*He waka eke noa—We're all in this together!*

## Year 8 Camp

A permission slip and gear list will be coming home with students over the next couple of weeks, so please keep your eye out for this. A reminder that if you wish to come to camp as a parent helper please get in touch with your child's teacher. An application for a Police Vet will be required.

### Camp 1CA & 7EN:

Sunday 18th June - Wednesday 21st June.

### Camp 9RJ:

Wednesday 21st June - Saturday 24th June.

### Camp 8GM:

Saturday 24th June—Tuesday 27th June.

Students have a rest day at home after their camp.

Please feel free to start payments towards camp now.



All of the Longford School policies can be accessed through the SchoolDocs website by searching [schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz). The user-name is longford and the password is pride.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

23 March 2023

Meeting Room—6.00pm

## SPORT REPORT

Term One has been super busy with our Tamariki playing Cricket and Touch Rugby for the school as well as participating in Squash, Pickleball, Tennis coaching and representing Longford at Eastern Athletics. Big shout out to all our awesome parents who have been the taxi service for our tamariki and paid their subs!!

Winter Sport season is fast approaching with registrations for Hockey, Netball, Basketball now closed (if you have missed out please contact the organisation directly or Colleen at the office and we will see what we can do). Make sure you check the Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information about lots of sport and physical activity opportunities for our kids in Eastern.

Rugby please see FB page for registration link - Pioneer will be hosting an Open Day on Thursday 23rd March 4-6pm where there will be shorts, socks and beanies available to purchase.

Netball Steel Roadie is on this Saturday (18th March) at the MLT Stadium - check out the Longford Sport FB page for more information and details to register - it's free but you must register.

Netball trials are underway (Wednesday 15th & 22nd March) with a huge number of tamariki signing up this season!

Any questions please phone the school office or email:

[bronnie@longfordschool.co.nz](mailto:bronnie@longfordschool.co.nz)

## Reminder—Collectables

Please keep collecting can tabs & aluminium wine tops for the Kidney Kids Foundation. We have a big Kidney Kids tin for this purpose at the office. Also old spectacles for the Fred Hollows Foundation, plastic bread tabs to help wheelchair people, milk bottle tops to make skateboard. Drop all items into the school office.

## Touring Group

"The Ugly Shakespeare Company" performed for our students last week.



## Camp Columba—Year 7 Team Building Day

Thank you so much to all the parents who came along to Camp Columba on Tuesday, we really appreciate you giving up your time to support our students. On Tuesday 14th March, all the year 7s went out to Camp Columba for a team building day. We were all pushed out of our comfort zones, we were all a little anxious. The camp had a dog called Lily, she would chase us all the way down the water slide and all the way down the super fast slide. I nearly knocked her out twice because she kept cutting in front of me. The flying kiwi was a lot of people's favourite part. I did the super sonic and the superhero. The superhero is when you spin round kind fast and you do a superhero pose and the super sonic you get spun round really fast in a circle and you go all the way to the top. It felt like my head was going to fall off. I really enjoyed doing the speed slide. This is when you get wrapped up in a big sack and get pushed down the slide. It had a big dip in the slide which caused most of us to get some air. Some of us even got Miss Caughey to go down the super fast slide which was super funny. My first activity was the flying kiwi. I did a superhero pose. The next part of the activity was the super-sonic where I spun in the air really really fast. I was screaming because it was scary, I felt dizzy after that. My favourite activities were the bouncy pillow and water slide because it was fun sliding down the slide and jumping on the bouncy pillow. We all had a great day thanks to the parent helpers. Thank you to the teachers and parents for taking us to Camp Columba.

From Sophie Craig and Eli Alexander.



## Lit Quiz

Next Wednesday 22nd March Longford Intermediate is hosting the Southland heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz in the hall. We have three teams entered and a group of students who are training hard for this. Parents and whanau are welcome to come along and watch. It begins at 10:30 and runs through until 1:30pm.

## Gore Youth Council

Congratulations to Paige Harris and Annelie Wilson who have been elected as our Gore Youth Council Representatives this year. We know that the two girls will do a fabulous job being a voice in our community. Paige and Annelie will be sworn in at a special ceremony at the council chambers next week.

Congratulations girls.

**Candace Adams**

**TIC School Council**

## WAKA WINNERS

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## Netball notices

Just a reminder of our second netball trial at MLT stadium Wednesday 22nd March, year 7s 3:30-4:30 and year 8s 4:30-5:30pm.

We also have a Netball Smart training session on Wednesday 29th at MLT stadium 3:30-5:00pm. This session will look at warming up and strength activities to ensure our players are looking after themselves both on and off the court. We want to see all of our coaches during this session to help our coaches with teaching these skills, this is essentially your first practice. There will also be a quick chat at the end for parents around supporting your netballer. We want as many of our players, coaches and parents to attend as possible please.

**Samantha Caughey**  
**TIC Netball**

## Absences

Unfortunately, some parents are still not advising the school by 9am when their children are not attending. We also require the reason please. This is causing quite a lot of extra work sending out texts to all those who we have not heard from. You can advise the school in four different ways:

**Skool Loop**—download the app on your cellphone

**Text only to 027 405 1929**

**Landline 03 208 7416**

**Email: [admin@longford.school.nz](mailto:admin@longford.school.nz)**  
subject line "absence". Thank you.