

# Longford Intermediate School

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## LONGFORD INTERMEDIATE 50TH REUNION Friday 24 February—Saturday 25 February 2023

Time is running out to have your registration in by 15 December 2022.

Please complete the registration form included with this newsletter or go online to Longford Intermediate School Reunion to download the necessary information.

**This has become urgent now—please spread the word!**

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 18 Nov Jonty Carran Rugby Tourn
- 19 Nov Southland Athletics
- 25 Nov Excellence Trip
- 29 Nov Yr8 students to GHS  
**GHS info attached today.**
- 29 Nov Yr6 students to Longford
- 7 Dec Year 8 Graduation—7pm
- 9 Dec Year 8 Fun Day
- 14 Dec Prize-giving—evening 7pm
- 15 Dec End of year—3pm

### 2023

- 1 Feb Start of year—Year 7
- 2 Feb Start of year—Year 8

**24-25 Feb—Longford 50th Reunion, information attached with this letter.**

### Longford Jackets

All jackets borrowed for the Eastern Athletics need to be returned to school urgently please.

### Gore High School Netball

The Gore High Netball Club is looking for expressions of interest for coaching and managing teams for 2023, please contact Maggie Harvey [mharvey@gore-high.school.nz](mailto:mharvey@gore-high.school.nz). Please join the Gore High Netball Club page on Facebook for information coming out early in Term 1.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday 8 December  
2022

Meeting Room—7.00pm

## Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau & caregivers

### Rotary Young Achievers

On Monday we attended the Rotary young achievers dinner at the Croydon Lodge to celebrate three of our wonderful year 8 students. The students nominated themselves by writing down all of their achievements from the past few years and the teachers completed the very difficult task of narrowing down this list to three. There were many amazing students and achievements put forward and it was a shame we couldn't put everyone forward. These students were great ambassadors for our school and our PRIDE values.

### Activities

There have been a large number of exciting activities happening here at school in the past few weeks including groups of students kayaking, completing the ropes course in Invercargill, planting trees at the Runanga, and completing the school triathlon. All of these activities have been possible because of the hard work of the staff and their commitment to providing the best possible experiences for our students.

### Union Meetings

Yesterday our teachers attended meetings with NZEI to discuss the recent pay negotiations. As you have probably heard, there is a huge teacher shortage in New Zealand and this can be largely attributed to the fact that it is a difficult career with long hours and is not very well paid. Our col-

leagues in the Secondary Sector have much better conditions with much more release time, better student/teacher ratios, and higher pay for management units. Our teachers will be campaigning for a pay rise that makes the profession more attractive to prospective teachers and will also be asking for an improvement in conditions similar to the conditions that Secondary teachers receive. Any support they get from the wider community would be greatly appreciated.

### Transitions

A large transition day has been planned for the 29th of November. The year 8 students will be spending the day at Gore High School getting to know the teachers and the school, and the year 6 students from our contributing schools will be visiting us and taking part in some games, sharing information and a sausage sizzle. Mrs Millar has put a lot of effort into planning the transitions in the school and making sure that all students feel comfortable knowing what to expect next year. Saying that though, it is perfectly normal for your child to feel some anxiety around the change in schools and this positive anxiety is the way that our brains grow and adjust to change.

Yvonne Catherwood  
Principal

*He waka eke noa – We're all in this together!*

### PRIDE Trophy—Gabby Callick

The person I have selected this week for the PRIDE trophy is a very deserving recipient. They show the PRIDE values at all times, they are polite, respectful and very helpful to staff. So, it is my absolute pleasure to



award this week's PRIDE trophy to Gabby Callick! Gabby is a role model at Longford School. She faces challenges with a positive attitude and gives everything a go. Gabby is such a cheerful and encouraging person to have around. Gabby is a great role model for her peers. She always has a smile on her face and is very willing to help teachers. Gabby is great at overcoming challenges and she doesn't let anything hold her back. Gabby is very involved and dedicated to the sports and groups she is involved in. During her years at Longford, Gabby has excelled in many sports, particularly basketball and netball. Gabby was also a dancer in our school production last year, which was when I first got to know her. Gabby has taken part in the William Pike Challenge this year, getting out of her comfort zone and doing a lot for our community. On top of that, Gabby is the current School Council representative for Room 8. In class, Gabby is very conscious of her next steps and she sets herself high standards, taking onboard feedback. She works extremely hard, striving for excellence and always wanting to improve her personal best. She has high expectations of herself and sets great goals that she has been achieving throughout the year. Gabby, I have really enjoyed getting to know you. You are an excellent student here at Longford and you are a deserving recipient of the PRIDE Trophy. Well done!

Miss Prescott

### PRIDE Trophy—Max Eckhout

I first got to know Max as a friendly bubbly year 7 in 2021. Although I didn't teach him I have had a few interactions with Max. He has always been respectful when I have to deal with him. He is always willing to help out. Max demonstrates our PRIDE values



in and around school. I also know that you are very competitive which is a good trait to have. According to Mrs McStay you are a maths genius. I personally observed this when I saw you in Room 10 completing the 36 Bingo with your mates.

Max participates in our school community representing us in sports as well as a passionate member of our School Kapa Haka

You are also resilient. During the Taieri exchange you had unfortunately pulled out due to a family member getting COVID and you had to isolate yourself. Yet when I spoke to you through the car window you were smiling and said it's ok Mrs H.

It's this positive attitude that will bring you far in life.

Well done Max!

Mrs Hendriks

### Blues Applications

At Longford Intermediate School we have a Blues Ceremony at the end of the year in conjunction with our end of year prize giving to recognise the outstanding achievements of our students and the contributions they make to our school. Blues application forms will be available for children to bring home this week. Please read through these forms with your child and help them to fill it in. The Blues committee will consider outstanding achievements outside of the criteria on a case-by-case basis. Blues forms need to be returned to the office by 3pm Wednesday the 30th of November. If any students need help filling in their forms then they are able to see Miss Adams for assistance, other than this it is students own personal responsibility to fill in the form and return it on time please.

### WAKA WINNERS

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### READY—SET—GO

Our 50 triathletes were all ready to start at 12.45pm today. The sun came out and lots of fun was had by all.



The marshals and helpers around the course are very important.



### Rotary

#### Young Achiever Awards

Congratulations to Charli Pearce, Sam Matheson and Raihanah Abdul Halim who received Rotary Young Achiever Awards on Monday night. This is a prestigious award for Year 8 students in our community. We are really proud of all three of them!



### PRIDE Awards

- 1CA Nate Kirby/Denan Sheppard
- 2CF Zac Kitto/Paige Harris
- 3PG Jaicee Peterson/Paityn Keach
- 7MH Sam Matheson/Mikayla Doorey
- 8AP Addi Grant/Aarav Kumar
- 9SC Grace Iddenten/Stella Munro
- 10GM Joel Kirby/Laicey Trusler
- S Tech Tamati Tawhaio/Hugo Howes
- PRIDE Trophies: Max Eckhout and Gabby Callick



All of the Longford School policies can be accessed through the SchoolDocs website by searching schooldocs.co.nz. The username is longford and the password is pride.



# LONGFORD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 50th REUNION

**1972 – 2022**

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Get together Friday night – Croydon Lodge

Photo's / afternoon tea / look through school – Saturday  
afternoon

Dinner Saturday night – Croydon Lodge

Registrations now open

Registrations close 15 December 2022

Enquiries to: [reunion50@longfordschool.nz](mailto:reunion50@longfordschool.nz)



**LONGFORD  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION**



**Longford  
Intermediate  
School**

**INFORMATION FORM**

**Payment Information:**

Longford Intermediate School 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

ASB 12-3434-0030147-00.

Reference: particulars (surname)  
code (first name)

**Refund policy:**

If a refund is required due to Covid reasons, a full refund minus the registration fee will be given.

**Overview of activities:**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** from 7pm: drinks and nibbles

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February –**

1–4pm at Longford Intermediate School Hall.

Afternoon tea and non-alcoholic refreshments provided

- school tour
- group photos (**between 2 and 3pm**)
- photos can be paid online or EFTPOS available on Saturday night.

**Saturday evening – dinner at 7.00pm**

**Further Information:** events for Friday and Saturday nights will be held at  
The Croyden Lodge.

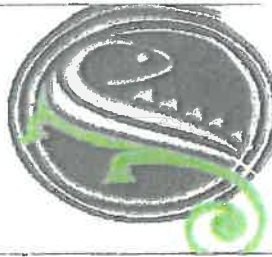
There will be a courtesy coach available on both evenings.

**Facebook:** Longford Intermediate School 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

**Email:** reunion50@longford.school.nz

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

(one form per person)

Please send completed form to:

Longford Intermediate School  
5 Wayland Street  
Gore 9710  
ATTN: 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee

Or email to:

[reunion50@longford.school.nz](mailto:reunion50@longford.school.nz)

Your details:

First Name:

Surname:

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Maiden Name: (or name known at school)

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Address:

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Email address:

Affiliation with school: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner to person with affiliation (*please tick*)

Years at school: (*tick*)  1972 – 1981

1982 – 1991

1992 – 2001

2002 - 2011

2012 – 2022

Cost of events:

Please tick box to indicate the events you will be attending:

Registration fee: (*compulsory*)

\$20/pp

• Friday evening nibbles (*at Croydon Lodge*)

\$25/pp

• Saturday afternoon (*at Longford Intermediate*)

\$15/pp

• Saturday buffet dinner (*at Croydon Lodge*)

\$60/pp

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid:

Gore High School  
Coutts Road  
**GORE**

17 November 2022

Dear Longford Intermediate Parents

**Year 8 Orientation Day – Tuesday 29 November, 8.50am – 3.20pm**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November we welcome all pre-enrolled Year 8 students attending Gore High School in 2023. The day will include some taster subject classes and activities.

Students are welcome to use the secondary school bus. Most students will know times and where to meet the bus, but if you are not sure, please contact Go Bus by email: [alfred.hawtin@gobus.co.nz](mailto:alfred.hawtin@gobus.co.nz) for details.

Longford students will be able to get off and on the bus at Gore High School.

East Gore students please meet at the East Gore School bus shelter by 8.10am.

Longford students will need to come in Longford school uniform please.

Students will need to bring:

- Two blue or black pens
- Sports gear (this includes sport shoes)
- Food for morning interval.
- A BBQ lunch will be provided.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Amy Christie  
Deputy Principal  
Gore High School