

# Longford Intermediate School

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## Fortnightly Newsletter

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### Daffodil Day Mufti Day tomorrow

A reminder that it is Daffodil Day tomorrow, Friday 26th of August 2022. Students are asked to wear yellow mufti (if they can) and bring along a gold coin donation. Students have also had the opportunity to create a piece of art for this day. Students will need to have these ready for collection in the morning please.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 26 Sep Assembly—hall 2.15pm
- 29 Sep Ski Trip—Coronet Peak
- 1-9 Sep Life Ed Mobile Classroom
- 5-17 Sep Swimming Pool—closed
- 7 Sep Wig Wednesday—Mufti Day
- 15 Sep School Social
- 22 Sep Southland Kids' Lit Quiz
- 22 Sep Parent-Teacher Interviews
- 23 Sep BOT Meeting—7pm
- 24-25 Sep Brick Show Stadium Sld
- 30 Sep End of term—3pm

### Brick Show—Southland Stadium

24-25th September 2022  
10am—4pm daily.

### Netball Skills with Wendy Frew

Gore MultiSports Complex—\$60  
Mondays 17, 31 Oct & 7, 14 Nov.  
8.30-4.30pm—Year 5 & 6  
4.30-5.30pm Year 7 & 8  
Info pamphlet at the school office or  
contact Wendy 027 468 2035

### Touch Rugby

Touch registrations are open for Term 4. Please see Longford Sport Facebook page for details and link to register. Any questions please email:  
[bronnie@longford.school.nz](mailto:bronnie@longford.school.nz)

### New Holland Tractor Colouring Competition

Students have been given the opportunity to colour a farm scene to win prizes—please return the sheet to the office by Thursday 1 September.

## Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau & caregivers

### Taieri Exchange

We are extremely proud of the way that our students represented Longford at the Taieri exchange yesterday. We had done a great deal of preparation for this day and all the teams played hard but fair. The day started extremely well with a stirring waiata and haka, which was replied to by an equally emotional performance by the Taieri students. I cannot give enough thanks to the parents and whānau who have given so much of their time to coach teams, referee games, cook and serve the 500 sausages and generally offer support for the players. I am also very proud of the teachers who have put so much effort into making this day a great success and especially Mrs McStay who spent a lot of her own time planning the event. I think a 5/5 draw was a fitting way to end the day.

### Parent/Teacher interviews

We will be holding parent teacher interviews on Thursday 22 September. School will finish at 12:45pm on this day so that interviews can start at 1:30pm. Parents and whānau can book an interview time by going onto the School Interviews site [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and using the code whqx5 to get to our school. We have had a very good turnout at interviews in the past and we would love this to continue. This is a very important time of the year for

student achievement because we are completing a lot of assessment tasks to get a clear picture of the information that we will be sharing in their end of year reports and the information that we will be handing on to their 2023 teachers.

### Life Education

We will be having a visit from the Life Education bus over the next two weeks. This is an opportunity for our students to learn about life skills in an entertaining and engaging way. The year 7 classes will have a focus on forming positive relationships and the year 8 students will focus on the effects of substance abuse. If you go onto the life education website you can see the programme that will be taught  
<https://lifeeducation.org.nz/what-we-teach>

### Attendance

We have seen an improvement in attendance this term with the percentage of daily attendance rising significantly. Thank you to whānau for your support in getting your children to school every day and on time. There is a nationwide initiative to get all children to attend school every day because it has a significant impact on their achievement.

Yvonne Catherwood—Principal

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

**FREE Apples** – Thank you to the St Vincent de Paul & Brian Kelly for providing us with a bin of free red apples—they will be delivered to the school tomorrow. If you would like some, please send your child along with a bag to take some home.

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Thursday 29 Sept 2022  
Meeting Room—7.00pm

### PRIDE Trophy - Hosea Pasco

It is my absolute pleasure to award the PRIDE TROPHY this week to Hosea Pasco. Hosea is a resilient boy who accepts all challenges with a very real enthusiasm. His attitude and behaviour completely encompasses our Longford Intermediate PRIDE values. This makes Hosea an excellent role model for his peers. Hosea shows perseverance on a daily basis, completing all tasks to his very best ability. He is also a very polite boy, he is considerate and empathetic toward others. Hosea loves his sport and shows exceptional promise, he has a natural talent and is working hard to improve his core skills in all that he participates in. Your level of maturity has grown exponentially over your nearly two years at Longford school, and you are such a positive and likeable member of our team. Hosea you are an exceptional young man, and without a doubt a deserving recipient of the Longford Intermediate PRIDE Trophy.



Mr Gray

### Learning with Harold

Pip and Harold are really excited to be visiting Longford Intermediate next week with our specially designed & built mobile classroom. Over the next few days the students and teachers will participate in specifically designed health based programmes (selected by the teachers and created by Pip) to meet the needs of the school & local community.

If you would like to learn more about our programme please visit our website:

<https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/what-we-teach>

We even have a special page just for kids (how cool is that!)

<https://healthyharold.org.nz/kids>

Please ask your kids what they have been learning about during their visits, I'm sure they will have lot to share with you. They will also have received a 'take home pack' filled with activities you can do together at home.

If you would like to check out the classroom for yourself (or even reminisce your own Harold memories) please contact either the school or email Pip at:

[heartland@lifeed.org.nz](mailto:heartland@lifeed.org.nz) and we can organize a time to pop in, either before or after school.

### Taieri Sports Exchange

What a fabulous day we had yesterday hosting Taieri College for sports. With two attempts over the last two years, and then the weather looking a bit dodgy on the morning we were finally able to proceed with our day.

Thank you to all the amazing coaches who have worked with our tamari-ki over the past 5 weeks to prepare them for this day, all of the referees and Jack Hilton who helped organise the students from GHS. Thank you to Dan at the Stadium and Pioneer Rugby Club for the use of their buildings and for those people who probably had some cleaning up to do after many wet feet. Thank you also to the Board of Trustees who cooked the 500 sausages to feed our students, and also Advance Agriculture for the use of their amazing barbeque.

Finally thank you to the many spectators and our amazing students who played with PRIDE and showed tremendous skills and sportsmanship. We (your teachers and whanau) are very proud of you.

**Results for the day are:**

**Basketball Girls** - (58-2) Longford win

**Basketball Year 7 Boys** (60- 26) Taieri win

**Basketball Year 8 Boys** (70-37) Longford win

**Netball Year 7** (25-13) Longford win

**Netball Year 8** (37-20) Taieri win

**Hockey A** (7-2) Longford win

**Hockey B** (3-2) Taieri win

**Football** (9-4) Taieri win

**Rugby 7's** (4-1) Taieri win

**Rugby 15's** (70-5) Longford win

Our day finished as a 5-5 draw, so the trophy will be shared over the year. Well done!

Gretchen McStay—TIC

### Cluster Speech Competition

Results from todays Speeches:  
Congratulations to all competitors.

#### Yr7 & 8

1st Eli Puna  
-St Peters  
2nd Sam Matheson-Longford



#### Yr5 & 6

1st Jemima Moody-Gore Main  
2nd Sophie Blackbeard-Gore Main



### WAKA WINNERS

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### PRIDE Awards

- 1CA Charli Pearce/Anika Duncan
- 2CF Dylan Swain
- 3PG Katelyn Horrell
- 7MH Troy Tecofsky/Caedyn McAllister
- 8AP Summer Porima/Arash Singh
- 9SC Chloe McHaffie/ Saiyan Manukau
- 10GM Raihanah Abdul Halim/Hosea Pasco
- S Tech Summer Karan/Livy Barnett
- H Tech Addi Grant/Sophie Mantell
- Kiwi Can: Abbie Kelly
- PRIDE Trophy: Hosea Pasco

### 'Back to the 80's' School Social

On Thursday the 15th of September the School Council is running a social. This will be held in the school hall between 6:30-8:30pm. The theme this year is 80's. There will be prizes for best dressed as well as best dance moves. The School Council will also have a stall where they will be selling glow accessories, food and drinks. Permission slips will be available for students next week, if they wish to buy a ticket.

School Council



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



## Netball Report 2022

Longford Intermediate has had a great Netball season this year, each team had some great wins and some challenging loses.

### 8A

Placed in a challenging grade, the 8A's pushed hard to the very last second playing against St Peters 8A who won 26-18. Our Longford 8A's received the June Wilson Trophy for Runner up in Stirling Sports Grade Four. Casey Campbell received player of the final.



### 8B

The Longford 8B's had a nail biter of a final game, the third quarter had everyone convinced it was going to end in a tie. Our 8B's worked hard to eventually take a 3 point lead winning 18-15, taking home the Ngami Prattley trophy for Stirling Sports Grade Five winners. Narisha Honeyman received player of the final.



### 7A

The Longford 7A's were placed in a challenging grade and gave each game their all. They finished their season on a win against St Peters 7A 11-8 coming fifth in Stirling Sports Grade Five.



### 7B

Our Longford 7B's showed a great improvement over the netball season, working hard to make it into the finals. This was a low scoring game as defense from both teams was tight going 13-10 to St Peters 7/8 mixed. 7B's won the Diane White Trophy for Stirling Sports Grade Six Runner up. Leida Joostens received player of the final.



This was a hugely successful netball season, congratulations to all the players for their success. We look forward to seeing you play next year.

Samantha Caughey - Teacher in Charge.

Please wash your child's netball uniform and return it to school in the plastic bag. Thank you.