

Longford Intermediate School

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LONGFORD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARENT ELECTIONS

If you are interested in joining our board please complete the nomination form posted to parents of Longford and Year 6 students at contributing schools. Please hand in your signed nomination form to the school before 12 noon on **Wednesday 3 August 2022**. If you did not receive a nomination form in the post during the holidays, please contact or visit Colleen at school urgently—208 7416.

If a vote is required, the voting will close on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 4pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 29 Jul Assembly in the hall 2.15pm
- 3 Aug BOT nominations close 12noon
- 3 Aug GHS Open Night from 5pm
- 5 Aug Speech Competition—hall
- 10 Aug Teacher Only Day
- 10 Aug PTA meeting—6.30pm
- 11 Aug Open Night—5.30pm
- 11 Aug BOT meeting—7pm
- 24 Aug Taieri Sports Exchange
- 1-9 Sep Life Ed Mobile Classroom
- 22 Sep Southland Kids' Lit Quiz
- 30 Sep End of term—3pm

School Speech Competition

Our school speech competition will be held next Friday 5 August at 11:15am in the school hall. The top 2-3 students from each class will be involved in performing their speech. Parents and whanau are welcome to come and listen. Please wear a mask.

Miss Adams

Longford Intermediate School

Open Night

Thursday 11 August 2022

Welcome at 5.30pm

School hall

Everyone welcome.

If you have a Year 6 child to enrol for 2023 please do so as soon as possible.

Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau & caregivers

Attendance

I have spent some time analysing the term 2 attendance of each child in the school to get a better picture of what is happening with attendance at Longford. There is a good percentage of students who are attending school regularly (more than 9 days in a 2 week period) and we thank their parents for their support of their child's education, but there are a worrying number of students who had poor attendance throughout the term. We understand that sickness and Covid have had an impact on school attendance, but in a lot of instances absences are frequent and are dispersed throughout the term. This term we will be rewarding children who attend school every day in the week and who also get to school on time. The goal is to encourage the students to attend school every day unless they are not well.

Taieri exchange

We are very excited that the Taieri Exchange is back on again this year on Wednesday 24 August. A large percentage of our students will be playing sports on this day and some are playing more than one. The sports we have on offer are football, rugby, netball, basketball and hockey. Taieri College is visiting us this year and the sports will be played at a variety of venues around the town. We would love parents and whānau to come along and watch the students play and support the Longford teams.

Sleep

The teachers have been asking our students how they are feeling and the predominant answer is - tired. We are very concerned with the lack of sleep that a lot of students seem to be experiencing and this has a profound effect on their performance in school, both with achievement and behaviour. We also believe that it has an impact on attendance at school. The Ministry of Health recommends that children 9-13 years of age should be getting around 9-11 hours of sleep each night. That means that if a child is waking up at 7:00am in the morning, they should be getting to sleep around 8:00pm-10:00pm at night. They will also need time to wind down to get to sleep so time should be allowed for this. The Ministry of Health suggests a couple of good hints to ensure your children get enough sleep is to give them a regular bedtime and to make sure they do not have a device in their bedroom. To make sure they get a good night's sleep they should be free of devices for at least an hour before bed.

Open Night

Our Open Night will be held on Thursday 11 August at 5:30pm. We are looking forward to seeing all of the year six students from all of our contributing schools.

Yvonne Catherwood – Principal

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

Gore High School
Open Night - 5.00 – 8.00pm
Wednesday 3 August 2022

Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 11 August 2022
Meeting Room—7.00pm

PRIDE Trophy—Tess Blondell

This week I have the privilege to present Tess Bondell with the PRIDE award. Some words that come to mind when I think of Tess are reliable, kind and caring, passionate, diverse, mature and excellent. Tess is reliable and will always look out for everyone. Tess has a natural ability to walk alongside people who need support. I see this side of you often in class and when we were on camp when someone was needing help, you were often just there, and always willing to step in and be a friend when one was needed. Tess shows diversity in her all-inclusive approach and is completely accepting of others' differences. Tess is a mature girl. She rises above situations that are not appropriate and shows integrity by always doing the right thing regardless of the consequence to herself. I know that if I need support or help with anything I can always rely on Tess to step up. In Class - Tess seeks excellence and puts 100% effort into what she does and shows enthusiasm and passion towards her learning. When presented with activities Tess will put her head down and push herself to complete activity to a high standard before the expected time. Tess loves reading and has an inquisitive mind. She has a variety of interests including sports especially tennis and swimming and is always keen to give new things a go. She has been involved with the William Pike Challenge and this year is learning pickle ball as a new sport. Finally, while Tess is mature but she is still fun and has a great sense of humour. Tess we are very proud of you and you are an awesome role model around our school. I know that whatever you do in the future you will do with mana. Thank you Tess for being the beautiful person that you are.



Mrs McStay

PRIDE Trophy—Addison Grant

The person I have selected this week for the PRIDE trophy is a very deserving recipient. She always shows the PRIDE values, she is polite, respectful and very helpful to staff. So, it is my absolute pleasure to award this week's PRIDE trophy to Addison Grant! Addi is an absolute role model at Longford school. She faces challenges with a positive attitude and gives everything a go. Addi is such a cheerful and encouraging person to have around. Addi is a great role model for her peers. She always has a smile on her face and is very willing to help teachers. Outside in the playground, Addi proves to be a kind and caring friend, always being inclusive and thoughtful of others. She is very accepting of diversity and doesn't judge or exclude anyone. Addi is very involved and dedicated to the sports and groups she is involved in. During her years at Longford, Addi has played many sports and been a main part in our school production last year. Addi has also taken part in the William Pike Challenge, getting out of her comfort zone and doing a lot for our community. On top of that, she was selected as one of the few students within the country to participate in the Young Inspiring Explorers Summit in Christchurch through the Antarctic Heritage Trust. In class, Addi 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. Addi, I have really enjoyed getting to know you. You are an excellent student here at Longford and we really appreciate all that you have done for the school. You should be very proud. Once again, congratulations on receiving the PRIDE trophy.



Miss Prescott

Longford Assembly Tomorrow—2.15pm

For the first time this year our fortnightly assembly will be held in the school hall with parents and visitors welcome to attend. Please ensure to wear a mask inside the building.



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.

Taieri Sports Exchange

Wednesday 24 August 2022

Our annual sports exchange will be held at Longford this year. Sports teams involved are: Netball x2, hockey, rugby x2, basketball x2 and football. Students are practicing for these sports now. Thank you so much to our parents and coaches who have offered to coach these teams—it is very much appreciated. Please come to support our teams at the various venues.

Lost Property

We still have a heap of lost property items unclaimed.

WAKA WINNERS



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Gore Musical Theatre

Production of

Seussical Jr.

Based on the work of

Dr. Seuss

Tickets from iTicket

or

SBS St James Theatre

4–7 August 2022

Thursday night—6pm

Friday night—6pm

Saturday matinee—3pm

Saturday night—6.30pm

Sunday matinee—3pm

Congratulations to our Longford Intermediate students who are performing in this musical. Well done. This is so exciting!

PRIDE Awards

1CA Nevaeh Turipa/Sophie Winkel
3PG Elaina MacBeath/Liam Edgar
7MH Riley Hadfield
8AP Otis Hare/James Grant
9SC Tex Andrews/Grace Iddenten
10GM Ajay Shanks/Hugo Howes
Kiwi Can: Tara Ruri/Mikayla Doorey
PRIDE Trophies: Addison Grant and Tess Blondell

Hokonui Fashion Awards

Wearable Arts

Congratulations to our students who are modelling their wearable arts items tomorrow night at the Gore Town & Country Club.. Well done everyone.