

# Longford Intermediate School

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## PARENT—TEACHER INTERVIEWS

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023

1.30PM—7.30PM

PLEASE BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE AT:

[schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://schoolinterviews.co.nz) - Code yjrbz

School will finish at 12.45pm on Thursday 30 March 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

7 Mar Eastern Athletics  
2 Mar Southland Kids' Lit Quiz  
14 Mar Camp Columba—Year 7s  
16 Mar Pipe Bank workshop  
25 Mar Southland Athletics  
30 Mar Parent Interviews  
6 Apr End of Term 1  
24 Apr Start of Term 2  
22-24 May School Musical Production  
18-27 June Year 8 Deep Cove camps

### Payment Received Via Internet

We have received payments on our bank statement recently from **R A Lambie**. If this is you, or your family, please contact Colleen at the school office 208 7416 asap. Thank you.

### Recycled Items

We collect various items for recycling:

Cantabs—Kidney Kids  
Plastic milk bottle tops—Skateboards  
Unwanted spectacles—Fred Hollows  
Plastic bread tags

### Bereavement

We were very saddened by the passing of our long-standing staff member of almost 39 years recently, Mrs Ngami Prattley.

Our sincere sympathies go to the Prattley family at this difficult time.

## Report from the Principal

Kia Ora parents, whanau & caregivers

### Athletics Day

The athletics day on Monday went without a hitch and we were extremely impressed with the performances of the students and the behaviour as well so we were very proud of them all. We have a record number of students who have qualified to go to the Eastern Athletics on Tuesday 7 March. It is very important that all the students who qualified for Eastern attend the day on Tuesday because there are many students who just missed out and are disappointed they can't participate.

### 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

school 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.

### Reunion

A big thank you to the organisers of the Longford 50th Reunion last weekend. There were a lot of opportunities for ex pupils to catch up and talk about their time at Longford. The weather was absolutely beautiful which made the Saturday afternoon event a great success with photos being taken and the kapa haka group performing. We are extremely proud of the students who turned up to perform for the crowd and they did a fantastic job. The William Pike students were also absolutely amazing at showing people around the school and serving up the afternoon tea. The people attending the Reunion were full of praise for these students and we are so proud of them.

Yvonne Catherwood

**Principal**

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

### Assembly – tomorrow

The first whole school assembly for this year will be held in the school hall tomorrow at 2.15pm.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

Tonight—16 Feb 2023

Meeting Room—6.00pm

**Eastern Athletics  
Tuesday 7 March 2023  
Newman Park**

Last Monday we had our school Athletics Day. It was a glorious day! Many children came dressed in their waka colours to compete, it was fabulous! There were some terrific results across the track and field and the children should be proud of their participation and success. It was great to see so many parent supporters coming along to watch and offer assistance when needed. Many of our Longford students have qualified for Eastern which is on Tuesday the 7th of March, so a huge congratulations to them. Thank you to Mrs Forbes for organising this event.



**Photo left to right:** Ethan Hope, Lachie Phillips, Mercury Pennicott, Kyro Kihau, Saiyan Manukau and Tex Andrews.

**The students who have qualified to compete at Eastern Athletics are:**

Zoe Grant, Sophie Craig, Ollie Tarapipipi, Kaitlyn Horrell, Louis Woodford, Mason McDowell, Kyro Kihau, Lauren Muir, Arliyah Thompson-Grattan, Isaac Bain, Jake Barnett, Leida Joostens, Summer-Rose Ballantyne, Tex Andrews, Bayley Champion, Marie Blondell, Phoebe Carson, Nina Gerritsen, Trey Quertier, Charlie Matheson, Cee-Jay Walker, Shanoor Naaz, Noah Rauraa, Cooper Gillan, Eli Evans, Ryan Cross, Tamati Tawhiao, Lachie Phillips, Livy Barnett, Chloe McHaffie, Lamina Cranston, Shadow Boyes, Bessie Manuel, Jake Duffy, Annelie Wilson, Rahila Qoro, Mercury Pennicott, Saiyan Manukau, Ashley Lithgow, Stella Munro, Megan Benfell, Khan Porima, Kahuna Hairil, Ethan Hope, Grace Iddenton, Mykaela Rauraa, Leah Compton, Blake Burr and Jonah Davis.

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**Bank Account – ASB Gore**

**12 - 3434 - 0011501 - 00**

**Please state name & item paid.**

**Sports Information  
Winter Sports**

In Eastern Southland our Yr 7 & 8 tamariki play sport for a club or the school depending on what code they sign up for. All registration links are on the Longford Sport Facebook page to register online or alternatively email: [bronnies@longford.school.nz](mailto:bronnies@longford.school.nz) or phone/text Bronnie 027 554 4847 and I will send them to you.

**Basketball** (Longford School) - register online.

**Netball** (Longford School) - register online, first trial 15th March.

**Soccer/Football** (Wanderers Club) - registration day Saturday 11th March.

**Albion Rugby** - Registration Evening Thurs 9th March, 3.30-5.30pm - register online.

**Pioneer Rugby**—Registration Evening Thurs 23rd March, 4-6pm. Register online.

**Friday Cricket**—Longford Black v Longford Green, 4pm at Hamilton Park.

**Information to follow:** Hockey, Ice Hockey and Ice Skating. If you have, or are looking for information about any other sporting options for our kids next term, please email me the details. Thank you.

Bronnie Grant—027 554 4847  
**Longford Sports Co-ordinator**

**Deep Cove Camps  
Year 8 Students**

Please feel free to start paying your child's Deep Cove camp. The cost is approximately \$250 at this stage, this may change slightly due to the cost of fuel and food. If you pay via internet banking please state your child's name and camp in the reference columns. There will be a notice coming home tomorrow to explain the camp fundraising Easter raffle that we run to help parents fund their child's camp.

**Sports Fees**

If your child is playing a sport for Longford, please ensure the subscription is paid asap. If you intend paying via internet please state your child's name and the sport they are playing. Prices all vary, so please make it clear what your payment covers. Thank you.

**Netball Trials**

Wednesday 15th March and Wednesday 22nd March at MLT stadium.

Yr 7's 3.30-4.30pm

Yr 8's 4.30-5.30pm

Register on the Longford Sport Facebook page to sign up for trials, or if you are not on Facebook, leave your name with Mrs Allison at the school office.

Miss Caughey

**TIC Netball**

**Mufti Day**

Thank you to all of those students who wore mufti on Friday in support of Mrs Forbes and the Cancer Society. We were able to raise \$225 plus a donation from the PTA of \$100. We are so proud of you Mrs Forbes—what a courageous thing to do.

School Council

**Photo below**—Charlotte is holding her hair that was cut last Friday to donate to the Cancer Society to make into a real hair wig. Charlotte's total raised is over \$1,000. Well done!



**William Pike Challenge**

If your child has missed signing up for this programme, please ask them to collect a form from the school office, it's not too late.



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.