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YEAR 8 DEEP COVE CAMP RAFFLES

A reminder that all raffle tickets need to be returned by tomorrow whether they are sold or unsold. All students who have been involved in this fundraising also need to ensure they have brought in their Easter item to go into the hamper.

The draw will be done early next week to allow the winners to collect their prize prior to the Easter break.

IMPORTANT DATES

31 Mar Raffles returned

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

12 May Mufti Day—Chopper visit

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

Teacher Only Day

Longford school will be closed on Monday 24th April which would have been the first day back in term 2. All of the teachers will be involved in professional learning development with most of the other schools in the district. The New Zealand Curriculum is being refreshed and this is the first day allocated by the Ministry of Education to bring teachers up to speed on this. Because this day has been allocated for this purpose by the Government, it does not have to be made up by adding a day on to the end of the year. The next day is ANZAC Day which is, of course, a holiday, so the first day back for students is Wednesday 26 April.

Lit Quiz

Longford hosted the Southland area Lit Quiz last week. This is an exciting competition that is run all over the world by Wayne Mills. We had 32 teams with students from years 5-8 competing from schools all over Southland including Stewart Island. The teams answered questions from children's fiction in 10 different categories. Longford entered 3 teams and they all did very well. The overall competition was won by Blue Mountain College and they will be going to the national finals to compete. The

winners from each country then compete in an international competition. Longford have hosted this competition for 25 years and will continue to do so. It is an extremely entertaining day and is a great way of keeping students interested in reading. Next years Lit Quiz will be held on 18 March 2024.

Attendance

It is great to see that the attendance of our students has improved over the past couple of weeks. There is a lot less sickness around it seems. Please remember that it is imperative that your children attend school every day even if they are tired because every day missed puts them further and further behind. Our concern is now the number of students who are turning up to school late every morning. The first thing that is done in every class each morning is to have the notices read out letting the students know what is happening throughout the day and students who are late miss out on this. **Please make sure your child is at school by 8:45am** each day because we start at 8:50am and children need a little bit of time to settle in before the bell goes.

Yvonne Catherwood-Principal
He waka eke noa – We're all in this together!

Westpac Chopper Appeal Cycle Ride - Mufti Day

On Friday the 12th of May we will be holding a gold coin Mufti Day to support the Westpac Chopper Appeal cycle Ride. This is a fundraiser which starts at Queens-town and finishes in Invercargill - a total of 245km's. Former All Blacks captain and Westpac ambassador Richie McCaw will join fellow 2011 World Cup winners Mils Muliaina and Jimmy Cowan (former Longford student) on the annual 250km Westpac Chopper Appeal Cycle Ride on Friday 12 May. With a combined 299 Rugby test caps to their name, the trio will join 80 other riders in a quest to raise funds for the Lakes District Air Rescue Trust. The bikers and a chopper will be stopping in for lunch at Longford Intermediate School at approximately 1.15pm on this day. Parents and whanau are welcome to come along. More information next term.

Wanaka Trail Ride

Saturday 1 April 2023

www.wanakatrailride.org

Board of Trustees Meeting

4 May 2023

Meeting Room—6.00pm

Southland Athletics

Unfortunately, the full results are not available at this stage. They will be shown in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to all our competitors who qualified for the Southland Athletics.

Winners of the 12yrs girls relay team, who all attend Longford Intermediate School, are pictured below. From left: Grace Iddenten, Livy Barnett, Leida Joostens and Summer-Rose Ballantyne.



WAKA WINNERS



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PRIDE Trophy—

Summer-Rose Ballantyne

It is my absolute pleasure to award the PRIDE Trophy this week to Summer-Rose Ballantyne.

Summer is a polite young lady and a well-respected member of room 7. She works hard to complete all of her work to a high standard. Summer has a real strength in creative writing and I loved listening and reading to the stories she would write last year. Summer is responsible for her own learning. She is able to set learning goals and can identify the steps she needs to take to work towards these. She is super gutsy on both netball and basketball courts and is an asset to any team she is in. Summer shows perseverance in all that she does, she doesn't give up when the going gets tough! Summer is accepting of everyone in the class and wider school community. She is respectful, friendly and considerate. It is awesome to see Summer stepping outside her comfort zone with production this year, she is going to be a fantastic 'Sheik Yabouti'. Summer you are a truly deserving recipient of the pride cup this week, congratulations. Mrs Gentle



PRIDE Trophy—Katelyn Horrell

I would like to award a PRIDE trophy to Katelyn.

Katelyn is a mature young woman who strives for excellence in everything she does. She has very high standards for herself and the results she wants to achieve. Katelyn is capable across a wide range of areas academic, social and physical. In class she is highly diligent striving for excellence and often doing extra to push herself, she seeks for improvement taking mistakes as opportunity to seek advice and try again. Katelyn is very polite and respectful of others. She is compassionate - caring of others and will put others needs before her own. Katelyn has a lot of integrity, always looking out for others and speaks out if she thinks something is unfair. Katelyn is a team player she works very well with others and has leadership skills and qualities. She is calm, listens to different perspectives and is respectful of others feelings and abilities. She loves to encourage others to give it a go. She is articulate and able to share her ideas clearly. I got to know Katelyn early last year when she revealed her natural enthusiastic nature by approaching me to register her interest in the WPC. From there she got involved in everything that she was able to. Katelyn is always eager to grow as a learner, hungry for learning and very aware of her own personal development. I liked a comment made by Mrs J about how Katelyn is unique - she tries new things just, 'because; she thinks for herself and doesn't have to go with the flow. For an example she was involved with Pipe Band this week when none of her peers were. She stands out as an individual who comfortable in her own skin. Katelyn is very passionate about her sport. Last year she competed in netball, hockey and 7's rugby against Taieri. As Miss Caughey mentioned she also shows incredible sportsmanship on and off the court she is a great team mate to have - she is supportive and encouraging. Katelyn is very trustworthy and responsible. She has become very well respected by Longford Intermediate School students and staff. Congratulations, Katelyn you are a very deserving recipient of our Pride.

Mrs McStay



PRIDE Awards

- 1CA Lachie Phillips/Leah Murray
Zoe Grant/Felicity Cullen
- 2SC Charlie Matheson/Sophie Craig
Noah Rauraa/Nina Gerritsen
- 3PG Emma Philpott/Cooper Robins
Livy Stratford/Dominic Faulks
- 7EN Addison Mitchell/Phoebe Carson
Jett Hansen/Jaicee Peterson
- 8GM Elaina MacBeath/Kyro Kihau
Louis Woodford/Mason McDowell
- 9RJ Faryn Christie/Katelyn Horrell
Bentley Rowe/Heidi Lucassen
- 10CF Jake Barnett/Chanel Johnston
Lucy Smith/Madison Howley
- S Tech Shadow Boyes/Emily Merrett
- H Tech Phinn Mardon/Riley Clarke
- PRIDE Trophy: Katelyn Horrell and
Summer Ballantyne

Year 8 Camps

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.



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.