LONGBURN SCHOOL

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'Sowing seeds of possibility, on a pathway to potential'

Learning Community—Learning Excellence—Learning for a lifetime

From the Principal

14 February 2013

WELCOME !!! Another new enrolment and his family have joining our Longburn School family. Welcome Alex Baylis and his parents Jason and Hanna.

TOP SCHOOLS COMPETITION AT RONGOTEA…

A group of our students participated in this years event, competing for the Lions Top School Shield (of which our latest win was in 2011).

I'm sure the children all had fun but would like to take this opportunity to thank their manager (Sue Neall) who kindly stepped into the position at very short notice to cover another parent who was unable to attend.

Check out the photo below of the final event—the slippery slide'.

WEEK OF 25TH FEB—1ST APRIL…

This will be a very 'full on' week at school with varying activities taking place as part of an activity week. Along with ending the week with the school swimming sports on the Friday we will also be holding our annual Powhiri on Thursday the 28th (the night of the overnight camp on the school grounds for the whole school).

There will be further communication about this week coming home with children at the beginning of next week. This will outline the broader details of activities, aloing with being a means of requesting information and support. Please keep an eye out for this information in your child's communication sleeve/book. If you don't receive anything then please contact the school for another copy to be sent home.

BOT ELECTIONS THIS YEAR…

If you believe that you can contribute to making our school the best it can be through the role of a trustee then please keep this Election in mind. We need people who want to touch the future of our students, staff and other Longburn School community members in a positive way through this opportunity.

Further information will follow as we get closer to the May Election date.

CHARTER/ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2013...

Our updated School Charter and Annual Plan for 2013 is due into the Ministry of Education by the 1st of March. We are keen to have your contributions into these documents which effectively form the backbone of what we do at the school.

I have placed a copy of the draft plans on the foyer noticeboard, along with some sheets of paper that have our 5 Local Goals on them. There are sticky notes there as well so that you can add any comments/suggestions as a contribution to the draft documents that will be taken to the BOT meeting on Monday 18th February. I can email the documents that are on the display board if you would like to contribute but can't make it into the school before the 18th.

We will be doing a full consultation around our Charter and Strategic Plan in the later part of this year, once the BOT Elections are completed.

HOLA...

The first of our Spanish Language and Culture sessions kicked off this week with the Junior Room and a group of senior room students who have opted in as an area of interest. Mrs Lagah and myself are learning alongside our students, both undertaking some Teacher Professional Development in this area, along with some university papers in the field of Teaching and Learning of Languages. We have a couple of community members who have been to Spanish speaking countries who are willing to come along and share their experiences with us, something we are looking forward to.

Adios….

Ms Emerson—Proud Principal of Longburn School

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Diary Dates

18th February	BOT Meeting—6:30pm in school staffroom (all welcome)
25th February	School Camp Activity week (overnighter on Thursday 28th)
1st March	Longburn School Swimming Sports
7th March	Science Roadshow—Senior Room
8th March	TK Swimming

PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES

YMCA After School Care Programme is available for all children aged 5-13 years. The YMCA provides a programme dedicated to the well being of children, by offering a variety of stimulating and age appropriate activities. Registration of children into this programme is available for full time, part time or on casual basis and WINZ Subsidies may be available to some families. Enrolment packs available, please contact us on 358 8921 or 027 5044 196. All enquiries are welcome!!!

AN AFTERNOON FOR THE LADIES! WHEN YOU CYCLE TO THE CINEMA ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2013.

Ladies, park your bikes up and come in and enjoy a movie, grab a drink and a bite to eat and relax!

Where: Focal Point Cinema, Manchester Street, Feilding.

What: Chick Flick movie, movie will start at 2:30pm, lots of prizes.

Tickets are on sale now for $5 each at Sport Manawatu Feilding (there are limited tickets so get in quick!)

jack and jill's KidZone After School and Holiday Programme
No Stress. No Fuss. No Mess, Let your child come hangout with us.

Not only do we run awesome themed birthday parties for children, we have opened an after school and holiday programme run out of our fabulous KidZone venue. jack and jill's KidZone After School and Holiday Programme is OSCAR approved. We pick up form school and are open until 6.15pm for your convenience. Details are on jackandjillskidzone.com under the After School Tab or you can ring Jody on 355 4835/Julie on 353 8087.

Esplanade Day 2013, Featuring Fuse Circus!

Esplanade Day will showcase a variety of community groups and local organisations, as well as local and national performers, bands, and dance groups. It is a great opportunity to learn and get involved with some of our local organisations and support our local talent, while enjoying a relaxing day in the park!This year's theme is "The Circus", and will feature Fuse Circus's ***Campground Chaos.***

Fuse will be performing four shows:

Friday 22 February – Time 12.30 p.m.– Open to anyone with emphasis on pre-schoolers and elderly

Saturday 23rd February: 8pm, Victoria Esplanade near Victoria Café. Bring your picnic and watch the show at dusk.

Show Runs for approximately 1 hour 10 minutes.

Sunday 24th February: (Esplanade Day) **11.30 am** and **2.45 pm**, - location as above.

The talented team at Fuse will also be running **workshops** throughout the day, so come on down and learn some new party tricks!

There will be plenty of food to taste and stalls to browse at Esplanade Day, as well as endless entertainment for the kids.

News from Longburn School PTA

AGM will be at 7pm on 21st February in staffroom. All welcome. Nibbles & wine!

We will be doing a chocolate egg fundraiser. Look out for details coming home soon.

Pizza's and Juicies are on sale. Buy Mon-Thurs at $1 each for lunch on Friday.

LONGBURN PLAYGROUP

Re-starting after June if enough interest. Please let Rachel know at the office if you would like to participate with your pre-schooler once a week for a couple of hours. Great opportunity for your young child to interact with the school students at morning tea—and mum's to have a coffee with other mum's!

SCHOOL NOTICES—SCHOOL NOTICES

BUS STUDENTS …. Parent/caregivers, if you have a message for your child who catches the school bus (regarding alternative arrangements) —can you please let the school office know by 2pm (the office is not available after 2pm and with teacher's teaching, they are unable to answer or clear answer machine before 2:55pm).

SCHOOL UNIFORM … It's great to be back at school and a majority of our students have turned up wearing their uniform in a tidy manor. Please be sure that your child is wearing tidy long plain black shorts or skirts, black sandals or closed shoes and their school hats. It is particularly good practice for senior students to wear the uniform correctly as they are our role models to the younger students.

BIRTHDAY'S in February

Bree	6th
Alex	8th
Amelia	16th
Chenicqua-Ray	16th

☺ **Best wishes to you all** ☺