

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

1ST MARCH 2013

WELCOME... to Lamour Skipper and her family to the Longburn School Community. Lamour's first 'official' day enrolled as a Longburn School student is on Monday the 4th of March.

SCHOOL CAMP...

What fantastic weather for our onsite camp. I'm plugging away at finishing this newsletter, in the darkness of the staffroom, at 5am in the company of Mrs Lagah who has decided she might as well start her planning for next week. Mosquitos, school alarms going off randomly, and the toilet trips (not mine) all aided in me not requiring an alarm this morning. As with all camps, sleep is not one of the options able to be planned. I'm sure there will be others waking soon with low batteries to start the day.



The children have had another great experience that I'm sure they will remember into their old age. Sitting around the campfire cooking marshmallows and singing, a rope walk for the seniors after dark through our great resource—the Nature Reserve (full moon meant it wasn't as dark as we wanted but many of the children were still put a little out of their comfort zone), all eating together in the hall, and heaps of fun activities in their whanau groups.

KOS (Keeping Ourselves Safe) Parent Meeting...

As part of our Health curriculum we have some programmes facilitated to some degree by relevant 'outside' providers, the Police Education Team being one such organization.

Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) is a positive personal safety (child protection) programme that aims to provide children and young people with the skills to cope with situations that

might involve abuse. It will help them keep themselves safe in their interactions with other people.

A notice about the upcoming parent meeting was sent home a couple of weeks ago and we are hoping for a good turnout to ensure parents are well informed of the programme content.

BAKING GROUP...

A group of staff and mums have decided that, with all our lovely new whiteware in the kitchen hall, we can now form a 'baking/cooking interest group'. We will hold the first session on Tuesday the 19th of March, kicking off at 7:30pm. If you are at all interested in sharing recipes, learning new culinary skills, or possibly just getting some basics then come along. The first night will see everyone bring their 'signature' plate of baking for others to sample and swap recipes. There will be tea and coffee available.

The sessions will take place in the school hall, where we will hopefully also be able to have some cooking demos undertaken.

TRIP/ACTIVITY NOTICES AND ASSOCIATED PERMISSION SLIPS...

Please keep an eye out for communication from school to home in your child's communication book/sleeve. Notices containing information about different trips/activities that your child may be able to participate in will be sent home by teachers from time to time, usually requiring a permission slip to be filled in and returned to school.

As you can imagine, it takes a bit of organizing to make sure that these trips/activities can go ahead, including ensuring we have parent permission for participation, along with enough transport and supervision.

Unfortunately for students (either through their own lack of being responsible and bringing the slip back in or parents not filling the form to enable them to return it) the non-return of slips within the required timeframe can mean that they miss out on the trip/activity. It is also difficult for us to finalise transport and catering numbers if deadlines aren't kept.

We apologise for the short timeframe for some of the camp week trip notices that went out last week. We will endeavour to ensure that the timeframe between notices being sent home and the date for return is no shorter than a week.

Adios....

Ms Emerson—Proud Principal of Longburn School

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DIARY DATES

4th March
5th March
7th March
8th March
16th March
19th March

PTA Meeting (3:15pm staffroom)
3:15pm Parent Meeting—KOS (Police Education Officer)
Science Roadshow—Senior Room
TK Swimming
Working Bee
Baking Group 7:30pm in hall (1st session—all welcome)

PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES

COLLEGE OLD BOYS JUNIOR RUGBY WELCOME REGISTRATIONS FOR 2013

All players (ages 5-13) wishing to play for College Old boys Junior Rugby can do so on the following dates:-

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 1.30pm - 3pm

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 1.30pm - 3pm

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 5.30pm - 7pm

AT THE REFEREES ROOM (FMG STADIUM) – ACCESS FROM WAL-DEGRAVE ST. Subs will also be payable at this time:- \$40.00 per player or \$60.00 per family. Please contact:- Sarah Collings, Mobile , 027 310 2640, Email:- sarah.collings@windowslive.com

Hokowhitu Football Club Invites

all interested Junior Football players to register for the 2013 season.

For a Registration Form/enquiries please email us at hokosoccer@gmail.com or call/txt us on 02102214390.

There will be a special grade for 4-5 year olds as well. Join us at Hokowhitu Park on Sunday 3rd March at 3pm for orientation.

KIMBOLTON SCHOOL Trail Bike Ride—17th March

\$30 main track. \$15 intermediate & kids track..

8.30am Sign in, 9.30am Briefing. 10am ride.

Enquiries: Scott (06-3285757), Mike (06-3285855) or Stephen (06-3285977)

Board of Trustee Elections 2013

The school needs people who are willing to use their skills to benefit the education of our children and community.

What does the BOT do?

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community.
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school.
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving.
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent.
- Select the school's principal and support the development of all staff.
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

Some of our successes have been: improving the classrooms, putting extra resources into teaching, increasing exposure to cultural diversity and taking a lead role in the community.

Who can be a BOT member?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Ideally the board would have a balance of skills and experiences; they would be an effective team member, be able to plan for the future, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. It helps to have an understanding of financial matters and the education sector, and experience in managing people. Being on the board gives you the chance to represent and have an influence.

What next?

Know that elections are to be held 30th May and several board members need to be replaced.

Think about who might be a good person to be a board member; it might be you or someone else.

Talk about elections or being on the board member with others

If you want to know more talk to any board member; myself, Jo or Niki for example. You could even come along to a board meeting (next one is xxx).

Keep an eye on the newsletter and other information that will come out

You could also look here ... www.nzsta.org.nz/elections

Glenn Connelly—Chairperson for the BOT,
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PHOTOS FROM CAMP



BIRTHDAY'S in March

Rose	1st
Alice	3rd
Rebecca	13th
Mereana	16th

☺ Best wishes to you all ☺

