

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

31ST JANUARY 2013

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!! I hope you all had a great Christmas Holiday break and that 2013 has got off to a great start. It was great seeing the children back on deck, safe and sound, after their holiday adventures.

WELCOME !!! Our roll continues to grow with several new families joining our school community at the beginning of this school year. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming the new students (listed below) and their families:

Room 1 Brook Viles and Monique Dillon.
Room 2 Brady Jones and Cory Rye
Room 3 Ryan Davies, Mia Timms, Liam Puklowski, Aimee Delaney

We also welcome back Caid Maaka and his family. I hope that the transition to secondary school is going well for all our last year's Yr 8 students. We are always keen to hear how things are going so please keep us updated and have them keep in touch.

ONCE A LONGBURN SCHOOL MEMBER.....

ALWAYS A LONGBURN SCHOOL MEMBER !!!

We look forward to working with you all again this year and hope that our combined efforts touch the future in a positive manner.

Remember..... It takes a whole village to raise a child (successfully).

END OF 2012 EVENTS... Thanks to all those who helped make our end of year events/activities so successful and enjoyable.

I hope we managed to, once again, spread some Christmas cheer within our community through the 'Carol Singing in the Community' evening.

Our school prize-giving evening was very well attended by many. It is always nice catching up with you all at such events and the kids love sharing their achievements with a wider audience. I'd like to also acknowledge the ongoing support of our local Longburn Community Committee for once again enabling us to utilize the chairs from the community hall to ensure we have enough seating for our community members at our bigger school functions. I think we may need to look at purchasing a few more of our own in the near future..... just thinking aloud :)

POWHIRI, SCHOOL CAMP, MEET THE COMMUNITY,

We have decided to merge a few events into one this year, hoping to capture as many of our school community's participation whilst keeping your diaries free enough for the 'other parts of your life'.

We will be holding our onsite school camp in week 5 and will be combining our Powhiri (to welcome all new students and their families) and our camp tea (BBQ). Our thoughts are that by doing this we may have more of us to meet each other (or catch up with one another) and further build our sense of community which is something we value highly at Longburn School.

FAIRIES..... Yes, I think this is the only opportunity I have to call some of our parents (and grandparents) FAIRIES and get away with it. When the children ask who did things in the school in their absence I usually say a good fairy came along. During the holiday period there has been a lot going on around the school and some of the work has been quietly done by these kind and generous fairies.

From a grant received from Central Energy Trust one of our fairies (Andrew Hunt) accompanied me on Boxing Day to the sales to enable us to purchase whiteware for the hall kitchen at 'bargain prices'. Thanks to Smith's City, we also managed to get a (basically free) new dishwasher for the staffroom thrown in on the deal.

Another fairy family, John and Lisa Satterthwaite, have been busy remodeling a part of one of our sheds into a chook house to use with our newly erected chook run (which runs behind the dental clinic and other sheds).

Kelvin Burt also joins this brigade of fairies. He re-tied (let's call it that anyway) all our shade sails that cover the seated area between the pool and the school building, as well as over the sandpit. The sails were starting to fray as they had been attached incorrectly. This has saved us unnecessary expense down the track. He also put together a new shade cover for the seating within the swimming pool area, utilizing what was recoverable of the old ripped cover and a piece of new material.

Ann Waddell, a parent (grandparent) to one of our students, kindly took the Room 1 rabbit and bird home to look after during the holidays.

All of the above help is invaluable and much appreciated.

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DIARY DATES

6th February
8th February
25th February
1st March
7th March
8th March

WAITANGI DAY (holiday/ Top Schools Competition)
School Assembly (Room 1 leading)—2:20pm-2:55pm
School Camp Activity week
Longburn School Swimming Sports
Science Roadshow—Senior Room
TK Swimming

.... From the Principal (continued)...

PROGRESS... If you have been onsite recently you would have noticed some very obvious changes around the school but probably missed some of the less visible. The old barn (or old library), the leaky building out the front area of the school has been removed and a new fence is currently being installed in its place. The fence will act as a much needed replacement wind break for the area behind it (which includes the pool), along with doubling as a climbing wall once hand/foot climbing grips are installed. Their have been two skylights installed in the main hallway, enabling enough natural light in so that we no longer need to have the many fluoro lights on all day to light the area sufficiently.

The senior toilets are almost refurbished, with the old urinal band basins being removed, a new ceiling fitted, fresh paint top to bottom, and new lino to complete the job. Not quite ready to use yet but should be by the end of next week. Badly needed redecoration of the sick bay is the next on the agenda and should take place over the next couple of weeks as well.

The interior of the hall has also had a repaint and now looks very smart (if I must say so myself).

WORKING BEE... We will be holding two working bees again this year to help keep our learning environment in an optimal state. The first of these will be held on Saturday the 16th of March, from 10am until approximately 1pm. It would be great if you could support this, whether you are able to help for all or part of the time. Once the different tidy up activities have been finished the BOT will supply some sausages to throw on the BBQ for lunch, along with some bread, sauce and cordial. We will send more info out closer to the date. Just a heads up.

SURPLUS WHITEWARE (and other stuff to sell)... We have the following second hand items from the school hall kitchen available for sale by tender: 1 x Oven from hall and 1 x Fridge Freezer (has locks attached to both doors), both in working order but for offer as is where is. If you are interested in either of these then please place your written offer, the item you are interested in, and your name on a piece of paper and place it in a sealed envelope. This envelope should be handed in (sent) to the school office by Friday the 8th of February 2013. We are keen to have these items sold and removed as soon as possible to make way for the new whiteware.

We also have quite a few school student desks that you are welcome to. A small donation to the PTA for any of these would be appreciated. There is a limit to how many an individual can take though.

Well, I think I've taken up enough space (or as much as my boss in the office will be happy sharing) for this edition so I'll sign off here.

Jo Emerson — Very Proud Principal of Longburn School

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

NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Your child's school fees will be processed and sent out by the end of February. Please note that the Donation fee can be claimed back through your tax refund. Consumable fees need to be paid as these are items (eg; paper, resource books) used by each child to aid them with their classroom education. There is also a new 'E-Learning' fee of \$5 per term per child (this is to go towards the funding of things such as UFB, MySKY, etc that help improve students learning experiences and opportunities). Any queries, please speak to myself or Jo. Thank you.

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.

LANGBURN 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!

BIRTHDAY'S Over Holidays

Sarah Foot	1st Jan
Aimee Delaney	26th Jan
Joriel Magno	26th Dec
Izaak Satterthwaite	5th Jan
Jamaine Heemi	19th Dec
Hannah Hunt	20th Jan
Jake Cook-Laskey	23rd Jan
Liam Taylor-Adams	21st Dec
Monique Dillon	14th Dec
Brooke Viles	23rd Jan

☺ Best wishes to you all ☺

