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Friday 10th June 2022

LONGBEACH SCHOOL

Everyone Reaching for the Stars

What's coming up.....

Term 2

Week 7 Wednesday 15th June

- Netball lessons

Week 8 Wednesday 22nd June

- Subway
- Netball lessons

Thursday 23rd June

- Newsletter
- Jumping June Event at school

Friday 24th June

- Matariki Holiday

Week 9

Week 10 Wednesday 6th July

- Subway

Friday 7th July

- Newsletter
- Last day of Term 2!

On Thursday 2nd June, our Year 8 students attended the **National Young Leaders Day** in Christchurch. This is an event which brings Year 8 students across Canterbury together, to hear inspirational guest speakers talk about challenges they have faced in their lives, and how these challenges have got them to where they are today.

This year, the theme was 'Resilience', and students were lucky to hear from guest speakers such as William Pike, Riley Hathaway, Sam Johnson, Georgia Lines and Georgia Latu.

It was a really inspiring day for our young leaders, with plenty of fun activities in the mix to keep students engaged across the day! This day is a highlight for our senior students and the 2022 Year 8's had a fantastic time.



ANNUAL SCHOOL SKI TRIP

This year we have booked

Monday 8th August

for our annual school ski trip to Mt Hutt.

Save the date in your diaries!

More details will be sent home towards the end of Term 2!



2022 TERM DATES

Term 2	Monday 2nd May—Friday 8th July
Term 3	Monday 25th July—Friday 30th September
Term 4	Monday 17th October—Friday 16th December

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 24th June	Matariki Holiday
Monday 8th August	School Ski Trip
Tuesday 16th—Friday 19th August	Year 7/8 Camp to Glentanner
Monday 24th October	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 2nd—Friday 4th November	Year 5/6 Camp to Woodend
Friday 11th November	Canterbury Anniversary Day
Friday 16th December	Last day of school

From the Principal...

Kia ora

I hope you managed to have a relaxing long weekend and celebrate the Queen's Jubilee :)

Have you ever wondered why some schools have teacher only days or are closed when other schools are open? Well, here is how it all works. The Minister of Education sets the number of days schools are open each year. The number of days is set as half days. For example, a school year may be 384 half days. Then the minister establishes the school term dates and dates on which schools can start and finish the school year. A range of start and finish dates are provided so that schools can work with in-term public holidays and have teacher only days. Some schools could have no teacher only days or closed days during the school term.

However, this would mean they could start later in the first week of February and finish earlier in December. So long as they are open the correct number of days. The governing principle is that schools are open on the correct number of days.

School Production. Wow, a spectacle that was and how excellent were the students! I am sure the students will remember our show for many years. With our production behind us, we have turned our attention to our next area of learning, science. Our students have begun learning about 'states of matter' as they make sense of chemistry. They have started conducting experiments as they learn how chemicals react together and the process of 'fair testing'. Thinking like a scientist will take us through to the end of the school term, by which our students will have concocted all sorts of potions.

Neil Simons

School Board Parent Election 2022

Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election **for 5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15th July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon.

Election day is Wednesday 7th September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson
Returning Officer
CES

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LB Stars & Academic Awards ...

LB STARS/ACADEMIC AWARD— Term 2 — Week 5

	LB Star	Academic Award
Room Willowby	Harry Shera	Parker Bonnington - For sounding out your words in writing.
Room Ashton	None this week	None this week
Room Waterton	Micah Woods	Hugo Stoddart- for your great enthusiasm and knowledge towards our science unit.
Room Eiffelton	Aahlia Cromwell	Harper Jansen - For summarising key information in texts you have read. Flynn Hill - For the great use of factual information and language you have been using in your explanation writing.
Room Flemington	Maddy Cradock	Angus Lovett - For your interesting and thoughtful contributions to class discussions during reading and writing time.
Room Huntingdon	Luke Simons	Liam Lash- For structuring some wonderful paragraphs in your collaborative piece on 'Why do sloths move so slow?'



Harry



Micah



Aahlia



Maddy



Luke

LB STARS/ACADEMIC AWARD— Term 2 — Week 6

	LB Star	Academic Award
Room Willowby	Evan Scarth	Elisabeth Matiavi - For using your sounds to read confidently and fluently.
Room Ashton	Dylan Blom	Hazel Molloy - For blending your sounds so well.
Room Waterton	Lucas Smith	Rylee Cradock - For showing great progress in her reading.
Room Eiffelton	Harper Stoddart	Jack Meadows - For a fantastic effort writing your explanation piece on sloths.
Room Flemington	Louie Woodford	Connor O'Hagan - For identifying the cause and effect confidently in a variety of texts.
Room Huntingdon	Tom Prouting	Luke Simons - For working super hard in his reading and moving up a level!



Evan



Dylan



Lucas



Harper S



Louie



Tom

Room Huntingdon...



What's been happening in Room Huntingdon?



Why are sloths so slow?

Written by Andre Vannini & Holly Burrowes

Did you know? Sloths' stomachs take up to 20 to 30 percent of their body weight and also have four chambers. Their name the "sloth" is a Greek and Latin word for carelessness and laziness, also they move so slowly algae grows on their fur, tinging it green which allows the sloth to camouflage. Today you will learn how sloths move, what sloths eat and what sloths do, in order to explain why sloths are so slow.

How they move

Sloths move v-e-r-y slowly. Why is this? Well, the sloth's main diet is leaves and buds, which makes them folivores. Leaves have very little energy in them, and in addition, sloths have the slowest metabolic system of any animal meaning they digest food very slowly, this complicates things, as they don't get the energy from their food for a long time after eating it.

Because of this, they save their energy by sleeping and staying up in trees all day. As a consequence, they don't have to run from predators. It is very dangerous on the rainforest floor for them. As a result, they only go down the tree once a week to go to

the bathroom. They appear to be sleeping most of the time but this is just because they are conserving their energy while they are digesting their food.

What they eat

What do sloths eat? Well, the sloth eats leave and buds from leafy cecropia trees (which are their favourites) and many other sorts of trees. They don't eat fruit often, which makes them folivores. When the dinosaurs roamed the earth the sloth's ancestors, giant sloths, used to eat avocados which is most likely the reason we still have avocados today. The food sloths eat doesn't have that much energy, and in addition, they don't eat meat. Because of that they don't have that much protein to fuel their body, which is why they move slowly, to conserve energy.

What they do

What do sloths actually spend their days doing? Well, sloths are solitary animals, meaning they do not live in groups. Some sloths sleep a lot, some sleep up to 15 to 20 hours a day up in the trees, in their rain forest home, which, incidentally, are tropical rainforests in South and Central America. Sloths love to swim. Sloths swim three

times faster than they walk on land.

Sloths move very slowly. Because of this algae grows on them, which, as a consequence helps them to camouflage from predators. This is one reason why they move very slow, to camouflage themselves. They communicate using squeaks and high pitched screams, for various reasons.

In conclusion, after reading our explanation on why sloths are so slow we hope you have a better understanding of the sloths and their slow way of moving by reading these points: How they move, what they eat and what they do.

We have been learning about 'Explanation Writing!'

Our key focuses were:

- *Paragraph Structure
- *Main and Subsidiary Ideas
- *Transitional Language

We hope you enjoy our writing!

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Jumping June

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an online profile at <https://www.jumpingjune.co.nz>

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