



# Longbeach School

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Longbeach School

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# Welcome

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
<b>TERM 3</b>	
<b>Week 4: 14th-18th August</b>	
Thursday 17th	Subway
Friday 18th	Assembly 2.20pm—Room Ashton
<b>Week 5: 21st-25th August</b>	
Thursday 24th	Life Education Van Visit
Friday 25th	Life Education Van Visit Newsletter
<b>Week 6: 28th August-1st September</b>	
Monday 28th	Year 7/8 Technology Life Education Van Visit Netball in Schools
Wednesday 30th	Year 5/6's leave for Camp @ Living Springs
Thursday 31st	Subway
Friday 1st Sept	Assembly 2.20pm—Room Willowby Year 5/6's return from camp
<b>Week 7: 4th-8th September</b>	
Friday 8th	Newsletter



Nixon, Connor, Dakota & Lola

A warm Longbeach welcome to Lola and Nixon, who are our latest new entrants and Connor who is also joining Room Willowby. We hope you enjoy your time with us and share our passion for learning! Happy school days to you all!!



**Well done!** To Zara and Brandon, who were this week's DJ's with Hoops from Hokonui FM, they did a fantastic job!!

<b>2017 TERM DATES</b>	
Term 3	Monday 24th July—Friday 29th September
Term 4	Monday 16th October—Friday 15th December

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<b>2017 IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
Tuesday 29th August—Friday 1st September	- Year 5/6 Camp @ Living Springs
Monday 23rd October	- Labour Day holiday
Monday 30th October	- Country Day
Tuesday 31st October & Wednesday 1st November	- School Photos
Friday 17th November	- Christchurch Show Day holiday
Sunday 26th November	- Longbeach Coastal Challenge
Tuesday 28th November—Friday 1st December	- Year 7/8 Camp @ Wainui
Tuesday 12th December	- End of year Prizegiving
Thursday 14th December	- Lake Hood Fun Day

# From the Principal...

Kia ora all

Well we certainly have had a very busy start to the term. The temporary offices arrived on site during the term break and were plumbed in and powered up. Then began the humungous task of shifting all to the 'proverbial' into its new homes. 3 weeks on and we have just about sorted it all.

After many meetings with designers and project managers, the administration block re-roofing project is now with the Ministry of Education Procurement Team in Wellington and should be advertised for tender very soon. So, fingers crossed, construction will begin shortly.

At the end of Term 2 we formally assessed our students to see how they were progressing towards their milestone achievement expectations. As a result, we are very pleased with the progress the students have made across all areas. Most noticeable was our reading achievement. At the ½ way point through the year 92% of our students are reading 'At' or 'Above' the National Standards. This is a phenomenal result! We sat down and analysed what it is that is attributing to this result. Longbeach School is implementing the following which significantly contribute to the result:

- Longbeach School has a culture where there is a love of reading.
- Reading is an expectation for homework
- Reading at home is promoted/reinforced with the reading diary in which milestones are rewarded
- Longbeach School is a very safe place where students are not afraid to take risks in their learning
- Staff have very good relationships with students
- Effective use of teacher aides to support in class reading programmes
- Parents are involved at school for PPP
- Effective computer assisted programmes are used
- We have skilled teachers who attend effective PLD
- Effective classroom differentiated learning programmes
- Reading Recovery programme
- Good reading material that caters for needs
- Communication between home and school is very good in that achievement and next steps are well reported
- Acknowledgement of SLDs and work is done to overcome difficulties (Again a good home and school partnership is formed)
- Classrooms are alive with lots of oral and print language

The students are flat out preparing for our speech competition and then the Southern Cluster Speech Competition up at Mt Somers. It is great to see how enthusiastic the kids are and how well they are presenting their speeches. All over our school the air is alive with budding speech makers voices as they pace about gesturing to get their point of view across. Not only is this great to see but also it is great to see how supportive the other students are. Groups of our students working together as presenters and audiences. Then the teachers are asking the students to give each other feedback about their presentations. This way not only does each student get peer feedback but also each student is then required to think about and critique what makes a good speech.

Last week several of our Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 students went out and competed in the annual Mid Canterbury Winter Sports Tournament. All of our teams did very well. Our Year 5/6 rugby team played in the final and ended up second. Our Year 5/6 netball team made the semi finals and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> equal, our Year 7/8 & Year 5/6 football teams and Year 7/8 netball team all finished second in their pools. And our hockey team won a game and had a great time. Despite the cold it was a great day, with loads of sporting success and the students really enjoyed catching up with their friends from around the district. Well done everyone and thank you to all the coaches and parents who helped, we really appreciate all your support.

*Neil Simons*

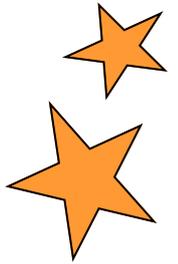
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# longbeach Stars...



**ROOM WILLOWBY** Edward

**ROOM ASHTON** Andre & Ryan



**ROOM WATERTON** Tayla & Kash

**ROOM EIFFELTON** Abbie & Olivia



**ROOM FLEMINGTON** Freya & Austin

**ROOM HUNTINGDON** Emma & Sonny

# Academic Awards...

## ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY 7TH JULY

<b>Room Willowby</b>	Billie Langford	For incredible creative work with shape and colour.
<b>Room Ashton</b>	Sophie King Charlotte Butler	For excellent progress and achievement in all areas of learning.
<b>Room Waterton</b>	Luke Simons	For showing great initiative and supporting others with classroom routines.
<b>Room Eiffelton</b>	Theodore Vannini	For amazingly descriptive narrative writing.
<b>Room Huntingdon</b>	Zara Stock	For showing compassion and perseverance to other students.



# longbeach Stars...



**ROOM WILLOWBY** Connor



**ROOM ASHTON** Riley & Sophie



**ROOM WATERTON** Sophie & Quinn



**ROOM EIFFELTON** Daisy & Tim



**ROOM FLEMINGTON** Abby & Charlotte



**ROOM HUNTINGDON** Charlotte & Brodie

# Academic Awards...

## ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY 14TH JULY

<b>Room Willowby</b>	Lola Townshend	For fabulous effort with her Writing.
<b>Room Ashton</b>	Shantelle Radick	For excellent progress and effort in Reading.
<b>Room Waterton</b>	Sophie Clucas	For great progress with her Speech Writing.
<b>Room Eiffelton</b>	Mariska Walsh Georgie Prouting	For stepping up to the challenge of reading at a new harder reading level.
<b>Room Flemington</b>	Yasmin Larry	For a great effort at Winter Sports Tournament.
<b>Room Huntingdon</b>	Jayden Etheridge	For effort and progress in Spelling.



# Room Eiffelton...

## Happenings from Room Eiffelton

As part of our Writing in Room Eiffelton we wrote narratives. One story that we all wrote was about Tom Trueheart who is only the size of a thumb and he needed to rescue his six brothers.... We all wrote our own versions of his adventures.

Here are some snippets from a few of the adventures:



\*I looked upon the perilous climb. The only way to get over the mountains was to scale it with a rope tied around my chest to ensure I didn't fall to my death. Then suddenly I heard a death defying howling like an animal in great pain. I ran towards the noise... **Theo Vannini**

\*A crack echoed through the mountain. Looking forward I could see trees falling. My brothers stepping beside me, till I heard a long scream...It echoed around me... my brothers were gone...  
**Ruben Winchester**



\*Tom popped out as dragons flew above him. He ran into the snowy forest – five wolves howled and ran at him... **Niel Vicente**



\*I spun around when I heard footsteps.. I walked outside, it must have been a grizzly bear. Oh no I was wrong, it was a huge pack of wolves. I'm doomed I thought. I ran inside before they spotted me. I slowly and carefully shut the door. Phew ... I'm safe. **Daisy Boyles**

\*Tom spun around to see a pack of giant wolves. He stared as they slowly started to circle him with the look of eagerness in their eyes. He slowly started to raise his magic sword above his head....  
**Milli Pottinger**

# Room Waterton ...

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## Skipping in Room Waterton

On a cold, cloudy Tuesday morning we leapt to the court ready for a day of skipping. When we started I felt like my legs were going to fall off. I heard all of my friends skipping ropes going smack, smack, smack on the court. I saw my classmates cheering as a loud as a lions roar.

I wondered if I could skip forever.

Aliyah Larry.

On a frosty, cool winter morning we ran to the court ready for skipping. As I started to skip I felt my legs jumping up and down ready for the relay. I heard the rope hitting the ground like thunder. I saw all of my classmates having fun and laughing. I wondered how long I could keep going for until my legs fell off. I wondered how amazing it would be if I could skip around school all day.

Sophie Wood.

On a cloudy Tuesday morning I was skipping on the court. I felt the cold wind flying past my face. I heard the skipping rope whistling in the air. I saw the speed of my feet hitting the ground. I wondered if my feet would fall off.

Liam Lash

It's a cold, cloudy Tuesday morning. I sprinted to the court. I felt the ground shaking. I heard birds singing. I saw skipping ropes soaring in the air.

Zander Etheridge.

On Tuesday morning we were ready to go out for fitness and do skipping. I felt my hands going around and around, I was getting puffed. I heard my group yelling, go, go Tayla you are nearly there. I saw my group sitting down when they had finished their turn. I wondered if the skipping rope would hit me in the face.

Tayla Keeley.

On a hot, cloudy and sunny Tuesday morning, the class started to sprint to the court to go skipping. As soon as I started skipping I wondered if I would trip over my skipping rope. I felt very excited and happy. I heard other people cheering and the skipping rope was whistling in the air. I heard it whistling like the wind. I saw lots of skipping ropes.

Madie Townshend.



# School Notices ...

A big **congratulations** to **Rose Vannini** who gained 2nd place in the Paper Plus Writing Competition for the following Poem!



## The Woe's of War - Rose Vannini Year 6, Longbeach School

My fingers are numb and I quiver with fear  
I know that the start of a battle is near  
My heart is pounding in my chest  
All I want to do is rest  
A bang goes off as bombs hit the ground  
I am deafened by the sound  
I hear the screams of other men  
Will I ever see my family again?  
Another shell falls  
Another yell calls  
A tear trickles from my eye  
Will tonight be the night I die?

The **Longbeach school library** would like to thank the following families for donation preloved books in excellent condition for our library.



- ◆ The Edmond Family
- ◆ The Stock Family
- ◆ The Russell Family
- ◆ The Williamson-Soper Family

The children very much appreciate this, thank you!

Below are a few pics of what our Year 7/8's have been cooking up at Technology! Looks delicious....



Jayden & Devon at Technology cooking up a storm!



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# School/Community Notices ...



## 2017 Ruralco Longbeach Coastal Challenge ENTRIES ARE OPEN!

Entries are now OPEN for the 2017 Ruralco Longbeach Coastal Challenge on  
Sunday 26 November 2017

*Now in it's 11th year, the team of volunteers are working hard to bring you yet another spectacular event on the historical Longbeach Estate.*

*ALL those that enter by 30 September 2017 go into the draw to win a fabulous brand new bike thanks to Paul Wylie Cyclorama! This great prize will be presented at the prize giving on the day of the event. So if you have entered already - congratulations you are in the draw! If not then what are you waiting for? ENTER ON-LINE TODAY!!*

Visit [www.longbeachcoastalchallenge.com](http://www.longbeachcoastalchallenge.com) for more information  
and make sure you follow us on facebook!



**\*\*This event is run by the Lions Club of Hinds and Districts & Longbeach School. All profits go to Longbeach School and the Hinds Lions Charitable Trust. We thank you for your support! \*\*\***



## Tis the season...

- ◆ Please, if your child is unwell keep them at home to break the cycle.
- ◆ Children with vomiting and diarrhoea should not be back at school for at least 24 hours after the last expulsion.
- ◆ If your child is sick, please contact the school office. The office has an answer phone so you can ring at any time and leave a message or text the school cellphone 021 115-7674. Or let us know through the School Stream app.
- ◆ Now is probably a good time to talk about healthy hygiene habits with your child—nose blowing, hand washing, coughing, etc to keep those nasties at bay during the winter terms.
- ◆ Just a reminder—The pie warmer is available every day. Please wrap in tinfoil and clearly name—thanks.



## PLEASE ADVISE THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF CHANGES TO FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS ...

It is vitally important that the school holds the correct details for your children: Parents/Caregivers, emergency contacts and mail details.

**Please keep the Office informed of changes to your mailing/contact details.**

**Often people change cellphones and forget to inform us the number has changed.**

**Please phone the school office on 302-6643, text on the school cell phone 021 115-7674 or email: [office@longbeach.school.nz](mailto:office@longbeach.school.nz)**

**Thankyou for your help.**



## School Bus Changes

Just a reminder to parents that if there are any changes to your children going on the buses that you must either ring or text the school office so we can record any changes in our bus books. Afternoon changes before 2.15pm please.



Ph 302-6643 or text school cell ph 021 115-7674.  
Thanks.

# Community Notices ...

back to  
basics

natural savvy living expo

Saturday 12 AUGUST, 2017

11am - 3pm

at 58 Melcombe Street, Tinwald  
(New Life Church premises)

- preserving
- gardening tips
- wholefood ideas
- eco cleaning
- seed saving
- recycling
- power saving
- community services
- budgeting
- natural remedies
- DIY household products
- natural skincare

For more information, please call  
Julia Crosson 03 308 9222



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 11-2pm

Allenton School Fair

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Come and show your "true colours" by performing on our all weather stage with the help of DJ DAVE on sound ... before sampling the many treats available at our school fair.

Please contact Fiona Maw at  
[fiona.maw@allenton.school.nz](mailto:fiona.maw@allenton.school.nz)

## Farm Clearing Sale

Friday 18th August  
at 1.00pm

630 Grahams Road

A good range of farm equipment  
on offer.

Phone or text Mike  
027 390-4577  
for more details

See you there!

## Southern Tennis Club

AGM

is set for  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
at the Panthers Rock,  
Mayfield Township  
at 7.30pm.



## STAFF WANTED

Due to staff family circumstances  
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