



Longbeach School

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Friday 2nd August 2019

Longbeach School

Everyone Reaching for the Stars

Dates to Remember

Term 3

Week 5: 19th-23rd August

Tuesday 20th	School Speech Competition RDA Gingerbread horse cookie sale
Wednesday 21st	Tennis Development Years 2-8
Thursday 22nd	Life Education van visiting
Friday 23rd	Life Education van visiting Assembly 2.15pm in the Art Centre

Week 6: 26th-30th August

Monday 26th	Life Education van visiting
Wednesday 28th	Subway

Week 7: 2nd-6th September

Wednesday 4th	Year 5/6 Rotary Speech Finals Year 5/6 Camp at Living Springs
Thursday 5th	Year 5/6 Camp at Living Springs
Friday 6th	Year 5/6 Camp at Living Springs

Week 8: 9th-13th September

Tuesday 10th	Sanford Science Fair in Timaru
Wednesday 11th	Subway

2019 TERM DATES

Term 2	Monday 29th April—Friday 5th July
Term 3	Monday 22nd July—Friday 27th September
Term 4	Monday 14th October—Monday 16th December

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Have you got a spare hour you could spend helping us at school?

Our **Pause, Prompt, Praise** Reading Programme needs some more volunteers! This is taken by parent or community volunteers.

If you are able to read with a group of selected children on a one-on-one basis reading once a week for approximately an hour, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Sarah Lovell at school ph 302-6643 or sarah.lovell@longbeach.school.nz to learn more about PPP. Thankyou.



PJ DAY!

Thank you to Holly Burrowes for organising a great fundraiser for the Salvation Army food bank. Also a big thanks to all our families for their donations of food items.

2019 IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 4th September-Friday 6th September	- Year 5/6 Camp at Living Springs
Monday 21st October	- Country Day
Monday 28th October	- Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th November	- School Photos
Friday 15th November	- Canterbury Anniversary Day
Sunday 24th November	- Longbeach Coastal Challenge
Monday 25th November - Friday 29th November	- Year 7/8 Camp to Stewart Island
Wednesday 11th December	- School Prizegiving
Thursday 12th December	- Lake Hood Fun Day
Friday 13th December	- Last day of school

From The Board...

Kia ora and welcome to Term 3, the year is flying by!

On behalf of the 2019 Board of Trustees, we wish to express our appreciation of the Longbeach school community. We are pleased to have been appointed as your trustees for the next three years and look forward to continuing the great work of those who have gone before us.

As a Board, we are focused on student achievement by ensuring that we provide an environment for the delivery of a quality education. We certainly can't achieve this without the skills, talent and expertise of the staff at Longbeach School.

With many new faces around the BOT table, at our August Board of Trustees meeting we discussed a range of matters around the Longbeach students education and certainly asked many questions as we familiarise ourselves with the nuances of the education system and processes. The following are the notable issues discussed:

- ⇒ Recent education legislation changes have meant that from Term 1 2020, schools can choose to bring cohorts of 5 years olds into the classroom on set dates, rather than the continuous entry which we currently use. We discussed the risks and benefits of this approach, and agreed that from Term 1 2020 Longbeach School will use cohort entry for new entrants. In practise, this will mean that once a child turns 5, they will start school on either the first day of the school term or at a mid-term point during the term. We believe that this will make the process of inducting new entrants into the school system smoother for all new and existing students and staff. Further information can be found <http://education.govt.nz/school/school-terms-and-holidays/more-information-about-setting-term-dates/#cohort>
- ⇒ The intricacies of the school bus zones are an area we understand causes frequent points of contention for families within the Longbeach community. The Ministry of Education determine the bus zones, which are then administered by the Mid Canterbury Schools Transport Service. We have signalled to the Ministry of Education that there are areas of the bus zones that could be improved and are waiting for them to advise us of their schedule of reviews. We will keep you posted as this develops.
- ⇒ The student's mid-years progress was reported. Overall our students are on track and achieving well with where we should expect them to be. This is a pleasing result and we look forward to seeing their continued progress over the remainder of the year.
- ⇒ Policy reviews are ongoing as these are reviewed on a cyclic basis. Currently under review are the performance Management and Health, Safety and Welfare Policies. Further details of all of our school policies can be found at www.schooldocs.co.nz

On behalf of the BOT, thank you once again for the continued community support of our great little school. Stay tuned for our next report in Term 4!

Toni Durham, Chair

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Thank you

Thank you to everyone who bought a cupcake on the **SPCA cupcake day**. We raised enough money to give an animal a warm bed for a week. \$300 was my target and we raised \$315.50!

SPCA helps protect over 45,000 animals in New Zealand every year. Animals who are sick, injured, abused or simply abandoned, so we played our part, thank you again.

Keeley Galbraith

SOUTHERN TENNIS

Registration Fun Day

WHEN: Friday 6th September, 2019
WHERE: Hinds Tennis Courts, Hinds School
3.30 - 4.30pm



Come along and see if tennis is for you!

If you can't make it - please contact one of the following by

Friday 20th September, to confirm your registration.

Carew - Nikki Jones 021 142 1699

Mayfield - Maryn Austin 0276 309 732

Hinds - Nicky Watt - 0274 781 417

Longbeach - Lucy Ellis 0275 063 242

Learning in Room Waterton

In room Waterton, we have been reading Roald Dahls 'The Big Friendly Giant'. The children have been busy drawing their favourite parts of the story so far. They have loved getting to know Sophie, the BFG and the other more terrifying giants. They have especially enjoyed hearing their funny conversations and all about their antics in Giant and Dream Country. Here is some of the work they have completed so far...



The BFG outside the orphanage Sophie lived in. He was about to take Sophie because she had seen him!
By Hazel Rickard



The BFG after him and Sophie had arrived in Giant Country. Sophie was still in his pocket from the journey.
By Masyn Cromwell



'Froboscottle' one of the BFG's favourite drinks. The bubbles go down instead of up making Sophie and the BFG did 'whizzpoppers'!
By Henry Pottinger



They had to wait until all the other giants were asleep or distracted before they travelled away to Dream Country.
By Sophie Williams



The BFG took Sophie to Dream Country where they found and caught good and bad dreams to put into jars.
By George Lash



Sophie looked at all the dreams for the boys and girls in the BFG's collection in his cave.
By Cheyenne Chaplin



One of the dreams was about a girl saving her teacher from drowning and becoming a hero!
By Sophie Bartlett

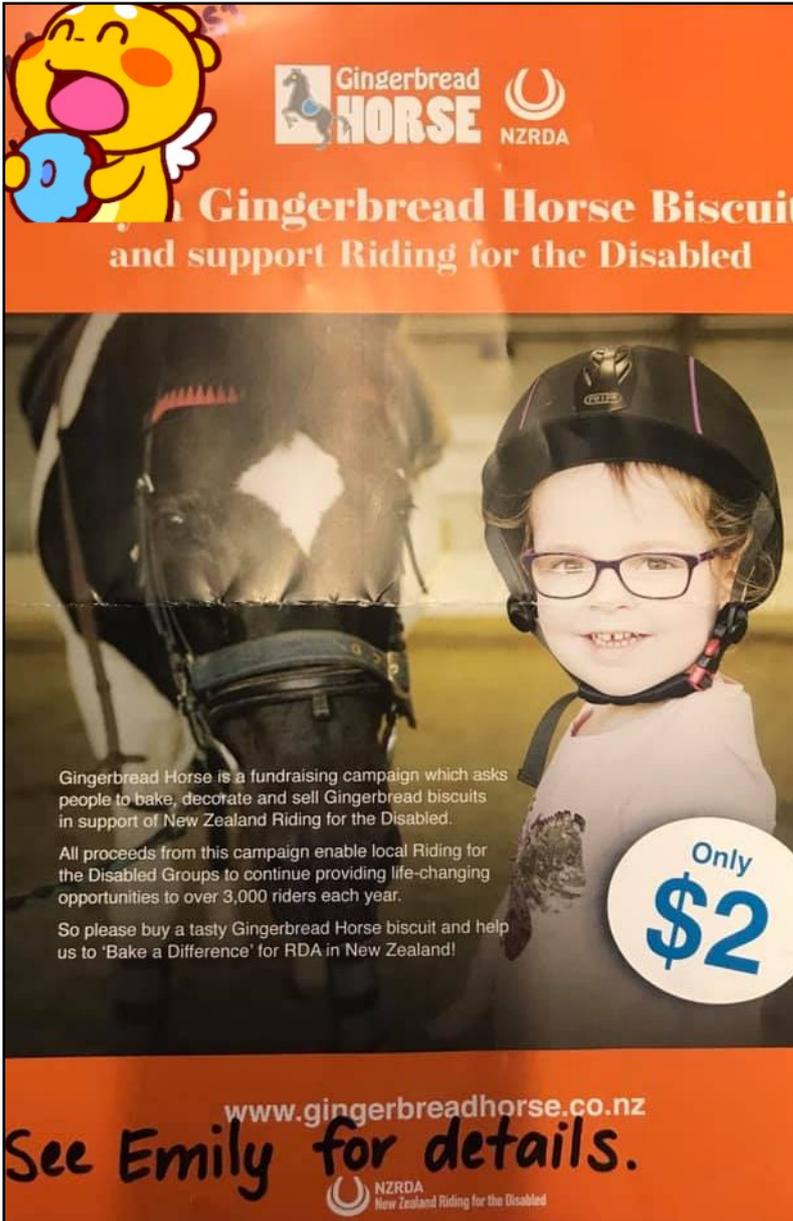


The other giants in Giant Country were mean and attached the BFG's shoes to cars then pushed him down a hill.
By Jono Stack



The BFG took revenge on the other giants by giving one of the giants a bad dream. This made the bad giant scream and start fighting the other giants.
By Fergus Durham

School Notices...



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NZRDA
New Zealand Riding for the Disabled

Gingerbread Horses for sale on **Tuesday 20th of August** (date changed from Monday). \$2 each with proceeds going RDA who have supported many of our students. Emily & Luke Simons.

School Book Fair!

A HUGE thank you to parents, grandparents, and all family members and friends who supported our Longbeach **School Book Fair**. We are so thrilled to announce that we sold a WHOPPING \$3062.00 worth of books to you all!!

How amazing was that??!!

So we now have an amazing \$900 to spend on new books for our Library.

What a fun week it was with various different reading activities happening, colouring in competition, book character dress up day and the Junior and Senior Disco's.

Thanks also to Mrs Stone and our fabulous parent helpers who helped set up all the books on display and process the books sales before and after school every day. Without all your help it wouldn't have been possible.

Now the huge task of processing them all into our Library.
Thanks again!



Our Book Fair dress up book character class winners!



Room Waterton



Room Ashton

Winter Sports Tournament...



Community Notices...



Change Your Brain! Change Your Life!

Thu 10 Oct 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Ashburton Trust Event Centre, Ashburton

The **Ashburton Rotary Club** are proud to announce that the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - Change Your Brain! Change Your Life!

'Change Your Brain! Change Your Life!' takes a broader perspective than Nathan's previous talks. This new discussion explores the inherent ability in everyone's brain to be able to change the 'wiring' of their brain and thereby improve their level of happiness, well-being and overall quality of life. Nathan's message is that we are not subject to the biology dictated by the brain, but rather, it's actually an interactive process – the biology of the brain is also dictated by our thoughts and actions. Or alternatively, our brains are voice activated and we are far more in control of our brains than we realise.

This talk will update you (in Nathan's usual plain, direct, 'southern-man style' kind of way!) on Neuroplasticity - or the brains ability to change itself - and how to do this.

This is the same information Nathan shares with trauma experts and all manner of professionals across New Zealand, Australia and China. This seminar will be of interest to anyone who is committed to self-development and improving the quality of their lives. It will also be of interest to anyone working with trauma, or in roles helping other people improve the quality of their lives.

Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz.

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.



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