



# Longbeach School

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LONGBEACH SCHOOL

Everyone Reaching for the Stars

## What's coming up..... Term 4

### Week 3

**Monday 23rd October**  
- Labour Day Holiday!

**Wednesday 25th October**  
- Athletics day @ Hinds School

**Thursday 26th October**  
- Subway  
- Postponement day for Athletics

**Friday 27th October**  
- School Halloween Disco  
Juniors 4.00—5.00pm  
Seniors 5.15—6.30pm

### Week 4

**Monday 30th October**  
- Country Day!  
- BOT Meeting 6.00pm

**Tuesday 31st October**  
- School photos—Des Ellery

**Wednesday 1st November**  
- School photos—Des Ellery  
- Science Roadshow visit Rm H

### Week 5

**Thursday 9th November**  
- Subway

# Welcome



Left to right: Macey Kruger, Leo Price & Janneke Van Leeuwen  
Absent: Ronan O'Brien

Welcome to our latest new entrants!  
We hope you all enjoy your time with us and share our passion for learning!  
Happy school days!!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 23rd October - Labour Day holiday  
Monday 30th October - Country Day  
Tuesday 31st October - Wednesday 1st November  
School Photos  
Friday 17th November - Christchurch Anniversary Day  
Monday 20th November—School Closed  
Sunday 26th November—Longbeach Coastal Challenge  
Monday 27th November - Friday 1st December  
Year 7/8 Camp to Stewart Island  
Wednesday 13th December—Prizegiving 6.00pm  
at the Ashburton Event Centre  
Thursday 14th December—Lake Hood Fun Day!

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## 2024 TERM DATES

Term 1 Tuesday 30th January—Friday 12th April  
Term 2 Monday 29th April—Friday 5th July  
Term 3 Monday 22nd July—Friday 27th September  
Term 4 Monday 14th October—TBC

# From the Principal...

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Kia ora, and welcome back to the last term of 2023. It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another year. This year has flown past, and now there are only eight weeks left in Term 4. We will be packing up the classrooms and farewelling the students in no time.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the uniform change from winter to summer. It is pleasing to see our uniform worn proudly and smartly. Our uniform is an outsider's first impression when encountering a Longbeach student, and we want that impression to reflect our fantastic school.

**Help Needed:** On the 26th of November, 2023, the Longbeach Coastal Challenge will be on again. We would appreciate your help as this is our major fundraiser each year. So please keep an eye out for our request for help.

**Attendance:** In 2019, across New Zealand, regular student attendance declined to 58%. This means that around 40% of all students did not attend more than 90% of their available class time ('regular' attendance is defined as 90% attendance or higher).

The Ministry has established regular attendance as a 90% or higher baseline. However, even with an average of 90% attendance, a student will miss the equivalent of one year of schooling in ten years - a whole year by Year 10 (4th Form).

## **The attendance/attainment Relationship**

Recent research shows that each additional absence predicts a consistent reduction in the number of NCEA credits a student subsequently attains – whether that is the student moving from 100% to 99% attendance or from 71% to 70% attendance. Students who are absent even 5-10% of the time (still "regular" attendance) obtain fewer NCEA credits than those with slightly higher attendance. There is no "safe" level of non-attendance.

## **The Wellbeing Attendance Relationship**

The Ministry used data from 15-year-old New Zealand students to examine relationships between self-reported school attendance and other indicators of student wellbeing. It was found that students who skipped school experienced worse than average outcomes regarding schoolwork-related anxiety, a sense of belonging and motivation. In every case, students who report skipping no days of school report the best wellbeing outcomes.

So, what does this mean for primary schools? We, too, can see the relationships mentioned above and because primary schooling lays the foundation essential to build the next stage, secondary education, of development, regular attendance at primary school is crucial and gives students an advantage.

*Neil Simons*

# LB Stars & Academic Awards...

## LB STARS/ACADEMIC AWARD — Term 34— Week 2

	LB Star	Academic Award
<b>Room Willowby</b>	Eloise Mackenzie	Harper Wilce - For effort in learning her Alphabet names and sounds!
<b>Room Lynnford</b>	Georgia Haugh	Noah George - For using your sounds to write independently!
<b>Room Ashton</b>	Scarlett Gill	Leo Kelly - For reading with increased fluency and demonstrating excellent comprehension of all that he reads.
<b>Room Waterton</b>	Max Anderson	Peyton Stoddart - For your fantastic grasp on using a split strategy in Maths.
<b>Room Eiffelton</b>	Harriet White	Ollie Haugh - For the wonderful descriptive writing piece. You captured your audience well.
<b>Room Flemington</b>	Nixon Quaid	Keegan Durham - For always being keen and enthusiastic to share his thoughts especially during our reading sessions where you have been making thoughtful connections with the texts we are reading.
<b>Room Huntingdon</b>	Braxton Stoddart	Rose Lilley - For developing confidence and skill in the use of iWordQ in her writing.



Eloise



Georgia



Scarlett



Max



Harriet



Nixon



Braxton



We are offering Subway for school lunches weekly which will be delivered to school on a Thursday.

There are however some changes now in the way to order which is explained below....

**Subway lunch programme - To order please visit the website**

[www.subwaylunches.co.nz](http://www.subwaylunches.co.nz)

**This is an online order website, NOT an app.**

The school lunches can NOT be ordered thru the Subway App, please use Safari(for iPhone) or Google (for Android)

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Choose the school that you would like to order from the list.

Follow Step 1 : Choose your sub

Step 2 : Select all options required

Step 3 : Add cookie or Fruit Squirtz (1 of each)

Step 4 : Confirm your order (check name & class number)

Step 5 : Payment details ( you can save them for next time )

**All orders must be in before 9am on the day, but may be ordered anytime before this.**

# Room Huntingdon...

## Rugby World Cup Study

At the end of Term 3, Room Huntingdon children completed a research project on a country competing in the Rugby World Cup! Firstly, children created a timeline of their chosen countries involvement in the RWC, and from here conducted further research on their country. They presented this in the form of a suitcase.



Hunter Illingworth

As an extension, some Room Huntingdon children wrote an essay response to summarise the information they collected on the history of the Rugby World Cup using our Depth & Complexity icons. Scan the barcode below to hear the Henry Pottinger's responses.



Henry Pottinger



Sky Nogales



Braxton Stoddart



Rose McKay



Harry O'Connell



Asha Clarke

## Maori Patterns & Design

We were also very busy at the end of Term 3, completing our Maori Patterns and design artwork. After looking at the cultural significance of a variety of Maori patterns, children each chose one that they thought best represented them and their character.

We created versions of these chosen patterns using two different art forms- weaving & clay sculpture.

# School/Community Notices...



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# Longbeach COASTAL CHALLENGE



**RUN**

**WALK**

**BIKE**

**SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**ENTER ONLINE NOW**

[www.longbeachcoastalchallenge.com](http://www.longbeachcoastalchallenge.com)



This event is run by the Lions Club of Hinds and Districts and Longbeach School.  
Profits from the 2023 event will go to Longbeach School Charitable and the Hinds Lions Charitable Trust



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*Reach for the Stars to be the Best we can all be!*

# School/Community Notices...



Hi everyone! I am Hannah, your Ashburton CookieTime Christmas seller for 2023! I am super excited to be out selling from the 6th November up until Christmas. Follow my Facebook page to keep up with where I am selling, otherwise give me a call or send me an email to place an order for your Christmas buckets!

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# **M.A.D GRAPHICS MID CANTERBURY PRIMARY/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS SINGLES TOURNAMENT**

**BEING HELD AT THE BRAIDED RIVERS COMMUNITY  
TRUST ASHBURTON TENNIS CENTRE, OAK GROVE,  
ASHBURTON**

**TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2023**

All students attending a Mid Canterbury Primary/Intermediate School are invited to compete. Players DO NOT have to be affiliated to a Mid Canterbury Tennis club to play this tournament.

Entries close Tuesday 31st October at 11.59 pm



**Entry Fee:**

**\$30 per player to be paid at time of entry to Mid Canterbury  
Tennis bank a/c 03-1351-0448178-00  
Please use Surname & PIST as reference**

**EVENTS: [SINGLES ONLY]**

**BOYS – YRS 3 & 4, YRS 5 & 6, YRS 7 & 8**

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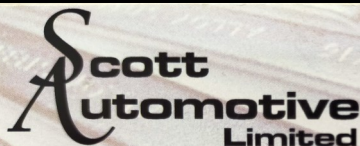
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