



# Longbeach School

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# Welcome



Beau

A warm Longbeach welcome to our latest New Entrant, Beau. We hope you enjoy your time with us and share our passion for learning! Happy school days to you!

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
<b>TERM 1</b>	
<b>Week 9: 26th-30th March</b>	
Monday 26th	Technology Year 7/8
Tuesday 27th	B.O.T. Meeting—7.00pm
Thursday 29th	School Easter Disco
Friday 30th	Good Friday Easter Holiday!
<b>Week 10: 2nd-6th April</b>	
Monday 2nd	Easter Monday Holiday!
Tuesday 3rd	Easter Tuesday Holiday!
Thursday 5th	Subway
Friday 6th	Assembly 2.20pm-Rm Waterton Newsletter
<b>Week 11: 9th-13th April</b>	
Monday 9th	Technology Year 7/8
Friday 13th	Last day of Term1!
<b>TERM 2</b>	
<b>Week 1: 30th April-4th May</b>	
Monday 30th	First day of Term 2! Technology Year 7/8
Thursday 3rd	Subway
Friday 4th	Assembly 2.20pm-Room Ashton Newsletter

## Caretaker Wanted

We are seeking someone to manage the grounds at Longbeach School.

This involves mowing, pruning and spraying.

Also, there will be the odd fix-it job - like replacing door handles or changing light bulbs.

We are looking for someone who is reliable, physically fit and uses their initiative to see what needs taking care of.

6 hours per week - can be 1 day or split over a couple of days .

Start date would be the beginning of May 2018  
Please contact Neil Simons on Ph 302-6643

### 2018 TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday 29th January—Friday 13th April
Term 2	Monday 30th April—Friday 6th July
Term 3	Monday 23rd July—Friday 28th September
Term 4	Monday 15th October—TBA

### 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 30th March	- Good Friday—Easter Holiday
Monday 2nd April	- Easter Monday Holiday
Tuesday 3rd April	- Easter Tuesday Holiday
Monday 4th June	- Queens Birthday Holiday
Friday 22nd June	- Annual School Ski Trip
Monday 22nd October	- Labour Holiday
Wednesday 31st October & Thursday 1st November	- School Photos
Friday 16th November	- Canterbury Anniversary Day Holiday
Sunday 25th November	- 2018 Longbeach Coastal Challenge
Tuesday 11th December	- School Prizegiving

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# From the Principal...

Kia ora

On Monday I had the privilege of hearing Sir Ken Robinson speak in Auckland. Sir Ken Robinson is a world leader in education thinking. He speaks all over the world, works in many countries and is a well-published author on the subject of education reform. Sir Ken Robinson is most known for his speech on 'Schools Kill Creativity' which has over 350 million views on a video forum called TED Talks. Whilst it was back in 2006, the subject is still very relevant today. In essence, he is saying that the standardisation of the education system which involves prescriptive curriculums, 'chew and spew' learning and standardised testing is destroying individuality, diversity and is marginalising other abilities. It is a system based on conformist views, compliance, competition and a preoccupation that everyone must follow a linear pathway.

The recently deceased Stephen Hawkin said, one of the problems with education is that, if we don't see conformist students, we assume they are deficient.

Fortunately, New Zealand did not go down the route of National Testing as have many countries around the world. However, we did have National Standards which did have a negative impact on schools, as it narrowed the curriculum, set up competition between schools, forced students on a linear learning journey and unfairly labelled some children as failures. It was a high stakes system.

Interestingly, the country which has the highest achievement results and is ranked as having the worlds happiest people is Finland. Finland does not have standardised testing, nor private or charter schools and everyone supports and attends their local school. Diversity is celebrated and students are encouraged to follow their passions and natural talents. Students are not made to conform to a narrow set of standards. The Finish system is humanistic and holistic were people matter and not the data.

At the end of 2017, the new Minister of Education, Chris Hipkins, removed National Standards from the New Zealand Curriculum. In education circles around New Zealand, this was a significant turning point for all the reasons mentioned above.

Here at Longbeach School; we are working hard to streamline our assessment processes so that the students can spend more time learning and less time being tested. We are finding exciting ways to ignite passions in students and motivate them to learn about the world around them. We want to have the students out and about, taking part in authentic learning situations and not stuck in classrooms regurgitating. We want, learning to be a conversation and not a monologue.

We are going to have levels of achievement for students, based on the New Zealand Curriculum, so that we can help them progress to the best of their ability. We are going to monitor achievement to ensure students are making expected progress but this will be much more personalised and not narrowed down to a standard. It will be much more specific and we are going to let you know how your children are achieving and what they need to achieve next.

We have a lot of work to do to achieve all of this. However, we have started reviewing and developing the systems and process to make this a reality. As previously mentioned we have started with our writing assessment. This has been implemented in classrooms and we are working on the assessment and reporting phase. We have made significant progress with this and are shaping the classroom processes in order to report timely and meaningful information.

Very soon we will be asking you for some feedback on what you would like to see reported and how you would like to receive achievement information.

Further to this, the Longbeach School Board of Trustees is about to develop a 5-10 year strategic plan. This will be about shaping our vision and developing the things that will be needed to be done in order to get achieve this vision. We are planning to ask you for your ideas about this late Term 2 or early Term 3.

*Neil Simons*

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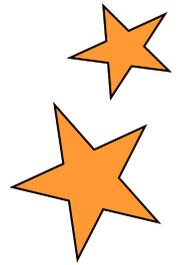
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# Longbeach Stars...



**ROOM WILLOWBY** Elise

**ROOM ASHTON** Billie & Ryan



**ROOM WATERTON** Shantelle & Sam

**ROOM EIFFELTON** Madie T & Sophie H



**ROOM FLEMINGTON** Skylah & Keeley

**ROOM HUNTINGDON** Isy & Jamieson

# Academic Awards...

## ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY 9TH MARCH

<b>Room Willowby</b>	Nixon Quaid	For excellent effort and attitude towards his Writing.
<b>Room Ashton</b>	Madi Wood	For outstanding effort and progress in Writing.
<b>Room Waterton</b>	Zander Etheridge	For fantastic progress in Reading and Writing.
<b>Room Eiffelton</b>	Charlie Backhurst	For consistent effort in Maths.
<b>Room Flemington</b>	Charlie Williamson-Soper Milli Pottinger	For great PAT results.
<b>Room Huntingdon</b>	Rocco McMillan	For representing Longbeach well at the Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament.



# Room Flemington ...

On Thursday 22nd March, Room Flemington had Kirsten a Nutritionist from 'Foodstuffs' come and teach the children about healthy food choices and reading food labels. Once the children had learnt about this in the classroom they then went to New World. In there they were able to put their learning in the classroom into real life practice. Thank-you to the parents for helping and to New World for having us.



# Meet our 2018 Student Council ...

Back Row: Kamal Larry & Cody Etheridge

Middle Row: Laura Walsh & Katie Ashworth

Front Row: Emily Simons & Rose Vannini



# Our 2018 House Captains ...



Kahurangi—Blue House  
Emily Simons & Laura Walsh

Kakariki — Green House  
Katie & Jamieson



# Our 2018 House Captains ...



Whero — Red House

Kamal Larry & Rose Vannini

Kowhai — Yellow House  
Gian Vicente & William Boyles



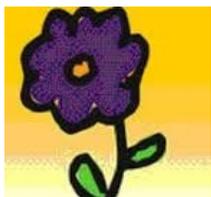
*GirlGuiding New Zealand is New Zealand's largest girl-only organisation and it's our vision to see that all girls and young women are inspired and empowered to take action to change their world.*

*Fortunately, Tinwald Brownies have spaces available for Term 1, 2018 so girls in your area have the chance to join in. Brownies are part of GirlGuiding NZ and is for girls aged from 7-9 ½ years old. This group meets in the local area on a Monday afternoon, although more options are available.*

*For more information about Pippins check out <https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/what-we-do/brownies> or to register your interest click on the 'Become a Brownie' box.*

*If you have any questions or would like to set up a free visit, feel free to contact Tegan on [tegan.dunne@girlguidingnz.org.nz](mailto:tegan.dunne@girlguidingnz.org.nz)*

# School/Community Notices...



## Hello from Longbeach Playcentre families...

We have been busy learning through play, play is our work. We make discoveries and learn new things with our adults support and lots of communication. We are lucky to have a well-resourced centre with activities to challenge us and inspire us. We can be creative and our imaginations can have a field day.

Lachlan continues to create at the carpentry table and he is very confident with the tools. Brodie loves the forklift and piles blocks up really high only to knock them down with laughter. He is learning about cause and effect or perhaps gravity. Zoe is starting to want to learn to write her name. She is interested in print and letters. Pencil grip and control will be a focus. Evie was inspired when she learnt to roll play down the slope of the foam block. She was very proud of herself she kept doing it again and again. There are some really nice relationships forming between some of the tamariki as they role play and work together.

We are open Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.15 – 11.45. We welcome visitors to come along and see our Playcentre, meet our Mums and your tamariki can play.

Jenese Houston  
Supervisor



### Hinds junior squash

Runs every Friday night for Term 2 and 3, from 5:30pm to 8pm. Hinds squash club welcomes children from Year 4 and upwards to come along and give it a go.

Hinds squash club is looking to promote squash for juniors. If your school would be interested in bringing student along, the Hinds squash club would be more than happy to open courts, supply equipment and coaching for a couple of hours.

If you have any questions feel free to contact:

Emma Jones- 027 917 9978  
emmab9991@gmail.com  
Shayne Jones- 027 636 7585



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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March LAKE HOOD**

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### Wanted

Local family looking for Babysitter/ Grandma/ Nanny for a 2 year old girl some weekday evenings, No cooking skills required, pay negotiable. A little bit of flexibility needed. All enquiries to Katie & Michael Collins  
Ph 021 910-673



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