Longbeach School

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LONGBEACH SCHOOL

Everyone Reaching for the Stars

What's coming up……

Term 1

Week 9

Week 10 **Wednesday 6th April—**Subway

Friday 8th April—Newsletter

Week 11 **Thursday 14th April—**Last Day of Term 1

Friday 15th April—Good Friday

Eiffelton Hall

Missing!!!

We have a number of the padded supper room chairs missing and also around 8 tables.
If you have borrowed these or know of there whereabouts please contact

Dave Keating
Ph 027 220-4400
Thank you

MT HUTT 2022 SKI PASSES

The deadline for purchasing your Mt Hutt Local School Pass is **Thursday the 31st of March**, with sales closing at 5pm. After this time, the link to purchase will no longer be available online.

WHAT PASS DO I PURCHASE FOR MY CHILD AGED 7 AND UNDER? You can purchase your season pass for ages 7 & under via our website https://shop.mthutt.co.nz/season-passes-mh. The 7 and under season pass is available free of charge and can be purchased at any time, providing lift access to all NZSki mountains.

WHAT ABOUT PHOTOS? Profile pictures can be taken on your child's first day on the mountain. If your child had their picture taken last year and still has their pass, they're ready to head straight to the lifts!

WHERE DO I COLLECT MY CHILD'S PASS? If your child has never had a pass before, or you can't find your pass from last year, you can collect a new pass from us. We recommend popping in to visit us at the Mt Hutt office at 94 Main Street, Methven, pre-season to avoid early season queues, otherwise you can collect from Guest Services on the mountain. Please note that in the week up to opening day our Methven Office will not be manned from the 3rd of June, as we will have moved our operations to the mountain.

A change for this year, given the on-going uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 pandemic, they are offering a no questions asked refund policy up until the 1st of June for all season pass purchases. If, for any reason, you no longer wish to keep your pass purchase for 2022, this will be refunded in full, provided the application for which is made before the 1st of June, which is inclusive of Local School Season Passes. Please note, that after this time, refunds will only be considered with the purchase of Pass Protection. Please be aware that Pass Protection is only available at the time of purchase and can not be added in arrears.
Please go to the following website to purchase https://shop.mthutt.co.nz/local-primary-schools

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2022 TERM DATES

Term 1	Tuesday 1st February—Thursday 14th April
Term 2	Monday 2nd May—Friday 8th July
Term 3	Monday 25th July-Friday 30th September
Term 4	Monday 17th October-Friday 16th December

From the Principal...

Kia ora
You may have seen the recent media articles about the state of reading and writing in New Zealand. The catalyst for these media articles was the release of a report called 'Now I dont know my ABC'.

This report details New Zealand's steady decline in reading and writing proficiency and the possible reasons for this decline. Worryingly the reading data from 2019 showed that only 63% of Year 4 students and 56% of Year 8 students were at the expected level. And, incredibly, in writing, only 35% of Year 8 students are at the expected level.

The report highlighted the disparity between high socio-economic and low socio-economic families, gender and different ethnicities. The report states that it is challenging to unravel precisely why literacy levels are low but say that there are multiple interconnected factors.
The reasons given for the steady decline were

- a lack of a National Literacy Strategy
- a broad NZ Curriculum leading to differences in the depth and breadth of student knowledge
- Highly-quality teaching and assessment is not present in all early childhood centres or schools
- High-quality interventions are not available for students who need it.
- Systemic racism and discrimination within the schooling system still exist.
- Student absenteeism and transcience
- Significant disparities in home literacy environments
- A decline in reading for enjoyment
- Reading books 'digitally' is associated with poorer outcomes when compared to reading on paper.
  Some of the reasons for the decline in literacy levels may be confronting for some. However, we would continue doing the same old thing without this disruption.

So, where does Longbeach School fit in all this?

Longbeach School finished last year with 92% Year 4 students and 88% of Year 8 students at the expected reading and writing curriculum levels.

There are many reasons why our achievement is where it is, and it is hard to pinpoint one thing. Our achievement is what it is because we have:

- a prioritised literacy.
- a structured learning approach for reading. This relatively new approach explicitly teaches systematic word identification and decoding strategies.
- integrated our assessment with our teaching so that our learners have the end in mind when they begin.
- a supportive and caring environment where students feel safe and can therefore go about learning
- strategically resourced our literacy programmes with books, resources and teacher aides
- promote and encourage reading and utilise a well-resourced library out of our control but within our circle of influence are factors like; absenteeism, transience and home literacy.

We work to create an environment where students want to come to Longbeach School, and typically, we have good attendance rates.

Being in an area with dairy farming, we know that employment contracts change, and people move. However, our families are primarily stable in their employment situation and are not moving every June. Sadly we do occasionally see the effects of students moving schools frequently. They are often below where we would like them to be. Our advice is, where ever possible, keep children at the same school until they have to move.

To encourage reading at home, we have simplified our homework to reading, basic facts and some spelling as needed. Also, we have reading diaries and encourage students to reach the milestones in these diaries. A small but powerful incentive.

Combining all these factors contributes to our excellent achievement in reading and writing. So a HUGE thank you to all those involved in ensuring our children achieve highly.

Neil Simons

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LB Stars & Academic Awards ...

LB STARS/ACADEMIC AWARD— Term 1 — Week 7		
	LB Star	**Academic Award**
Room Willowby	Elisabeth Matiavi	Addison Wing—For doing a wonderful job with subtracting sentences in Maths.
Room Ashton	Arthur Everest	Wiremu—For working hard to use your sounds at reading time and making excellent progress.
Room Waterton	Hilary Fitzgibbon	Ollie Haugh—For sharing his ideas clearly with his group when designing their volcano.
Room Eiffelton	Kaden Arras	Harper Stoddart—An excellent "Disgusting Sandwich" recipe. A great use of bossy verbs.
Room Flemington	Grace Gill	Fergus Durham—Excellent use of similes and metaphors in his description of the Malamander character.
Room Huntingdon	Holly Burrowes	Liam Lash—For showing great confidence in his decimal work and conversion between fractions and decimals.

Elisabeth

Arthur

Hilary

Kaden

Grace

Holly

LB STARS/ACADEMIC AWARD— Term 1 — Week 8		
	LB Star	**Academic Award**
Room Willowby	Naomi Chen	Leo Kelly—for doing a great job at learning the sounds of the alphabet.
Room Ashton	Kate Wood	Max Anderson - for working hard and attempting some very challenging words at reading!
Room Waterton	Blaise Stephens	None this week
Room Eiffelton	Faye Blom	Hunter Tuki - For giving his best in all learning areas. Kaden Arras—For using amazing strategies during reading.
Room Flemington	Brooke Edmond	None this week
Room Huntingdon	Grace Harrison-Hastie	Zander Etheridge—For fantastic contributions in personal writing.

Naomi

Kate

Blaise

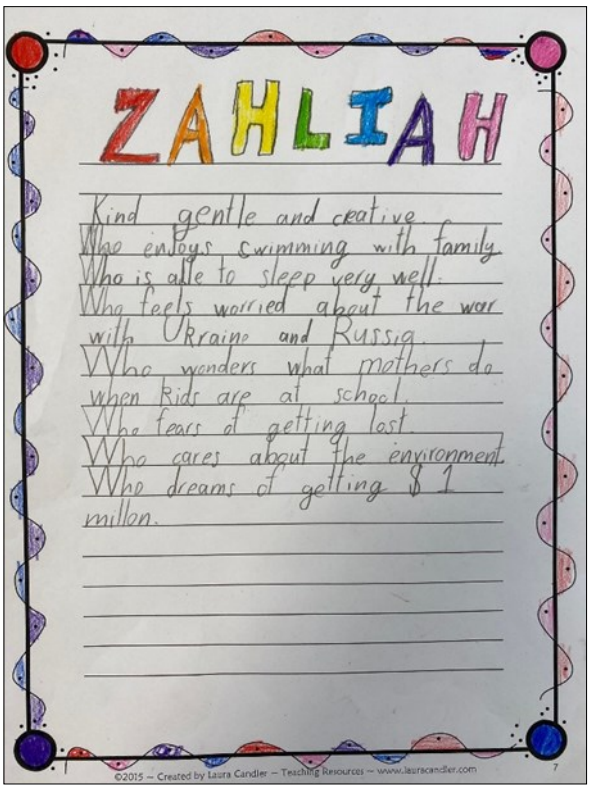
Faye

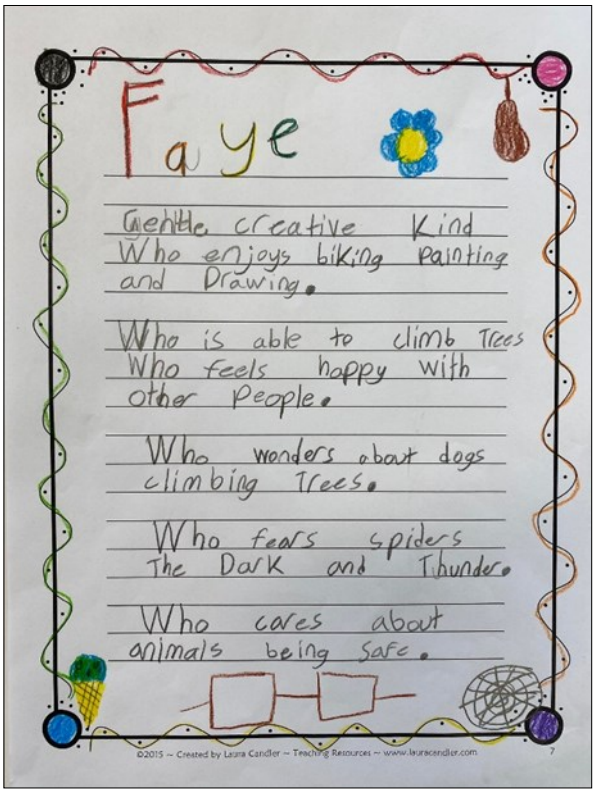
Brooke

Grace

Room Eiffelton...

We have completed self-portraits using collage techniques. We have also been doing lots of learning around knowing ourselves, recognizing our strengths and team building. We did some creative writing about who we are.





Ambassador Report...

Westpac Warrior Wednesday!

On the 16th of March the Longbeach Ambassador Team ran their first fundraiser for the Rescue Warriors who biked their way from the top to the bottom of New Zealand. For this fundraiser, the Ambassador Team came up with the idea of a Westpac Warrior Wednesday. This is an amazing cause as there is a high chance you or your family may need this service.

On this day we asked students at Longbeach School to wear yellow and red as those are the colours of the Westpac Rescue Helicopters. Everyone came dressed in those colours and looked amazing! We also held a best dressed competition and it was such a hard choice. Below are the winners…

To support this cause we also had a sausage sizzle. We are very thankful for the students and teachers who donated and purchased a sausage. We would also like to thank Mr Clucas for donating the sausages and Mitre 10 Ashburton for the prizes. It was very appreciated. We fundraised a total of $486.60 to support the Rescue Warriors.

Here are Longbeach School's Best Dressed!

Hugo Kennedy
Room Willowby

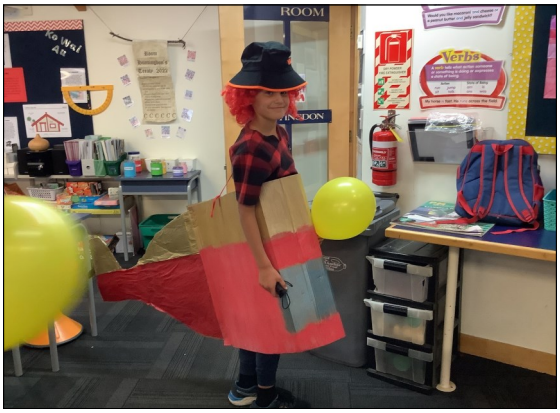
Jack George
Room Ashton and Overall Winner

Mackenzie Wing
Room Waterton

Harper Stoddart
Room Eiffelton

Carter Smith
Library Class

Tilly Lovell
Room Flemington



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