



Longbeach School

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Thursday 30th November 2023

Longbeach School

Everyone Reaching for the Stars



What's coming up.....

TERM 4

Week 9

Monday 4th December

- BOT Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 7th December

- Subway (Final one for the year)

Week 10

Monday 11th December

- Year 8's leave for Queenstown

Tuesday 12th December

- Year 8's return from Queenstown

Wednesday 13th December

- Prizegiving 6.00pm at
The Ashburton Event Centre

Thursday 14th December

- Lake Hood Fun Day!

Friday 15th December

- Last day for 2023!

Welcome



Henry Bell & Alice Shera

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



Merry Christmas

Newsletter

This will be our last Community newsletter
for 2023.

All of us here at Longbeach School would like to
wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a happy
New Year!

A big thankyou to our newsletter sponsors listed
on the back page.

Please remember to support them all.

LOST PROPERTY!

Please remember to check out the
Lost Property bin before the end of the year!

Located outside Room Willowby on the verandah
(Junior block)

It is overflowing with clothing and a few other
bits and pieces.

Any unclaimed items on the last day of school will be
binned and uniforms will be washed and donated to
the Home & School to sell.

Thank you.

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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

SCHOOL BUS VESTS

Could all students please return their bus vests,
washed, back to the school office
by **Tuesday 12th December**,
Thanks.

These will be re-issued to
students again in the first week
back to school next year.



From the Principal...



Kia Ora,

Well, it is nearly over for another year, and we have had a busy year and have made some significant improvements along the way. We have made great progress with implementing the Depth & Complexity Framework, a set of tools to facilitate deeper thinking about concepts and ideas. This would not have been possible without the considerable dedication of our excellent staff. Thank you, everyone, for a great year at Longbeach School.

Our 2024 team lineup

- Room Willowby - Mrs Jaz McCully
- Room Ashton - Mrs Sarah Lovell (DP Release Michelle O'Connell)
- Room Waterton - Miss Kacee Green (PRT Release Hayley Price)
- Room Eiffleton - Mrs Debbie Boon & Mrs Emma Bonnington
- Room Flemington - Mrs Catherine Mackenzie & Miss Rennae Taylor
- Room Huntingdon - Miss Harriett Sutton
- Our wonderful teacher aides, Karyn Fleming, Sophia Cramond, Sarah Morrow & Catherine Inglis
- Our excellent admin and environment team, Debbie Roulston and Graham Stevens.

We will soon send out our class lists. Some students will be changing classrooms, and some will not. Sometimes, when a child is not changing rooms, the question is asked: Does that mean they are being held back? This is not the case, as each child works at their level. There is no repeating of a level or set curriculum for a Year Group. In each class, there are ability groups regardless of their year level. Students are grouped based on their needs in particular areas. Groups often change throughout the day in a class as they move from subject to subject. We are continually assessing the needs of the students and adjusting groups as necessary. You will see a mixture of genders and year levels within class groups. This grouping process is called differentiated learning. Differentiated learning means learning at different levels based on the needs of the learners. There is no set curriculum for a year level. It is all about needs-based teaching.

Consequently, the students set goals to work towards the New Zealand Curriculum Achievement Levels. The first step in goal-setting will be at the start of the year in our 3-way conferences.

Next year, we will start the year with 3-Way-Conferences on Tuesday, the 30th of January, 2024. Classes will begin on Wednesday, the 31st of January, 2024. Information on how to book your 3-Way Conference will come out with the class lists.

If you cannot do this, please call the office, and we can book it for you.

Stationery

Next year's stationery packs will be available from **Paper Plus Ashburton**. Paper Plus will have classroom packs already made up, these will be available from the New Year.



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LB Stars & Academic Awards...

LB STARS/ACADEMIC AWARD — Term 4 Week 7

	LB Star	Academic Award
Room Willowby	Macey Kruger Janneke Van Leeuen	Leo Price- for his effort he puts into learning his alphabet letter names and names. Ronan-O'Brien- for the effort he puts into his writing.
Room Lynnford	None this week	None this week
Room Ashton	None this week	None this week
Room Waterton	Angus Rickard	Ruby Kingsbury- For choosing to challenge yourself in your writing and applying poetic techniques independently.
Room Eiffelton	Ollie Haugh Kaden Arras	Dayton Horne - for using a variety of reading strategies to solve new words. Kase Stoddart - for making excellent learning choices. You are focused, on task and thinking about how to improve your work.
Room Flemington	Jack Rickard	Flynn Hill- For using a range of great language features to enhance your writing and engage your reader. Dakota Stewart- For your fantastic reading results! Dakota, you are reading more expressions and can confidently comprehend what you have read. Even those tricky inference questions.
Room Huntingdon	None this week	None this week



Macey



Janneke



Angus



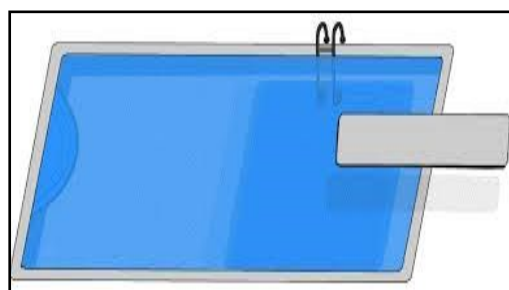
Ollie



Kaden



Jack



The **Willowby Community pool**
is now open!

This year the locks have been changed so we have new keys, if you wish to secure one please contact:

Biddy MacKenzie Ph 022 641-6573 or email wellsbiddy@gmail.com

Keys this season are \$100.00 and this includes the cost of the new key.

You can pay into the following bank account
number: 03 0835 0010338 00

Willowby Community Pool Committee

From the Board...

Kia Ora Whanau

Its crazy to believe we have reached the pointy end of 2023! However as the weather warms its time to reflect on another year.

For the Longbeach School BOT 2023 has largely been BAU, supporting Neil and his team to continue to provide the high level of education that we are renowned for. It has been a year of seeing the projects completed used effectively and a year of seeing our school values and mission further embedded into the fabric of our every day life.

From the board we offer our thanks to Neil and the Team for their dedication to not only the education of our Tamariki but the deep rooted sense of community that is vibrant throughout our school.

I personally enjoy seeing so many faces taking on new challenges – be they curriculum, cultural or sporting based and watching the sense of achievement coming across faces. My congratulations to each student who has stepped outside their comfort zone this year, learning comes in many forms however challenging your boundaries is key to growing into brilliant young people.

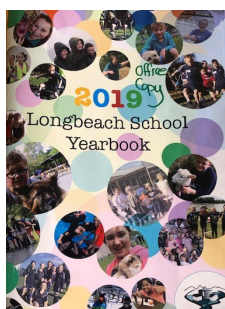
To the Year 6's and 8's moving on to their next stage – the BOT wish you all the best and encourage you to embody the values and skills you've learned from Longbeach School as you take your next steps. I've thoroughly enjoyed watching the journey of many of you, look forward to seeing you around our community and encourage you all to stop me for a chat wherever we may meet next.

Enjoy the warmer weather, whatever your summer vice may be – stay safe, have a great holiday and bring on 2024.

Seasons greetings.

Richard Wood

Presiding Member, Longbeach School Board of Trustees.



SCHOOL YEARBOOK 2023!

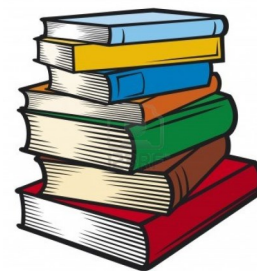
Don't miss out on your copy of this years awesome Yearbook!

Only \$15.00 each.

Order forms available from the office.

Please return the form back to the school office with your payment or pay online into the school bank account by

Friday 8th December
Bank account No: 03 0835 0237508 000



Library Books

We will be undertaking our usual cleanup and assessing books over the next couple of weeks.

Can all parents and caregivers please have an extra good hunt around to find any missing library books your children may have and return them back to school.

**Thank you
Sophia**

Room Waterton...

In Room Waterton's writing this term we have been learning about different styles of poetry. We have focussed on rhyme, repetition and acrostic poems. We wrote about a variety of topics and want to share some of these with you.

Spring

The sun in Spring is so bright.

It shines like a lovely light.

Lambs run and love to play.

I could watch them play all day

By Angus

Baby Animals

The lambs play

All day

The calves moo

In the sky so blue

The birds sing

What a beautiful thing

By Kate

Creative constructions made of lego

On the slide we went down

Up went the big gumboot

Next year I hope the course is bigger again

The end was bad because the fun was done

Red cupcakes I saw

Yes yummy food

Dunking our heads for apples

A dad cake was cool

Yay for a fun day

By Ariaiah

Athletics was fun.

Trying my best.

High jump was great.

Long Jump was hard.

Easy peezy lemon squeezezy.

The discus I got third.

It was super duper hot.

Bold ice blocks.

Cold ice block

Sausages and bread.

By Bailey



Springtime

Lambs come in Spring.

They love to sing.

Baby cows come too.

They love to moo.

By Hannah

In the playground of dreams I saw...

Three flying swings. Zooming back and forward.

In the playground of dreams I saw...

Five noisy children. Hanging on the monkey bars.

In the playground of dreams I saw...

Eight big rock walls. Standing proudly in the sun.

By Ruby and Max M

Cool person

Apples are my favourite fruit

Loves to learn about dinosaurs

Eats everything in sight

Blonde short hair

By Caleb

School Notices...

Longbeach School

Prize Giving 2023

*at the Ashburton Trust Events Centre
211 Wills Street, Ashburton*

Wednesday 13th December

Doors open at 5.30pm. Please be seated for a 6.00pm start.

Children will sit with their class near the front.

Children are to wear their normal school uniform, but are also most welcome to wear a Christmas themed hat or headband if they choose.

At the conclusion of the evening, please collect your children from the foyer.

See you on the night!

Any questions, please contact Sarah Lovell on 302 6643 or email on sarah.lovell@longbeach.school.nz



MT HUTT 2024 PASSES

Off the back of another great winter, we're excited to offer the Mt Hutt Local Schools Season Pass again for 2024!

As in previous years, the Local Schools Season Pass offers access to all NZSki mountains, including Coronet Peak, The Remarkables and Mt Hutt for the duration of the 2024 winter season.

Age permutations for adults remain at 16 years and up for our standard products. However, for local schools we are continuing to offer child rates to students who be aged 16-18 years of age as of the 1st of June 2024 if they are still in attendance at an eligible local school. The Local School Pass will be available to purchase until **Friday 31st May 2024**, after which point, the pass will not be available to purchase.

As per, upon the close of sale for the Local School Season Pass, we will be in touch with each school to confirm that the students we have noted as attending your school are registered with you. We very much appreciate your help and support on this to ensure that we can continue to provide discounted rate passes to local students.

Pricing for 2024 remains the same as in 2023 and is \$139 for the Primary School Pass and \$219 for the Secondary School Pass. To purchase, you can find the online links below.

**Local School Primary School Pass (Up to Year 8) - [Mt Hutt Local Primary School Pass - Elevate](#)
Local School Secondary School Pass - [Mt Hutt Local Secondary School Pass - Elevate](#)**

If parents do have any questions, please advise them to email us on hello@mthutt.co.nz, or they can call us on 03 308 5074. Our summer hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm, with public holidays observed.

Home & School...

They say time flies when you're having fun and we can definitely attest to this. We've had so much fun in our 3 year's as the Longbeach Home & School Committee.

Our final year has certainly flown by, yet it only feels like last week that we were at the Family Fun Day. It was great weather and an amazing turn out. It was also our Term 1 Fundraiser with our prize hamper raffle. Thanks to all of you for your donations and we raised just over \$3000 which was a great way to start the year.

We then had our CCC orders and Angel Bay Pattie fundraisers which were another great success and again well supported and we raised \$2400. Then before we knew it we were in Term 3 and with the generous donation of grocery items from school families we catered a Lions Dinner which helped us raise another \$1200.

Heading into the final term for the school year and our last fundraiser as the current Home & School committee, we've got an exciting Prize night raffle planned with some amazing prizes to be won. So make sure you all remember to bring some cash on prize night.

During our time as the committee, we've been continually thankful for the great school community we have and the support we receive for all of our fundraisers. It's helped us support funding for School Camps, Sphero Kits, Winter Games, Honours Board, School House Board, Outdoor Shade Umbrellas, prize giving pens, sunscreen, tissues and much more.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our past 3 years as the Longbeach Home & School committee, but now it's time for us to step down and welcome the incoming committee of Laura George, Leigh Shera, Hannah Bell and Emma Bonnington. We wish the ladies all the best in their fundraising endeavours. I'm sure it will give them confidence in knowing they have the support of all the parents and Caregivers at Longbeach school. It's working together as a team, that enables us to achieve what we do and fund the projects we can at the school.

We sincerely thank you all and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024.

Festive wishes,

Heather, Jemma, Kylie and Amber

REMEMBER TO BRING SOME CASH FOR THE

PRIZEGIVING NIGHT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

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\$5 EACH

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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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Mon 8th Jan: Stamps

Wed 10th Jan: Phone Stand

Wed 17th Jan: Treasure Box

Fri 19th Jan: Star Lantern

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Suitable for participants aged 8-15 years old. Minimum age requirement of 8 years old applies. Terms and Conditions apply.



ON THE MOVE



Ashburton Library will soon be moving into our new building, Te Whare Whakaterere. Here's a few things you need to know!

> OLD LIBRARY CLOSES 4pm, Sunday 31 December

> NEW LIBRARY OPENS 8.30am, Monday 22 January

Why are you closing?

The three-week closure will allow us to move over 60,000 books (and other items) to the new building. Make sure you come and stock up on books before we close the doors on 31 December!

How can I access the internet or printing services?

Wi-Fi will still be available during the closure at the old library building. You will need to be parked or seated nearby to connect. Printing and scanning can be done at Warehouse Stationery or PaperPlus.

Where can I return my books?

Books issued before the closure will not be due back until we open in the new building. You'll still be able to return books to us at any time via the return slot at the entrance of the old library building.

What if I run out of books?

Through your library membership you have free access to a vast selection of e-books, audiobooks, music, and videos suitable for all ages. Explore what's available on our website.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new space!

Find out more ashburtonlibrary.co.nz

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WEEK

Create Christmas crafts at our craft table, try our Christmas themed I-Spy competition or take time out to play a board game. available any time!

Tuesday 19th - 10:30am
Wriggle & Read Christmas special.
(ages 0-4)

Wednesday 20th - 7:15pm
Ashburton Silver Band join us for our
Family Christmas Story Time

Thursday 21st - 10:30am
Preschool Christmas Story Time

Thursday 21st - 6:00pm
St Joseph's School Choir
6:30pm
Family Christmas Movie Night

Friday 22nd - 10:30am
Create Explore Discover
(ages 0-4)



DEC 18-22
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AGES 0-12

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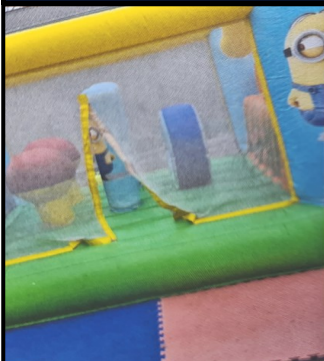
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