



Longbeach School

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Thursday 7th March 2024

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Everyone Reaching for the Stars

What's coming up.....

TERM 1

Week 7 Tuesday 12th March
- Senior Counties Swimming Sports at the EA Networks Centre starting at 12.00pm

Thursday 14th March
- Subway

Week 8 Thursday 21st March
- Newsletter
- Subway

Week 9 Thursday 28th March
- Subway

Friday 29th March
- Good Friday holiday

Week 10 Monday 1st April
- Easter Monday holiday

Tuesday 2nd April
- Easter Tuesday holiday

Thursday 4th April
- Newsletter
- Subway

Friday 5th April
- Longbeach Home & School Family Fun Day 3.30-5.30pm

Week 11 Monday 8th-Friday 12th April
- Junior Swimming Lessons at the EA Networks Centre

Thursday 11th April
- Subway

TERM 2

Week 1 Monday 29th April
- First day of Term 2

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Save the date for the.... Longbeach School

Family **FUN DAY!**

Friday 5th April 2024

Come along for some fun!

Longbeach School

3.30- 5.30pm

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 29th March—Good Friday Holiday
Monday 1st April—Easter Monday Holiday
Tuesday 2nd—Easter Tuesday Holiday
Monday 3rd June—Kings Birthday holiday
Friday 28th June—Matariki
Tuesday 3rd-Friday 6th September—Year 7/8 Glentanner camp
Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October—School Photos
Monday 28th October—Labour Day holiday
Wednesday 30th October—Friday 1st November Year 5/6 Woodend camp
Friday 15th November—Canterbury Anniversary Day
Monday 16th December—Prizegiving night
Tuesday 17th December—Lake Hood Fun Day!

From the Principal...

Kia ora

We have had another fantastic couple of weeks at Longbeach School and have ticked off a few significant events. Congratulations to all those who took part in our Cluster Swimming Sports. Seeing all the swimmers in action was fabulous; all did exceptionally well. From this, several students qualified to attend the Counties Swimming event on Tuesday the 12th of March 2024.

Term 2 Sabbatical

I have been fortunate enough to be awarded a TeachNZ sabbatical for Term 2 and will be travelling to Canada to attend the ULead Conference and visit some schools in Calgary. I am looking forward to this experience as it is an excellent opportunity to learn about the Canadian schooling system and see what best practices we can adopt to improve our school. During my absence, Sarah Lovell will be the Acting Principal. This is an excellent opportunity for Sarah to take the helm and grow her leadership skills.

Attendance

Going to school is critical for our children's futures. The evidence is clear that every day of school matters, and missing school leads to lower achievement. In Aotearoa, New Zealand, learners are expected to attend school every day the school is open – yet many don't. Our attendance rates are falling and are worse than in other comparable countries. In 2022, the regular attendance at primary schools in New Zealand dropped to 42 per cent. The total for 2023 data is not available until April; however, in Term 2023, it was only 45%. So, the poor attendance trend seems to be continuing.

So far this year, Longbeach School has had 71% of students attending regularly, 90% plus of the time. The primary reason for students' absences is that they take a day off or are on holiday during school time.

We would like to see 90% of students attending regularly and present more than 90% of the time. This way, the students are given the best chance to achieve highly.

Attending 90% of the time still allows for five days of sickness or appointments each 50-school-day term, so there is plenty of scope to allow for illness or appointments.

Neil Simons

Year 7/8 Hardball cricket competition

Our cricket players had a fantastic day last Tuesday in the Year 7/8 hardball cricket festival. The team came away from 3 games with wins and it was great seeing the boys getting stuck into the tournament and displaying terrific sportsmanship, great communication and admittedly some creative (but friendly) sledging. Thanks to Toni Durham for coming along and helping coach the team—your expertise was very much appreciated!



LB Stars & Academic Awards...

LB STARS/ACADEMIC AWARD — Term 1 Week 5

Room Willowby	Daisy Kelly	Tom Martin - For showing dedication to his handwriting.
Room Ashton	Indie Stoddart	Annabel George - For reading with fluency and comprehension.
Room Waterton	Heidi Fitzgibbon	Margot MacKenzie - For your perfectly edited punctuation in writing!
Room Eiffelton	Nyola Kumkee	Dylan Blom - A wonderful start to Prime Maths. You have a great understanding of Place Value.
Room Flemington	Beatrice Pottinger	Jack Meadows - For your fantastic thoughts and ideas in your writing. You are working hard at elaborating your ideas with significant detail.
Room Huntingdon	No LB Star this week	Declan Robinson - For using effective cross hatching in this portrait art sketch.



Daisy



Indie



Heidi



Nyola



Beatrice

LB STARS/ACADEMIC AWARD — Term 1 Week 6

	LB Star	Academic Award
Room Willowby	Eloise Mackenzie	Macey Kruger - For writing all the sounds you can hear in your words you are writing.
Room Ashton	Ben McKerchar	Emma Everest - For reading with fluency and confidence.
Room Waterton	Harry Shera	Brodie Clucas - For your fantastic accuracy of estimations in Maths.
Room Eiffelton	Evie Collins	Chhiring Sherpa - For a wonderful written narrative full
Room Flemington	Zara Redwood	Eva Gill - For your fantastic knowledge in maths, particularly around comparing mass in kilograms.
Room Huntingdon	James Molloy	Henry Pottinger - For making a deep text to text connection through discussing themes apparent in various text with the support of depth and complexity icons .



Eloise



Ben



Harry



Evie



Zara



James

Senior Cluster Swimming Sports Results...



Well done to all of our students who took part in the Senior Cluster Swimming Sports held at the Ashburton EA Networks Pool on Wednesday 21st February. The following students were placed. The top two placed in every event will go through to Counties swimming sports which will be held on Tuesday 12th March at the EA Networks Centre.

YEAR 5 GIRLS 50M FREESTYLE

1st McKenzie Wing
3rd Hilary Fitzgibbon

YEAR 5 BOYS 50M FREESTYLE

2nd Hugo Stoddart

YEAR 6 GIRLS 50M FREESTYLE

3rd Faye Blom

YEAR 6 BOYS 50M FREESTYLE

3rd Jack Rickard
4th Kase Stoddart

YEAR 7 GIRLS 50M FREESTYLE

1st Sammy Wood
3rd Violet McKay

YEAR 7 BOYS 50M FREESTYLE

2nd Carter Smith

YEAR 5 BOYS 50M BREASTROKE

1st Hugo Stoddart
4th Lucas Smith

YEAR 6 GIRLS 50M BREASTROKE

1st Beatrice Pottinger
3rd Harper Jansen
4th Faye Blom

YEAR 6 BOYS 50M BREASTROKE

3rd Jack Rickard
4th Kase Stoddart

YEAR 7 GIRLS 50M BREASTROKE

1st Sammy Wood

YEAR 7 BOYS 50M BREASTROKE

2nd Carter Smith
4th Flynn Hill

YEAR 8 BOYS 50M BREASTROKE

4th Henry Pottinger

YEAR 5 GIRLS 50M BACKSTROKE

1st McKenzie Wing

YEAR 6 GIRLS 50M BACKSTROKE

1st Emma Molloy
3rd Faye Blom

YEAR 6 BOYS 50M BACKSTROKE

3rd Jack Rickard
4th Hunter Anderson

YEAR 7 GIRLS 50M BACKSTROKE

1st Sammy Wood
2nd Violet McKay

YEAR 7 BOYS 50M BACKSTROKE

2nd Carter Smith
3rd Flynn Hill

YEAR 8 BOYS 50M BACKSTROKE

2nd Henry Pottinger
3rd Hunter Illingworth

YEAR 5 GIRLS 25M FREESTYLE

1st Eva Gill
2nd Freja Gill

YEAR 6 GIRLS 25M FREESTYLE

1st Emma Molloy
3rd Faye Blom

YEAR 6 BOYS 25M FREESTYLE

4th Ryan Price

YEAR 7 GIRLS 25M FREESTYLE

2nd Hayley Skevington

YEAR 7 BOYS 25M FREESTYLE

1st Beau Kirwan
2nd Nixon Quaid
3rd Cameron Macdonald

YEAR 8 BOYS 25M FREESTYLE

1st Hunter Illingworth
2nd George Lash
3rd Fergus Durham
4th Edward White

YEAR 5 GIRLS 25M BREASTROKE

2nd Harriet White
4th Mya Meadows

YEAR 5 BOYS 25M BREASTROKE

3rd Jack McKerchar

YEAR 6 BOYS 25M BREASTROKE

2nd Jack Meadows

YEAR 7 BOYS 25M BREASTROKE

2nd Beau Kirwan
4th Keegan Durham

YEAR 8 GIRLS 25M BREASTROKE

2nd Asha Clarke

YEAR 8 BOYS 25M BREASTROKE

1st Fergus Durham
2nd Edward White

YEAR 5 GIRLS 25M BACKSTROKE

1st Eva Gill
3rd Freja Gill
4th Hilary Fitzgibbon

YEAR 5 BOYS 25M BACKSTROKE

3rd Camden Hill

YEAR 6 GIRLS 25M BACKSTROKE

1st Zahliah Edwards
4th Harper Stoddart

YEAR 6 BOYS 25M BACKSTROKE

2nd Kase Stoddart
4th Kaden Arras

YEAR 7 GIRLS 25M BACKSTROKE

2nd Hayley Skevington

YEAR 7 BOYS 25M BACKSTROKE

2nd Nixon Quaid
3rd Cameron Macdonald

YEAR 8 BOYS 25M BACKSTROKE

1st George Lash
2nd Fergus Durham
3rd Louie Woodford
4th Declan Robinson

MIXED RELAY YEAR 5 25X4

1st Longbeach School
Freja Gill, McKenzie Wing,
Hugo Stoddart & Lucas Smith

MIXED RELAY YEAR 6 25X4

1st Longbeach School
Zahliah Edwards, Harper
Jansen, Kase Stoddart &
Jack Rickard

MIXED RELAY YEAR 7 25X4

1st Longbeach School
Sammy Wood, Violet McKay,
Carter Smith & Flynn Hill

MIXED RELAY YEAR 8 25X4

3rd Longbeach School
Braxton Stoddart, George
Lash, Asha Clarke & Sammy
Wood

Room Huntingdon...

Portrait Art

We used a **variety of materials** to create our portrait art. This created a layered look in the completed pieces.

- Spray Paint
- Acrylic Paint
- Paint pens in various colours

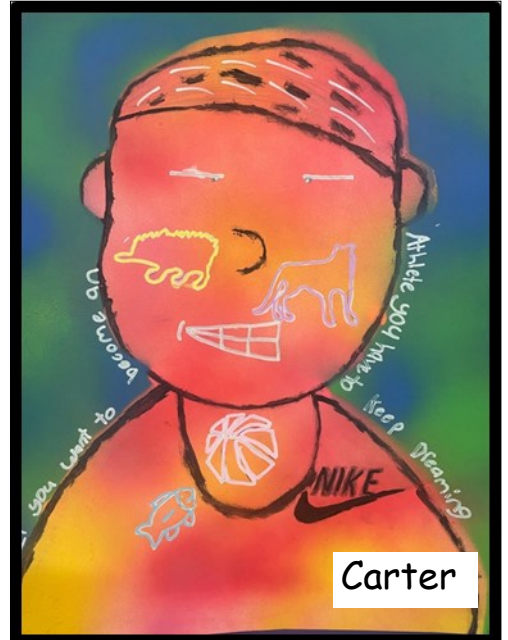


Visual Metaphors... Metaphors and symbolism in artworks are subjective, personal and cultural. They do not necessarily symbolise the same thing to different people!

Keegan



Room Huntingdon children have been busy starting their year off with portraiture art work.

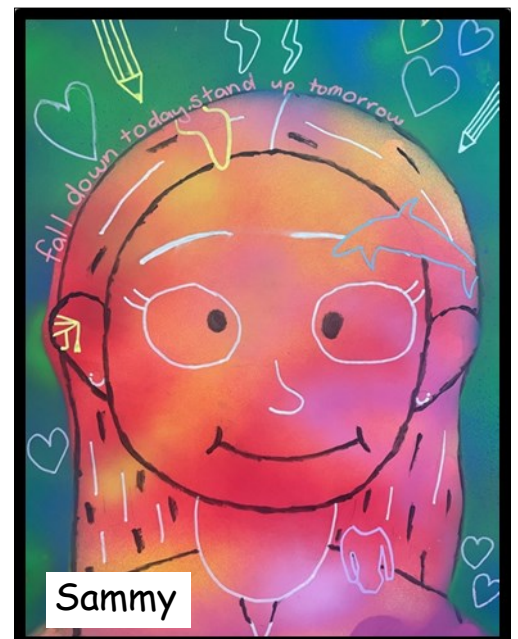


We studied the effects cool and warm colour tones have on a piece of art work.

Fergus



We also learnt about symbolism and visual metaphors. We researched symbols that we felt related to our personal identity and included these in our portraits.





6—C's Awards



Presented at assembly on 1st March

	<i>Piwakawaka</i>	<i>Kahu</i>
<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Alice Shera</i> - For being respectful towards others, hardworking and can be relied upon in the classroom. Alice, you are self-disciplined and are able to manage yourself in a range of situations. You have a sense of fairness and are kind and thoughtful to those around you.	<i>Ruby Kingsbury</i> - For being a focused independent learner who takes on feedback and produces work that she can be proud of.
<i>Character</i>	<i>Ruby Meadows</i> - For showing compassion and empathy towards everyone at Longbeach school.	<i>Faye Blom</i> - For always being actively involved in our classroom community. Faye, you are responsible, respectful of all and always make sure everyone is looked after.
<i>Collaboration</i>	<i>Leo Thomas</i> - For your curious inquisitive open minded nature with your learning. Leo, you confidently think outside the box and can analyze ideas and concepts to solve problems. You ask relevant, in-depth questions until you are satisfied with the answer.	<i>Jack Rickard</i> - For your inquisitive nature and inquiring mind in all aspects of your learning. Jack, you are open minded towards learning new skills and ideas and always looking at things from a different perspective.
<i>Critical Thinking</i>	<i>Addison Wing</i> - For being a kind and inclusive friend. You are adaptive and willing to work alongside any of your peers.	<i>Keegan Durham</i> - For fostering a positive environment alongside other members of the Mid Canterbury sporting community by supporting others to achieve and feel success.
<i>Communication</i>	<i>Akio Chen</i> - For communicating with clarity and confidence.	<i>Oscar Kelly</i> - For sharing your knowledge with the class. You ask thoughtful questions to extend your own learning and the learning of others. You have such an enquiring mind.
<i>Creativity</i>	<i>Arthur Everest</i> - For the time and effort you put into creating a well executed piece of art.	<i>Asha Clarke</i> - For following her passion in music and gaining a position in the 2024 Music Festival Representative Choir.

Community Notices...



School Lunch Ideas

Wednesday
March 13
6.30 - 7.30pm

Ashburton Public Library

SOUTHERN NETBALL

-YEAR 7 & YEAR 8- TRIALS

DATE: 3RD APRIL 2024

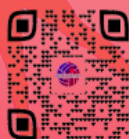
PLACE: EA NETWORKS

TIME: 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

REGISTER VIA SPOR TY BEFORE TRIALS

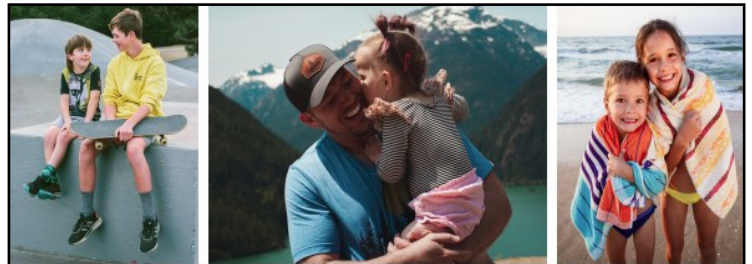
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ANY ENQUIRIES, CONTACT OUR JUNIOR COORDINATORS

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Incredible Years® Parenting Programme

Date, Time & Location*

14 week programme
12 March - 25 June 2024
(with 2 week break for school holidays)

Tuesdays - 9.30 am - 11.45 am
Tinwald Plains Function Room
20 Maronan Road, Tinwald, Ashburton

Registration

Erin Sturman - Ministry of Education
incredibleyears.canterbury@education.govt.nz

NB: Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Waitlist and referrals are managed by the Ministry of Education.

Course Details

Incredible Years is a parenting programme for parents of 3-8 year old children who would love to connect with other parents and learn some new parenting strategies.

Outcomes you should expect:

- » Building a closer bond between you and your child/children.
- » Growing your child's social and emotional skills so that they can make friends and manage those BIG emotions!
- » Understand your child's learning and help them persist with challenging tasks.

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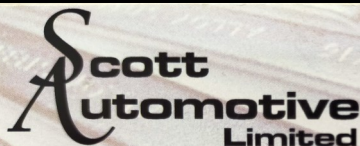
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