

Te Kura o Karere—LONGBURN SCHOOL

‘Pūmanawa ai ki te ara pai’.

Newsletter - 16th October 2025

From the desk of the Principal...

PET / COUNTRY DAY....

We are looking forward to holding this again this year, with a few activities being introduced and the events being held on a Friday and Saturday. This year will see us having stalls/games included and an opportunity for more whānau to come along on at least one day due to it falling on the weekend rather than both days as school days. A draft programme was sent home a little while ago, with the final one coming home next week (updated times for the Saturday, and a few other additions in regards to the outline of the day and expectations included). Keep an eye out for the paper copy and also on our Facebook page. Any questions then please contact me for the answer.

CHILDREN’S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION...

We are excited to be able to celebrate the graduation of 15 of our registered Children’s University students at the Graduation ceremony being held at the Regent Theatre on Thursday the 27th of November. We initially had 21 students register to participate, with some not managing to gain enough credits this year to graduate. Their credits, along with those graduating this year, will be carried forward for 2026.

It is amazing to think that three of our students will be being awarded the GOLD Certificate, two of whom have only been participating this year. Quite an achievement!!! No spoilers at this stage as to who is graduating and at what level. Details will be released to the students and their whānau first before being shared wider.

THE TEACHER STRIKE is going ahead on the 23rd of October...

The BoT has decided that, due to insufficient onsite supervision for children on the day of the strike, that the school will be closed on Thursday the 23rd of October. Most of the staff from our kura will be participating in the strike. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this creates for you as parents/whānau of children in our kura.

If you are **able to support the strike** then we would love for you to **join us to take action**. At 11:15am everyone is to meet at the Railway Land Reserve, Church Street, Palmerston North Central and march down Church Street to the Square, around the Square and then gather on grassland by cenotaph where we will proceed with event, speakers, etc. We are hoping that we can send a very strong message to our Government about better resourcing for better outcomes.

SCHOOL PHOTOS....

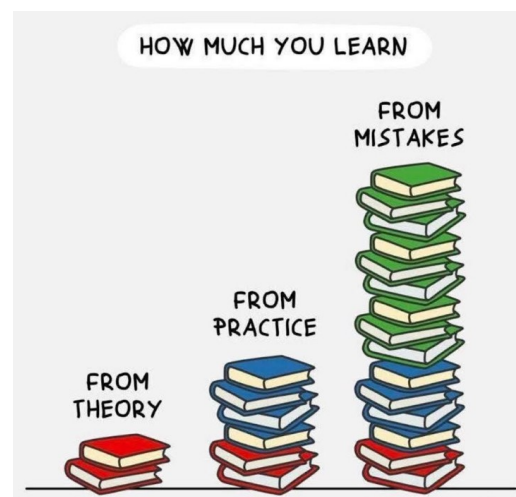
These are booked for the 4th November. Order forms, per family, will be sent home next week. We have a postponement date set for 6th November, just in case the weather is gnarly, as we like to have the photos taken outside. Remember that pre-schoolers can have their photo taken with their siblings that attend the school. These are usually arranged to be taken first thing, before the class photos.

END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING.... More details to follow, but mark your calendar for 11th December, 6pm.



Jo Emerson
The very Proud Principal of
Longburn School

‘It really does take a whole village to raise a child’.



School Community Officer

Kia ora,

I'm Constable Nikita, your School Community Officer for the Palmerston North Area.

I've been in this role for just over a month and I'm already seeing first hand what an incredibly rewarding position it is – I truly enjoy working with our schools to support positive engagement and learning! I've been a Police Officer for the past 12 years working across several different workgroups, including on the frontline.

As your School Community Officer, I'm here to build strong relationships with the wider school community and offer key support, including:

- Providing tailored crime prevention advice for students, staff, and whānau.
- Delivering valuable police educational programmes on topics like online safety, Keeping Ourselves Safe, and road safety.
- Being a consistent, friendly police presence in your school community.

I was born and raised in the Chatham Islands and I have been living in the Manawātū for many years with my husband and children.

I look forward to meeting you all. Please say hi if you see me around and don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help to your school community.



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PB4L weekly focusCongratulations to the following:

Week 1 focus for was **Out of Bounds**. At Longburn School this means knowing the areas of safety in our school and making sure we stay within these. If we see anyone go out of bounds we notify a teacher immediately. We also let a teacher know if equipment goes out of bounds. Following the out of bounds rules keeps us and others safe.

Pukeko: Aroha for always being able to kindly share to new students where they are meant to be
Piwakawaka: Archie for letting new students know of our school's out of bounds areas.

Kiwi: Scarlett for checking to make sure herself and others are where they are meant to be.

Kea: Marshall for having a good understanding of our school's out of bounds areas.

Kereru: Ray for making sure we all stay safe

DIARY DATES to remember...

October

20th The Gathering, 6.30pm held at school
23rd Teachers Strike Action—School closed
27th Labour Day—School closed
31st Pet Day Creations

November

1st Pet/Country Day—animals onsite
4th School Photos
6th School Photos postponement date if bad weather
5th School Athletics
7th Whole School Assembly
4th Te Kāwau Athletics

December

5th TK Ki-o-rahi
11th Awards Evening
12th Last day of school year

The City to Sea Rail Trail - Manawatu

Find out about the Rail Trail project and how it relates to you.

Join the Trustee's for ONE hour, Wednesday 12th November.

We will give an overview of the project then open the floor for a group discussion. Giving you the opportunity to hear about the project, discuss thoughts, concerns, ask questions and share ideas. Alleviating any Chinese whispers, gossip, or fake news!!

Together, we can shape a project that honours our past, enriches our present, and builds a legacy for generations to come.

Wednesday November 12th 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Rangiotu Hall

RSVP: bandcdtrust@gmail.com

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SCHOOLWIDE SHARING

Hub 1 Active Learning Term 4

Physical Science

Chemistry

We have been experimenting with chemical reactions in chemistry. We have used red cabbage to make an indicator solution and then looked at what happens when we add an acid or a base.



Physics

Astronomy



Earth Science

Paleontology

Geology



Life Science

Biology



KEA CLASS.... It has been a lively start to the term, with excitement building for athletics, pet and country day and of course Christmas! Kea class has discussed and created their S.M.A.R.T learning goals and we are ready to explore and work towards them in term four!

Week one was instrumental in revising our expectations of each other and reconnecting as a class after the recent break. What better way to do this than with a S.T.E.M challenge. Kea class were challenged with making a paper roller coaster to race a marble down with only 10 sheets of newspaper and 30 cm of sellotape! This was an enjoyable way to not only reconnect but to revise our science capabilities and what we had learnt about forces.



This term we celebrate and acknowledge our strengths, Longburn school has always done this, however this term we build on this by really examining our strengths. Note our amazing model beside our strength wall! We invite classmates and whānau to pop in and share your child's strengths. Through knowing what our strengths are we can overcome challenges and use them to shine and support others.

Feel free to email me the strengths of your child and we will add them to the strengths wall. As you know you can contact me at graemekeane@longburn.school.nz.

Voting in the elections...

Last week, we held an election in Kereru. It was just like the public vote, but just within our own class. First we had a look at who the candidates were and what they had to offer. We all wrote down some key points about them and what we liked or didn't like. After that we had put them in order of the ones we had liked from 1 to 13.



We chose a few people to be the election officials and an electoral officer and two people to be journalists.

One at a time, we got taken out of the classroom and got the chance to vote. As we were voting, an election official was sorting the next person's papers (their voting paper and their notes about the candidates), so when they came to vote everything would be ready.

Once the voting paper was completed, it was dropped into our sealed ballot box and it became part of the total anonymous count. The box remained secured until the close of the election. On Monday morning, the box was opened (unsealed) and our votes were counted by the electoral team. This process ensured the privacy of the vote and determined the outcome of the election.



Our electoral officer led the election team, setting up room for the voting and making sure we had respectful and fair voting. They made sure the voting box was sealed when voting and made sure the counting of the votes was done correctly. It was interesting for us all to learn about the candidates and to take part in the voting process.

Report by Royal and Avalon.

Parliament visit...

One of our senior students, Emma, has a passion for leadership and has a drive to make a change for the benefit of those around her. Inspired by this, Ms Emerson got in touch with Tangi Utikere, our local MP, and together they arranged for a small group to head to parliament for a day.

Last Wednesday, 8th October, was the day. We started with a meeting with Tangi in the Labour Caucus room where he told us all about life as a politician and how painfully slow the path to making change can be in politics.

We had a tour of various places around the parliament precinct, sat in the big green chairs of the debating chamber, and pretended to be the prime minister giving a press conference in the Beehive's "theatrette".

We finished the day sitting in the Speakers' Gallery watching question time. Wow! That was interesting! So much talking over the top of each other. Their behaviour was not what our students expected from grown adults, let alone politicians. Quite an eye opener!!

