

# Te Kura o Karere—LONGBURN SCHOOL

‘Pūmanawa ai ki te ara pai’.

Newsletter - 6th November 2025

*From the desk* of the Principal...

**WELCOME....** We have had a steady flow of future New Entrants having their before school visits, prior to starting school on the first day of term 1 2026. Cleo and Colette Allen (Amelia and Kurt’s twin sisters), Te Araroa Iti (the Allen children’s cousin), Octavia Henderson, Amilee Lambert-Mokole , Ginny Tocker (Archie and Bryn’s sister) and Alexandra Ebsworth. A very warm welcome to them all, and their respective whānau, to our Longburn School community. We look forward to having you join us.

**PET / COUNTRY DAY....** What a fantastic two days we had for our Pet/Country Day last week. The children made some amazing creations on the Friday that were entered into their age group school competitions (Painted Rock, Decorated Sandsaucer, Vege Creation), along with those students who were unable to bring a pet or lamb/calf on the Saturday having the opportunity to enter a pet they created.

There was a smaller array of pets this year but interesting as usual. We even had a pet lizard.

The lamb and calves finished off the competition for the children, sharing the care and attention they had paid to their animals and being judged accordingly.

Thanks to all those who came along to either or both the days, to help or to support the children. Your efforts are appreciated by us all.

**ATHLETICS....** What a cracker of a day we had for this event. Couldn’t have asked for better weather. The children, as usual, all competed well and/or supported and cheered on their peers. I believe their were some personal bests made as well. Great organisation Mr Wu—Thanks.

It was, once again, great to see parents/caregivers who were able to come along to support their children. The Te Kāwau School Cluster Athletics Day is next Friday (14th of November). If your child achieved the benchmark to enable them to compete at this event then you will receive a notice from Mr Wu with the finer details of the event soon.

**TE KAWAU CLUSTER KI-O-RAHI ...** Some of our senior students will be participating in this event on the 6th of December at Baines School. They have been fortunate to have been able to access weekly training through Sport Manawatu (thanks Mr Wu for organising this). The children participating will have a notice sent home prior to the event seeking permission and support.

**END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING....** This will be taking place on the 11th of December, 6:30pm, at the Longburn Community Centre Hall (just over the ramp and to the right) from Longburn. This event sees us awarding our children in many different areas, from academic through to sporting achievements. We aim to have a more formal function this year, giving everyone an opportunity to ‘dress for the occasion’ as we roll out the red carpet. This is a big event for our children and one in which they really need your support to ensure they can make it (whether to receive an award or to celebrate with their peers that receive awards). We conclude with a supper which gives our community members an opportunity to mix and mingle before we head into the school break.

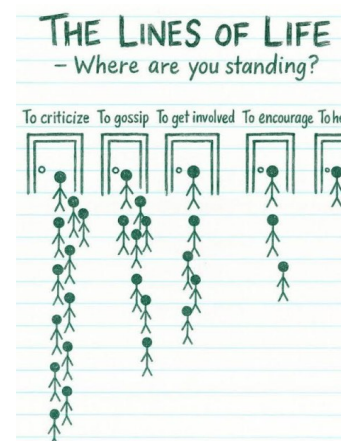
More information will be shared about this event soon.

**LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR...** We conclude the school year on Friday the 12th of December and return to start the new school year on the 26th of January. **We will be finishing school at 1pm on the last day**, along with having an optional late start to the day for those children who need this due to a slightly later night at the awards evening the night before.

**CLASSES AND TEACHERS FOR 2026...** We will be finalising these over the next few weeks and letting parents/caregivers know before the end of term where their child has been placed and who their teacher will be.

Jo Emerson

The very Proud Principal of Longburn School



Don't feel bad if your child doesn't like you today because you said no. Your job isn't to be liked. Your job is to raise a decent, respectable, kind, responsible human.

As able, please support the businesses that support us by *giving them your business*.

***It really does take a whole village to raise our children!!!***

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**PB4L weekly focus ....** Congratulations to the following:

**Week 2** focus was Communicating with others/ Asking for help – Using the SWEET .

Piwakawaka: Charlie for speaking to others respectfully.

Pukeko: Maddy for being confident and using a clear voice when sharing her needs with teacher.

Kiwi: Wolf for seeking out for help and trying hard to work through conflict using SWEET.

Kea: Leila for always being respectful and speaking politely to others.

**Week 3** focus was **Moving around the School**. When we move around the school we make sure we keep left, walk calmly and quietly. We look and notice others who are sharing the space and make sure we are being considerate of them. We move directly from place to place, keeping a safe gap between each other, and walking in single file. We look for others when opening and closing doors and hold the door for them if they want to come through. If someone holds the door for us or moves over to let us past we make sure we thank them. We enter and exit the buildings through our own class doors. We store our belongings safely in the corridors so others can move past and we notice and pick up any rubbish that has been left.

Kea: Serenity Kemp

Piwakawaka: Ted for always moving around the school sensibly.

Pukeko: Willow for making the right choices when walking around the school

Kereru: Darshiya

**Week 4** focus was about **taking care of our property**. Students understand that this means ensuring all of their belongings are kept neatly in their bags. It is also about remembering to close school bags once they have taken something out of them. Students also understand that they need to take off their shoes before entering the building and placing them carefully on the deck or neatly underneath their bags.

Kea: Flynn fFor taking excellent care of the bikes, computers and sporting equipment.

Piwakawaka: William S for always putting equipment away after using it.

Pukeko: Lewis for always making sure he has his items inside of his bag neatly

Kereru: Grace for always keeping our class in shape

## DIARY DATES to remember...

### November

7th Whole School Assembly  
12th Library bus  
14th Te Kāwau Athletics

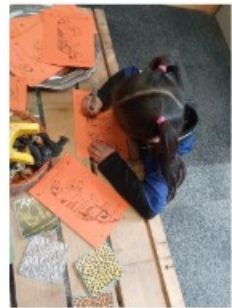
### December

3rd Library bus  
5th Te Kāwau Ki-o-rahi  
11th Awards Evening  
12th Last day of school year (school closes 1pm)

# SCHOOLWIDE SHARING

## Hub 1 Active Learning Term 4

### Creating



### At the Dentist

### Problem Solving

**Kea class....** The final term has arrived, and with it comes a flurry of energy, achievement, and celebration — Pet Day, athletics, and a host of special events that showcase our learners' hard work and community spirit.

Learners are investigating all manner of interesting things around them that connect us with each other, the natural environment, and Karere, Longburn through the arts, science, and literacy.

Being aware of their connections to place helps young learners understand who they are, where they belong, and how they fit within their community and environment. When children explore their connections to their local area — its people, stories, natural features, and history — they develop a stronger sense of identity, belonging, and responsibility.



As you all know Kea kids are a creative group who have enthusiastically embraced our dance unit and are having a wonderful time exploring movement to express emotions, care for the environment, and respond to music. Dance also supports children's wellbeing and builds confidence.

Most importantly we strive to make the learning experience fun, relevant and engaging and I think this has really helped boost attendance this term. Thank you all for your continued support of your children, our school and each other. If you can, please support our bake stall during Pet and Country Day.

**Hub2 - Learning from Horizons Scientists...** Over the past two weeks, we have been super lucky to have visits both weeks from Horizons staff that Mrs Gatehouse worked with last year during her STLP placement there.

Last week, Christina, one of the Horizons' **Environmental Educators** brought their "EnviroScapes" kit to show Piwakawaka, Kea and Kereru. Using the kit, she taught us about how the river gets polluted and what can be done to help reduce that pollution. We learned that keeping animals away from the edge of the river, and planting trees were two of the most important things that we can do. We also learned why it is important to wash your car away from drains, otherwise the detergents all go straight down out into the river, and that's not good for our river plants and animals.

Then this week, four of the scientists in the Horizons' Freshwater Team came to visit the school. They told us about the wonderful and weird biodiversity in our river (lamprey and mudfish are both really weird!). We heard about the different ways that Horizons scientists monitor the health of the river. We saw the type of nets that they use for trapping fish and tuna, and learned that our native fish really like the taste of seafood-flavoured cat treats! We also learned that by looking at the number and variety of fish and invertebrates in rivers and streams, you can tell how healthy or polluted they are.

**Thank you Horizons for supporting our students' learning!!**



### Enviro Group....

We are proudly part of the Paper 4 Trees programme, which sees our school recycling paper and cardboard daily. Once a year we supply data to Paper 4 Trees organisers in regards to how many skip bins are emptied in our school year. In return, we get to pick some native trees to plant around the school. The trees are donated by a local supplier (Manawatu Native Plant Nursey). This year we earned nine trees. Which were planted by the Enviro Team recently.



# SCHOOLWIDE SHARING...Athletics

