

NEWSLETTER 01/12

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Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Our new school year has begun and it has been a joy to see the enthusiasm students have shown toward being back at school. I have been very fortunate this week to spend a few days, with Julie Butler and two wonderful members of our school community, learning to be a Waterwise instructor. The positive support from the instructors and fellow students, and the expectation that we will give things a go, plus practise our skills and swot for our test, has been motivating. I've found being in the role of a student sailor has been both good fun and challenging!

Last year the student council surveyed the students about what it meant to be a positive learner and citizen of Long Bay Primary School. The staff combined the students' ideas with their own, plus considered values and key competencies within the NZ Curriculum, to develop the 'Long Bay Way.' Our Long Bay Way forms part of the school Citizenship and Behaviour Management Plan. As part of our school-wide theme of 'Participating and Contributing', the Long Bay Way is being formally introduced to our students this term, and it summarises 5 key behaviours for us as citizens of the Long Bay Primary learning community, as below:

The Long Bay Way

We accept learning challenges

We take responsibility for our own learning

We make appropriate choices

We show respect for ourselves, others, belongings and the environment

We celebrate success, both our own and others

Learning is fun, rewarding, often needs real effort and sometimes requires stepping out of your comfort zone – as I've found this week!

Accepting a learning challenge is our school wide focus to start 2012. Talk to your children about their learning, what things do they find challenging and what steps can they take (with support) to make their learning successful? You might even want to share your own learning challenges from when you were a child, or as an adult, with them (like learning to solve a mathematical problem, ride a horse or make the perfect pavlova!). Kids often enjoy hearing about their parents own experiences.

We have lots happening in the next couple of weeks and goal setting interviews at the end of February, so do have a good read of the notes in this newsletter.

Hopefully we will see many community members at the "give it a go sports afternoon" next Friday.

Enjoy the conversation with your kids.

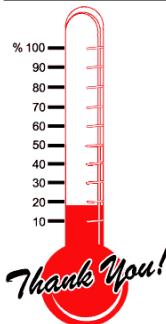
Kind Regards
Linda



An update on the Long Bay Primary Hall Project



Predicted cost for the school is at least \$170,000



Lots of progress was made with the hall renovation during the break – the extensive drainage work was completed, the old roof and much of the wooden framework was replaced, new flashings installed, a large portion of the floor (including joists) has been replaced and the old veranda was found to be poorly constructed and had to be demolished. Some of the work required has been more extensive than first thought – however we can now see real progress being made – including the new weatherboard cladding and brickwork.

Due to our required contribution for the renovation work, fundraising for the hall needs to be a real priority for our school. Our Buy a Brick fundraiser will continue for those who wish to contribute. Forms are available at the office and on the website. Thank-you to all of the community members who have made a contribution.

LONG BAY SCHOOL KEY DATES

14 Feb	Life Education information morning for parents at 8.30am
14 Feb	Life Education Caravan visits for two weeks.
16 Feb	Waterwise/ Swimming for Y 5/6 starts.
17 Feb	Give It a Go Sports afternoon 3.15-5.45pm
20 Feb	BOT meeting @ 7.30pm. All welcome.
21 Feb	Atatu new parents information afternoon 3.10-3.30 in Room 3
24 Feb	Akonui Trip to the Zoo.
29 Feb	School will finish early at 1pm for Parent/ Teacher interviews. Okura and Torbay buses will leave at 1pm.
29 Feb	Parent/ Teacher interviews commence at 1.30pm.
23 March	School Swimming Sports Day at the Northern Arena swimming centre.

TERM DATES 2012

Term 1	2 February – 5 April
Term 2	23 April – 29 June
Term 3	16 July – 28 September
Term 4	15 October – 18 December

SCHOOL ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Please do not let your children play on the adventure play ground before school. We do not have staff on duty in the playground before school, so for safety reasons the playground is closed in the mornings. This also applies to pre school children, even if parents are there to monitor their children as this can be confusing for some of our younger children. Thank you.

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2012

Do you know of any students who will be starting Long Bay Primary during 2012? Can you please let the office know ASAP, even if their starting date is later in the year, as this information really helps with our longer term planning.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 29th February 2012

School will finish early at 1pm and buses will run from 1pm

Please go to the website address: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and follow the simple prompts. You will need to put in our school code **WLKUA** before choosing the options to follow. Confirmation of your appointment/s will be sent immediately to your email address. The system can also handle any appointment changes or cancellations you may wish to make and the school will access and administer the overall process to ensure that it runs smoothly. You will not be able to see any details of any other student in the school other than your own child. If an appointment time is unavailable it will simply show that information on the schedule. We will keep the bookings open until 10.00 am Tuesday 28th February.

If you do not have internet access from your home please contact the school office for assistance.

If you have a specific concern regarding your child that you wish to discuss with the teacher at the time of the interview, it would help if you could please email your child's teacher directly.



LIFE EDUCATION - REMINDER

The North Shore Life Education mobile classroom is visiting our school from Monday 13th February to Tuesday 21st February (weeks 3 and 4). The cost per student is \$5.00. Please send this money to your child's teacher by Monday 13 February. Thank you.

UKULELE GROUP

The Long Bay Ukulele Group will start meeting on Wednesday (15th February) lunchtimes in Room 12. You don't need a ukulele to get going, just come along and give it a go – all students from Year 3 upwards are welcome. Last year we took part in a performance at The Cloud during the Rugby World Cup, and the Ukulele Festival at Trusts Stadium. We will be attending the festival again this year and hope to have even more students participating – last year there were close to 2,500 school children from all over NZ! See you in Room 12 on Wednesday!

BOOKWORM - PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

We are hoping to start this reading mileage programme in Week 4. We are asking for any parent volunteers who would like to put their name forward to assist in this very worthwhile programme. Bookworm has run for many years with encouraging results and our volunteers find the experience of helping these children very rewarding. A training session will be held. Please contact Mrs Chris Turner at school in Room 5, christ@longbayprimary.ac.nz. Thank you.

VISION & HEARING TESTING

On the 20th February the technicians will be seeing new entrants who have not had a B4 school hearing and vision test.

SCOOTERS AND BIKE SAFETY

Please note that, for their safety, we will be asking for all children to wear helmets next year if they wish to ride bikes or scooters to school.

SUBWAY

We need a dedicated parent who would like to volunteer their time, 20 minutes per week on a Wednesday morning to meet with the children and take the Subway orders and count the

money. If you are interested in helping please contact the office for further information.

SPORTS BUZZ - Week 2 Term 1

Sports Website

<http://sites.google.com/site/longbaysportspewebsite/>

GIVE IT A GO AFTERNOON

All students and their parents are invited to this event. It will run from 3:15 – 5:45 on Friday 17th February. Students will have the opportunity to try all the sports that will be offered at school this year. Parents will receive information about the sports on offer, when they run and approx. costs. There will also be information about Waterwise, the North Harbour coaching initiative that we are introducing this year, and Kelly Sports. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon.

KIWIKICK - The Kiwisport activity this term is AFL Kiwikick (Aussie Rules). Students will be participating in sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Parents are welcome to come along and watch a session.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS ENTRIES

The school swimming sports day is Friday 23rd March. All students from Years 3 – 6 will race in either swimming or novelty races. A letter will come home soon confirming cost and the races your child is entered in. We will need parents to help run the day – timekeeping, mustering heats, recording results etc. If you are able to assist on the day please contact Nikki Douglas – nikkid@longbayprimary.ac.nz. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON

Our team has been entered for the event on the 26th of February. I hope training is progressing well. We will be receiving our event packs and more information very soon.

WINTER SOCCER

Notices for this have gone home, if you would like to play Saturday morning soccer the forms are located in the office and are due in by Wednesday 29th February.

RIPPA RUGBY - Notices will be coming home next week for Rippa Rugby this year. Spare copies will be in the office if needed.

SHORE TO SHORE - This will be held on Sunday 1st April. More information soon but put it in your diary!

EAST COAST BAYS JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION – 496 East Coast Rd - Registrations – 15th & 16th February from 4:30 – 7:30pm. Contact Brad Seaman – brad@ecbe.co.nz

PLEASE NOTE - All current sports forms are located in the office in a clear plastic display.

SPORTS RESULTS

We love to hear how our sports teams are getting on. If you have a sports report, please show either Mrs Barton or Mrs Douglas before Friday each week. To get your weekly results put on the website, please email them to nikkid@longbayprimary.ac.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS

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- **HOLIDAY FUN COMPANY** provides exciting activities for 5-12 year old children every weekday until 6pm based at our school. For more information phone 443-5386 please visit www.holidayfun.co.nz.
- **MUSIC LESSONS AT LBP** - There are a few vacancies for students keen to learn the Recorder, Acoustic Guitar and Piano at school. For further information please contact Carolyn Thompson (LTCL, AIRMT, B.Ed) on 09 473-2267, thompsonmc@clear.net.nz or see the school office for an enrolment form
- **VIOLIN LESSONS** private and shared lessons - Tuesday mornings during school time. Phone Diana Neupert 473 1344.
- **BEGINNER FLUTE GROUP** for Yr 5/6 and **BEGINNER FIFE GROUP** for Yr 4 starting. Please contact Mary on (09) 426-3824, 027 676-8741 or mary@flutefocus.com
- **FIFE, FLUTE, TIN WHISTLE, CLARINET AND SAXOPHONE** lessons with Mary O'Brien LTCL, AIRMTNZ Lessons can take place at Long Bay Primary. Contact Mary on (09) 426-3824, 027 676-8741 or mary@flutefocus.com

- **WANTED** second hand electronic keyboard phone Cassie 473-8024
- **PLUNKET** Nearly new maternity, babies and kids gear. Saturday 3 March 9am til 12pm Long Bay Baptist Church, 282 Glenvar Road, Torbay. torbayplunket@hotmail.com.
- **EAST COAST BAYS COMMUNITY PROJECTS -**
Events in Term 1:
February 15 – Teddy Bears Picnic – Browns Bay Village Green
March 23 – Fairies & Pirates Day – Browns Bay Village Green
- **CAN YOU HELP** I have two girls at Long Bay Primary who need a lift home from school to Woodlands Crescent, Browns Bay each afternoon. Please contact Olive on 473-5783 or 021 1600702 if you can help. Thank you.