

Boarding Newsletter

Term 3, 2005



Dear Parents, Boys and Friends of Lindisfarne College Boarding Hostels

It has been another positive term for Lindisfarne and the boarding establishment. I trust once again this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the break with your sons and an opportunity for some rest and relaxation while also enjoying the possibility of holidaying here in our beautiful country or experiencing the wonders of countries abroad. With the improving weather there are many more opportunities to do things while still enjoying skiing if that is your desire.

Welcome to the following boys

Anaru Wakefied	Scia Scia
Thomas	Gaddum
Alexander	Stoss
Christopher	Stoss
Daniel	Scannell

who have just joined boarding this term. As a boarding establishment, family we hope each new boy has settled in well and is enjoying their time with us.

Term 3 has once again seen some changes put in place for the boarding establishment all designed to make boarding more rewarding for your sons.

Activities taken place in Term 3

Once again this term there has been a number of activities on offer for both full and weekly boarders balanced to accommodate both senior and junior interests.

Occasional “blob out” Weekend

Although there have been many opportunities for our boys to enjoy local attractions it is also important to recognise that sometimes boys like to have the occasional blob out weekend where they can relax, not worry about being somewhere, play some sport with their mates or simply just sit and veg out. Not that I am a great believer in boy's doing nothing sometimes it is just the right thing to do to recharge the batteries ready for the next few weeks of intensive work and focus.

Year 11 Social

This is certainly an eagerly awaited event and due to some unfortunate circumstances it is with regret that this did not go ahead in term 3. Complications with term 4 has led to this event now being cancelled. It is most unfortunate but it is something we will plan for earlier next year to ensure it does happen. Sorry to all those in year 11 who were looking forward to the social.

Paintball

This is an activity which always proves to be a popular choice as both seniors and juniors enjoy the prospect of going to WAR against one another. It is fair to say that some are better than others at this and some take a fair swag of hits while others you would not really want them as your front line men in a war.



It is also fair to note that some do struggle with the rules of this game (as I found out) and are quite happy to run a string of bullets into the teacher who is retiring at a walking pace but is then forced to run in order to be saved another 10 bruises. I personally look forward to next time when my opportunity will be there to exact my revenge. Nathan Ebbett will be my first target.



This is the thanks you get for taking the boys to Paintball

What a wonderful and caring world we live in.



Winter Interschool Fixtures

This is a fantastic opportunity for our boarding boys to test themselves against other schools of similar nature and culture. As boarding boys it can be a personal challenge to not only represent yourself and school but test your character against others who are also in the boarding environment. That sense of personal satisfaction when you achieve at a high standard. As boarders once again we equipped ourselves well and over the entire winter programme we can out overall victors against Scots, Rathkeale and Wanganui. This is a fantastic achievement and one that we can be very proud of.

Grandparents Day

Another successful day enjoyed by all in attendance. I think it is fantastic for the Grandparents to see where their grandchildren are educated and take an interest. Thank you to all who supported this occasion. It was a great day.

Music and KapaHaka Tour

What a fantastic opportunity for our boys to be involved in a trip to the United Kingdom to display their talents and take in experiences of the world that we cannot witness here in New Zealand. I am sure for many this trip will always be remembered by those who went and even in the years that follow and the many more opportunities our boys have I am certain this will always be a highlight for them.

Usual Thursday End of Term Movie

Another well chosen movie that had both young and old enjoying a night out breaking the routine of Thursday prep so close to the end of term.

Campbell Challenge

Year 11 Campbell challenge continues with once again some fantastic prizes up for grabs.

Pizza

Pizza night for year 12 & 13 continues to be a regular at the discretion of Mr Bovey. Enjoyed by all I am sure. Many of the boys in year 11 during the weekend seem keen to also order pizza.

Town Leave in Napier

This provided the boys with the opportunity to firstly meet up with the girls from Iona and Woodford while also providing the opportunity to take in

- Movies
- Takeaways
- Mini putt
- Ocean spa
- Laser Strike
- Shopping
- Relaxing
- Etc

Weekend Sport

It has been another successful term for the College in regards to our weekend sporting programme against other local schools and across the country with interschool fixtures. With compulsory sport everyone is involved and our success rate continues to be high and it is important to note that the boys contribute well and give their best. All the boys have met their sporting commitment and continue to do well.

Combined with the Town Leave in Napier the boarders had the opportunity to watch the rugby finals on the Saturday. Although we came runner up in two finals we all enjoyed watching the 1st Xv play sublime rugby to win their final against St Johns. I thought they did play particularly well.

Our 1st Soccer and Hockey teams have also excelled with the Soccer finishing 2nd in their 1st XI competition and Hockey also finishing 2nd.

Tournament Week

This year once again we have a number of boy's from boarding involved in our 3 major winter sports with

- Soccer
- Rugby
- Hockey

The 1st XI soccer team travelled to Masterton and finished a very respectable 4th from a 16 team competition beating or drawing with some very large and well performed schools from the entire NorthIsland. Schools such as Hamilton Fraser High School, Newlands and Onehunga.

The 1st Xv rugby team travelled to Christchurch for their annual "Quadrangular Tournament" and finished 3rd by beating Scots College. Unfortunately for them one of the star players in Israel Dagg broke his leg 5 minutes into the first game against Saint Kents from Auckland and this was to prove a vital moment for them.

The 1st XI Hockey team travelled to Wellington for their National Rankin Cup Tournament. This being the premiere hockey tournament in the country. They finished a credible 15th at the nationals beating Christs College in the process.

The annual under 15 rugby tournament held here at Lindisfarne saw our team finish 5th and with a little more luck we could have at least made the semi finals. Nonetheless a good performance by our boys.

Examinations Tip

As our term 3 examinations have come to a close it has probably brought a realisation for many boys that much more work and effort is required to lift their performance to a more satisfactory level. One thing I notice when our boys are on exam leave or studying in the dorms is that they tend to have a lot of down time. Relaxation is important during examinations but I do believe that some take relaxation to be the most important thing and have forgotten the art of discipline and study. It is very important that a majority of your day is spent revising and maximising the opportunity to learn material in preparation for the examinations which are looming. Too often boys believe that watching T.V, movies, listening to music or plain laziness is the key to success. Obviously it is not and some good old fashioned hard work, developing a plan of study and being disciplined to persevere with the action plan will in fact be the key to a successful examination campaign.

Boys please use the tips listed on the next page and parents this is a great opportunity to sit with your sons and actually work this through together and help map out a plan. Boys allow your parents to show an interest in your learning. They can be a valuable resource so use them.

I wish you all the best for your term 4 examinations and special mention to those in the senior school who have NCEA. Be prepared and you will reap the benefit of your preparation.

About now would be good timing for setting yourself a study schedule and mapping out a course of action. Have a plan and then persevere with it.

- 1. Continue to work hard during the year even though the end of year is close. Do not let standards slip**
- 2. Prepare an effective study schedule and stick to it**
- 3. Learn some basic exam taking techniques and apply them (your teachers will only be too happy to give you direction to the main points if you ask)**

The first step towards studying towards your exams is to answer two important questions

- 1. What do I need to know for the exams? (Check with your teacher the information you have prepared to study is relevant – Don't be afraid to ask?)**
- 2. How can I best use my time to make sure I have that knowledge?**

Once you have achieved this

- 1. Decide on a comfortable place to study, take regular breaks and set yourself target goals for each session. Be prepared to put in long hours. The holidays are soon and there will be plenty of time to relax and enjoy the break in the knowledge that you have performed well in the examinations.**
- 2. What type of notes will I take? A good tip is to think of yourself as the examiner and design questions for yourself to answer which you will have researched from your notes**
- 3. Look at old exams. It gives you an idea of the wording and level of content you need to know**
- 4. If you are still having trouble consult your teacher for more focussed direction**

Finally, go over the material as many times as you can, leave the last week for final revision and set yourself a target you want to reach. By setting goals you are more likely to achieve higher results as you have set them and are now aiming to achieve them. Prepare everything you require for the exam the night before so you are not stressed in the morning.

Year 12 Leadership Camp

Just signalling this to parents at this stage but in term 4 some detailed information will be sent to all parents of current year 12 boarders. Even if your son is not returning next year it is a worthwhile experience and one which I would still like him to attend as he will learn some valuable life skills. I am looking at the structure of our leadership programme for Year 12 boarders who will be in positions of responsibility or have a role in leadership amongst his peer group or younger boys next year. On December the 4th through to December 6th the year 12 boys returning next year will embark on a leadership course for 3 days at Guthrie Smith Outdoor Education Centre. Here the boys will learn a variety of skills and coping mechanisms for certain situations. This will then be followed up prior to the beginning of the school year as we apply our knowledge learned from the camp to transfer to dealing with issues which we may encounter here at school. Also we will deal with the expectations the school places on these boys and the best way for them to respond to those expectations.

A Reminder

Bathroom and the facility for making a cup of tea or coffee is located in the building which is joined to the sick bay which is beside Mr Petersen's office should you require either of these facilities when you are visiting the school

Timely reminders

Leave

All leave applications (overnight and weekend day leave) needs to be in by Wednesday prior to the weekend leave being granted. At times there is a need for boy's to apply for extra leave and as a boarding institution we try to accommodate special circumstances as openly as possible. Being flexible under certain circumstances is important. It is imperative nonetheless that the application for the leave is made by the Wednesday prior as late leave has a compounding effect on many of the systems put in place for the operation of the College at the weekends. I also stress here that all leave when applied for should be done with the understanding that the boys have sought permission from their sports coach to be absent as this can impact dramatically on a team and consequently the teams playing numbers are down and this has a direct effect on the other boys in the team. Please consider all prior to applying for leave.

Likewise when the boys are staying at another boy's house we require jurisdiction from both families.

May I also please note to you that our leave policy is such so that as full boarders there are other boys remaining in at the weekend so that the other boys do have company, the ones who cannot get home. This is our reason for having X number of exeats and x number of discretionary leaves. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Uniform

We continue to have an enormous amount of personal clothing un-named in the boarding hostels which ultimately ends up in the laundry system. Please appreciate that once the gear arrives in our system to be washed and is un-named there is no way that your son will receive his clothing back. Ultimately it is left in the unclaimed washing heap which is then forgotten about by your son and then we have a problem. At the end of every term the problem is horrendous. Five boxes of unclaimed items all because it has not been named.

Please NAME YOUR SON'S CLOTHING

Please note parents that from now on upon returning to school any boarding lost property clothing that is not named will be put on display by my office. I encourage you to look and claim it for your son if it is his. Any items left unclaimed once yourselves as parents have had the opportunity to look and also your son has had the opportunity will be donated to a worthy charitable organisation.

Cars

As parents you are very well aware and share our same concerns about the safety of your son and vehicles. Recent tragedies in the Hawke's Bay highlight our need to ensure that our own safety measurements are in place and that your son chooses to drive wisely and makes informed decisions about his behaviour when behind the wheel. We urge the need for everyone to take responsibility in this area and the ongoing mentoring and counselling of young minds which is needed to educate them appropriately to take responsibility for their actions and at all times drive in a manner that lessens the chance of accidents causing injury or death to self, others in the cars or pedestrians.

At this point I would like to once again highlight some key points about the use of vehicles as a boarder at our school. The purpose for vehicle use is for your son to travel from his home to school when returning from leave at either the weekend or holiday break. This is given as a matter of convenience to parents and caregivers. Unless permission is given from parents of all concerned there should be no passengers in the vehicle your son is driving. The vehicle is not to be used for any other reason than stated above unless permission is sought from the school upon request from the parents/caregiver. This permission can be granted from Mr Mangan, Mr Lander or possibly the Senior House Master or Boarding Administrator.

I urge boy's of the school to please drive sensibly and not buckle to peer pressure to drive in a dangerous manner where control of the vehicle becomes difficult. I also ask that boys who get in other boys vehicles do not apply peer pressure that encourages the driver to behave in a manner that could result in crashes of any degree. A vehicle is a dangerous weapon that requires respect from all who use or travel in.

Another point I wish to raise is that at times little thought is given to the consequences of injuring or killing another person when you are behind the wheel. Little thought is given by the driver at the time leading up to the accident or the effect that an injury or death will have on their own family. What effect does it have on the victim's family? The fact that you will now be charged with committing a criminal offence, how will that in fact affect your life and the years that follow? Prison can follow serious road crashes as you are charged with manslaughter.

As a member of the Lindisfarne community it is great to see you boys get out for the weekend and their holidays and enjoy your social time. We appreciate that will often involve cars. It is also nice to see you return safely and also return without the stigma that follows a road crash causing injury or death.

Boys in the boarding environment (although I know you have heard this message from Mum and Dad before) I hope you at least read the above and take note of it and understand that it is said for a reason. Mum and Dad believe it or not a well educated and have a realisation of the finality of wrong decisions made when you are in charge of a vehicle. They wish that at all times you are enjoying the freedom of being a teenager and forming your own decisions. They also like to know that you are safe and well and that your actions will only change things for the positive reasons and not the negative reasons.

Sickness

Please parents understand that if your son is genuinely sick with vomiting or diarrhoea it is important that he is kept at home as one boy in the hostels with infectious complaints can cause many others to become sick.

Also please keep boarding staff informed if your son is to be away or late arriving back at school.

Chapel Attendances

At the end of every term there is a tally up of boy's chapel attendances realising that the boys must complete a minimum of 3 Chapels. Should your son not attend this minimum then he is required to attend school early the next term and do extra bible studies. When these notices are posted there always seems to be some debate about the number attended. I would like to point out that it is your son's responsibility to ensure he is signed off with the House Master on duty and if he fails to do so he will be recorded as not having attended even if he were there. Additionally, your son is informed before the end of term that he has not met his commitments and should he feel this is incorrect he should talk with Mr Petersen who keeps all the paper work and possibly the problem could be resolved before he goes home for the break. I would appreciate it if this was taken on board and the responsibility put back on your son to deal with the issue prior to the break. Please discuss this with your son.

Staff Duty List

Attached here is the "Staff Duty List". Should you need to contact the Master on Duty then you should be able to coordinate this more easily. The Master on Duty should have the boarding cell phone with him at the weekends. Should you not get in contact with him then leave a message and he will endeavour to ring you back as soon as practical. During the week Mr Petersen will have the phone and all messages can go through him.

Boarding Cell Phone Number **0274 797 524**

Other phone numbers are listed as per term events sheet and previous correspondence sent out during the year

Key

GLP Mr Petersen
DAB Mr Bovey
MAA Mr Allen
MUR Mr Richardson
GRG Mr Gilbert

Others mentioned are either staff in a tutors role or tutors employed by the school who are not in a teaching role.

Duty List (Staff Term 4, 2005)

Day Day Month Staff

Mon	10 Oct	DAB/CAB
Tue	11 Oct	MAA/GER
Wed	12 Oct	MUR/BEL
Thur	13 Oct	GRG/KET
Fri	14 Oct	GLP/BEL
Sat	15 Oct	GLP, MAA, CAB
Sun	16 Oct	GLP, MAA, KET
Mon	17 Oct	DAB/CAB
Tue	18 Oct	MAA/GER
Wed	19 Oct	MUR/BEL
Thur	20 Oct	GRG/KET
Fri	21 Oct	
Sat	22 Oct	
Sun	23 Oct	
Mon	24 Oct	
Tue	25 Oct	MAA/GER
Wed	26 Oct	MUR/BEL
Thur	27 Oct	GRG/KET
Fri	28 Oct	GLP/BEL
Sat	29 Oct	DAB, MUR, CAB
Sun	30 Oct	DAB, MUR, KET
Mon	31 Oct	DAB/CAB

Tue	1 Nov	MAA/GER
Wed	2 Nov	MUR/BEL
Thur	3 Nov	GRG/KET
Fri	4 Nov	GLP/BEL
Sat	5 Nov	GLP, MAA, CAB
Sun	6 Nov	GLP, MAA, KET
Mon	7 Nov	DAB/CAB
Tue	8 Nov	MAA/GER
Wed	9 Nov	MUR/BEL
Thur	10 Nov	GRG/KET
Fri	11 Nov	
Sat	12 Nov	
Sun	13 Nov	
Mon	14 Nov	DAB/CAB
Tue	15 Nov	MAA/GER
Wed	16 Nov	MUR/BEL
Thur	17 Nov	GRG/KET
Fri	18 Nov	GLP/BEL
Sat	19 Nov	DAB, MUR, CAB
Sun	20 Nov	DAB, MUR, KET
Mon	21 Nov	DAB/CAB
Tue	22 Nov	MAA/GER
Wed	23 Nov	MUR/BEL
Thur	24 Nov	GRG/KET
Fri	25 Nov	GLP/BEL
Sat	26 Nov	GLP, MAA, CAB
Sun	27 Nov	GLP, MAA, KET
Mon	28 Nov	DAB/CAB
Tue	29 Nov	MAA/GER
Wed	30 Nov	MUR/BEL
Thur	1 Dec	GRG/KET
Fri	2 Dec	GLP/BEL
Sat	3 Dec	DAB, MUR, CAB
Sun	4 Dec	DAB, MUR, KET
Mon	5 Dec	DAB/CAB
Tue	6 Dec	MAA/GER
Wed	7 Dec	MUR/BEL
Thur	8 Dec	GRG/KET
Fri	9 Dec	GLP/BEL

Virtues

As mentioned in my previous newsletter I would like to embrace some “Virtues” teaching which is a teachable moment for you as parents and a continuation of learning for your son. It is up to you whether you wish to discuss this with your son but be rest assured we can all do with little reminders about standards and expectations even though we should know them already. These virtues are important in helping to mould your son into a good all round citizen. In a nut shell they provide tips on simple methods of “Creating A Culture Of Character”. These are tools and strategies to create a positive, empowering culture in which boy’s can learn and grow and bring the best out of them and the people they associate with, be it their parents, mates or teachers and those they work alongside with in the boarding hostel environment.

Please find the time over the break to talk through some of the virtues and activities suggested with your son. Use your own discretion on what parts you use. Obviously there are some parts they may be aimed too low for his level – leave them out but there are some very important teachable moments that you can have with your son.

The next four pages deal with the following four virtues

These 4 virtues deal with

- 1. Compassion**
- 2. Confidence**
- 3. Consideration**
- 4. Cooperation**

What is it?

Why practice it?

How do you practice it?

Signs of success

An affirmation





Signing off and as mentioned earlier I hope you enjoy your holiday break and I look forward to term 4 and the new challenges the boys will face and the opportunity for the entire boarding hostel to work together with every single member making a positive contribution to our environment.

Thank you parents and boys for your time reading and the positive efforts you make for the boarding environment.

Glen Petersen