

Boarding Newsletter

Term 4, 2005



Dear Parents, Boys and Friends of Lindisfarne College Boarding Hostels

Well the end of the school year is here and I must say that I am looking forward to a break as I am sure your son's are also and that you are looking forward to a break over the Christmas period to unwind, relax and spend some good, quality time as a family.

I honestly believe this has been a great year for the school and the boarding establishment which has seen many positive changes take place and it is fair to say that with time and raised expectations there will probably be even more changes to take place again next year as we attempt to keep up with societal changes and continually look to improve the boarding environment for our boys.

Welcome to Peter Ellingham who has joined us this term.

Once again a large number of activities have taken place for our boarders this term. Below is a summary of what has been on offer.

Activities taken place in Term 4

Movies

Due to a number of functions the school has held this term it has presented the boarders with a few more opportunities to go to the movies as a group. Movies that I can recall have been "The World's Fastest Indian" and "Four Brothers". Outside of this the boys themselves have often made use of their free time when activities have not been organised to visit the movies, play tenpin and on the occasional hot weekend spend some time down at Splash Planet cooling off.

Campbell Challenge 2005 (Year 11)

2005 marked the inaugural year of the Year 11 Hostel's 'Campbell Challenge'. The year long competition was set up to create a challenging, competitive, positive and stimulating environment within the Campbell Boarding Hostel

Each student competed against (and with) each other throughout the year in a range of sporting, academic and cultural challenges. For example: water polo, indoor soccer, volleyball, general knowledge quiz, table tennis and academic excellence. Points were also awarded for tidy cubes, involvement in school activities and outside success e.g. the school shooting team.

Each of these challenges allowed the students to gain points for the various activities. At the end of each term the students went into a prize draw. The students were given greater numbers of entries into the end of term prize draws depending on how highly they had scored throughout the term, therefore students that were more successful had more chances of winning the term prizes.

At the conclusion of the year **David Owen** gained the highest overall total and was awarded the new 'Campbell Challenge' Cup for 2005. David consistently performed in all areas of the Campbell Challenge. He has led the competition since the middle of term two and hasn't looked back. The following students made up the remaining top five places:

2nd Kurt McRedmond
3rd Robbie Isaac
4th Stuart Mckelvie
5th Sam McCormick

The Campbell Challenge is now well set up for next year's Year 11 students. They have the opportunity to stamp their individual mark on the competition and strive for the overall championship.

Performing Arts

To all our boarders who performed in the successful Performing Arts Concert held on the 19th of October a Huge Congratulations. Not only did you do the school proud but you certainly did yourselves and families proud. Your talent is a gift but also the result of hard work. There were so many positive comments made on your performances and the concert was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Sports Day at Woodford

Woodford hosted us for a sports afternoon where the boys and girls mixed and played a variety of sports like tennis, basketball, volleyball, touch etc. I have to say the afternoon went very well and was enjoyed by all who took the opportunity. I see this as a start of a good relationship with the two schools as we encourage more activities where the boys and girls are given an opportunity to mix. This is seen with the dinner and hypnotist evening which we subsequently held a few weeks later. For next year I

will be encouraging more contact with Iona and Woodford and it will be kept simple so that it is in fact organised. Activities like our seniors hosting the girl's schools for 2 BBQ's per year with them reciprocating the favour. The juniors we will continue with a similar set up to this year of inviting them on some of our outings which can cater for greater numbers and also having a couple of formal meals with the girls followed by an evening of entertainment. I do see all of this as being extremely healthy for our guys as they form friendships and relationships with the girls.





Guy Fawkes Night in Napier Along the Marine Parade

This year we decided to do something a little different for Guy Fawkes night and took the boarders who were in for that weekend to Napier where there was some singing entertainment in the form of “Tina Turner” (actually if the boys looked closely

enough) they would have realised in fact that it was a bloke impersonating Tina Turner”. This was followed by a public Fireworks display along with a number of bonfires lit along the beach. I certainly thought it was better than staying in at school for Guy Fawkes. It was also great to know that the guys could be trusted in a different environment.

Boarding Dinner and Hypnotist evening with Woodford

The dinner was very successful and a great opportunity for both schools to mix. Next year it is hoped that this can happen on a more regular basis with other year levels as well. Obviously the intention will be to include both the girls schools and hope that they also reciprocate.

The dinner was then followed by the hypnotist evening and it is fair to say that there were some real stars of the show with Angus Davidson and Ben Wyn Lewis from the juniors and George McIldowie and Nathan Ebbett from the seniors providing plenty of entertainment for the audience. Following is some of the shots caught on film from the evening.







Boarding Prize Giving Dinner

Congratulations to the following winners who received awards at our annual prize giving dinner held on the 27th October. Your contribution to the boarding environment is certainly appreciated and welcomed by all the staff. It is fair to say that a prize giving list could be much more substantial than the list given here as there were some very close runner ups when the decisions were made. Additionally when you look at boarding overall there are a large number of boys who contribute positively and make a real difference to boarding life for many at Lindisfarne.

Best Citizen Award

Year 7/8	Daniel Bramley
Year 9	Thomas Yule
Year 10	William Perry
Year 11	David Owen
Year 12	Laurant Simutoga
Year 13	Gareth Bayley



Best Academic Achievement Award

Year 7/8 Ryan Smyth
Year 9 George Willis
Year 10 Richard Clarkson
Year 11 Stuart McKelvie
Year 12 Cameron Elliot
Year 13 Gareth Bayley



Best Sportsman Award

Year 7/8 Henry Hunter
Year 9 Scott Shaw
Year 10 Fraser Tombleson
Year 11 Kurt McRedmond
Year 12 Israel Dagg
Year 13 Kael DeHerrera



Best contribution to Culture Award

Year 7/8 Zac Watson
Year 9 Thomas Yule
Year 10 Angus Hildreth
Year 11 Tane Huata
Year 12 Hamish Thomsen
Year 13 Rurehe Taylor



Service Awards

Head of School Award
Head of Year 11
Head of Junior Boarding
Head of Boarding Award

Willie Reynolds
Fergus Knight
Hadley Boyle
Rurehe Taylor



**Boarder of the Year Award
Most Compassionate Boarder**

**Willie Reynolds
Scott Wilkinson**



Although Mr Richardson finds Mr Bovey's story rather amusing, it is fair to say that Mr LeHeux is less than convinced



End of Year Leavers Dinner

Another successful night and one that the boys enjoy very much as they realise their time has come to an end with Lindisfarne. For many this is met with great relief but also for those same boys often there is a little hint of sadness and trepidation as they move from the comforts and security of familiar surroundings to embarking on new adventures. I certainly wish all our leavers well and hope they find their way in the world and become successful and are able to make a positive difference for themselves and every adventure they embark on. Do not be afraid to enquire about the school when you are gone and keep in touch. The Old Boys network is to be encouraged.

So we say goodbye to the following leavers

Gareth Bayley, Joshua Bode, Hadley Boyle, Jeremy Caird, Kael DeHerrera, Peter Hewitt, Fergus Knight, Blair McGregor, Chris Paik, William Reynolds, Kyle Richards, Rupert Robertshawe, Rurehe Taylor, Scott Wilkinson, Glenn Wylie

Jason Crane, Morgan Dunn, Robert Grayson, Joseph McCallion

End of Year Examinations

By the time you all receive this if you are a senior or a parent of a senior I know you will be anxious about waiting for your examination results to arrive. I, like you, will be eagerly awaiting the results. One thing you cannot deny is that you will probably receive the grade you deserved which will reflect the effort you put into your studies over the entire year. I wish you well with the results and do honestly hope the news you receive is what you were hoping for.

For those returning

I certainly wish you a happy and safe holiday break and look forward to next year and the positive influences you can bring to our boarding school to make boarding a place that you grow to enjoy more. Bring with you some positive ideas and a positive attitude so that you can help in making changes for the better.

A Plea to Parents

With the new year beginning in February it would be much appreciated if you would encourage your sons **not** to bring camera cell phones to school. As you are aware our policy allows Year 11, 12 & 13 to have cell phones. These are for basic communication only. Camera and video phones are banned. We have our reasons for this and I am sure you can understand our stance on this matter. Should a boy be caught with a camera phone then it will be confiscated for the length of a term and then as parents you will be asked to pick them up from the school safe. The confiscation of these phones is not negotiable.

Information Pack

Parents of all boarders (new, present, full and weekly). In the post around the 20th of January you will receive some important documentation that needs to be filled in and sent back to me either by post or fax (I would like to receive by the 25th January). Please look out for it as it is very important. It deals with Weekly leave, Year 12 & 13 Outdoor Education for Term 1, Year 12 & 13 vehicle permission forms, etc. Some of the information you need to keep and photocopy so you have full boarders leave jurisdiction forms.

Email

Can I please make a request that I am very much in favour of receiving emails as the main form of communication as I will always make a reply request to it and often it is easier than by answer phone or by fax. For juniors I am happy to receive leave request by email. Year 11, 12 & 13 parents Mr Allen or Mr Bovey can also be contacted by this form of communication if you wish.

Mr Petersen's email address is petersen.g.w@lindisfame.hb.school.nz

Please start using

Vehicles

Please another reminder that if your son is going to be transported in another boys vehicle a few things must happen

1. permission is granted by both boys parents (passenger and driver)
2. the driver has a full license

Duvets and Pillows

Due to health and safety every boy is required to bring to school his own pillow and duvet. The school does not supply this. Just a polite reminder for next year.

Virtues

Continuing with the virtues theme for the holiday break. 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

Courage

Courtesy

Creativity

Detachment

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 Christmas holiday break and I look forward to the beginning of a new year in 2006 and the new challenges the boys will face and the opportunity for the entire boarding hostel to work together as a family unit with every single member making a positive contribution to our daily lives in the hostel.

Thank you parents and boys for your time reading and the positive efforts you have made this year and the efforts I know you will put in for 2006.

Merry Christmas everyone

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