

Boarding Newsletter

Term 1, 2007



Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it, if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the colour returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded.

He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

This has been a great start to the year for Lindisfarne in Boarding. Firstly we have seen the role increase from 211 boys to 227. Once again Lindisfarne in boarding has never been stronger and this is being reflected with the performances and positive contributions that our boarders give in everything they do. The newly appointed boarding prefects have made a great start and are leading the boarding house well.

The Boarding Prefects for 2007 are

Gannon	Graeme	Junior House	
Geddes	Andrew	Junior House	Head of Junior House
Forbes	Hamish	Junior House	
Ironside	Jock	Junior House	
McHardy	Samuel	Junior House	
Newton	Nicholas	Junior House	
Owen	David	Junior House	
Stafford	Tyne	Junior House	
Wynne-Lewis	Harry	Junior House	
Huata	Tane	Campbell House	
McKelvie	Stuart	Campbell House	Head of Year 11
McRedmond	Kurt	Campbell House	
Stafford	Brad	Campbell House	
Bayley	Ryan	Senior House	
Ebbett	Jeffrey	Senior House	
Ellingham	Thomas	Senior House	Head of Boarding
Gaddum	James	Senior House	
Munn	Raymond	Senior House	Head Boy
Parkes	Ben	Senior House	

They have been well supported by others who have also been selected to take on positions of responsibility in assisting with prep and dining hall duties. We as a staff are very appreciative of the efforts they have made to date. What is also very pleasing is that at each year level beginning from year 13 and filtering down to Year 7 there is a real positive atmosphere and a sense of camaraderie amongst the boys. This appears to be more evident this year than in other years when hearing feedback from the boys.

First Weekend in



All of our junior students and boarding prefects along with some seniors enjoy a meal together on the first weekend of the term.

One would have to say that the first weekend in was a great success for the new boys and the relationships they built over the weekend will have lasting positive effects in the years to come and I congratulate especially the Year 10 boys and boarding prefects

that have made the beginning of the year such a success in helping the new boys adjust to life at Lindisfarne. The following is a small collection of photos from the first weekend in which highlights some of the activities that took place. These being the Fire Drill Evacuation, Movies, Sports Trials, Prefects Leadership Activities, Haka, Swimming, Quiz Challenges and Chapel. A busy but very productive weekend.



The Boarding Prefects led by Tane Huata challenge the Juniors boarders to the Haka while also challenging them to their commitment to the school and the boarding culture.



The junior boarders led by Year 10 pupils James Buxton, Te Arepa Harrison and Anaru Scia Scia respond to the challenge set



The Boarding Prefects lead the juniors in a series of games and activities designed to challenge and test their boundaries. All of these games build trust in each other while also encouraging teamwork.





Harry Askew and Sam Parkes compete against each other in the annual Pack Relay Championship where each boy Must complete a certain distance Carrying not only his own pack but His team mates packs as well.



Year level Quiz competition

Year 7 – 9 Winning Team with 31 / 40

Angus, Brooks, Ben and Anaru
Liam, Max, Luke and Matt

Year 10 Winning tam with 32 / 40
Rowan, Nathan, Ryan and Reid
Tony, Cameron, Todd and Daniel

Boarder vs Dayboy Haka

Here our boarders really get to demonstrate their passion for the school as they challenge the dayboys to the same level of commitment. The Haka was superbly performed and was ferocious and well led by Tane Huata. In all my years at the College which is now 16 years and 3 years in the boarding I would say without a doubt the boarders haka was the best that I have witnessed. All our boys can be congratulated on their performance and commitment to the school.

Napier Art Deco Weekend

On Sunday the 18th, all the full time junior boarders went to the Art Deco Weekend in Napier. Most of us enjoyed the sight of people dressed up in clothes from the 1920's and all the vintage cars as well as the Army Band. A lot of us went to the \$2 Shop and bought Aviator Glasses and Mexican Hats and tried to busk, which didn't work. Some of us also went to mini-golf. Altogether, it was a very enjoyable day.



Swimming Sports

Each banner certainly represents the spirit of each house as evidence by the work put in by the boys to produce quality banners as seen here



Oswald



Durham



Cuthbert



Aidan



James Gaddum, Brock Faulknor, Zak Bode, Geoffrey Ebbett and George Butler lead Aidan House in another typical chant for the day



Head of Boarding Thomas Ellingham leads the way in the Senior Breaststroke

Cape Kidnappers



On Sunday the 4th of March the junior full boarders got up for an early breakfast as we were told that we were going on a mystery bus trip. The only clues that we had was that we had to wear rugged clothes and a hat. We had no idea where we were going until we saw the lunch boxes as they were loaded on the bus and that they were labelled: CAPE KIDNAPPERS TRIP. The bus ride took about 20 minutes to get to Te Awanga.

We travelled up the beach on trailers pulled by tractors which averaged a whopping 10kmh and the people on the sea side got pretty wet because the tractor had to drive into the sea at times. Matron and Mr Le Heux got soaked when the tractor backed right into the sea as they were sitting right at the back. We stopped at parts along the way and the instructor showed us the layers in the cliffs dating back many years and the faults made by earthquakes. One layer had been lifted nine metres from an earthquake centuries ago. When we got to the end of the tractor ride we climbed a hill to the gannet colony. There were thousands of gannets with babies and the smell was quite unbearable, but apart from that it was quite amazing to see such a number of birds in such a small area. Upon returning to the beach we had a lunch and all the rugged men then went for a swim and did their best to splash Mr Le Heux. Chapel that night was a blur for many of us as we were extremely tired and fell asleep quickly that night.

Fletcher Black



Athletic Sports

Once again the Athletic Sports was well contested and the boarders performed with their usual enthusiasm. Unfortunately there are no photos available. The wonders of technology can cause some grief at times.

Gala

The Gala was a huge success raising in excess of \$40,000 again. I extend the schools thanks and gratitude to the boarders who are always there to lend a hand and are a driving force behind the success of any Gala. It is an early start for our boarders on Gala day as they are up by 6.00 am in order to be first there to help with the moving of gear at 7.30 am. Below is a couple of shots as the boarders prepare the stalls for the gala. Once again a huge thanks for your efforts and cooperation on the day in many aspects from car parking, dorm security, stalls, set up and clean up. A wonderful effort appreciated by all.



Parents and Friends Association

From the boarding community we extend our thanks to the Parents and Friends association who put on the Gala and make it such a success and for the funding they provide to the school and boarding. Your efforts are certainly appreciated by all within the boarding.

Social (Junior and Prefects)

Every year the junior social just seems to get bigger and better. A huge thanks to the crew who put on the lighting and sound. It is certainly impressive and enjoyed by all who attend. Clearly the boys enjoy the social and it is nice to get out there and mix with the girls schools from Woodford and Iona.





Senior Maze n Maize Fright Night

About 30 senior boarders were lucky enough to have the girls from Iona to help guide them through the maze n maize fright night in record time. Some were a little slower than others obviously held up by the frightening scenes they encountered along the way. Others however were non perplexed and completed the course without any hiccups along the way.

Kirkpatrick Dorm



The Kirkpatrick dorm is well underway and will be completed sometime during Term 2. It will certainly be a grand facility once completed. Here is the state of play at week 7 in Term 1. Although it looks a little third world on the outside the inside remains intact. I must say once again a huge thanks to the boys that are currently living in these dorms as they have coped extremely well with the disruption.

It is pleasing to note that a job of this magnitude can be completed with little fuss from our boys. It certainly underlines that our boys are very responsive in difficult situations and have a certain amount of maturity to deal with adverse conditions.



Above: Week 7 (3 weeks into the project)

Below: Week 8



What a difference two weeks can make. Towards the end of week 8.

By the time you receive this mail out the roof should be on and the start of the last side should have begun. Although there is some inconvenience

we are now not too far from completing the project and providing an excellent facility for the boys.

Motivational Speaker (Henare O'Keefe) talks to Years 11, 12 & 13

Some of you may have heard of Henare O'Keefe before. A truly amazing person and someone once you have heard him speak you will always remember. Below is a small account of the person to whom he is. Don't be afraid to ask your son about the words of advice he gave them on leadership and building positive relationships with women and their responsibility as a male and when the time is right as a father when the time approaches. Following his speech the senior boys responded with a Haka as a way of showing their appreciation for the evening but also for the splendid work that Henare has done in the community of Hastings and the wider region.

Powerful and positive communication.

Henare O'Keefe is one of New Zealand's most dynamic and entertaining speakers. He has addressed some of the most powerful businessmen and women throughout Australasia on leadership, team building strategies and relationship management. Henare's experience has been gained from a wide range of business consulting assignments and facilitation of relationship management workshops - these include Australia's leading finance company **Gainsworth Mortgage and Finance**, **New Zealand Police**, **New Zealand Prime Minister's office** and in October of 2004 was invited to open the **World Congress of Judges** conference in Melbourne. **In August of 2006 Henare was a keynote speaker at the World congress of Chief Magistrates conference in Belfast Ireland, where over five hundred delegates from over 60 countries were in attendance.**

He has a unique style and a remarkable ability to capture and hold his audiences' attention with a fast-moving combination of entertaining stories, examples, humour and practical ideas to empower and develop teams and individuals – it's truly inspirational.

It was through his tireless work as the Ambassador for the Alan Duff Charitable Foundation's "**Books in Homes**" programme, Ambassador for the New Zealand police, Keeping Ourselves programme and the Hip Hop Cops where Henare has made the biggest impact. Henare has visited over 700 schools throughout New Zealand, promoting his unique message to well over 100,000 children. Henare and his loving wife Pam have fostered over 200 children, as well as raising 4 of their own. Henare features on page 94 of Alan Duff's Maori Heroes Book.

Who is Henare O'Keefe?

- ★ Husband of Pam
- ★ Father of four children, three biological and one adopted
- ★ Foster father of 195 children so far!
- ★ Freezing worker for 23 years
- ★ Youth Justice Co-ordinator for 5 years
- ★ Ambassador for the Alan Duff Charitable Foundation
- ★ A lifetime entertainer
- ★ Founder of the Hip Hop Cops
- ★ A dynamic and entertaining speaker for parents, teachers and children
- ★ The International Ambassador of Love
- ★ Supporter of the Police Youth Education Service

You can find out more about Henare O'Keefe in Alan Duff's Maori Heroes Book page 94.

Henare O'Keefe cares deeply about children and young people. He wants to share with you his ideas about ways to keep our kids safe.

Henare will talk about

- ★ The importance of family
- ★ Communication in the family
- ★ Telling your kids you love them and giving them a hug
- ★ Finding out what's important to your kids
- ★ Relating to where your kids are at
- ★ Dealing with bullying
- ★ Being a good role model for your kids
- ★ Keeping kids safe from physical, emotional and sexual abuse
- ★ Avoiding physical discipline
- ★ Keeping kids off drugs
- ★ Teaching kids right from wrong
- ★ Dealing with anger and violence

Henare O'Keefe will answer any questions you have... and you'll have a fun and entertaining time!

What the people are saying...

Henare, in all the 13 years I have been at this school I don't think I've ever seen the place buzzing and so full of excitement and joy as it was after your visit. Everyone - teachers, children and parents - were all going on about how wonderful you were.
Judy Fitchins, Teacher Librarian at Juan Balthus School

Henare teaches us that you always love everyone no matter who. I thought he was wonderful. Henare knows what good dancing means. Henare never gets on about being things.
Sara Brown Robinson School

What a great endorsement Henare was for the Police Keeping Children Safe programme. More than double the number of parents came to the last show would normally have come. And they really picked up the messages and opened up with questions.
Constance Ja Lottwood, Police Education Officer, Hamilton Police

Henare was great! He has a presence, an aura about him. He gave us simple messages about how to keep our children safe. His love and it's your love.
Diane North, Parent North School, Matamoras

Henare was first described as magical. From the food to his tone, Henare touches the soul. He knows beyond a mere of politeness and motivation. His work creates a sense of love and sharing, belief and acceptance. It comes from the passion he and his family share.
Donna Reynolds, Co-ordinator Rangitikei Kaiti Community Council

Henare and his family. From the left: Robert, Sarah, Pam, David, Rachel, grandson Fred, baby and wife Pam, Henare in the middle, daughter-in-law Amy and grandson Angus James.

Paintball

Once again a very popular activity which was undertaken on the last weekend in for juniors. About 40 full boarders attended and had a great time. This was evident in the fact that they were half an hour late back for tea as they continued to play round after round of body blasting paint ball shots leaving many with bruises they were obviously proud of when over hearing their conversations on the bus.

Changes for 2007

The changes listed are from suggestions made by the boys which are then considered by the school and boarding fraternity and either approved or turned down with an explanation given. The boys at the end of each year are given an opportunity to express some sensible ideas on some changes they would like to see in boarding to improve the boarding culture and make boarding the positive experience it should be. Ideas put in place for this year are as follows

- Juniors Mufti – mufti uniform to stay but change into upon waking Saturday and change out of for Sunday dinner if Chapel otherwise prior to bed on Sunday
- Outings remain in full mufti
- Junior weekend excursions when organised remain compulsory
- Only essential trades for the weekend both Saturday and Sunday
- Leave is working well. Any extra required for specific reasons to be negotiated through the appropriate House Master at your level who will listen and make the call
- Day leave on a Saturday return times are either 6.30pm or 8.30pm during term 2 & 3. On a Saturday 7.30 or 9.00 during Terms 1 & 4. Sunday return time is for Chapel or if no chapel then by 8.30 pm
- Junior video during Terms 1 & 4 is at 7.30 pm
- Only fruit at morning interval
- Kitchen will supply the basics of bread and spreads after school
- Outdoor furniture purchased for each dorm in the way of a table to compliment the seats already there
- 2 Motivational speakers to visit and talk specifically to the boarders each year
- Televisions x 2 for the extra dorms
- Fridges x 3 for junior hostel
- Digital Camera for boarding interests
- More shoe racks for junior dorm x 3

Over the past three years there have been many positive changes to occur in boarding and I am pleased to say that we have come a long way. It is all very positive.

Hostel License

I am please to report that we have gained our hostel license and are therefore licensed to run and operate the hostels according to the government and ministry guidelines.

Junior Assistant House Master

It is with pleasure that I announce the new Assistant House Master position. Congratulations to Mr George Rogers on his appointment. His role will evolve with time but with the increased numbers in boarding this is a very positive move as it shares some of the responsibilities and ensures we have good staff ratio for the boarders in our care. Mr Richardson is still the person you make contact with if your son is in Years 7 – 10 when dealing with concerns, pastoral care and during the week leave. Mr George Rogers will assist Murray where necessary. Mr Glen Petersen still deals with the weekend leave for your son but any other concerns or enquiries should be directed to Mr Richardson.

Kip McGrath Private Tutoring

This year private tutoring will be offered at the Kip McGrath venue for boys in English, Mathematics and Senior Science as spelt out below. The boys will be required to make their way there by taxi and we will endeavour to put them in taxi's of 4 to the best of our abilities.

At present many boys are already getting extra assistance from the College staff outside of normal class periods.

Kip McGrath will be available for tutoring which charges a flat rate of \$40 per session per boy. A maximum of 4 boys will operate per class session. You will be directly invoiced by Kip McGrath.

Kip McGrath Education is primarily sort for those boys requiring extra assistance for remedial work but there is some scope for extension work.

Please fill in the form below if you wish to be involved in this tutoring service. All requests for tutoring through the Kip McGrath service need to be faxed to Mr Petersen by Monday 23rd April. Please circle the appropriate levels.

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Our son _____ in Year _____ would like to be

involved in the following private tuition offered by Kip McGrath.

Mathematics	Year	11	12	13
Physics	Year	11	12	13
Biology	Year	11	12	13
Chemistry	Year	11	12	13
English	Year	11	12	

Signed _____
Parent

Cellphone Contact to House Master or Matron on Duty at the weekends

Contacting the Boarding Masters at the Weekend

Please make use of these numbers as I endeavour to encourage our weekend staff on duty to carry the following three phones with them

Matron	0274 798 991
Master on Duty	0274 382 772
Tutor	0274 382 773

At this point I would like to remind parents that all jurisdiction forms for full boarder weekend leave must be in by the Wednesday night to the following House Masters in care of your son. Following here is another copy of the form for you to photocopy but also note that we are very happy to take all leave via email to either:

BOARDING MASTERS' CONTACTS

Matters to deal with Glen Petersen (Boarding Administrator): (Year 7 - 10 Boarders and Junior house prefects and trade supervisors) WEEKEND LEAVE

1. email	petersen.g.w@lindisfarne.hb.school.nz
2. Fax	06 872 9910
3. Cellphone	0274 797524
4. Office phone	06 872 9910

Matters to deal with Dave Bovey (Year 12 & 13 Boarders in Mitchell and Kirkpatrick) plus Weekend Leave

1. email	bovey.d@lindisfarne.hb.school.nz
2. Fax	06 876 8566
3. Phone	06 876 8566

Matters to deal with Matt Allen (Year 11 Boarders in Campbell) plus weekend leave

1. email	allen.m.j@lindisfarne.hb.school.nz
2. Fax	06 8703275
3. Phone	06 870 3393

Matters to deal with Murray Richardson (Year 7 - 10 Boarders and Junior house prefects and trade supervisors) DURING THE WEEK REQUESTS

1. email	richardson.m.a@lindisfarne.hb.school.nz
2. Fax	06 876 1686
3. Phone	06 876 1686

Matters to deal with Mandy Jensen Matron):

4. email	matron@lindsisfarne.hb.school.nz
5. Fax	06 876 1689
6. Phone	06 878 8182

Any Lines of Communication

The best and easiest way to get a hold of boarding staff at Lindisfarne is through their email. I strongly suggest this is used for contact especially when trying to communicate leave. Through the email leave can be generated by giving all the necessary details. It is not essential that the leave is done on the official form providing we have the necessary information through email.

How to contact the Duty Team

At the weekends the best line of communication is through the following 3 cell phones

Master on Duty	0274 382 772
Tutor	0274 382 773
Matron	0274 798 991

Car use by Boarders

This is still a huge concern of ours and it needs to be explained again. The use of vehicles by the boys at school is a convenience for parents as far as the boys getting to school from home and from school back to home when on leave. The only other time the vehicle is to be used is if the school has granted permission for use with a regular activity like ATC or the like. One off activities the school will not be granting permission nor are we keen with boys being passengers to get to other peoples places on leave unless prior permission has been approved through the school and they are regular passengers for travel like a sibling or a weekly boarder neighbour. We fully understand your concerns re: cost of the taxi service to get to events but we are extremely conscious of the risk involved in boys using their cars and we have a lot of vehicles from Year 12 & 13 boys. Please appreciate our stand point and the position we are in.

Saturday Day Leave

Leave after breakfast at approximately 9.00 am. Return by either 7.30 pm prior to the movie or by 9.00 pm. This is to be arranged with the Master on Duty prior to leaving.

Sunday Day Leave

Leave after Brunch approximately 11.00 am – 11.30 am. Return for Chapel if it is on. Chapel is compulsory and return will need to be by 7.15 pm. If no Chapel then return by 8.00 pm.

Every boy returning from leave must sign back in with the Master on Duty. When signing in or out for Leave it must be in dress uniform.

Leave Requirements for Full Boarders

Please remember if you are having difficulty with contacting us then by all means feel free to make contact via email. As House Masters we prefer contact by email so please use.

LINDISFARNE COLLEGE BOARDING DEPARTMENT

LEAVE APPLICATION FORM

Name of boarder _____ Year Level _____

I hereby apply for leave for the above student.

Travel details.

Depart College on (Day/date) _____ at _____ am/pm.

Mode of transport (inc. name of driver if by car) _____

If your son is not travelling home there is no jurisdiction for him to use his car

Return to College on (Day/date) _____ at _____ am/pm.

Mode of transport (inc. name of driver if by car) _____

Destination.

He will be staying with _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I confirm that I will be responsible for this student and release the College from its obligations until he signs in again at the College. He will be under my jurisdiction for the duration of the leave no matter where I allow him to go. If he is not returning home, I understand that it is my responsibility to contact the family that he is to stay with to ensure that there is adequate supervision for the period of leave. The host family must also send in jurisdiction to confirm that my son is staying with them and will be in their care. Likewise with travel in other persons vehicle jurisdiction is required from both yourself and the host's car.

Signed : _____ *Parent/Guardian.*

Contact phone number/s _____

PLEASE FAX TO Year 12 & 13 (Mr Bovey) 06 8768566
 Year 11 (Mr Allen) TBA
 Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & Boarding Prefects (Mr Petersen) 06 8729910

Please post or fax this form to reach the school to the appropriate House Masters no later than 10pm on Wednesday prior to the leave for the weekend required.

We are happy to take leave by email

Special note for Weekly Boarders

If any changes, on a weekly basis, occur for your son regarding his weekend leave which differ from your original documentation (the Weekly Boarding Leave Application Form) then we, as House Masters; Mr Petersen Yr 7-10, Mr Allen Yr 11, Mr Bovey Yr 12 & 13 must be informed of those changes by the previous Wednesday night. It is very important that this information is communicated to us so that our records are true and accurate and therefore there is no confusion over your son's whereabouts. Failure to comply with this request will be treated as a serious breach of communication which will result in leave being declined. The school will not accept responsibility for students when the information we are provided with is not correct and therefore our official leave list documentation is incorrect.

Absences

All absences from school needs to be phoned into the school office and as boarding staff we would very much appreciate an email sent to Mr Petersen which directly informs us of your son's absence from school and consequently we are informed that he should not be on our boarding list when our regular checks are made. Likewise upon his return it would be appreciated if we were also informed.

Note

Every article in the school must be named including shoes. It is the parents and the boy's responsibility to ensure this is done. All items must have embroidered name tags.

The College discourages lending or borrowing of other boys gear of any sort.

The school launders year 7 – 11 mufti. Year 12 & 13 have the facilities to do their own. Please choose mufti wisely.

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.

Pillow and Duvets

Also a reminder RE: Every boy should have his own pillow and duvet. This is a request due to health and safety issues with hygiene. If your son has not brought a pillow to school would you please ensure he does so at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time reading this and I hope you are having an enjoyable break or at least your sons are.

Kind Regards
Glen Petersen