

Boarding Newsletter

Term 2, 2007



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“School of Life”**

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Dear Parents, Boys and Friends of Lindisfarne College Boarding Hostels

It has been another fantastic term for Lindisfarne and the boarding establishment. I trust 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 a holiday here in our beautiful country, all be it in the cold or experiencing warmer weather overseas.

Kirkpatrick Dorm

It is certainly nice to see the very near completion of the Kirkpatrick dorm with the new upper level. The rooms are certainly spacious and will be a welcome change from the dark and dingy surrounds that has been Kirkpatrick dorm over a large number of years. We also look forward now to the gradual upgrade of the lower storey along with lower Campbell in the years to come. Aesthetically from the outside the building looks very pleasing to the eye which is a welcome change from the plaster look of old.

Recent additions in Boarding as Full School Prefects

Congratulations to Sam McHardy, Kurt McRedmond, David Owen and James Gaddum for their inclusion as full school prefects. Their role comes with some added responsibilities in the day school along with responsibilities already undertaken in the both the junior and year 11 boarding area of our hostels.

New Boarding Prefects

Since the newsletter in term one there have been two boys added as boarding prefects who will undertake a role in the senior area of the boarding house. Congratulations to Claude Ikauno and Matthew Lowes. We also await the possibility at the beginning of term 3 for another boy to be named as a boarding prefect.

Special Quotes from Achievers

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Activities taken place in Term Two

Once again this term there has been a number of activities on offer for both full and weekly boarders at the weekend should they choose to take up the opportunity. The activities have been balanced to accommodate both senior and junior interests. Some of these activities have been offered by the general school population, i.e. the School Ball, while others have been specifically offered within the boarding establishment. With some of the activities we are making a conscious effort to include the two girl schools of Iona and Woodford. For example when attending the basketball the girl schools have endeavoured to join up with us. As easy as this seems to coordinate often it is difficult to have both schools join or even one school as they have their own interests and weekly programme to accommodate their girls. This gives the boys an opportunity to socialise and mix in the company of girls. We do look forward however to the Iona Social coming up in Term 3.

Laser Force, Ocean Spa and Mini Golf in Napier

Every term we endeavour to take the boys to Napier where they are able to choose from a range of activities to keep them occupied on a Sunday afternoon.

Paintball

Another favourite of the boys where they are given the opportunity to release a wave of testosterone as they shoot each other with paint and generally have a very enjoyable time.

School Ball 2007

The School Ball once again this year was a fantastic occasion and enjoyed by all those who attended. The Boy's certainly looked smart and the Girl's once again looked elegant. The dinner was fantastic and the assembly hall provided an excellent venue for the dinner and the Municipal Theatre in Hastings once again proved to be a superb venue with all the facilities needed. Like the hall the boys did an excellent job in bringing the venue to life with props, silhouettes, etc. The Oscars theme was appropriately chosen as the theme for the night. The Prefects from both the boarding and the day school really did do a fantastic job. In all respects they were very professional and I am sure everyone was impressed with their efforts. Many professional organisations would be impressed with the final product that these boys are able to produce. The same could also be said for their willingness to clean up the two venues after their night out at the after ball. Once again they were outstanding in their preparation pre ball and post ball.

A huge thank you to all the parents involved in the organisation of the ball from the boarding parents through to the day boy parents. You are very well organised and professional in your dealings and I know the boys appreciate the efforts you put in.

Also thank you to the staff who willingly gave of their time and finally to the Year 11 Boarders who were the best ever on the night in their role of waiter, bar staff and cloak room. Likewise with their efforts in moving the dining room tables back to the hall and resetting the hall for the assembly to take place on the Monday. Your efforts are much appreciated.



As witnessed above and below the Prefects did a splendid job decorating the assembly hall and turning it into a fantastic venue to hold a pre dinner ball meal





Fair to say some certainly arrived in style

Guest Speaker (Kim Broome)

Mr Kim Broome spoke to the senior boys on issues related to their health and well being. This was well received by the seniors and an entertaining evening was had by all.

Junior Social at Woodford

Another night enjoyed by all who went. Although there is much I could write about this and the positive experiences the boys gain from such interaction I will choose not to, sufficing to say that they are very well run and I am sure enjoyed by those who go. Thank you to Woodford for taking their turn.

Rock Climbing



On Sunday, 10th of June, Junior House set out to Salty rock – an indoor rock climbing centre as the wet weather did not permit an outdoor activity. After a long bus trip to Napier, they gave us a brief run down on how to b-lay and a few of the safety rules. We soon set to work on the many walls and ropes that made up the challenge before us and after about an hour and a half, left for a meal at McDonalds. Overall, it was a very satisfying day and I would highly recommend Salty Rock.

George Perry Year 9

Borders Take the Limelight (Lord of the Flies Production)

Lindisfarne's *Lord of the Flies* show was a great success and very worthwhile, but some people don't realise the hard work that goes into these performances. Taking part in *Lord of the Flies* required a lot of hard work and a great level of self-control, which for some of the actors took a while to develop. During the first weeks of rehearsals that made us think that the production would be a big failure. But we trudged on and did the hard yards keeping faith with the trust that the directors Mrs Jones and Mr Le Heux had in us.

To make the show work we had to come in on numerous Sundays for eight hour practices and had two hours for most nights of the week. Some of these practices were boring but necessary to get the lines memorised but others when we were blocking and really getting into our parts were good fun. One thing that was really different about this show from the others was that the entire cast except two people were boarders. This meant that we were spending more time with our mates and we didn't have a long way to travel at the end of each day.

By taking part in *Lord of the Flies* I have realised how much hard work really goes into these performances and how much fun they can be. Thanks goes of course to the directors, but also the other people who helped this show be the best that it could be: Mrs Boyle with the lighting, Mr Jones with the set construction and even Ben Davis who supplied the pig and the severed pig's head. All these and more came together to make this one of the most memorable productions ever.

Henry Hunter (Eric) Year 10

Image courtesy of Owen Jones



Iona Production (Back to the Eighties)

"Back to the 80's" hosted by Iona was a great success. Graeme Lander, Tom Wynne-Lewis, George Willis, Stuart Douglas and Leo Gemmil along with other day students participated in what turned out to be a highly entertaining production, enjoyed by all who watched. These boys put in countless hours of their free time every week this term for this show and it really paid off. The whole Lindisfarne hostel joined by Woodford and Iona watched on Wednesday night and the boys appreciated the time and effort put in by all of the actors. The boys were very well behaved and this is positive for future outings such as this. There are obvious social benefits that accompany such an activity and we commend their efforts and discipline in coordinating such an event. The musical and dancing ability of these boys was unbelievably good. Among the outstanding performers was Graeme Lander with his exceptional rendition of Michael Jackson's stylish dance moves including the 'pelvic thrust'. George Willis showed 'balls' to stand in front of his peers and pulled off a great performance. Leo Gemmil showed his talent as a singer with a great voice singing Rick Astley's, 'Never gonna give you up'. Tom and Stuart flaunted their acting skills topping off a great show.

By Graeme Lander

Mrs Dann's Farewell

As a boarding fraternity we farewelled long serving staff member Mrs Dann. Mrs Dann has worked for Lindisfarne in the school office for the past 45 years. An incredible length of service to any organisation. In her early days Mrs Dann had a huge involvement with the boarders as often homesick boys would go to her for some reassurance and a kind ear as the boys talked through things that needed someone to listen. As a boarding fraternity we thank her sincerely for those early days and in the latter years the admistration she has undertaken with boarding matters. We wish you well and hope you enjoy retirement. Well deserved.



Our senior boys were fantastic waiters on the night of Mrs Danns farewell

Timely reminders

Exeats and End of Term

For these occasions when a number of vehicles will be on the school grounds we would like you to follow the following guidelines.

The barriers will remain open but there is to be no parking on grass areas round by the dorm or the 5th form lawn. Secondly we would like to have a one way flow of traffic so we are asking that vehicles enter from Pakowhai gate and exit Lyndhurst gate. Although this won't fix all of the congestion it will help and hopefully be a little less frustrating than it usually is.

Vehicle Use

The boarding staff would like to express their concern about the use of vehicles. We need your support on this. Should your son choose to use his vehicle outside of his restrictions according to his license and the guidelines set by the school then your son will have his vehicle privileges' removed. I also would like to reiterate the letter that was sent by the Rector which clearly outlines the consequences that misuse of the vehicles will bring for your son and the whole boarding group. Please note that we are serious about the use of vehicles as being a privilege and not a right. Additionally we have genuine concerns and need your sons to play their part by driving safely and within the guidelines of their licenses.

Boarding boys of all age groups who are bringing their cars to school for sport, chapel or any other official school function are reminded that the vehicles are not permitted on the school grounds and that your vehicle use for these occasions come under the jurisdiction of your parents and operate in accordance with New Zealand law regarding the use of vehicle for your drivers license. In saying that though once your son leaves home to officially attend school or attend a school related function misuse of a vehicle will bring the schools good name into disrepute and therefore the school has every right to remove the privilege of driving to school for such occasions.

Jurisdiction

Due to a number of late requests and our concern about last minute arrangements which we once again as boarding staff get nervous about we are instructing everyone that jurisdiction is required to be in by Wednesday night for the weekend. From now on there will be no acceptance of late jurisdiction and we would appreciate if parents did not ring in requesting the late jurisdiction as it becomes an uncomfortable situation for all concerned when the refusal is given.

Laptops

All laptops brought to the school are required to be audited by our computer technician Mr Whelan. Every boy bringing in a laptop must do this to ensure that it has been checked for viruses, inappropriate material etc. A reminder also that laptops are for school use primarily and should be brought in for that reason.

Gated Boys

There is probably a need to inform all parents that should your son in boarding commit a major indiscretion which the boarding staff believe is serious enough for him to be gated then a letter will be sent out informing you of this and all privileges for your son will be removed for the forthcoming weekend. This letter will be signed by Grant Lander or Glen. During this time your son will be required to complete jobs around the school for the entire weekend. It is also important to recognise that should he have other activities outside an official school commitment then he will be unable to attend unless he is representing his province in sport or a cultural activity. Likewise it is important that your son stay at school during this time and not be allowed off the school grounds.

Lost Property

Please name all gear. At the end of every term we are still donating a lot of clothing to charities (which is nice) but I am sure you would rather your son still had the clothing himself.

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

We all look forward now to term 3 and the fresh new challenges we will all face. Enjoy the rest of your break and time together as a family

Kind regards

Glen Petersen

**Only when the last tree has been cut down
Only after the last river has been poisoned
Only after the last fish has been caught
Only then will you find that money can't be eaten**