

Boarding Newsletter

Term 4, 2007



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.

Boarding Prize Giving Dinner

Congratulations to the following winners who received awards at our annual prize giving dinner held on the 1st November. 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.

Prize Giving List

Best contribution to Culture Award



Year 7/8	Kurt Sickler
Year 9	Brooks Kershaw
Year 10	Ryan Smyth
Year 11	George Willis / Hugh McHugh
Year 12	Angus Hildreth
Year 13	Thomas Kim

Fate knows where you are going, but it is up to you to drive there.

Michelle Keesling

Best Sportsman Award



Year 7/8	George Collin / Matthew Taylor
Year 9	Sam MacKay
Year 10	Henry Hunter
Year 11	Scott Schaw
Year 12	Isaac Scott
Year 13	Kurt McRedmond

Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go.
William Feather

Do a little more each day than you think you possibly can.
Lowell Thomas

People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing.
Dale Carnegie

Best Academic Achievement Award



Year 7/8	Cameron Pease
Year 9	Douglas Gray
Year 10	Brett Sceats
Year 11	Hugh McHugh
Year 12	Jack Crowley / Richard Clarkson
Year 13	Stuart McKelvie

We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible.
C. Malesherbes

Throughout the centuries there were men who took first steps down new roads
armed with nothing but their own vision.
Ayn Rand

Best Citizen Award



Year 7/8	Kurt Sickler
Year 9	Edward Jackson
Year 10	Joshua Strong
Year 11	Henry Melville
Year 12	Sam McNair
Year 13	Graeme Gannon

The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of ordinary qualities. These may for the most part be summed up in these two - common sense and perseverance.

Owen Feltham

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all.

Dale Carnegie

Service Awards



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

Raymond Munn
Stuart McKelvie
Andrew Geddes
Thomas Ellingham

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember a lone amateur built the Ark while a large group of professionals built the Titanic.

Supreme Awards



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

**Sam McHardy
Andrew Geddes**

Performing Arts

To all our boarders who performed in the successful Performing Arts Concert held on the 17th 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.

Weekend Excursions and Activities

The previous term newsletters have highlighted the many events our boys have been involved in. A huge thanks must go to Mrs Jensen and Mr LeHeux for all their efforts in organising activities for our junior boarders on a Sunday afternoon. Below is an example of the activities organised this year

- Onekawa Aquatic Centre
- Paintball (4 times)
- Salty Rock – Rock climbing
- Cape Kidnappers
- Bay Trax
- Fishing off the Wharf
- Silky Oak Chocolate Factory
- The Duck Amphibian ride
- NZSO Concerts
- Saturday Films
- Afternoon Teas at McDonalds
- Model Aircraft Flying
- Skate Park
- National Aquarium
- Christmas Shopping

Plus the opportunity for boys to organise their own activities at the weekend, i.e. movies, golf, splash planet



Campbell Hostel Challenge (Year 11 – Mr Allen)

Report 2007

2007 has been an exciting, competitive and enjoyable year for the Year 11 Campbell Hostel Challenge. Each of the 43 boarders within the Campbell Hostel has competed against one another throughout the year in a range of sporting, academic and cultural challenges. Each of these challenges has allowed the students to gain points for the various activities. At the end of each term the students have gone into a prize draw. The students are given greater numbers of entries into the end of term prize draws depending on how highly they have scored throughout each term. Therefore, students that have been more successful have had greater chances of winning the term prizes. The prize list this year has been the best in the three years of the competition. Big Noise Car Audio, Paper Plus, Hub Cycles, Subway, Rebel Sports and Domino pizza have been huge contributors to our Challenge. The boys love being able to take away some impressive goodies at the conclusion of each term. As the year comes to an end the student with the highest overall total is awarded the new Campbell Challenge Cup for 2007. Term winners have been; Sean Bayley, Sam Poole and Jordan Waterhouse.

The aim of the competition is to create a challenging, competitive, positive and stimulating environment within the Campbell (Year 11) Boarding Hostel. Each year it is also hoped that the competition will become a tradition that new, Year 11 boarders will be keen to compete for. I believe this tradition is building as more Year 11 students are interested and inquisitive about the Campbell Challenge.

This year some of the challenges that were held included: Indoor cricket, individual quiz, table tennis, team quiz night, water polo, volleyball, air hockey and the highly competitive indoor soccer.

At the time of writing this report for the newsletter the Campbell Challenge overall award is very closely contested. Sam Poole, Sean Bayley, Jordan Waterhouse, Ben Wynne-Lewis, Callum Ironside and Hugh McHugh are within 25 points of each other. Whoever takes out this year's Campbell Challenge Trophy will join David Owen and Richard Clarkson as the 2005 and 2006 winners respectfully.

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.

Good Man Award Presentation

2007



Is loyal
Displays respect
Acts with integrity
Brings humour to a situation
Role models positive behaviour
Handles adversity with courage
Follows through on his promises
Takes responsibility for his actions
Exercises forgiveness and tolerance

Without a doubt this award could have been presented to a large number of boys sitting here. The vote count was close and many boys receiving a good number of votes. The most satisfying part is that when we look at the boys we have here is that I am confident that they will all grow into fine young men who are respectful of others, display tolerance, can stand aside from peer pressure etc. For some their time to do this may take longer than others but because of the friendships they have made at school and being surrounded by so many other fine young men Supporting this with the positive morals installed in them from home and school everyone has been given the opportunity to make this transition from boy to man. Not just a man in the sense of the word but a good man as this presentation represents.

Before announcing this years winner I leave you with two quotes from arguably the best sportsmen on the planet at this point which I believe shows how humble they are and what fantastic ambassadors they are for the entire world population

Both of these men were being interviewed on their greatness within their sport and both were humble and preferred to focus on other matters rather than their greatness

The first is from Roger Federer

“I just hope to be remembered as one of the good guys rather than the titles that I have won”

Second from Tiger Woods

“More important than the victories is that my father taught me how to be a man”

If ever you wanted two outstanding role models in a world where many have fallen from grace then you have probably got two of the best in modern times

Congratulations to Raymond Munn winner of the Good Man Award presented at the Leavers Dinner

So we say goodbye to the following Year 13 Leavers and thank them for their contribution to Lindisfarne College and especially boarding over the past 5 – 7 years.

Ryan Bayley, Zak Bode, Ewan Boyle, George Butler, Robert Couchman, Jeffrey Ebbett, Thomas Ellingham, Brock Faulknor, Hamish Forbes, Kris Foster, James Gaddum, Graeme Gannon, Andrew Geddes, Digby Hewitt, Tane Huata, Claude Ikauno, Jock Ironside, Robbie Isaac, Thomas Kim, Sam Leonard, Matthew Lowes, Sam McCormick, Sam McHardy, Stuart McKelvie, Kurt McRedmond, Mark McRobbie, Loui Mitchell, Raymond Munn, Nick Newton, David Owen, Ben Parkes, Brad Stafford, Tyne Stafford, James Tod, Matthew Whyte, Harry Wynn-Lewis

Other Year groups who are leaving

Year 12: Matthew Humphries, Tom Parrant, Fraser Tomblesome,

Year 9: Leighton Sharp

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 big thank you to the following Boarding Prefects for their help throughout the year

Senior Boarding Prefects

Head Boy	Raymond Munn
Head of Boarding	Thomas Ellingham
Senior Prefects	Ryan Bayley, Jeffrey Ebbett, James Gaddum, Claude Ikauno, Robbie Isaac, Ben Parkes

Year 11 Boarding Prefects

Head of Year 11	Stuart McKelvie
Year 11 Prefects	Tane Huata, Kurt McRedmond, Brad Stafford

Junior Boarding Prefects

Head of Juniors	Andrew Geddes
Junior Prefects	Hamish Forbes, Graeme Gannon, Jock Ironside, Sam McHardy, Nick Newton, David Owen, Tyne Stafford, Harry Wynn-Lewis

Trade Supervisors (Year 12 boys given leadership role with Juniors)

Richard Jamming, James Landsdown, Sam McNair, Tom Parsons, William Perry, Richard Clarkson

The staff looks forward to working with a new set of boarding prefects and trade supervisors next year in this challenging role and I hope you are all equally able to make a positive contribution to boarding as many of these years boarding prefects and trade supervisors have this year.



A typical sit down meal in the school dining room
Well not exactly it was our prize giving dinner meal

A Plea to Parents

Information Pack

Parents of all boarders (new, present, full and weekly), you will soon receive an information pack about boarding for next year. Inside this pack will be 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 vehicle permission forms, etc. Some of the information you need to keep and photocopy so you have full boarders leave jurisdiction forms, etc. The information is for everyone whether you are a new boarder or existing boarder.

For the information re: weekly boarding – you only need to fill this in as a new weekly boarder to the school.

Email

Can I please make a request that I am very much in favour of receiving emails as the main form of communication as 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@lindisfarne.hb.school.nz
Leave for all juniors

Mr Bovey's email address is bovey.d@lindisfarne.hb.school.nz
Leave for all Year 12 & 13

Mr Allen's email address is allen.m.j@lindisfarne.hb.school.nz
Leave for all Year 11

Mr Richardson' email address is richardson.m.a@lindisfarne.hb.school.nz
Mid week leave for juniors and mid week dinner leave

Please use Mr Richardson for junior requests that do not involve the weekend

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.

Complaints Procedure

Parents if at any stage you feel there is an issue that you are not happy with and when addressing this with the staff member involved you still feel unhappy with what has transpired there is a complaints procedure to follow. A summary of that procedure is written below.

Summary

If after discussion with the staff member on an issue you wish to proceed further then please contact Mr Petersen (Director of Boarding) to explain verbally by phone the issue.

If after talking with Director of Boarding you still feel dissatisfied with the outcome and would like to proceed further then Mr Petersen will send you out an official complaints form to be filled in and returned. Mr Petersen will then present it to Mr Lander the Rector. Once Mr Lander receives complaint in writing he will respond to the complainant within 7 days to try and resolve the matter. If unresolved then Mr Lander is to interview both parties and tries to reach a settlement on the matter. The complainant may have a support person with them if they choose. If the matter is still unable to be resolved then it would then be presented to the College Council. Any disciplinary action is undertaken by GRL and the College Council.

I hope this informs you that there is a procedure in place should you be dissatisfied with any aspect in boarding that you feel needs resolving.

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 2007 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 2007.

Merry Christmas everyone

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