



From the Principal:
Bruce Sharp

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

With the college clocks being refurbished, Miss Strawbridge using Ecclesiastes 3 as the basis of a recent staff worship, and the end of the school year getting rapidly closer, it somehow seems right to take another look at time and how we use it. An old saying is, "Time and Tide wait for no man". Too true! With the end of the school year looming rapidly closer for our senior students, time, and how they use it, is exceedingly important to them. For some there will be a rush to complete assignments, and for some who have toiled throughout the year there will be far less stress. Honest endeavour does have its rewards! When I was much younger I used to wonder why so many older people commented, "Doesn't time fly, it only seems like yesterday..." Now I find myself making those very same comments. Time does fly by very quickly and the way we use our time is so very important. The writer of Ecclesiastes was wise in advising us that there is a time for everything, and as Dr John Celes wrote: "There is a time to learn, a time to test; But when it is God's time, it is the best."

IMPORTANT DATES

31 August to 1 September	Y13 PE Snow Trip
Thursday 2 September	Avondale College (Australia) information visit 7pm
6-10 September	Week of Prayer
Tuesday 14 September	Cross Country Event
Thursday 16 September	BOT Meeting 5:30pm LAC Library
Friday 24 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 11 October	First day of Term 4
NCEA key dates, study leave etc. for Y11-13 students	See article in body of newsletter

NEW LAC WEBSITE

www.lac.school.nz

Take a look at the college's new website. The developers have done an excellent job of creating a superb new 'front window' for the college.

NCEA, EXAMS, ETC.

Applications for Financial Assistance with NCEA fees: The last day for applications to be received by Mr Walsh is next Tuesday, 31 August.

Entries for NCEA External Exams are confirmed on Tuesday 31 August. After this date students cannot withdraw from exams, and any extra entries after this date will attract a late fee charged by NZQA. By this Friday, students will be given a copy of their entries to check for any missing external exam entries and that the address for NZQA to send the results to is correct.

For NZ residents the NZQA charge per year is \$75. This covers all internal and external NCEA assessments and also up to 3 subjects in the Scholarship exam (Y13). The NCEA fees are charged to each student's school account.

Y11-13 NCEA trial exams start the middle of Week 1 in Term 4.

The last day for Y13 is 3 November, after which they have study leave, with their Graduation being 6 and 7 November.

Y11 and 12 students' last day is Tuesday 9 November, which includes their prizegiving assembly.

NCEA exams begin on Monday 15 November.

Parents/caregivers, please keep checking on your students' progress towards their academic goals for the year. Regardless of the number of internal credits a student has gained, LAC expects all students to develop skill at preparing for and passing external exams. Do not let your student try to convince you that exams are optional!



Does your student want to excel at NCEA English, Maths and Science? Visit this site for all the information you need to achieve 'excellence': studyit.org.nz



HEALTHY OPTIONS

The Ministry of Education funds the provision of some fruit and vegetables for students attending Decile 1 & 2 schools (LAC is a Decile 6 school). They report a "profoundly positive effect on children's health and well being." There has been a massive improvement in dental health, school sores and sick days since this programme started in those schools, and 87% of teachers report student concentration in class has improved. A good breakfast and a healthy lunch definitely help students perform better at school and at home! In addition to this, LAC sees the need to promote, encourage and support a holistic approach to health in our school community, and have decided to become a Health Promoting School. Therefore, to help ensure that Health Promotion is a priority at LAC we have formed a planning committee. The current membership of this committee is: Students: Kristina Whitton, Kent Sharp. Teachers: Mr Kevin Gredig, Mrs Faith Hignett, Mr Marty Richter. Parents: Mrs Glenda Higgins. One of the first tasks of this group is to survey our school community so that Health needs can be identified. Please send to Mr Kevin Gredig (keving@lac.school.nz) comments on health-related issues.

MATHEX

On Friday 13 August Mr Richter took two Intermediate teams to the annual Maths competition for Manawatu Intermediate-age students. The Year 7 team of Elise Perchard, Diana Pulman, Lance Morales and Talia Baken tied for first place with Cornerstone Christian School, losing out in the tie-breaker, to still finish with a wonderful second placing overall. The Year 8 team of Joanna Ho, Jamal Etuale-Wham, Myra Reitsma and Emma Condliffe finished in eighth place. Mr Cornford then took in our Year 9 and 10 teams. Joseph Boyd, Ashleigh Condliffe, Rian Shearman and Emma Shieffelbein put in a creditable showing for Year 9. The Year 10 team of Virginia Boyd, Blake Pulman, Elizabeth Southward and Jonathan Tankersley capped off a wonderful day for LAC by gaining a placing way up in fifth place. Against schools who have up to 400 students in any one year level, we have very much "punched above our weight". Friday 13th was another great day for LAC!

TERTIARY EDUCATION AT AVONDALE COLLEGE, AUSTRALIA

Avondale College's public information evening is to be held in the LAC Library at 7pm on Thursday 2 September. Guest speaker will be Robert Browne, Avondale College Liaison Officer. Thinking about sending your child to Avondale in the near future? Robert will give you the latest information on courses, costs and options.

'THE CLOCK'



In the college foyer is the original, restored college clock. This clock is over 100 years old and was brought to Longburn with desks and equipment carried down on wagons in 1913 from the original school at Pukekura, Cambridge. The wagons were driven by students and came via Taranaki as there was no road through the central North Island at the time. The boys driving the wagons slept under the wagons at night during the trip.

The clock was restored by Terry O'Conner, a clockmaker from Wanganui, and is keeping perfect time in the foyer – ready to run for another 100 years!

SPORTS FOCUS

Intermediate Basketball

Congratulations to the Intermediate basketball players who are currently top of the tables in their Round robin pool. With only 3 losses in the season, the students are doing really well and rapidly developing their skills. A huge thank you goes to Maruna Engu (Parent-Coach) for his dedication to the team, never missing a training or game! Earlier in the season, two of our LAC boys were picked to play in the Under 13 Manawatu Representative team. Congratulations to Lance Morales and Sione Ma'u, who have been to Premierships in Wellington during July and will attend Nationals early October in Christchurch with the team.

Niki Mistry-McNabb

has been chosen to represent the Lower North Island Reps for the In-line Hockey Under 18 team. (Niki has now been chosen



to represent this region 6 times out of a possible 9 times.) These games will be played in New Plymouth during Labour Weekend in October, and from these teams some of the players are chosen to trial for the Oceania tournament in 2011.

PASIFIKA FUSION FESTIVAL 28-29 JULY



At this annual festival, held at the Regent on Broadway, we had around 25 students participating. Daniel Arama won first place in the Visual Arts section; Brooke Davidson, Narada Kapao, Joel Pokura and Courtney Sowman were 1st equal in the group section; and Melissa Etuale-Wham, Ferna Mc Kerchar and Joanna Kepa were 3rd in the Wearable Art awards. Congratulations to all the students who were involved. Thank you to Mr Aiono, Mrs Arama and Mrs Wolfsbauer for their help and support.

DAFFODIL DAY



Today has been a multi day to raise funds for the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day. Entering into the spirit of the day were prefects Anna Diprose, Amy van Echten and Jacinda Setiawan. Their 'daffodil' costumes helped raise awareness of the day as they collected money from the classes.

EX-LAC STUDENTS' TERTIARY SUCCESS

We have been advised of the following – congratulations to all!

UCOL Graduating Students 2009

The following ex-LAC students have been successful in graduating from UCOL in 2009:

Letalaina Manusauloa, National Certificate in Business Administration and Computing

Emma Schuring: National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care

Matt Haitana: Certificate for Advanced Computer Users, and National Certificate in Computing

Lisa Hockly: Bachelor of Nursing (Palmerston North)

Kayla Devine: Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Imaging Technology)

Sophie Hignett: Bachelor of Applied Visual Imaging

Benjamin Terry: Certificate in Information Technology for Business Level 3 (Palmerston North)

Lorraine Ensor: Certificate in Sport and Fitness Level 3

Massey University Graduating Students 2009-10

The following is a list of ex-LAC students who have graduated from Massey University's various campuses between 1 June 2009 and 31 May 2010:

Sarah McLeod: Bachelor of Education (Teaching) primary

Natalie Tan: Bachelor of Music (Honours) NZSM

Kathryn White: Bachelor of Nursing (Student Nurses)

Helene Dykstra: Bachelor of Science

Elizabeth Laming: Postgraduate Diploma in Education

Abigail Shaw: Bachelor of Nursing (Student Nurses)

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