# LONGBURN ADVENTIST<sup>®</sup> COLLEGE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

February 24, 2017



## LAC Pou: "Growing together, becoming one in Christ"

LAC has embarked on a journey to erect a pou whenua (pou) that acknowledges our country's unique cultural heritage while representing the story of LAC – past and present.

Pou are carved, wooden posts that traditionally marked places of significance, and acknowledge or reflect the association between the people (tāngata), the land (whenua), and the spiritual (wairua). In 2015, our two carvers, Papa Bernie and Matua Leon, extensively researched the history of LAC and through discussions with staff and students drew up a contemporary/traditional design that tells our story of "growing together, becoming one in Christ".

Towards the end of 2015, we were blessed to be given a fallen and ancient Totara log from the quarry at the end of Walkers Road, and through the hands and goodwill of others, had it transported and cut so that it was ready to carve.

Through much of 2016, the carving was completed by Papa Bernie and Matua Leon, with some help from students and staff. With the expertise of Papa Manu and Warren Rickard, the foundations were laid for the Pou in December 2016.



A traditional dawn ceremony was held on Friday 17th February 2017 to unveil the school Pou. Along with the L.A.C. House boarders, many visitors from the local community joined LAC for the ceremony, including Kaumatua Wiremu Te Aweawe & Papa Manu, Mayor Grant Smith and Longburn School Principal Jo Emerson with their BOT member Shanyn Hoa.

The Pou has taken us on a journey, a long one, but we all know anything precious is made from patience, determination, and faith. To view a video of the pou's journey and see explanations for the carving symbolism, visit our website: <u>http://www.lac.school.nz/2017/02/lac-pou-growing-together-becoming-one-christ/</u>



### Dates for your Calendar

| Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> March  | 5-Weekly Review  | 21 <sup>st</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> March | Y13 Camp @ Blue Mountain Camp          |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| Thur. 2 <sup>nd</sup> March | Chapel @ 1.00 pm | Tue. 21st March                           | Y12 volunteer at Weetbix Tryathlon     |
| Sun. 12 <sup>th</sup> March | Relay for Life   | Thu. 30 <sup>th</sup> March               | Y9 Science Roadshow Excursion          |
| Tue. 14 <sup>th</sup> March | School Photos    | Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup> April                | 5-Weekly Review                        |
| Wed. 15 <sup>th</sup> March | Teacher Only Day | Tue. 4 <sup>th</sup> April                | Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3 pm - 7 pm |
| Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup> March | Chapel @ 1.00 pm | Thu. 13 <sup>th</sup> April               | Last Day of Term One                   |

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**The Purpose of Education** 

"Instead of educated weaklings, institutions of learning may send forth men strong to think and to act, men who are masters and not slaves of circumstances, men who possess breadth of mind, clearness

of thought, and the courage of their convictions."

These quotes come from a book called Education which was written in 1903, and what is written seems to be ageless. When I read these quotes I feel forced to consider a few challenges for schools.

- The ability to think for ourselves is the key
- To nurture wisdom rather than intelligence
- To instil values that clarify 'why' rather than rules that state 'what' is expected
- Growing people who stand up

### Year 9 Science Roadshow

Year 9 Science Roadshow trip: On Thursday 30th March all of our Year 9 students have the opportunity to travel to another local school for the annual Science Roadshow. There will be startling demonstrations, explanations of life that we hadn't guite figured, hands-on activities, and answers to more questions than we thought we could ask. All this in a two hour time frame.

Themes for 2017 include: Magnetism, Gravity, Heat, Human Performance, and Observations.

A permission letter will be going to the homes of Yr 9 students soon. No one ever regretted going to the Science Roadshow!!

### Bowls, BBQ and loads of fun

The Sport of Bowls has its very own language:

- "Good weight!" = lousy line
- "Good line" = lousy weight
- "Good back bowl" = you were lucky you didn't put it in the ditch
- "That's in their way" = that's in my way
- "That could be useful up there" = that bowl is closer to you than it is to the jack
- "Get it next time" = you sure didn't get it this time
- "He's surprisingly good" = you're surprised he ever makes a shot

After the fun we had in 2016 at the Northern Bowling Club, LAC is gearing up at giving bowls a go again - by the busload.

On Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, students were invited to "have a go" followed by a BBQ for all. Our students have been divided into teams of five to play in an interschool competition over the next three weeks. Thanks to The Northern Bowling Club and Sport Manawatu for this opportunity - and good luck to our teams!

As a teacher, and a parent, it strikes me that I have a responsibility to my students and children to live these ideas. I have responsibility to myself if I am truly seeking the truth.

Merely teaching information without encouraging a desire to question why, denies our students purpose and meaning in their lives. Imagine what we may learn, but only if we ask the question. We need to encourage the questions and not feel obliged for us to have an answer.

He, Jesus, is the answer.

Brendan van Oostveen, School Principal

### **Basketball Season Coming**

The basketball season is coming up soon and we are looking for parent helpers.

In order for us to participate in the PNBA league we must provide 2 refs and 2 score bench people for each team we enter. Due to Sabbath times during winter, all our games are played at 4pm on Friday afternoons.

If you are available to help in any way, please register your interest with Mrs Ngarepa, stephanien@lac.school.nz or Mrs Korte, oliviak@lac.school.nz

### Terms 1 and 4 Sports

Sports on offer at LAC this term are :

- Lunchtime Indoor
- basketball
- Swimming
- Tramping
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Futsal
- Touch Rugby
- We invite students to choose no more than 2 and to return their choices to their rollmark teachers or Mr Ferreira. Choices can also be emailed to: sport@lac.school.nz

If you would like to find out more about certain sports, visit the Sport Manawatu website: http://www.sportmanawatu. org.nz/find-your-sport/ (find your sport link).

Our sports volunteers add great value to sport at LAC by ensuring that organised activities are accessible and wellrun. We can only offer the sports we have the staff and volunteers for. Volunteer as a coach, manager or assistant to make it happen. The staff and students appreciate and value community involvement. We thank you for sharing your skills and time.

- Girls' 7s Bowls
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Pool for School / Snooker
- Summer Hockey
- Intermediate Badminton
- Volleyball



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## **Swimming Sports**

The whole school took part in the Swimming Carinval on Thursday 9 February at The Lido.

The winner of the swimming House competition was Wesley (796 pts), followed by Tyndale (694 pts) and Luther (597 pts).

One of the highlights was the diving comp that however turned into more a of a belly flop competition.

The words that summed up the whole day were: wet 'n' wild, encouraging, teamwork. A great school spirit to start the 2017 House competitions with a bang.















## **NCEA SUBJECT ENDORSEMENTS FOR 2016**

A hearty congratulations to all students who gained NCEA endorsements in 2016. We look forward to seeing the same dedication this year with an increase in students performing at this level. Well done!

#### **Excellence Endorsements**

| Kirstie Bezuidenhout | Georgina Sapulai   |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Jessica Carthew      | Gabrielle Tongs    |
| Diana Pulman         | Ellie van Oostveen |
| Victoria-Jayne Reid  | Anya Rivera        |
| Bethany Wilson       | Abbey Smith        |
| Chalcedony Gali      | Jotham Tesese      |
| Phoebe McNae         | Maddi Roelse       |

#### **Merit Endorsements**

| Ben Auckram     | Maeva Esposito      |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Mark Brock      | Jaequon Goodrick    |
| Rohan Dixon     | Shajreen Kua        |
| Meshana Engu    | Hayden Larsen       |
| Mariah Kennelly | Tasha Martin        |
| Rachel Mancer   | Yukiko Nakao-Afeaki |
| Keegan Mitchell | Lara O'Brien        |
| Olita Sekona    | Chad Sparrow        |
| Victoria Vivian | Naomi Jaboon        |
| Jacob Wai       | Cassandra Doyle     |
| Sam Allen       | Stella Murchie      |
| Liam Beals      | Eden North          |
| Ashlyn Carr     | Hayden Stimpson     |

#### Subject Endorsements for 2016

This year, students will also be recognised for gaining subject endorsements. At NCEA level, students must gain at least 14 credits at Merit or Excellence to gain a Merit subject endorsement, and at least 14 credits at Excellence level to gain an Excellence subject endorsement.

#### Congratulations to the following students:

| Year 13              | M = Merit E                             | = Excellence         |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Connie Abbott        | Photography                             | E                    |
| Ben Auckram          | Bible<br>Art                            | E<br>M               |
| Kirstie Bezuidenhout | Bible, English<br>Maths, Physics        | E<br>M               |
| Mark Brock           | Bible, Photography                      | / E                  |
| Jessica Carthew      | Bible                                   | E                    |
| Meshana Engu         | Bible<br>Photography                    | E<br>M               |
| Tristin Ireland      | Bible, PE, Photogra                     | aphy M               |
| Mariah Kennelly      | Art, Bible                              | E                    |
| Rachel Mancer        | Bible                                   | E                    |
| Keegan Mitchell      | History<br>Bible, Photography           | E<br>/ M             |
| Kylah Paki           | Bible                                   | Μ                    |
| Diana Pulman         | Bible<br>Classics, Maths                | E<br>M               |
| Victoria-Jayne Reid  | Bible, Chemistry<br>Biology, English, M | E<br>aths, Physics M |
| Olita Sekona         | Photography                             | E                    |





#### IN CHRIST WE EDUCATE, ENCOURAGE AND EMPOWER

*M* = *M*erit *E* = *E*xcellence



| Jade Strichow<br>Shekyna Tesese | Photography<br>Bible     | M<br>M |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Victoria Vivian                 | Bible, Photography       | М      |
| Jacob Wai                       | Bible                    | М      |
| Bethany Wilson                  | Bible<br>PE, Photography | E<br>M |

#### Year 12

| Yasmin Ahmad        | English                       | Μ      |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Liam Beals          | Physics                       | М      |
| Ashlyn Carr         | Photography                   | М      |
| Maeva Esposito      | Art, Photography, Bible       | М      |
| Chalcedony Gali     | Bible<br>Biology, English     | E<br>M |
| Laurelie Giles      | Photography                   | Μ      |
| Jaequon Goodrick    | Bible, PE                     | Μ      |
| Chloe Hilton        | Art                           | М      |
| Shajreen Kua        | Bible<br>Biology              | E<br>M |
| Hayden Larsen       | Bible, PE                     | М      |
| Piri Marsters       | Biology                       | М      |
| Tasha Martin        | Art, Bible, English           | М      |
| Phoebe McNae        | Art, Bible, PE                | Е      |
| Yukiko Nakao-Afeaki | Bible<br>English, Photography | E<br>M |
| Lara O'Brien        | Bible<br>Photography          | E<br>M |
| Georgina Sapulai    | Bible<br>History              | E<br>M |
|                     |                               |        |

| Chad Sparrow       | Bible                                 | Μ                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Gabrielle Tongs    | Bible, Biology<br>Chemistry, English, | E<br>History M       |
| Ellie van Oostveen | Bible, PE<br>History                  | E<br>M               |
| Year 11            | M = Merit E                           | = Excellence         |
| Luca Carthew       | PE                                    | Μ                    |
| Leonardo Di Fulvio | Science                               | Μ                    |
| Cassandra Doyle    | Bible                                 | Μ                    |
| Jeffery Inina      | Bible, History                        | Μ                    |
| Murphlyn Isaro     | Bible                                 | Μ                    |
| Naomi Jaboon       | Bible, Science                        | Μ                    |
| Monique Koolaard   | PE                                    | Μ                    |
| Tayessa Malaquin   | PE                                    | Μ                    |
| Hadassah Meehan    | History                               | Μ                    |
| Stella Murchie     | Bible                                 | E                    |
|                    | PE                                    | Μ                    |
| Eden North         | English                               | Μ                    |
| Merische Pienaar   | English                               | Μ                    |
| Anya Rivera        | Bible, Science<br>Art, English, Maths | E<br>M               |
| Abbey Smith        | Bible<br>Economics, English           | E<br>n, Science M    |
| Hayden Stimpson    | Economics<br>English, Maths,Scie      | M<br>ence M          |
| Jotham Tesese      | Bible<br>English, History, Ma         | E<br>aths, Science M |





For more photos of the 2016 Graduation, please visit our *Facebook page* 

## **Excellence Exhibition of Level 3 Painting**

Last year we were blessed to have two students receive Excellence for their Level 3 Painting Art work.

Their work will displayed at Te Manawa from 2 March.



#### Student: Mariah Kennelly Title: The Greed of Man

My Level 3 Painting boards illustrate a theme of greed. I used influences from Seraphine Pick and Frida Kahlo. Both these artist models create surreal, unrealistic paintings that allowed me to play around with surrealist ideas in my work. Such as the images featuring the humans as pigs and displaying human hearts being locked in a cage.

Society and the world we live in are consumed by greed, taking more than one can give and I wanted to emphasise the idea of 'the greed of man'. I chose to use pigs and blindfolds to create a contrast between the rich and poor. I was inspired to paint about this topic because I have a strong desire to help those who are less fortunate, in an aim to raise awareness that would encourage others to see the reality of our selfish world. My hope is that we can begin to care for one another in an effort to remove our blindfolds to those less fortunate.





### Student: Connie Abbott

#### Title: Remnant

I wanted to do something a little different with the style and theme of my photography boards to what I had typically seen over the years. So I decided to focus on a documentary approach which intrigued me far more than anything else and I was curious to see how it would turn out.

After considering a variety of themes, I chose to investigate the constant presence of motor vehicles in everyday lives and the car recycling process that goes along with it. After visiting various recycling places, I was inspired by those who worked there because they had such a passion for what they were doing. Everyone I spoke to was more than eager to show me around and explain all of the different processes: from selling, dismantling, reselling parts and crushing, right to melting down various metals.

In short, the idea became less about the car recycling process itself, but also partially focusing in a subtle way on the lives that were involved. Right from the distributors, buyers, the cars and the recyclers. Technically, I wanted to show things as they were, with minimal editing. Nothing was changed other than de-saturation and the occasional contrast tweak.





## Exhibition @ Gallery 2, Te Manawa from 2 March to 16 April





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