



Week of Worship

What an amazing week from Monday May 23rd to the 27th. We celebrated our first 2016 WOWs each morning beginning at 9.00 am under the theme of "IN CHRIST – I Am". Each day Pr Will Iererua from Auckland shared a message underpinning the idea that God loves us with an indescribable love that includes great plans if we would but let Him work His way in us. His daily themes from Monday were "I am Loved, I am Powerful, I am Nothing, I am Free and I am Needed". Students were challenged on Thursday as Pr Will shared his testimony of rejection and brokenness, and how he learned to let the past not hold him in the present.

Staff and students enjoyed the special items and the music-led worship – the staff also now have a regular spot in each WOW to lead in the praise and worship. We even found some really talented students who had never shared their talents before. The Thursday call for prayer for healing saw a significant number stand before God and allowed Pr Will to pray for them. The Friday altar call allowed students to let their intentions be known on the WOW Connexion Card. Over 200 individual responses regarding Getting to Know Christ, How to Be the Real Me and Baptism were handed in and are being followed up by the chaplain. Attached is a link to Youtube where you can watch each day's programme:

<https://youtu.be/3Z1aarAWtv4>



20 Students Baptised

On the last day of WOW, Mr Van called up a group of students who had decided to commit their lives to Jesus and get baptised on May 28 at the Central SDA Church. The students had also been attending an evangelist series led by Pastor Jean-Noel which ran in for 3 weeks. [Photos on page 7.](#)



Dates for your Calendar

Thursday 9 th June	Chapel at 9am (EXCEL Performing Arts)
Friday 10 th June	40 Hour Famine
Wednesday 15 th June	Big Sing Palmerston North Regional Competition
Tuesday 21 st June	"Shorties Mufti Day" fundraiser
Friday 24 th June	Manu Korero Speech Competition
Saturday 25 th June	Vanuatu Fundraising Concert 7pm at LAC's Chapel, \$5 entry

Wednesday 29 th June	LAC Open Evening, 6-8pm
Thursday 30 th June (1pm)	Big Sing House Music Competition
Tuesday 5 th July	Vanuatu Mission Trip Leaves, 10pm
Wednesday 6 th July	Pasifika Fusion
Friday 8 th July	Term 2 Ends
Monday 25 th July	Term 3 Begins
Tuesday 2 nd August	Parent Teacher Interviews (Year 7-13) 3.30pm-7.00pm

‘In Christ - I AM’

Last week was Week of Worship and the theme was ‘In Christ – I AM’. Whether I was in the Chapel or watching the live stream (when I was in Auckland) the backdrop ‘In Christ – I AM’ got me thinking each day. There are multiple perspectives, each interesting to play around with as we seek meaning for our lives.

In Exodus 3:13-14 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”. God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

For each of us to prosper and have meaning in our life we need to have: someone to love, a purpose and a hope. Jesus Christ is the answer. Seek meaning in your life by journeying with Him and to Him through questioning why you do what you do. I suspect when, where, how and what will be a lot easier to figure out when Who and Why are made clear

Thanks to Lance Boulton who shared the idea above at our recent CASE/CAPE teachers’ retreat.

[Open Evening - Wed. June 29](#)

On Wednesday the 29th of June, LAC has its Open Evening. The purpose of the evening is to let people come and experience LAC.

So many parents and staff talk to me about their “love” of LAC. I would like each of us to ask ‘who do I know that I would like to go to LAC?’ Then invite them to the open evening, it’s as quick as an email! ([Facebook event link](#))

ERO Visit Term 3 - LAC Academic Achievement by the Numbers

At the start of Term 3 the Education Review Office (ERO) is coming to review our progress. Unsurprisingly, part of what ERO wants to see is the academic achievement of our students. There is a wide range of statistics collected, for a wide range of reasons. Below, I have picked out what I think are some key results.

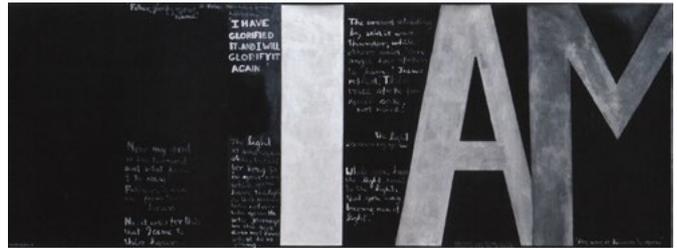
87.9% of students who left LAC in 2015 gained NCEA Level 2 (LAC’s 5-year average is 91%).

The Ministry of Education set a goal of 85% for schools some time ago. Currently the national average is around 78%.

In the last 4 years at LAC, 100% of **Māori** students gained NCEA level 2 (5-year average **90.5%**).

In the last 2 years at LAC, 100% of **Polynesian** students gained NCEA level 2 (5-year average **92.3%**).

Last year at LAC 88% of **Europeans** gained NCEA level 2 (5-year average **90.6%**). The evidence strongly suggests that your ethnic background does not influence your academic outcomes at LAC.



Worth a Look

Colin McMahon is a world famous New Zealand artist who completed a painting called ‘Victory over Death 2’. It was part of McCahon’s personal journey seeking meaning in his life. The link below gives a two minute commentary. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHpOURod_p0

Flags in the Chapel

Every now and then a student or staff member will ask me why ‘their’ flag is not hanging in the chapel. My response is, ‘you get me the flag and we will put it up’. The Pitcairn Island flag, the Danish flag (thanks Miss Rasmussen) and now the Dutch flag will be residing in the Chapel.



Jade Posthuma, from Mrs Jackson’s class, had come to me earlier asking where the Dutch flag was. I answered as above and then suggested she write to the Dutch Consulate in Wellington. Jade took up her pen, wrote to the Dutch Consulate and would have been well pleased when the letter and flag from the Dutch Ambassador arrived. Good on you, Jade, for making it happen.

Hartelijk bedankt! – Thank you very much!

For 2015, **79.4%** of LAC students at Year 13 achieved NCEA Level 3 (national average 63.1%).

In the last 3 years Merit and Excellence endorsements improved from a **29.5%** average to a **42.2%** average; an increase of **42.2%** in Merit and Excellence endorsements.

The PISA (Ministry of Education survey) results from 2015 had a range of data, with varying interpretations. On page 7 the question reads **“I feel I belong at school”**. **94%** of LAC students said “Yes”; the national average was **72%**. I find this result hugely encouraging.

In summary, our students are generally: happy, want to come to school, stay until the end of Year 13, are achieving higher grades and feel connected as an extended family. What the numbers do not show are the individuals. All students have a story that is unique to them and I want to thank the staff, definitely including the boarding staff, who journey with our children. Ultimately it is the values we collectively instil that will reap the greatest harvest.

[Brendan van Oostveen](#)
Principal



National Young Leaders' Day

On the 17th of May, 5 Prefects and the BOT student representative attended the National Young Leaders' Day at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua. It was inspiring, motivating and uplifting to the students and teachers that attended. All the speakers gave enlightening speeches that encouraged the students as leaders and budding leaders to be themselves, to be encouraged, to overcome challenges and to lead yourself before you lead others.

School Photos

Those who ordered school photos should have received them by now - day students have been given their photos at school to take home and boarding students' photos have been sent on to their parents. If you ordered photos online and you have not received them yet, please email me (rebeccak@lac.school.nz) and I will chase those up for you. If you have not yet ordered photos and would like to, it is still possible to do this using your child's "shoot key" via the PhotoLife website: www.photolife.co.nz.

Please email Bex King (rebeccak@lac.school.nz) if you are unsure what your child's shoot key code is or if you have any other questions about the photos or online ordering.

Massey Open Day

Wednesday, 3 August is Massey Open Day from 9am-2pm. We will provide transport from LAC at 9am and a 2pm pick-up from Massey back to LAC for those students who need to use it. We will simply provide a free transport service and will not be taking year levels down to the open day. Students wishing to make use of this opportunity and use our transport provided must hand their names in to Mrs Aiono or Mr Ferreira. The first 30 permission slips to be received will be accommodated since the smaller bus will be used. Classes will continue as usual and this is not a day off school for Y13 students. For more information and to register go to : Massey.ac.nz/opendays.

Girls' Soccer



Girls' soccer has started out well this term. The girls have been practising hard and are undefeated in their division. The rain is finally letting up and the girls are excited to play. Good luck to them for the rest of the term!

Hockey

Hockey has started for the year. We have a number of new players, so there has been a steep learning curve for some. Rebecca King has done a great job getting the students ready.

The girls have had two wins so far, and a cancellation due to weather. (So much for having an all-weather surface to play on!)

Next game is 4:15 pm on Tuesday 7 June. Come down to the hockey turf and support.

Equestrian Competition

Two LAC equestrian teams entered the Kyrewood Equestrian Centre Inter-School Teams Competition on 18 May.

The teams comprised the following riders:

LAC Amigos: Charlotte Sowry, Campbell Sowry and Lexi Rutherford-Blyth

LAC LENS: Sophie Pigott, Nikkita Cheesman and Ebony Parker.

Our teams competed in the dressage, show jumping and cross country events. They had cold, rain, wind, thunderstorms and lightening and all still soldiered on and achieved great results:

- Sophie 2nd in her individual dressage
- Campbell 2nd in his individual dressage
- Nikkita 3rd in her individual dressage
- Lexi 4th in her individual dressage

Overall the LAC Amigos team came 3rd in the team events with all going clear in the cross country and the show jumping event. Campbell Sowry came 1st overall for the show out of 115 riders. He received a beautiful rug that was sponsored by Prebble Seeds.



Rotary Youth Music Festival

Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders. What they think and do will shape our future. And that underpins a range of youth-focused programmes that are undertaken by the Rotary Club of Palmerston North. The Festival is a great celebration for youth. With over 100 musicians from 10 local schools performing at venues across the City, youth provided a wonderful music experience in the fourth year of this Festival.



At the end of May, great music from top musicians from Palmerston North intermediate and high schools participated in this event. Jacob Wai and Chalcedony Gali, two students from LAC, were privileged to be part of this festival and delighted guests at the La Patio Hotel Coachman.

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Christian Religious Education

CRE is a values-based programme that uses Bible based stories to teach values to children, many of whom never otherwise hear of the love of Jesus and the Bible stories.

Every year our Year 13 students have the opportunity to teach CRE at Kairanga Primary School, a local state school. This year, nine students have elected to build their skill base and confidence by participating. At 9.00 am each Friday through Terms 2 and 3, students give up an hour of their own class time to be instructors (and learners), all the while needing to keep up with their own study workload.

The Kairanga principal, staff and students welcome our students and are very supportive of the time and effort that our students contribute to the school.

Teaching CRE has led to a number of past students becoming Primary and Early Childhood teachers themselves.



Filming for Firstlight TV

On Sunday May 29, the LAC student male quintet that was formed only this year was filmed in the chapel for air play on Firstlight Television. The boys acquitted themselves well and were a credit to their parents and the school.

The secretary of Firstlight said this:

“Please do pass on to all concerned, to the staff and to the parents of the 5 boys that they were an absolute credit to the school – not only is their a capella singing delightful but their behaviour yesterday was impeccable. They looked smart in their uniform, complete with tie and blazers, and they had lovely manners, all of them being very helpful.”

At some time in the future, you should see our boys singing proudly for God on Freeview Channel 26 television. Thank you Lord for fine young men.

Kevin Gredig
School Chaplain

Careers Expo Visit

Sort it Expo is an annual jobs and careers expo that was held at Arena 2 on Thursday 19th May 2016. The focus of Sort it is on showcasing jobs, careers and opportunities available in the Manawatu. The full day expo brings employers, educators and training providers together with school leavers and job seekers.

This year the expo has been included in the LAC Y11-13 careers education plan and each year level spent part of the day connecting with employers, learning about new opportunities, future careers and future study options in the Manawatu. During the week before our visit, each year level started working on their pre-expo planners so that they would discover vocational pathways, have a list of questions ready for exhibitors, be able to explore and compare career ideas and get more from visiting the more than 60 exhibitors, including: Agriculture NZ, AUT, The Hairdressing College, Careers NZ, Engineering Manawatu, NZ School of Tourism and Porse to name a few.

It turned out to be a valuable experience for all students and deans involved with students ready for some follow-up work after the event. It was a great opportunity for our students to consider not only careers on offer, but also to re-evaluate subject choices, school programmes and their own community involvement in order to reach their goals. Students can contact Mr Ferreira on Careers@lac.school.nz for further help in making the right decisions for their future!

A helpful link for students and parents to make informed choices:
www.careers.govt.nz





LCEA Awards

LCEA (Local Certificate of Educational Achievement) is a Local Certificate that is used at LAC to track student progress and is the main 'currency' used to give individual awards at the LAC prizegivings.

Y7-10 LCEA – Credits gained in all subjects count towards each student's LCEA award. Each LCEA Assessment is marked (using an assessment schedule) as either: Not achieved/ Achieved/Merit/Excellence.

Y7-10 LCEA Award Endorsements

- Dux is the student with the highest number of Excellence credits.

- Y7/8 LCEA: **Achieved** - More than 100 credits, **Merit** – More than 120 Merit/Excellence credits, **Excellence** - More than 120 Excellence credits
- Y9/10 LCEA: **Achieved** - More than 100 credits, **Merit** – More than 100 Merit/Excellence credits, **Excellence** - More than 100 Excellence credits

Y11-13 LCEA Awards - This award is given to Y11-13 students who have gained LCEA credits from Internal NCEA credits (Including at least 10 credits from Religious Studies) at the student's year level or above, plus the trial exam results.

The LCEA is awarded with the following possible endorsements at Y11/12/13: **Achieved** (60 credits), **Merit** (50 credits at either Merit or Excellence), **Excellence** (50 L3 credits at Excellence level).

For Y11-13 each Dux is chosen from the students with Excellence-endorsed LCEA and goes to the student with the top number of Excellence credits (internal plus trial exams) who demonstrates academic excellence in a range of subjects.

Term 2 Reports

By the end of Week 1 of the school holidays at the end of Term 2, parents/ caregivers will have received their students' Term 2 Reports. We are trialing sending them out electronically via email. Those families with no email

address will receive the reports in the post.

To follow up on the students' Term 2 results there will be Y7-13 Parent/ Teacher interviews occurring on the second Tuesday of Term 3 (2 August) from 3:30 to 7pm.

Key Academic Dates

Term 3

- Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday 2nd August (3:30-7:00) Y7-13
- 7-9 Rotation Change Week 6
- Y11-13 Trial Exams 5th - 7th Sept. (Exams am and pm)

Term 4

- Y13 last day Wednesday 2nd Nov.
- Y13 Graduation weekend 4/5 Nov.
- Y11-12 Prize giving Monday 7th November (last day for Y11/12)
- NCEA Exams begin Wednesday 9th November
- Y7-10 Prizegiving & last day of school, Tuesday 13th December

World Vision 2016

This year World Vision is working to support children and families affected by the conflict in Syria. The money raised by the famine, which this year is the challenge to live out of a backpack for 40 hours, is to be used to support the 630,000 refugees in Jordan alone.

In 2015 LAC students made a tremendous effort and raised around **\$7,520!** This was an extraordinary amount. Students have been issued with the 40 Hour Famine Booklets and are seeking sponsorship. Some of the students are also organising additional fund raising activities.

Please support and encourage our students to contribute to this worthy cause.



[Watch Sara's story](#)



Blood Donations

One opportunity that senior students have to help the community is to donate blood. A van load of teachers and students head down to the hospital each term to help out some of the 40,000 people in NZ who need this life-saving service each year.

This year, the first blood donation run will be happening on Thursday the 30th of June. See Mr Woollaston if you are interested or want to know more details.

Last year, approximately 15 students and staff donated, and it would be great to increase that number. For more information, visit the NZ Blood website at: <http://www.nzblood.co.nz/>



Getting Active in Term 2:

Students currently show a 52% participation rate overall in sport at LAC, with the girls (54%) slightly more active than the boys (49%).

Term 2 sport includes:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Football
- Girls' Rugby
- Hockey
- Netball
- Pool
- Table Tennis
- Target Shooting

To find out more about a particular sport contact

Mr Ferreira:

troyf@lac.school.nz



Boarding Director's Comments...

Greetings from Longburn Adventist College House (L.A.C. House).

Our student boarders return to their dormitories each day when school ends at 3.15pm.

Currently there are 39 girl boarders and 33 boy boarders from around the South Pacific Rim nations - China, Papua New Guinea, Australia, NZ/Aotearoa, Vanuatu, Tonga, Cook Islands, Pitcairn Islands with nationalities from Samoa, Fiji, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Italy.

L.A.C. House staff - Miss Myanna Rasmussen (Denmark), Miss Caitlyn Hocker, Mr Jacob Patterson, Mr Dustin Gienger (USA), Mr Eifion Paul (Wales), Mr Roy Henry (Cook Islands/NZ).

With ages ranging from 11 years to 18 years old, life can be quite hectic, but I am very thankful to my team of dedicated staff and to our boarding parents/caregivers for their support, trust and prayers as we stand in the gap for each boarders' Spiritual, Social, Physical and Academic well being at LAC.

Our House motto is based on Jeremiah 29:11:

'Kia Puāwai Tātou' | 'The Lord's Plans'

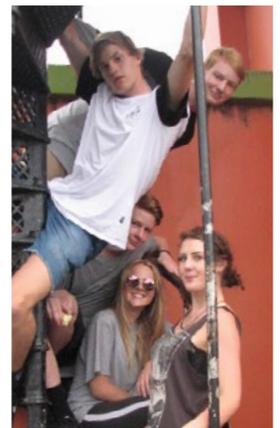
I would also like to thank our school Boards (Board of Governors and Board of Trustees) for their leadership and management as we work alongside each other for the saving of souls into His Kingdom and for His Glory,

Yours in His Service,

Maria Henry

mariah@lac.school.nz

Weekend activities with L.A.C. House





Baptisms at Central SDA Church on May 28, 2016



"I have been baptised on the 28th of May, 2016 and to me it means I have turned from the old life of sin and I am living a new life with Jesus Christ. The words Pastor Jean-Noel was preaching has really touched me in many ways and I am thankful that he really did make a change in my life. I have been baptised because I really want to commit my life to Christ and know His truth. To me, I believe that being baptised does not mean that I have to be perfect, it means committing you life to Christ and knowing his word."

Brianne Namani



"I felt that I was ready to commit my to Christ and walk with Him everyday for the rest of my life. Even if you do get baptised, you're not perfect, I mean, no one on this sinful earth is perfect. Not even pastors or preachers, but when you get baptised, it is like you're stepping on an elevator with Jesus, and the elevator is going up, but when you sin, the elevator stops, but then you ask for God's forgiveness, and when you do, the elevator will continue to rise. But you cannot use baptism as an excuse for making sins and what not. Being baptised, is all about devoting your life to Christ and showing him that you are ready to join him on his elevator of salvation."

Tuivulavula Unua





Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The Y13 PE class is fundraising for it's snow trip. We are selling the Manawatu/Wellington entertainment book. A book, full of 2 for 1 dinner deals and 25% off deals. **Only \$60 a book.**

To order, please use this link:
entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1108g02

Book available in a book or as an app. You can check the sample book at the school's reception.

See Mrs Korte (oliviak@lac.school.nz) for details

SERVICE TRIP UPDATE

The LAC to Vanuatu service trip team have managed to raise over **\$20,500** of the \$38,000 target. All money raised will go to ADRA's (Adventist Development Relief Agency) Water & Sanitation Project on Santos Island, Vanuatu.

Thank you to everyone for the fabulous support, the team can't thank you enough and will do all they can to help Vanuatu over the 2 week trip.

“Hair Today, Gone June 30!!”

Although Mr Gredig and Mr Baldwin are not going on the Vanuatu Mission Trip in July they are wanting to help fund raise. Mr “G” has a minimum target of \$500.00 before the shears get to him, with \$100 already promised.



Both staff members are to have their hair cut at a Thursday school assembly on June 30.

If you would like to sponsor either of these two please go to these sites:

<http://lacconnections2016.gofundraise.co.nz/page/GrantBaldwin>

http://lacconnections2016.gofundraise.co.nz/page/Kevin_Gredig

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7pm on Saturday June 25

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Community Notices

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday June 29

6.00pm to 8.00pm



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Te Aroha Noa Community Services

Invite you to our 'FREE' Community Workshop

"Building a Will & Managing Assets"

Presented by Rachel Ellison from
'Public Trust, Palmerston North'



"Look after what's worth looking after"

When: Tuesday 14th June 2016

Where: Te Aroha Noa Community Centre

Time: 10:30 - 11:30am

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All welcome! Light refreshments provided!

To register your interest please contact Mei:

Ph: 06 3582255 ext 206

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OR pop in and register in person at reception



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