



LAC to Vanuatu "...USE YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE." GALATIANS 5:13 NLV



On July 20 the LAC group returned from their two week adventure to Vanuatu. There are many stories to tell and it's difficult to sum up the many experiences, but it's clear that God's guiding hand was over the whole trip.

The group of 19 which travelled from Longburn on July 5 was made up of 13 students, 1 teacher, 4 boarding staff and a parent. The group was also blessed to have the another parent meet us in Port Vila; Louise Yawha, who volunteered to work alongside ADRA Vanuatu to be the group's guide and organiser throughout the trip.

Although the trip was delayed by three days due to fog postponing flights out of Auckland, the group was able to make the most of the set back by growing closer as a team and also were amazed by the helpfulness of locals who offered help with food or accommodation.

On arrival at Port Vila, we were ushered to Church where we were blessed with wonderful congregational singing

and our first taste of Vanuatu hospitality with a fantastic Sabbath lunch. Later that evening the group chose to catch up on lost service opportunities and followed Louise's lead to paint classrooms at Epauto Seventh-day Adventist High School.

From Sunday onwards the main focus of the trip was serving in the community of Namalo on Santo Island. After an hour of rough road driving we made it to the home of the the Ebenezer Primary School principal who had graciously offered to host us for the week.

Led by our ADRA rep John Boa and his skilled building team, the group was able to learn quickly how to pour concrete slabs, make toilet seat risers and erect the wooden structure for the latrines. By the end of the week the basis for 28 latrines had been constructed and it was a great sight to see the finishing of the chief's latrine.

Eifion Paul, Marketing & Boarding Admin

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Dates for your Calendar

Sunday 28 th August	Leavers' Banquet
Thursday 1 st September	Avondale College Australia visit LAC
Mon. - Wed. 5 th -7 th September	Senior Trial Exams (Y11-13 study leave)
Thursday 15 th September	Chapel, House Parables Competition
Friday 23 rd September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 10 th October	First day of Term 4

Key Academic Dates

Thursday 3 rd November	Y13 Study Leave Starts
4 th -5 th November	Graduation Weekend
Monday 7 th November	Y11-12 Prizegiving
Tuesday 8 th November	Y11-12 Study Leave commences
Thursday 10 th November	NCEA Exams begin
Tuesday 13 th December	Y7-10 Prizegiving (time to be advised)

2017 School Term Dates

Term	Start	End
Term 1	31 st January (Tuesday)	13 th April (Thursday)
Term 2	1 st May (Monday)	7 th July (Friday)
Term 3	24 th July (Monday)	29 th September (Friday)
Term 4	16 th October (Tues)	8 th December (Friday)

Senior Subject Options Process for 2017

Over the next few weeks we will be developing the senior options structure. We will be keeping you posted via email about the process being undertaken. We strongly encourage parents to discuss these options with your child. Looking forward to some great choices being made!

Principal's comments



³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." [Matthew 9:36-38](#)

A number of students, parents and staff recently travelled to Vanuatu on a service trip. In terms of fundraising, planning and organising it was a significant effort. To all that went I acknowledge your willingness to serve, particularly Mr Paul (Trip organiser) and Mrs Henry who had the job of overseeing the health and safety of everyone while on the trip. As you would expect much was learnt and thank you for the love you shared.

When the group returned they talked about how happy the locals were and how thankful they were. If we look around us in our own local communities, and the social ills, you could easily argue that 'harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd' is a reasonably accurate evaluation.

Perhaps it is harder to accept that the harvest field is in our own communities, but it is. I encourage each of us to have compassion for each other, and those in our communities we do not even know but may live 'two doors down from'. Each of us, all of us, need to look to the Shepherd. Perhaps our compassion will be an opportunity to lift someone's eyes.

Avondale College Teacher Trainees

Over the last three weeks six teacher trainees from Avondale College, a tertiary educational facility in NSW Australia, joined our staff. Each of the trainees had an associate teacher as a mentor.

Kristy Maletin - Talia Grayson, Olivia Frew - Faith Hignett
Belinda Kent - Rachel Paki, Jayden Groves - Alan Pedley
Trent Martin - Olivia Korte, Harrison Deanshaw - Jude Little.

During the 3 weeks there was a lot of learning and a lot of fun. This included the trainees sharing ideas with staff, an opportunity for many staff to reflect on their own

practice and be enquiry minded around learning in the classroom. I think we all enjoyed the energy the trainees brought.

Well done to the associate teachers, and other teachers who were involved, I was well impressed with your professionalism and the support you gave the trainees. All the trainees shared with me that LAC is a great school. Mostly their comments centred around how polite and well behaved the students are and how the staff care for the students and their learning needs.

During the week of worship many of the trainees, and LAC teachers, got involved. A highlight for many was when Mr Martin appeared as a student in a skit.



While the group was here they stayed in the dorms where many of the students got to enjoy trainees leading out in worship and sharing their stories. A big thanks to Mr and Mrs Henry and their team for looking after them.

Cafeteria Making Progress

Just over two short weeks ago work began on the cafeteria and there has been a lot done since then. A new false ceiling, carpet, toilets and paintwork have almost been completed. The lighting, heat pumps, tables and curtains are still to go in. Hopefully this project will be completed in the next two weeks, but when it comes to a building project I have learnt that there are no certainties.

A number of students, staff, parents and visitors have told me how impressed they are with the 'new' cafeteria, and it is only half finished. I must admit I am quite excited by this new space and we look forward to the LAC community using it.

I have also come to the conclusion that selecting colours and curtains are some of the more 'frightening' decisions I have encountered. Thank you to those to whom we were able to 'gift' the decision. Any choice was always going to have a degree of courage. In particular, a big thanks to Stuart Taylor, who is a member of the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees, as he has driven the project with admirable tenacity.

[Brendan van Oostveen](#), School Principal



Year 10 Spelling Bee

Five students participated in the National Spelling Bee at the end of last term. They were Leiana Hiri, Aksha John, Rachel Jaboon, Lacey Dommett and Abbey Smale. Of these five, Aksha and Abbey represented LAC at the Regional Spelling Bee in Wellington. Abbey came twelfth.

Manu Kōrero

At the end of Term 2 Keegan Mitchell represented LAC at the Manawatu/Horowhenua Regional Manu Kōrero Speech Festival.

The calibre of students speaking was impressive from all schools. Keegan stood with confidence and spoke with a maturity that was highly commended by the judges and spectators.

He definitely represented LAC and his whānau well, gaining 3rd place in the Senior English Impromptu section, and overall 2nd place in Senior English Section.

This means that Keegan is first runner-up to represent Manawatu at the National Manu Kōrero Speech Festival.

Congratulations Keegan on your achievements.

Senior Trial Exams

LAC Y11-13 NCEA Practice Exams are held on 5-7th of September at LAC. These exams are important because they help decide the endorsement (Achieved/Merit/Excellence) that each student receives at LAC's senior prize-giving ceremonies. Also, if a student due to unavoidable misfortune misses the NCEA external exams, the trial exam results are used to give the student a derived grade.

Applications for financial assistance for NCEA fees for Y11-13 domestic (not international) students are due to be in to [Mr Walsh](#) by the end of August. To be eligible the family will need to provide on the application a Benefit number or a Community Services Card number. Application forms are available from the LAC office or from the NZQA website.

PE Gear A wee reminder that it is an expectation that all students in Years 7-13 are to wear the regulation LAC PE uniform, including non-marking sports shoes, to all Physical Education classes.

If in extreme circumstances this is not possible, students need to wear mufti clothing and produce a note signed by a caregiver, explaining the situation.

Students are able to use the sports tracksuit as an optional extra. Long hair must be tied up, and it is recommended that each student has a drink bottle.

A limited selection of secondhand uniform items is available from Allison Flood at the school office.

Click [here to visit Academy Apparel](#) store online.



Cultural Celebration Day

This year the Languages Department is organising a Cultural Celebration Day here at LAC. This will be in Week 1 of Term 4, on the **13th of October**. We will celebrate our cultures through wearing modest indigenous clothing and the sale of vegetarian food during the Thursday lunch break.

For this day to be successful we need your help. If you are able to donate a special dish (or more than one!) that represents where you and your family are from, please let Whaea Sarika or Aiono sensei know. We will be contacting certain families to prepare some food but your input would be most valuable.

The proceeds for this day will go towards purchasing IT equipment for the Languages Department. If you are interested in helping out with this event, again, please contact either [Whaea Sarika](#) or [Aiono sensei](#).



Girls' Hockey

After going unbeaten through the round robin our LAC Girls' Hockey team qualified for the top four play offs in their Division 3 competition - a great achievement. Unfortunately, despite having the majority of the possession and territory, the semi final was lost 2-0. Yesterday the girls won their playoff match 4-1, finishing 3rd in the playoff competition.

Congratulations on winning the round robin competition!



Boys' Football *"This has been a tough season for the boys, with many cancellations and postponements due to bad weather, but despite everything it's fantastic to see the enthusiasm everyone brings to the game each week. It's great to see core values of the school showing through in the team - Resilience and Respect. It was hard getting a team together this year after so many of our previous team were in Year 13, so for many of the 2016 team it is a new experience playing football and they're doing a great job! So proud of the effort everyone is putting in - especially a big thank you to Mr Paul and Mr Pedley for everything they have done for the team this year"*

Tristin Ireland, Y13

Week of Worship

When a husband and wife team share at a spiritual focus week, the dynamics are both interesting and enjoyable. This term, our theme of "Finding Glory" was presented by Zian and Sophie Douglas.

Students were challenged to be real, to believe in themselves, to be leaders and not followers and to seek God first in their lives so that HE can be glorified. Their presentations were supported by amazing ice-breakers, a serial skit involving a variety of staff and students who commented on the daily themes, great music, great praise and a responsive body of students. The climax on Friday when an altar call was made for prayer or surrendering to Christ saw a huge number of students respond. God is at work in the lives of our LAC students and we give Him the praise for what He is doing and is about to do.

The morning services were streamed live on [LAC's YouTube page](#). The final morning worship can be viewed by following [this link](#).

More are photos available on [LAC's Facebook page](#).



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child has started again for 2016. Our goal is to supply 250 shoe boxes packed with items that needy children in developing nations can use and enjoy.



There are six categories: something to wear, something to love, something special, something for school, something to play with and something for personal hygiene.

The goodies do not need to be expensive. Some items are NOT to be included, and a list of these will be provided to students.

We are encouraging every student to pack a shoe box and contribute **\$9.50** for the postage. The philosophy is simple – "Do to others as you would like them to do for you." As parents and caregivers, you may wish to participate as well by donating goods or donating an amount toward the transportation cost.

The class that fills the most boxes receives a free pizza lunch from the Chaplaincy Department. In advance, we thank you.

Kevin Gredig, School Chaplain



Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

After a 6 week training programme the Year 12 Physical Education class participated in the 2016 Wellington Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. This was part of their course assessment where they gained NCEA credits.

The challenge is made up of a 6km run filled with obstacles to climb over and under, mud pools to run through, the famous "Everest" (a steep muddy mountain), narrow bush tracks filled with vines, and river crossings. The students battled the freezing temperatures and constant rain.

We could then officially and proudly call our students Tough Guys and Tough Gals.

To see more photos, please visit LAC's [Facebook page](#).

Olivia Korte, HOD Physical Education



Miss Frew's Reflections

WOW. What a life-changing and incredible experience coming from Avondale College of Higher Education (Australia) to LAC for three weeks to Prac Teach!! From our first day of classes where the students made us feel welcome as we walked down the corridors ("Hi miss... Have a great day Miss!"), waking up and being greeted by the girls' happy and cheerful faces in dorms (I'm not missing the 6:30am announcements), watching the rugby in Wellington and almost getting frostbite, participating in staff worship, tasting New Zealand fish and chips and jelly-tip ice-cream, being with the students in Week of Worship, singing the Australian National Anthem on our last day, and the students thanking us for teaching them. The whole experience was very special. It was so easy to fall in love with LAC which made it hard to leave. It was great to catch up with Miss Leach and Mr Rashleigh, and make friends with the new Deans. Everyone made us feel welcome and part of the LAC family. The memories and friendships I have made will be lifelong.

Whilst working under the supervision of Mrs Hignett, I discovered my passion for Biology. She taught me far more than behaviour management skills, resilience, positivity, and how God develops our character through experiences. Mrs Hignett is the most brilliant mentor, supervisor, supporter, and friend, and I am already missing her and my students.



Olivia Frew, Kristy Melton & Miss Talia Grayson

God poured out His blessings on to us each day, showing us how incredible the life of a teacher can really be.

This Bible verse perfectly describes what we have experienced ...

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. "Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

[Malachi 3:10 NIV](#)

Thank you LAC for a great opportunity of learning. We are looking forward to those LAC students who will be coming to Australia and studying at Avondale in the future. It is not a goodbye from us... It's just a, "I'll see you soon!!"

Olivia Frew, Avondale College Student Teacher

Intermediate Focus

Years 7&8 under the spotlight!



Intermediate Bake Sale

In Term 2, the intermediates learned about Refugees and their difficult plight. Many did the the World Vision Famine to raise money for Syrian refugees. Lexi Rutherford-Blyth, Eni Lupton and Liam Blakeborough in particular raised large amounts of money.

But the Intermediates wanted to do more. So a Bake Sale was organised. Many provided baking, some made colourful posters and displayed them around the school, others served on the Bake Sale stall. **\$200** was raised and given to [ADRA NZ](#) (Adventist Development Relief Agency) with directions that it be used for refugees.

Thanks to those parents who supported us.

Diane Jackson, Intermediate Teacher



Woodwork

Woodwork is one of the technology rotations. You make a serviette holder and when you finish that you go on to make a sign. it's really cool because you can make it look like whatever you want and take it home once you finish the rotation.

Woodwork is fun because you can use machines like the big sander, drill press, saw and hacksaw.

For the serviette holder, once you've cut all the sides and back you glue them and make a weight to hold the serviettes, oil your project, and you're finished and wait for your marks.

I think woodwork is fun and I can't wait for next year.

Kieran, Year 7

After School Netball



After school netball is played on a Monday, from 4pm - 6pm. Mrs Paki (a team mate's mother and teacher) takes a small group of us to Vautier Park. Mrs Korte is our coach and a teacher. We meet every Monday lunchtime to practise.



I decided to play netball in Year 4. I wanted to follow in my step-sister's footsteps. As I got older I fell in love with the sport and kept playing. I love the speed and the feel of the ball. We have done very well this year.

On Monday the 22nd we played our last netball game and won to win our Intermediate Netball Division!

Lexi, Year 8



Fabrics Class

The fabrics teacher at LAC is Mrs Shirriffs. This is what we did in the classroom.

We made fabric owls, fabric scenes and even fabric bowls!

We also learnt to hand stitch, we learned how to sew buttons onto fabric.

The fabrics room is at D29 near the woodwork block.

Why did we do it? Some day it may be helpful to know how to sew a button on a shirt.

We used needles to sew stuff on to the fabrics and we used irons to stick fabric together with 2 sided glue.

Matt Year 8 and Jesse Year 7.



Cooking

Cooking is a compulsory activity but it's still fun and delicious. Miss Leach is our cooking teacher, she is a lot of fun to work with. We get given a recipe, then we cook it. We have about 5 groups. Each group has 3 or 4 people.

So far we have made: Tofu, Shepherd's Pie and Raspberry and Orange muffins.

Mackenzie, Year 8

Classroom Pets - Guinea Pigs

This year Mrs Hignett gave us some guinea pigs to look after and enjoy as class pets. They both had very beautiful fur. One was grey and white, and the other was black and white.



A few days later we had named them - the black and white one was 'Many' and the grey and white one was 'Cookies and Cream'. They were so cute!

Every lunch time, if the classroom was open I would go and hold Many. She was my favourite.

Mrs Jackson had sorted out some monitors to care for them - cleaning, feeding, giving water and changing bedding to keep them happy!

Term 3 had come along and the guinea pigs were where they usually were, hiding underneath their little hut we made from a cardboard box. We lifted up the box and what a sight it was to see there were precious little babies in there. Later we found out that Cookies and Cream was a boy (we thought they were both girls - sisters).

We weren't allowed to hold the babies until 2-3 days after they were born. There were 3, 2 of them looked like their Dad and one looked like their Mum. I came every single break to see if the classroom was open so I could hold them and see them. They were cuddly and warm, always squeaking and making small quiet noises.

8 days after they were born they had to go back to their owner. I'm sure everyone wasn't happy that they had to go home. Hopefully we can get another class pet next year.

Alyssa, Year 7



Intermediate basketball

The LAC intermediate basketball team's players are: Malakai (Captain), Jayden (Vice Captain), Zac, Jaime, TJ, Jarn, Jack, Odn, Cameron, Matt and Griffyn. They are trained by Coach Kapao.

The basketball team plays every Wednesday and also does duty (which means they keep the score) they have training 12 to 2pm on Sunday's.

The team plays for fun and to grow their skills in basketball.

The team plays at arena manawatu. They get there by bus and some go by car.

They play as a team and support each other. They have won most of their games this term.

Griffyn, Year 7



An Eventful Mid-Winter

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, from L.A.C. House 2016.

Boarding life at LAC is exciting, challenging and very rewarding, and not necessarily in that order!

Vanuatu Mission Trip

Since our last report, 5 boarders (Tamatoa Warren-Peu, Kimiora Warren-Peu, Apia Yawha, Enya Smolka, Jade Strichow), Mr Eifion Paul and myself participated in an ADRA mission to build latrines and paint classrooms in Port Vila and Namalo Village in Vanuatu during the July school holidays, after months of fundraising. The group of 13 students and six adults returned to New Zealand with renewed perspectives of true 'servantship' – compassion, resilience, humility, and the desire to abide in His presence through nature.



Towards the end of the trip it was a wonderful experience to meet up with many L.A.C. House Alumni now living in Vanuatu. Pictured above are Jodi Devine (2007-2009) and Kenneth Ephraim (2001-2002).

Wedding

At the start of term, we were delighted to witness the wonderful wedding ceremony of Mr Eifion Paul and his fiancée Juliana. We wish them both God's richest blessing and guidance in their marriage.

ERO Vist

The Education Review Office Hostel visit during Week 1 highlighted areas of alignment with Board of Trustees' policies and procedures such as Health and Safety and the Vulnerable Children's Act, through the Hostel Guidelines.

It was lovely to see boarding parents who travelled long distance (Tonga) to meet their child's teachers; thank you for your support and encouragement.

Boarders Lead Week of Worship

Our school Week of Worship saw boarders involved primarily in praise, worship and skits. Thank you Torika Warren-Peu, Manatu Tupou, Jerome Afoa, Shekyna & Jotham Tesese; your leadership was our 'glory'.



A new carpet has been laid, with the ceiling almost finished.

Cafeteria Renovation

Finally, I would like to thank our school Boards (Trustees & Governors) for their gallant efforts in the renovation of our school cafeteria. L.A.C. House boarders have patiently sat through work being done around them as they witness the change in our dining environment. Again, thank you to our sponsors.

We are very grateful to our boarding parents for your prayers and support this year. God bless, and please email me anytime (mariah@lac.school.nz) for any queries about life at L.A.C. House.

Yours in His Service,

Maria Henry, Boarding Director

2017 Boarding Scholarship Applications Now Open

The purpose of the Longburn Adventist College (LAC) Boarding Scholarship is to aid quality students who come from a financially challenging background.

The LAC boarding scholarship is available to students who are unable to afford the full cost of boarding fees. It has been set up to primarily help Seventh-day Adventist students who meet the application criteria.

- Scholarship amount: NZ\$3,000 towards Boarding fees only.
- The Boarding Scholarship is available to domestic fee paying students only (including Australia, Cook Island, Niue & Tokelau residents).
- Applications need to be sent to school (with application form if a new student) by **November 10**.

For more information please visit: <http://www.lac.school.nz/index.php/scholarship>





Night Life Youth Event

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." [Matthew 18:20 NIV](#)



Hosted by Mosaic Community Church. The theme was #SQUADGOALS to go along with the 'Co-workers in Christ' theme for the Manawatu SDA Church regional.

For more photos go to:



L.A.C. House's New Deans



Mr Mathews

"I am a Junior Physical Education Major with the desire to help young men and women learn just how fearfully and wonderfully made they are. I come from the southern state of Tennessee in the USA with the desire to help your young boarders learn to love each other, themselves, and God through physical activity, nature, and healthy relationships."

[Adam Mathews](#), Assistant Boys' Dean



Mr Riley

"I recently graduated from Walla Walla University with a degree in Business Finance. I come from a small town named Walla Walla, which means "land of many waters" in Native American. But, to be honest, there's barely water there compared to New Zealand.

Aspiring professional seeking to help guide young students towards success in school and life. That is what comes to mind for this line of work and I'll be doing my best to help guide these boarders to success and their full potential.

My hobbies include: Snowboarding, Hiking, Music, Longboarding, Football, Reading, and Traveling."

[Michael Riley](#), Assistant Boys' Dean



Miss Bishop

"I am from a small town in Northern California called Placerville. I attended El Dorado Adventist School for Primary and Secondary school and then headed over to Pacific Union College which is in Napa Valley, California. There I studied pre-Nursing for two years and I plan to attend Loma Linda University for Nursing when I return.

I enjoy sports and reading. The opportunity to work in L.A.C. House has been such a blessing in my life because I have always wanted to work with youth."

[Madison Bishop](#), Assistant Girls' Dean

Vanuatu Testimonies



What was the highlight of your trip experience?

"Meeting the locals and diving into their world, a world that is so different to ours. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about their culture, food and lifestyles. Spending time with the children at the school and villages was definitely a highlight. Just the whole experience itself was such a positive challenge and really humbling. Checking out Vanuatu's amazing scenery, lagoons and wildlife was awesome as well."

"Working alongside members of the community to build something that could help improve their living standards - the joy they shared at merely being asked to help always moved me."

"The whole was just one big highlight to be very honest. Just being in the village and seeing the people appreciate what we were doing and how happy and generous they were. Just getting to know the kids and spending time with them."



Please share a bit of what God has taught you, as a result of this mission trip experience:

"He's taught me to just love, love and love. Forget about judging people, and just love them. And that we have so much to appreciate. We need not worry about the small things in life; they're nothing compared to what other people face."

"God has taught me to be more humble and grateful for what I have. To be grateful for the people I have around me and for the support they give me in my life. There was just so much joy and love that was shared on the trip from our group and from the people that we met in Vanuatu, that I was able to see how God works through people and how blessed we are."

"God reminded me that people are good and kind, some people just need the right opportunity to really show it. Also when things don't go to our plan, God has his own plan. By putting my trust in God's plans, I was able to relax into the moments and enjoy each experience that I was presented with. This trip has helped rejuvenate my faith in God."

Tell us about some of the challenges you experienced?

"Adjusting to not being able to flush after using the toilet haha."

"Just when we were stuck in Auckland and I was just thinking 'wow... why is this happening, you know we are doing this for you God, we're trying to be missionaries for you and we can't even get out of our own country' But I realised once we got to Vanuatu that us as a group weren't close before. We didn't really know each other. Being stuck in Auckland together and all going through the same thing and the emotions and frustration brought us closer together. So that once we got to Vanuatu we could work better as a team and be more comfortable together."



Every trip participant filled out an evaluation form after returning from the mission trip to Vanuatu. Below are just a few of their anonymous testimonies.

The whole group would like to say a massive thank you to friends & family and the LAC community for your support in helping them to serve in Vanuatu.

Please pray for the Namalo community on Santo Island, Vanuatu.

More photos are available [here](#).

How do you plan to continue to serve as a follow up to this mission trip?

"Teach people my experiences and what I've learnt. And putting the values I've brought back into my own life. Pray for missions and the people of Namalo. And encourage others at school who want to go on a trip."

"I want to continue to help people - with small things and big things. It's what I've always wanted to do, and going to Vanuatu just set that idea in stone."

"Continue sharing with people the amazing opportunities that a mission trip can bring you and the amount of growth that you can make as a person when you step outside of your comfort zone and experience a new culture."

"By being humble and grateful and continuing to serve however I can."



What was your most valuable experience?

"Witnessing the joy community members experience with far less than what most of us have in our comfortable lives - that was when I desired to appreciate the smaller things that matter the most as opposed to the material things that we tend to surround ourselves with."

"Seeing how passionate our leaders were about the work they were doing and seeing how grateful the villagers were that we were there and making a change that they would benefit from for years to come. Knowing that we were a part of a plan that was helping these people have a better life was so rewarding."

"When the girls at the school came over to me when I was picking thorns out of my skirt and they came and helped me. Didn't even ask if I needed help. They just did it. And soon there were around 10 girls who were each holding a part of my skirt. So lovely. Lunches at Namalo and seeing how they put their heart into cooking our food. Oh and I loved how people said hi to everyone even if they didn't know them. I want that kind of spirit in Palmy."





Pasifika Fusion

Highlights from PI Fusion. Well done to all those who participated this year!! Congratulations to Punaomealelei Suai for coming first in the Talent Traditional Dance Category. Thanks go to Ms L Wolfsbauer, Mrs F Hignett and Mrs J Paul for their support and to all those who helped with preparations for the Cultural Performance, Cinematography and Wearable Arts categories. Special thanks go to Olita Sekona for leading the Cook Island performance. Looking forward to 2017!

More photos are available on [LAC's Facebook Page](#).

[Juliana Paul](#), Photography Teacher



PRINCIPAL'S VARIETY CONCERT

A Christian Experience

Thursday, September 15

At the LAC Chapel, 100 Walkers Rd, 4477

From 7.30pm



Examples of the acts performing:

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| Kapa Haka | Polynesian Choir | Guitar Duet |
| Junior Choir | String Ensemble | Hip Hop dancing |

Suggested gold coin donation entry

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