



## Principal's comments

### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

In 2017 we are moving towards integrating digital technology into our learning programmes. Due to this, students are being strongly encouraged to come to school with an IT device to use in their classes.

In 2018 it will be expected that ALL students will be REQUIRED to bring an IT device (with a physical keyboard) as part of their equipment.

It reminds me of when I, as a student, was required to bring a calculator to school. Initially, it was a big change, but very quickly it became the norm. Our children need to be prepared for a future that will be strongly influenced by technology, whether we like it or not. As a school, not only do we wish to teach how to use technology, but to also use it for good. This includes the teaching of ethics and the possible impacts on relationships.

If you are wanting to purchase a new device in the weeks leading up to Christmas, or even after, the important things to look at are:

- Warranty - protection against technical issues.
- CPU Model - Purchase as up-to-date as you can.
- Minimum 4gb RAM

While all of us face financial limitations, it is preferable to buy technology that is as up to date as possible. Specs continue to improve at an increasing pace. Aim for the CPU to be no older than 1 year, if possible. You can check the CPU model by looking it up on the Intel website. Disregard all the marketing fluff and compare the CPU specs between models.

I am excited about the next steps forward and we look forward to sharing this new learning journey with you all.

### Joshua 1:9

HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU? BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

JOSHUA 1:9, NIV

When Georgia, our eldest daughter, was born I decided to announce her arrival in the local newspaper. In the notice I 'attached' Joshua 1:9 as a way of witnessing to anyone who happened to read it. Since then Joshua 1:9 seems to weave its way into things on a reasonably regular basis.

Just recently I had the pleasure of welcoming all the new Year 7 students for next year, as they attended our Orientation Day. I was reminded of my 'first day' nerves when I went to school. It was also very encouraging to see so many parents in the chapel. Many of them were also 'nervous' around the fact that their children are growing older much faster than they may have realised.

Georgia just mentioned to me it is only one more year until she graduates from Avondale College (Australia) as a nurse. She talked about the responsibility of being a nurse, the fear around potentially getting it wrong and the possible consequences. On the one hand I was pleased she had this 'healthy' fear but on the other hand not if it stops her from being the one who courageously asks 'the' question. After all if you are completely fearful of making mistakes, the only solution is to do nothing and therefore do nothing wrong.

God can only use us if we make ourselves available. Who knows what He might call us to do? It may well be painfully challenging. Take your strength and courage from knowing that He is right there with you. Only we can deny that for ourselves.

*Brendan van Oostveen*, School Principal

### INFORMATION FOR 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

For those of you wondering when you will find out details about uniform, stationery etc. for 2017, a separate newsletter will be issued within the next week or so, clearly setting out everything you need to know.

### Dates for your Calendar

29 January	L.A.C. House re-opens for boarders
30 January	Orientation Day for New Students
31 January	Years 7-10 Start School
1 February	Years 11 -13 Start School
6 February	Waitangi Day (no school)
9 February	Swimming Sports

17 February	<b>6am service for LAC's pou unveiling</b> All of Longburn and Palmerston North community are welcome to LAC's chapel
22 February	Athletics Day (backup: Feb. 28)
14 March	School Photos
15 March	Teacher Only Day (no school)
21-24 March	Year 13 Camp @ Blue Mountain Camp
13 April	Last day of Term 1

## New Subjects for 2017

As indicated in the October Newsletter issue, there are some new subjects that have been added to both the Senior and Junior levels. Accountancy will be combined with Economics at Year 11 to form a commerce course. Hospitality will now be offered at Level 1 and 2 with a key focus on the practical aspect of cookery and other hospitality industry skills. Another exciting new subject option for NCEA Level 2 and 3 is Media Studies which will be offered as a combined class with a foray into the world of media and ethics, media product development and the understanding of media text and readings.

For the Junior school, some subject areas will have expanded time: PE, Years 7 - 10, to have a Health component; Social Studies at Year 10 to have a Careers component and English at Year 9 to have a Drama component.

For students who are interested in coding/writing software, Programming is being offered at Year 9 -10. Design Visual Communication (DVC) is being included for Year 7- 8 as a new rotation with the idea of designing a product and creating a prototype through the use of wood and other materials.

We thank staff for developing these new courses of study which enable our students access to a range of curriculum areas.

*[Tamar Aiono,](#)*

Assistant Principal Curriculum & HOD Bible



## Junior Prizegiving

A hearty 'Congratulations!' to the following students for their commitment and hard work in gaining LCEA with Merit and Excellence in the Junior Prize-giving for 2016:

### YEAR 7

#### JOINT DUX

Liam Blakeborough  
Anjali Jha

#### Excellence

Liam Blakeborough  
Anjali Jha

#### Merit

Griffyn Kapao  
Leisana Kingi  
Tra'est-Brelua Mafile'o  
Jack Matata  
Ayla Rogers  
Joyce Suai  
Harlan Summers  
Caitlin Giddens  
To'o Foaga

#### Excellence

Hannah Jourdain  
Macy Paki

#### Merit

Apia Kaukare Yawha  
Luca Malaquin  
Zoe Mancer  
Lyric Clarke  
Elizabeth Martin  
Samantha McBride  
Rebekah Mudford  
Sandra Namani  
Shaye Niall  
Daphnne Piiti  
Rowmesha Sekona  
Sofia Sessa  
Rebekah Taunton  
Olivia Vivian  
Atawhai Wirihana

### YEAR 8

#### DUX

Avantika John

#### Runner Up DUX

Jessica Hiri

#### Excellence

Jessica Hiri  
Avantika John  
S M Miado  
Lydia Pavarno  
Lexi Rutherford-Blyth  
Jayden McKinnon-Peel

#### Merit

Malakai Booth  
Gemma Brayshaw  
Jarn Doyle  
Jessica Fleming  
Olivia Medland  
Olivia Nhim  
Mia Paki  
Sammie Shearman  
Matt Sparrow

### YEAR 10

#### DUX

Abbey Smale

#### Runner Up DUX

Beaven Ganaii

#### Excellence

Beaven Ganaii  
Aksha John  
Abbey Smale

#### Merit

Lily Bull  
Nikkita Cheesman  
Lacey Dommett  
Tanner Ferreira  
Lorielle Riley  
Leiana Hiri  
Jessica Horne  
Natalia Hutchinson  
Rachel Jaboon  
Josephine Ma'u  
Hayley Matata  
Sophie Pigott  
Tuivulavula Unua  
Thomas Wai

## Attendance Dues Home Economics Room

Another big thank you to everyone with students at LAC in 2016 for paying Attendance Dues. The proprietors are very pleased to see that almost everyone is paying Attendance Dues, which is required. Student enrolment at a state-integrated school is legally dependent on Attendance Dues being paid.

These funds enable the NZ SDA Schools to operate as owners of the college property and our students benefit from the work NZ SDA Schools do. This year we have benefitted from a range of 'minor' improvements. At the start of 2017 Home Economics and Hospitality students will enjoy a brand new classroom right next door to a commercial kitchen. A professional in this field, who travels around schools giving advice, stated "it will be the best set up I have seen in a school".

This excellent learning environment will be possible because of your attendance dues, thank you once again.

For 2017, I am expecting the gym and the gym floor will be the main focus.

*[Brendan van Oostveen,](#)*  
School Principal

### YEAR 9

#### DUX

Hannah Jordain

#### Runner Up DUX

Macy Paki



Team Photo (left to right): Tia-Rhiena Upton, Michelle Elia, Evaysha Ngatai, Sisi Panikoula, Fina Ma'u, Daphne Piiti, Torika Warren-Peu, Tianah Lauesi, Puna Suai,



## Junior Girls' Nationals

On Monday 21st November our Junior Girls' Volleyball team left LAC for Wellington to compete in the North Island Junior Volleyball Championships. Going into the tournament we were ranked 31st out of 51 girls' teams which meant we had a lot of hard teams to play on day one. After the first day of grading games we ended up in Division 2. We had some good wins on day 2 and again on the last day which meant we finished 7th in Division 2. This increased our overall ranking from 31st to 23rd. We were happy with that!

Junior Nationals was a great experience and I would love to be able to relive it all again. With a whole week off school, I have to say that my highlights from the week would have to be getting to know each of the girls in the team better, being able to spend time with them and playing a sport we all love! But from this experience I have learnt a lot. Things like being positive and encouraging each other throughout training and games is a key part of being able to win games. Or even if we didn't win our game at least by being and staying positive we were able to give ourselves and our team the confidence boost we all needed. Also we were able to go a long way by working as a team and knowing that each person had a part to play.

I would also like to acknowledge Mrs King, Mrs Paki and Mr Ma'u for making this all possible, using your own time in order to get our team to the next level and putting up with all our laughing, talking, shouting and off-key singing, which was probably giving you all a headache.

So thank you once again and God Bless.

*by Evaysha Ngatai*



## Term 3/4 Volleyball

The local term 3/4 volleyball competition finished up in week 6 with LAC doing very well. We had 8 teams entered this league - which is amazing in itself and a record for LAC - and 6 of them made finals for their divisions with the Senior Girls' 2 team taking out Senior Girls' Division 2 and the Junior Girls' 1 team taking out the Junior Girls' Division 1. Well done to all our teams.

Special thank you to our coaches Steph Ngarepa, Kyla Paki, Myanna Rasmussen, Madison Bishop, Mosese Ma'u, Olivia Korte, Stew Fata and Brendan van Oostveen.

Bex King, Librarian, STAR, Gateway & Te Kura Coordinator



## Intermediate Hockey

The intermediate summer social hockey team enjoyed six games over the course of term 4. There were a number of players who were playing hockey for the first time, and it was great to see them as part of the team. Thanks everyone for your enthusiasm and energy. Big thanks also to all the supporters; parents, uncles, siblings, friends, etc who turned up to support us.

Grant Baldwin, HOD Mathematics

## Sport in Term 1, 2017

I know many will only be thinking of finishing off the year now, but we do hope to see you all again in 2017. With this in mind, here are some of the Term 1 sport options for you to think about:

- Touch
- Table Tennis
- Bowls
- Badminton (Girls)
- Intermediate badminton
- Girls' 7s
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Futsal
- Indoor Football

If you have a particular sport you are interested in, are a sports volunteer, or have a family member who would like to coach or assist, please contact [troyf@lac.school.nz](mailto:troyf@lac.school.nz), then we will try and accommodate your request.

If you would like to explore different sports, then use the accompanying Sport Manawatu link:  
<http://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/find-your-sport/>

Well done to all for a 61% (updated T4) participation rate in sport for 2016.

There are many benefits of doing sport:

### ***Physical exercise is good for mind, body and spirit.***

Team sports are good for learning accountability, dedication, and leadership.

### ***Many athletes do better academically.***

Sports require memorisation, repetition and learning — skill sets that are directly relevant to classwork. The determination and goal-setting skills sports require can be transferred to the classroom.

### ***Sports teach teamwork and help achieve goals.***

Fighting for a common goal with a host of other players, coaches, managers and community members teaches you how to build a collective team synergy and effectively communicate the best way to solve problems en route to a victory. This will be very helpful in life when encountering problems at work, at home, or in any arena.

### ***Sports offer many health benefits, some less obvious.***

Clearly, sports will improve your fitness and weight goals. However, they also encourage making healthy decisions.

### ***Sports boost self-esteem.***

Watching your hard work pay off and achieving your dreams brings about tons of self-confidence. If you can achieve something in a sport or with a fitness goal, then you know you can achieve any other goal you set. This is a very rewarding and exciting process.

### ***Playing a sport cuts down on pressure and stress.***

Exercising is a natural way to loosen up and let go of stress. You will most likely make many new friends on the team who can be there for you as a support system. When you find you are having a lot of stress, you can call up teammates and head to the gym to talk it out and play it out.

For all of these reasons, it is always a great decision to get involved in sports at LAC!

[Mr Troy Ferreira](#),  
Teacher, Careers  
& Sports Coordinator



## ASPIRE - PB4L AT LAC

There is no doubt that humans are in a struggle between doing right and doing wrong, between developing a good character and a bad character.

"All values must be won by contest, and after they have been won, they must be defended." (Jim Rohn)

This year our ASPIRE/PB4L deliberate amalgamation has proved to be very beneficial and rewarding. The deliberate teaching of values that coincide with our three expectation statements - "Lead with Integrity, Act with Respect, Cultivate Resilience" - has resulted in a decrease in inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour and greater success rates in behaviour, academics and relationships.

Has it been easy? No. Has it been worth it? Yes.

We will continue to promote Christ-like qualities and expectations through this programme as we assist in healing damaged students and staff, and continue the journey toward wholeness.

So many visitors to LAC remark on the school tone, the serenity of the school and the courtesy of the students. This is a reflection in part of the expectations placed on students to become and then to demonstrate all that Christ intended them to be.

Thank you for your support in helping us equip our students in becoming their best.

[Kevin Gredig](#), School Chaplain



## Pouwhenua Unveiling 17 February 2017

A traditional dawn ceremony will be held on Friday 17th February 2017 to unveil our school Pou.

The Pou has taken us on a journey, a long one, but we all know anything precious is made from patience, determination, and faith.

We are very excited that the unveiling will be going ahead in the new school year. We would like to invite you to take part in what is going to be a significant event for LAC. We ask that you gather at/in the chapel at 5.30am, the ceremony will start at 6.00am.

Following the ceremony, you are welcome to join us in the cafeteria for light refreshments. Here we will be acknowledging all those who have helped us in this journey, that is our Pou.

*Whaea Sarika & Eifion Paul*

## Special Olympics

Year 13 student Libby Sheppard, recently participated in the Special Olympics Trans Tasman Tournament. Hundreds of swimmers and athletes from Australia and New Zealand competed in Hamilton over three days.

Libby swam in 4 events and brought home two gold and one silver medal for her efforts. 1st in 25 metres freestyle, 1st in the 25 metres backstroke and 2nd in the 4 x 25-metre medley relay when Libby swam

backstroke. She has been participating in Special Olympics for four years now, and this was her first international event.

Libby was a very humble competitor, not expecting to be so successful. She has been training for this event for the last six months and said that the entire trip away was a very moving and emotional experience for her. She is now looking forward to the Special Olympics National Championships held in Wellington in 2017.



Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!

