



In Christ we educate, encourage and empower

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Philippians 4:12 New International Version (NIV)



I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

When I was a teenager I asked my mother what she would like to have if she could wish one thing into being; she replied, "Contentment". Mum's response got me thinking; perhaps I had thought fame, riches or even happiness were more likely answers. The problem with happiness is there are certain things or events people would not want to be happy about; unfortunately there is much sadness in the world to choose from. I think Mum wanted to acknowledge the seasons of life, but know that it is going to be okay. When we acknowledge that we are made in God's image and that He loves us, it puts life into perspective. Easily said, but the world continually tells us we are not good enough. Time to spend time with God. **[Brendan van Oostveen, Principal]**

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 5 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Thursday 8 June	Open Day
Friday 9 June	40-Hour Famine
Wednesday 14 June	Big Sing Choir Competition
Thursday 15 June	Cultural Mufti Day
	LAC Cultural Day and Evening Programme
Thursday 22 June	Board of Trustees meets 5:30pm in the LAC Library – observers welcome
Wednesday 28 June	EXCEL School of Performing Arts lunch performance (Chapel) 1:45pm
Monday 3 July	Year 9 and 10 Option 2 begins
Friday 7 July	Reports sent out by this date
	Term 2 ends
Monday 24 July	Term 3 begins
Wednesday 26-Thursday 27 July	Pasifika Fusion
Friday 29 September	Term 3 ends
Monday 16 October	Term 4 begins
Friday 8 December	Term 4 ends

OPEN DAY THURSDAY 8 JUNE

There are two official tour times during the day: 10.15 - 10.45 am, and 1.15 - 1.45 pm. Bookings are not compulsory but help us in our planning – these can be made online at <https://www.lac.school.nz/open-day/>.

There will be an evening programme, with a tour, from 6.00 - 7.00 pm for those unable to make it during the day.

Please spread the word to anyone potentially looking for grounded Christian education for their child/ren.

WEEK OF WORSHIP

It is a bit of a gamble when a speaker for WOW is engaged based on the recommendations of others. However, God had His hand over this, and our WOW speaker this month was more than we could have hoped for. Brock Goodall from Central Coast Adventist School - between Sydney and Newcastle - was an engaging speaker who passionately presented a message based around our theme of 'Battle On'. He spoke of the original battle in Heaven, he shared some of his own personal battles, he directed a great drama of David and Goliath (involving students and a staff member), and challenged students and staff to remember that the REAL battle is in the mind. Brock spoke of the need to be careful about what we feed into our minds, as our values and decisions are affected by the input.



The special items, and praise and worship each day, were inspiring. The Thursday staff-led worship time really lifted the singing and set the tone for the day. At the end of the week Brock said how much he had enjoyed the engagement of the students in the worship and the interaction during the presentations. When a call was made for students to further their connection with, or increase their understanding of, Christ, a significant portion of the student body went forward and filled in the 'Connect Card'. The Chaplain is following up on these. A special thanks to all who were involved in both the preparation and presentation of the week's programme. The next WOW is in week three of Term 3.



GOODBYES

We are sad to be losing one of our teacher aides, Kate Millar. Kate has been at the school for four years. She has assisted students with their transition into the school and helped many students overcome barriers in their learning. We wish Kate all the best as she moves into other employment.

We have also farewelled Madison Bishop who has served as a volunteer boarding dean for the past year. She will be heading back to America to continue with her studies.

'SORT IT' CAREERS EXPO – 18 MAY

Y10-13 students attended the 'Sort It' annual event held at the Central Energy Trust Arena, focusing on showcasing industry, training and educational pathways. The event brings employers, educators and training providers together, providing students with a wide array of information and contacts. The expo is an ideal opportunity for students to explore career pathway options all under one roof at the same time.

'CAREERS IN HEALTH' DAY

LAC students keen to explore options for a career in the Health Sector will attend the MidCentral District Health Board 'Careers in Health' Day on Friday 23 June at the Education Centre, Palmerston North Hospital, from 8.30am to 1.00pm. Students will have an opportunity to talk to a range of health professionals and also take part in some hands-on activities.

LANEY'S KITCHEN

On Sunday 28th May, LAC officially opened the new hospitality classroom as "Laney's Kitchen" in commemoration of a former beloved teacher who passed away in 2014. The gathering that attended sampled the Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students' sweet and savoury treats, and drinks. Much appreciation goes to Miss Leach, who facilitated the students and their preparation of food for the event. A heartfelt 'thank You' to the Laney family and all those who took the time to attend. Lisa truly saw the best in people, and her legacy will live on as a reminder that Christ, family and relationships are what truly matter.



MANAWATU SECONDARY SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY

We took a group of seven intrepid souls (and bodies) down to Foxton on 17th May for a run around and beyond Manawatu College. We had some brave Intermediate runners competing with students a year or two older. At the conclusion of the day, our team members were all pleased with themselves.

Special mention must be made of Elizabeth Martin in the Yr 10/11 girls' race. (Elizabeth is our record-holder over 1500m for Athletics.) She finished 10th at Foxton in a field of over 40 of Manawatu's best runners. We are proud of this, the best placing LAC has ever had at a Manawatu Cross country event.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Selwyn Williams, HOD Intermediate

The Year 7 and 8 students have continued their wonderful start to the year. Mrs Paki and I have been impressed with the effort and attitude seen, and with the work that is being completed not only in the core subjects but also in the Rotations and PE. It is a delight to be working with such co-operative and polite young people. Recently we had the pleasure of having Mrs McNabb speak to the children about the history of LAC. She did this as part of our study of Early New Zealand. Her understanding as the school's archivist contributed another interesting dimension to our study of this time period.

We recently also enjoyed seeing two outstanding pieces of art work that were created by Hannah Mardon and Daniel Nhim as part of their Bible unit of "Jesus' Sacrifice". Our congratulations go to both students on producing such creative, innovative pieces of work. Mr Gredig (LAC Chaplain) and I were very impressed – as were the rest of the students, judging by their reactions!



LAC CROSS COUNTRY EVENT



On Wednesday 10th May Delta Gardens opened their gates for our annual Cross Country. This was a fantastic whole-school event where students either participated in the long 5.5km course or the short 3.9km course. There was a positive vibe, with the competitive runners striving ahead and the sunny-day strollers enjoying the walk.

Age group winners

Girls age 10 and 11 Short run

Addira Collette

Girls age 10 & 11 Long Run

Angelina C

Boys age 10 and 11 Short run

Hunter Ward

Girls age 12 and 13 Short run

Joyce Suai

Girls age 12 and 13 Long Run

Rebekah Mudford

Boys age 12 and 13 Short run

Jarn Doyle

Boys age 12 and 13 Long run

Bryan Mhonde

Girls age 14 and 15 Short run

Hannah Jourdain

Girls age 14 and 15 Long run

Elizabeth Martin

Boys age 14 and 15 Short run

John Medland

Boys age 14 and 15 Long run

Apia Kaukare Yawha

Girls age 16+ Short Run

Kiata Mori

Girls age 16+ Long Run

Ellie van Oostveen

Boys age 16+ Short Run

Mitchell Goldstone

Boys age 16+ Long Run

Hayden Larsen

Record Breakers

Short Run Girls Age 10 & 11 2017 Addira Collette 18.20

Long Run Girls Age 10 & 11 2017 Angelina C 35.00

Long Run Boys Age 12 & 13 2017 Bryan Mhonde 26.00

Long Run Boys Age 14 & 15 2017 Apia Kaukare Yawha 24.10

Long Run Girls Age 16 + 2017 Ellie van Oostveen 30.35

TABLE TENNIS

In 2017, Table Tennis became the first sport to have every country and member association in the world affiliated to the International Federation. All 226! A truly global sport!

Some benefits of table tennis:

- Table tennis is a sport that can be enjoyed by individuals of any age and physical ability.
- Playing table tennis is a great way to stimulate the brain and promote quick thinking while improving hand-eye coordination.
- Table tennis is a low-injury risk sport that keeps one fit and flexible, without putting severe stress on joints. Playing table tennis increases one's agility and flexibility, and most of all their reaction time. On a professional level, a table tennis player has to react to the ball, move up to five feet, and do a full body swing in order to return the shot, all in less than half a second.
- Table tennis is the most popular racket sport in the world. Though many just enjoy playing table tennis in the basement, there are over 300 million active members of governing associations world-wide.

Thursdays from 11-12 in the cafeteria is table tennis time for Y7-13 with Matthew Ball from Table Tennis Manawatu. Thursday afternoons, LAC students participate in the inter-school competition in Barber Hall.

Entries are now also open for the 2017 Pub Charity Manawatu Schools' Individual Championships on Wednesday, 28 June 2017. Play commences at 9am. Entries close on 16 June so see Mr Ferreira if you want to be a part of the LAC Table Tennis Team for 2017.



POOL 4 SCHOOLS

Pool 4 Schools is here! This programme runs Term 2 and Term 3. The top four players from each school participate in their regional finals. The top four from each region get an entry into the nationals.

The LAC team plays at the Cosmopolitan Club – see Mr Aiono or Mr Ferreira to join.

YEAR 13 PE CLASS FUNDRAISER FOR SNOW TRIP



We are selling the Manawatu/Wellington entertainment book, full of '2 for 1' dinner deals and 25% off deals. \$65 a book.

Go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1108g02> to order.

Book available in a book or as an app.

Sample book available at the LAC reception desk.

Thank you for your support

See Mrs Korte for details.

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CULTURAL DAY

World Vision®
Building a better world for children

Evening Programme
When: 15th June 2017
Where: L.A.C Cafeteria
Time: 6:30-8:00pm

40hr Famine Cultural Event Fundraiser
Come Dressed In Your Cultural Wear

"We cannot stand by, simply watching as children suffer. Their futures are ours to protect."
Deborah Henry, World Vision Malawi Child Rights Advocate