



Longburn Adventist College

2011 BOARDING FYI NEWSLETTER



*welcome to the 2011 year in boarding
... a year full of activities, fun and
new friendships.*

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Introducing the 2011 Boarders...



Girls dormitory boarders ☺



Boys dormitory boarders ☺





Introducing the 2011 Dormitory staff...

Maria Henry (Director of Boarding & Girls' Dean)



Greetings from LAC Boarding! I started at Longburn in 1990 as a full time teacher. My family of Roy (husband), Norman, Daniel, Francesca and Juliana came to Longburn with no expectations of the new life God had intended for us.

In my time as an LAC teacher, then Director of Boarding, I have seen a lot of changes in education that have shaped the nature of boarding. Why does LAC boarding exist? Because of the school relationship between the LAC Board of Trustees (Govt) and Board of Governors (church). I have been blessed with a

wonderful supportive team of administrators such as our school principal, deputy & academic staff together with the dormitory staff. I definitely believe - 'It's a great life at LAC'.

Silleste Craig (Assistant Girls Dean)

Last year I began relief teaching at LAC and soon became involved in boarding, helping out as a "step-in" dean. Although challenging, I have enjoyed coming to know the girls and learning invaluable skills through the various situations, interactions, and experiences that arose. I have since taken on the position of Girls Dorm Dean, assisting Maria Henry, as well as teaching Science, P.E. and health in the day school.

I love being involved in the different aspects of LAC and most importantly encouraging students to be all they can be through Jesus. In my own time I enjoy hanging out with friends, running, tramping, fishing, horse-riding, snow-boarding, and assisting VCC with its mission to reach tertiary age students with the gospel.



Janita Bond (Dormitory/Day School Intermediary)



I have been a math teacher at LAC for two years. This year I am branching out into the boarding and marketing departments. Originally from Australia, I have enjoyed my time in New Zealand. My favourite part of New Zealand would have to be the Desert Road as it most reminds me of the barrenness of Australia. NZ is a very beautiful place ☺



Roy Henry (Boys Dean)

My name is Roy Henry-Taripo. I've been associated with Longburn Adventist College for 22 years & a Residential employee for 9 years.

I have twin daughters & two foster boys who completed high school at LAC. As a family we have always believed in having Jesus as a partner in our lives, for without him we are nothing.

I give God gratitude and thanks for the opportunity to work with young people. It's a great feeling seeing HAPPY young people. People wonder how on earth we cope. It is Jesus who makes all things possible. Thank you to all the parents and supporters who make it possible for these young people to have an LAC experience. "To Educate, encourage, empower "



Ezequiel Silva (Assistant Boys Dean)



Hi, I'm Ezequiel. Born into an Adventist Family in Mexico City, I later moved to Monterrey City (North Mexico) to study Mechanical & Electrical Engineering. After gaining my degree, I worked as a Mechanical Design Engineer for an automotive company for 4.5 yrs.

Deciding that I needed a change, I moved to Avondale College, Australia, where I studied a Diploma in Outdoor Recreation. This was where God found me, showing me that he existed through numerous miracles. Finishing at Avondale, I volunteered to come to LAC to face a new challenge with God as my leader.

My hobbies are pretty much outdoor stuff: rock climbing, mountain biking, paintball, kayaking, hiking & camping, & some times listening to music & watching movies. My favourite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9.

James Topp (Assistant Boys Dean)

I came to LAC from Australia, having graduated from theology at Avondale College in December 2010. This is my first time to New Zealand & I am slowly adjusting to the difference in weather. This year I hope to help the boarding students reach their potential, not just in their studies, but also in their ability to make valuable contributions to their community. I am also looking forward to getting to know all the boys better & having a great time with them throughout all the activities that are planned for the year!





Message from the Principal...

Hope drives us!

2011 brings a new year for all of us, a new school for many and a fresh start for everyone. When I see all the new faces in boarding I'm mindful of the potential within all of these students and their ability to succeed personally, spiritually and academically.

When young people are asked their favourite text it frequently is Jeremiah 29:11. "***For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future***". Hope brings the prospect of a positive future and drives all of us on, particularly so young people.

My prayer for all our students and their families is that 2011 will see hope grow within them, that God's plan to prosper each us will come to pass and that this year will be the best yet.

Remember hope drives all of us on!





Swimming sports!

On the 9 February, we had our school swimming sports day. The weather was awesome - nice, hot and sunny. Most of the boarders participated in age races of freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, relays and diving. All the boarders did exceptionally well with results of 1st, 2nd and 3rd on the podium. Each place getter received a ribbon.

Michael Laskey did outstandingly well, blitzing it up in the pool, smashing three records in his age group. Ruby Whittaker was also outstanding, winning or placing in the majority of her age races. Well done!

Overall it was a great day full of cheering, fun and excitement. The Luther House (yellow) ended up winning the house points competition because of the high level of participation.

My favourite parts would definitely have to be the diving competition and seeing fellow seniors participating in every race they could!!

Khayla Pakutoa (Year 13 Boarder)





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Wellington Weet-Bix Tryathlon



"Time to get up!! Wakey, wakey, rise and shine!" The time was 3.30am on Sunday 13 February. It was the day for the Wellington Weet-bix Tryathlon. Getting onto the bus at 3.45am, the LAC boarders and deans headed off to Wellington to assist Sanitarium run the Annual Weet-bix Tryathlon.

Upon arrival, everyone was given a red crew t-shirt and sturdy water-bottle, which were both well-used thanks to the heat as the day progressed. All the volunteers had their complimentary breakfast before heading to their assigned roles - from collecting rubbish, recording competitors' times, helping arrange breakfasts, spraying people with complimentary sunscreen and guiding competitors through the registration process. There was very little the boarders were not involved in.

All this effort led to a very successful event, with a larger number of competitors than 2010. As Jonathon Simpson aptly said, 'If you push yourself hard enough, you'll make it to the finish line.'





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← Olympic gold medalist, Valerie Vili, with some of the boarders.

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LAC happenings...

Chaplain takes a tumble!

During the holidays our chaplain, Mr Kevin Gredig, suffered a nasty accident when he fell off a ladder while fixing the roof of his house. He cut tendons in both his hands and has had surgery to repair the damage. He is making good progress and healing well and we expect he will be back for at the end of this month.



Please remember Kevin and Val in your prayers.

Morning Tea with the PM!

Head Boy, Kent Sharp, and Academic Prefect, Gabrielle Diprose had the honour of having morning tea with the Prime Minister in Marton last month. Mr Key spoke about attitude being more important than ability when it comes to success in life. It was a relaxed morning, despite the PM's staff being keen to move him on to Ratana, and the Mr Key spent around ten minutes talking with Kent and Gabrielle.



Scholarship Appeal – where else can you provide a \$100 benefit for only \$66!!!

For some of our boarders the only way they can afford to attend LAC is because they receive one of our boarding scholarships and support from their local church. We are in the process of appealing for funds to all our ex-students. If you can help either with a small or large donation we would be hugely appreciative, it will enable even more students to enjoy the Longburn Experience.

Remember all donations are eligible for a tax rebate in NZ. - 33 cents for each dollar donated!



LAC's fresh new look!

Over the Christmas holidays college was anything but quiet! A group of contractors were busy refurbishing eight classrooms and the library. New carpet tiles and new seating has the library looking really smart and the other classrooms have all been repainted and have 'composition' on many of the walls.

Most of the new rooms now have ceiling mounted data projectors. A number of the new rooms now have air-conditioning/heat-pumps as a more efficient way of heating or cooling the rooms

Special thanks to the proprietors, NZ SDA Schools, for funding this major project and helping make the college a more inviting place for our student's. The Attendance Dues parents pay are being put to good use in improving the teaching spaces at the college.

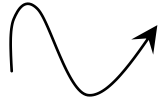


One of the smart looking Intermediate rooms



The Library with new carpet and new chairs





Computer Rm 1 - repainted & with vertiface composition on the wall. The new 'Thin Client' computers are a valuable new learning tool.



Major Network Upgrade...

Our IT expert, Mr Gounder, has devoted most of his holiday time to installing a new server and new computers in Computer Room 1. This has been a huge job and our thanks go to Mr Gounder for giving the college a network that can handle the new software.





Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17 School Assembly	18 Opening Sabbath @Horseshoe Bend Reserve	19 Waitarere Beach walk BBQ tea
20	21	22	23	24	25 Start Small Groups	26 Ashurst Domain Capture the Flag
27 Ashurst Domain	28					

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Endless Praise Assembly	4 Staff Homes	5 Bible DVD Discussions Endless Praise Concert
6 Interdorm visit	7	8	9 Athletics Day	10 9Science Road Trip	11	12 Relay For Life
13 Relay for Life	14	15	16	17 School Assembly	18 FYI #2 Rehearse for New Plymouth	19 New Plymouth visit
20	21	22	23 Y13 Weetbix Tryathlon PN	24	25 Agape Ceremony Family Photos	26 Mt Lees Reserve Multi-sport
SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK						
27	28 Ugly Shakespeare Presentation	29	30 Y12 Weetbix Tryathlon New Plymouth	31		
YEAR 13 CAMP						



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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Y13 Camp review	2 Foxton Beach Walk BBQ tea
3	4 Y13 Massey Presentation	5	6	7	8 Dorm Council	9 Visit Rest Homes Ten Pin Bowling
10	11	12	13	14	15 FYI #3 End Term 1	16
17	18	19	20 21 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		22	23
24	25	26	27 28 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		29	30