



Longburn Adventist College

# 2011 BOARDING FYI NEWSLETTER

May edition



Term 2...Ready, steady, Go!!!

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## Directors Corner

Welcome to Term 2 and the winter season. Numerous winter sports are already up and running, such as basketball, table tennis and badminton. Other events are also happening thick and fast such as church visits and boarding entertainment. May the winter season be a good one for you all.

A few points to note:

### DAY SCHOOL

- ☞ Tuesday 10 May was parent-teacher interviews. The deans went to the interviews on behalf of parents/caregivers and will email you their comments regarding your child's progress. If you haven't received a copy of the school report from Term 1, please email me and I will ensure that you receive a copy.

### BOARDING

- ☞ Queen's Birthday weekend begins on Friday 3 June at 3.15pm. School recommences on Tuesday 7 June. If your child is travelling home for this holiday, please ensure their ticket details are sent to the deans. The deans are then able to arrange transport to the bus/plane/train for your child.
- ☞ Sickness-medical appointments are arranged for any child that has been sick in the dorms for more than 2 days.
- ☞ Mr Kevin Gredig is coordinating dorm worships with the assistance of the boarding deans. The worships are centered around a program entitled ASPIRE. The goal of the ASPIRE program is to encourage young people to set goals, to have positive values and to make wise choices.

## Mosaic Church Service

For Mother's Day, 21 May 2011, the Boarders took the Church Service at Mosaic Community Church Palmerston North. The day was enjoyed by all.



Special Item by Narada, Jono, Hiro and Setephano (from left)



Group Item



## Masterton Church visit

"Masterton was one of the best P.R. trips I've ever been on. The service was cool with the church really appreciating the preaching, and praise and worship songs. After church, we went on a nature walk. It was awesome how we connected the Masterton Church members and were able to enjoy being in nature. The Masterton Church visit was one of my best weekends ever!!"

*By Ikani Maka*

Atahere sharing at  
Masterton Church



## Parent-teacher interviews...

Parent-teacher interviews was a new experience for me as I was required to interview teachers on behalf of the boarding students parents and caregivers. Not being a parent myself, I had never done anything like this before. It was an enjoyable experience as I got a better insight into how the boys interact in their classes and how well they are progressing academically. It was great to hear that the majority of teacher's comments were positive. Each teacher interacts differently with each student as each student's interests and personalities vary. Being involved in parent-teacher interviews assists us as deans to encourage students in their areas of weakness and to assist in reinforcing their strengths.

*By Ezequiel Silva*



# Op shop Extravaganza!!



After numerous trips to the op shop, the students and boarding staff were ready for a night of fun and creativity. Everyone involved had to put together an outfit made up from second hand clothing. The cafeteria was transformed with balloons and colourful decorations, and the fun began.

Some of the highlights of the night included: dressing up, interactive games, the runway show, and of course some delicious snacks thanks to Mrs Chen.

Pasepa said, "the best part of the op shop night would be the runway because it was the first opportunity I had to do a catwalk." Nesa commented that, "the games were fun and it was cool seeing all the different costumes people wore."

The winners of the night for the 'best dressed' category were Mike and Priscilla who dazzled everyone with their creative op-shop costumes and moves on the runway!

Overall the night was a huge success with fun had by everyone involved



Time enjoying each others company...

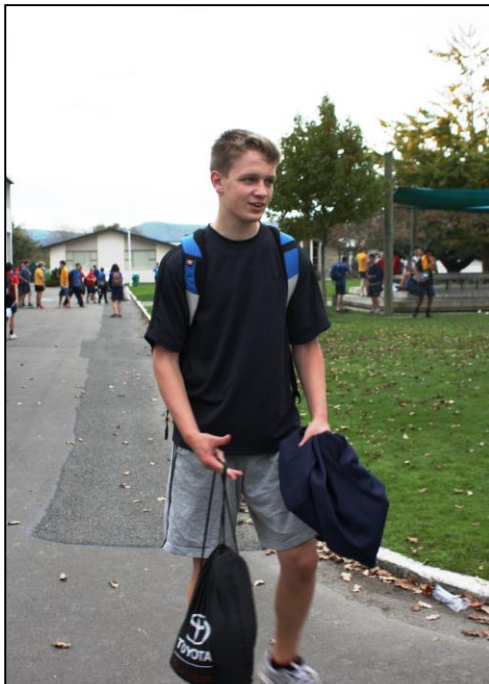




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# Cross Country @ LAC

Wednesday 11 May



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# Introducing new LAC Boarders...

Pisek & Fondao (Bangkok, Thailand)



One of the new students who has joined us in the girls dorm is Fondao. Fondao comes to LAC all the way from Bangkok, Thailand. Her hobbies include listening to music and drawing pictures. So far her favourite thing about LAC so far is that she is enjoying meeting and playing with friends. Fondao is in Year 8, and she says, "LAC is a beautiful school. I enjoy this school and I love LAC!"

Pisek has also joined us from Bangkok, Thailand. Pisek is the older brother of Fondao. Pisek is enjoying getting to experience a new culture. Pisek would like to become a university teacher.

We welcome Pisek and Fondao to LAC and we hope that they will have a great year here with us.

## Sports Update

A variety of sports have started for the winter season (Term 2 and 3). They include: basketball, table tennis, badminton and soccer, just to name a few. The highlight this FYI is basketball.

### BASKETBALL

Basketball has tipped off to a busy start this season. We have almost 70 students playing in a range of teams and have entered two premier teams into the Palmerston North Basketball Association high school league. Our mixed Intermediate team is doing exceptionally well so far, playing above their grade in the secondary school boys competition, having won their first two games of the season! A big thank you to all the supporting staff, students and parents who help us referee, coach, do score bench and come to support, enabling our students to participate.





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## visit from ex LAC student

Recently an ex-student and 2008 Head Boy from LAC, Luke Greaves, came by to say hello. He is currently working as a volunteer for a building firm that travels around NZ assisting organizations in need of building repairs. He still has 2 more years to complete his building apprenticeship.

## Happy Birthday, Mrs Henry!!!

Congratulations to Mrs Henry for surviving another year looking after so many students. Thank you for the love you continue to shower upon all that you come in contact with.







Thank you,  
thank you,  
thank you

A big message of appreciation and gratitude to Kelvin Rutherford from the boarding students and staff. Kelvin graciously donates many hours of his time to being the boarders' bus driver, transporting students on Thursday town trips and to church on Saturday.



## Helen Eager visits LAC

Helen Eager was a student at LAC in the 1950's. She returned to visit her old school last week. While here she spoke in Assembly on Thursday and to the boarding students on Friday evening.

Helen founded 'Asian Aid' and has lived in India for many years. Many thousands of Indian orphans call Helen "Mummy" as she has been responsible for housing, educating, feeding and nurturing orphans in India and Nepal.

A number of boarders are now planning to support Asian Aid through sponsorship as a result of Helen's visit.

Helen is a great example of selfless service and how we can help other when we put them first.



# ASPIRE

A big thank you to our chaplain, Mr Kevin Gredig, for getting the ASPIRE program underway. ASPIRE stands for:

1. **A**ccomplishment
2. **S**kills
3. **P**urpose
4. **I**ntity
5. **R**elationships
6. **E**mpowerment



Currently students are looking at '**Determination**' after having looked closely at **Hope, Hardwork and Respect**. All part of the Accomplishment pillar.

In our student worship time our aim is to intentionally teach values and life skills to our students so they can reach the potential God intended for them and so they in turn can contribute positively to their communities.

## Highlights from Term 1, 2011

(adapted from the Boys Dorm list)

1. Living under the same roof with students from the Pacific, Australia and within New Zealand
2. The challenges of experiencing a new family.
3. The acceptance into various groups: cell, singing, study, fundraising, donating blood, sports.
4. Year 13 Camp – getting to know other year 13 students.
5. Coping with all 4 seasons in the same week.
6. Team work amongst the students
7. Visiting other city centers for PR trips.
8. Interdorm "Capture the Flag"
9. Meeting new students and Academic Deans.
10. The privilege as a Year 13 to study in the dormitory.
11. Always looking forward to town trips.
12. Our visit to Horse Shoe Bend and the river swim.
13. Getting to know the Boarding Deans.
14. Celebrating birthdays and dorm pranks.
15. Fish & Chip runs.
16. Relay for Life.
17. Interdorm visits.
18. Winning the Boys Division A Volley ball.
19. Weights room and fitness workouts.
20. Being able to access a trampoline.
21. Sharing of guitar skills.
22. PR trip to New Plymouth SDA church and visiting surrounding areas.
23. Kindness being shared amongst students.
24. Boys learning to back flip.....
25. Really good that LAC is a Co-ed school.
26. A GREAT school!



# Upcoming Events

## MAY

| Sunday                           | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday                     | Friday              | Saturday            |
|----------------------------------|--------|---|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 22<br>Studylink<br>visit for Y13 | 23     | 24  | 25        | 26<br>Chapel -<br>Barry Gane | 27                  | 28<br>Rollerskating |
|                                  |        |   |           |                              | World Vision Famine |                     |
| 29                               | 30     | 31<br>Visit by Brent<br>Costley, assey<br>Uni (7.30 pm) |           |                              |                     |                     |
| WVF ends                         |        |   |           |                              |                     |                     |

## JUNE

| Sunday | Monday                              | Tuesday         | Wednesday                       | Thursday   | Friday                        | Saturday  |
|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
|        |                                     |                 | 1                               | 2<br>Assembly -<br>Interhouse<br>Quiz                          | 3                             | 4<br>Youth Rally<br>SDA<br>Basketball<br>Tournament |
| 5      | 6<br>Queen's<br>Birthday<br>Holiday | 7<br>UCOL Visit | 8                               | 9  | 10                            | 11<br>Workshops<br>Mini-concert                     |
| 12     | 13                                  | 14              | 15<br>Avondale<br>Evening (7pm) | 16<br>Assembly -<br>Susan Frank<br>Avondale<br>Visit (11-12pm) | 17<br>Boys Dorm<br>Visit      | 18<br>Movie Night                                   |
| 19     | 20                                  | 21              | 22                              | 23   | 24<br>Yr 10 Plunket<br>Course | 25<br>Rest Home<br>Visit<br>LAC Talent<br>Night     |
| 26     | 27                                  | 28              | 29                              | 30   |                               |   |