

2011 BOARDING FYI NEWSLETTER

June 2011



"Very little is as good as seeing family"





Director's Corner

A few points to note:

BOARDING

Sevening Study: Please encourage your students to check how they are going with all of their classes. Mid term is a great time to assess if they are on track

or if extra works need to be put in so that the term is successful. Evening study is a time dedicated to students completing homework and studying their classwork. Evening study is held Monday to Thursday 7.30pm–8.45pm.

- Sickness: If a boarder is too unwell to attend school they remain in the dorm for the day to recover. If a visit to the doctor is required, deans take the student to the doctor and, if possible, are present during the assessment. Contact is then made with the parents/caregivers about the doctors visit via email/phone call. We would appreciate your feedback on the communication you receive.
- Medication: Medication is stored in our office cabinet and is recorded in the medical register. The deans on duty dispense the medication.
- End of Term Travel Arrangements: Term 2 concludes on Friday 15 July. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have already sent travel details to myself and other dorm staff. We will arrange to take boarders to the bus/train/airport at the appropriate time.

Have a wonderful week – kind regards, Maria Henry

While boarding provides a great temporary family, there is nothing that equals seeing your mum!! Dorisha, her mum and friends



Hats for staff



Thank you to Hazelle's mum who created these wonderful hats for the boys' deans.



aveen's Birthday Weekend









Out & about in...







Wellington





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Tauranga Visit

Over the weekend of 10 - 12 June, a small group of adults and young people from Tauranga came to experience boarding life at Longburn Adventist College (LAC). It was a fun and active weekend where the Tauranga group was immersed in boarding life: living in the dormitories, eating at the cafeteria, taking part in worships and mingling with the boarders.

The weekend visit is a great way for young people to see what boarding life is like, with the possibility that they may study at LAC in the future.

















Boarding conference: May 31 - June 3



Mrs Henry and Nigel Latta, host of the "Politically Incorrect Parenting Show" and "Into the Darklands". At the conference, Nigel spoke about neuroscience in adolescence - how brains explain behaviour and how personality in childhood and adolescence can predict what sort of life we lead.

A great speaker and entertainer!



Mr Henry and I (Mrs Henry) attended the NZ Boarding Schools Annual Conference in Dunedin from Tuesday May 31 to Friday 3 June. There were 150 Boarding Managers from schools all over New Zealand in attendance.

Speakers at the conference, including Nigel Latta, Sir Ray Avery, and Robert Perreira, gave enlightening presentations on teenage development during boarding years.

The Boarding Master from Christchurch Boys High gave a very informed talk on how their hostels managed in the September 2010 and February 2011 earthquakes. They also spoke about how they cope with the ongoing earth tremors while trying to maintain normality within their school environments. While our church school in Christchurch has suffered damage, it is very minor compared to the extent of what Christchurch city and its people endure everyday. It is unbelievable that over 68,000 tremors have been recorded since September last year.

To the dads of children in boarding who have had to relocate to Christchurch to assist with civil engineering projects in rebuilding the city, know you are in our prayers for the work you are doing.

'God is our refuge and strength, an everpresent help in trouble'. Psalm 46:1

Mr Henry and SIR RAY AVERY, New Zealander of the Year 2010. Ray was born in England and spent his childhood in orphanages, foster care and living in the streets of London. Despite his early beginnings he has become a Scientist, businessman and self-made millionaire.

It was Ray who set up two world class Intraocular Lens Laboratories producing lenses originally priced at US\$300 down to under US\$10 for the poor throughout Africa and Asia.

If you are interested he has a book out entitled "Rebel with a Cause "

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Larnach Castle was built by banker, financier, parliamentarian and merchant Baron, William Larnach, for his first wife. Built on 35 acres of land, it overlooks the spectacular Otago Peninsula, Otago Harbour and Dunedin. Built for 150,000 pounds, it is currently valued at \$32



congratulations to Michael Laskey



Michael Laskey is a member of the Horowhenua Taekwondo Club in Levin and also a boarding student at LAC. He's been a member of the club for 9 months and holds a Yellow Belt Green Stripe.

His first sparring tournament was held the last week of May 2011 at St Peter's College in Palmerston North. He won his bout against a higher ranking opponent earning points from his well executed and timely kicking and punching. Congratulations, Michael and all the very best from your boarding family for all future competitions.



Massey University Visit...

Brent Costley from Massey University spoke with parents and students two weeks ago. With changes to NCEA and increasintly competitive entry to university, two important messages emerged.

- 1. A good pass at Level 2 NCEA is important most of the scholarships universities offer are based on how well students have done at Level 2 NCEA and must be applied for before a student's Level 3 results are out.
- 2. Students who have their NCEA endorsed with 'Merit' or 'Excellence' at Level 2 have a great change of picking up scholarships. These are often worth thousands of dollars!!

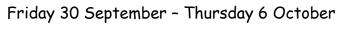
All NZ universities now offer courses that involve competitive entry. They multiply 'Excellence' credits by 4 and 'Merit' credits by 3 to determine entry into these courses. It is well worth getting 'Excellences' and 'Merits' to guarantee entry into the course of your choice.

Avondale visit

An evening with Avondale College of Higher Learning's Marketing Officer, Hannah Barrett, was followed by a well attended session with Yr 13 students who are excited about the prospect of either attending Avondale in 2012 or going on the Avondale orientation visit this year.

Exam Dates

INTERNAL EXAMS TERM 3



Nb. It is important that parents book boarding students travel after their last exam on Thursday 6 October.

NCEA EXAMS TERM 4

For most students NCEA exams begin on Monday 14 November.



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solomon Island Service Trip

LAC is sending a group of 6 students and 5 staff on a fly 'n' build to the Solomon Islands from 12-26 July 2011. They have been busy fundraising the required \$NZ14,000 for the roof of the church that they are planning to build on their trip.



Dr Barry Gane Visits LAC

Dr Barry Gane paid a recent visit to LAC. Currently he is engaged in research at Avondale College, Australia, but he has a history in youth ministry and as a lecturer at Adnrews University near Michigan, USA. Barry struggled with dyslexia in his high school and college days and experienced a miraculous intervention that enabled him to read while at Avondale College. He has gone on to complete two PhD's.

While at LAC, Dr Gane spoke at staff worships, chapel services, and with senior students and boarding students. He encouraged students to commit their lives to Jesus and believe that He will help us to overcome our obstacles, no matter how large they may appear to be. We are hopeful that Dr Gane will be back at LAC as a speaker for our Year 13 Graduation Programme.



WORLD VISION - 40 Hour Famine

"I did the no-talking and the no-eating famine, and it was hard. I was tempted to talk so much by the boys saying, "Just talk. I won't tell! It's just me." But I was committed. The no-eating famine was so... painful (not in a sense of hurt). It was difficult not eating but I succeeded! In both of them - 40 hours! What kept me going was where the money was going."

Emman Mkhethwa

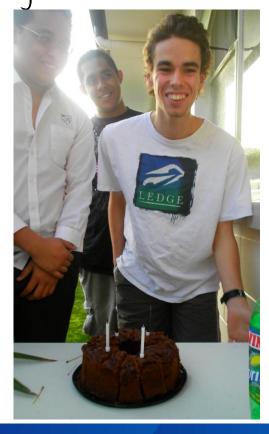
"Yeah, I did the 40 Hour Famine - it was beautiful. During the famine, about halfway through, I got pretty hungry and started hanging out for brunch the next day. Since I didn't have water, as well as food, I got really thirsty. This made me think about where the money I was raising was going and what impact it would have over in East Timor. Many times I was tempted to eat and drink, but knowing what all the money we raised would do kept me faithful to the famine. Peace!"

Damian Marzola

Congratulations to all those that successfully completed the 40 hour famine ©

Birthdays...lets celebrate!





Jacob and Emman's birthday on the same day......

15th June 2011.

Chocolate Cake!! Chocolate Cake!! Dairymilk Chocolate!! Dairymilk Chocolate!! Sprite Lemonade!!

> Happy birthday guys......Hope you have MANY more birthdays'

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upcoming events

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15 Avondale Evening (7pm)	16 Avondale Visit (11-12pm)	17 Boys Dorm Visit	18 LAC Talent Night 6.30pm
19	20	21	22	23 Assembly - Susan Frank	24 Yr 10 Plunket Course	25 Prep for Tauranga visit
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Boarding visit to Tauranga	2 Boarding visit to Tauranga
3 Boarding visit to Tauranga	4	5	6	7 Assembly - Big Sing	8	9 Evening - LIDO
10	11	12 Solomon Island Mission Trip Starts	13	14	15 Last Day of Term 2	16