



Longburn Adventist College

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It's the life in your years – go for it!

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Director's Corner

Hi parents and caregivers,

This term has barely started and we have just finished the Year 13 Graduation weekend - Friday 4 & Saturday 5 November 2011.

On Tuesday 1 November, nine Year 13 boarders returned to the dormitory with mixed feelings about their last day of high school - ever! A day later they received another reality check when other boarders went to school and they had to remain in the dorm. It was a quiet sombre morning for the Year 13's.

November can be quite an emotional time for boarders due to the progression of their 'dorm family' downsizing throughout the final weeks of Term 4 as senior students leave after they have finished their exams. It's not goodbye, but "see you later". That's the theory!

Thanks parents/caregivers for your support throughout the year. A special thank you to those who attended the graduation weekend.

Wishing you all a blessed week in Him

Maria

★ Year 13 Graduation...

Photos of graduation are coming in the final FYI edition for 2011, which is due out in late November. Here is a taster of some of the photos that are to come.





Faith Company – Nelson visit

Late September, 'Faith Company' (a school group of very dedicated young Christians led by Mrs Jami Wallace) travelled to Nelson SDA church. They flew down in a little 12-seater plane to be able to present the church service on Saturday 24 September. Their presentation was well received by all.

It was the first visit to Nelson for most of the students, including Setephano and Jonathan. The LAC students liked the church, being impressed with the local students' involvement with church and how the Nelson church had a student band. It reminded Setephano and Jonathan how church was run back home in Rarotonga.

Setephano commented, "It was amazing how arty the people of Nelson were". Jonathan thought that Nelson appeared to be better than the North Island. It was nice environment with very friendly people. Setephano and Jonathan also enjoyed the warm weather.

Special thanks go to Lester and Cheryl Keene who hosted them for the weekend. They did an amazing job, making the group feel very welcome.

Setephano Noovao



Team bonding time
watching the rugby





LAC Soiree

The Longburn Adventist College Soiree was a musical extravaganza held in the College chapel on Thursday 27 October. Mike Ringrose was the MC for the night as students show-cased their various musical talents.

Many of the boarding students, including Saniku students, were involved in the Soiree. Items included vocal solos, quartets, and instrumental items on the violin, piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, and trumpet.

Thank you to Mrs Sandy van Wyk for organising this fantastic event.





2011 Saniku Road Trip

'Growing together' was the theme of this year's Saniku North Island tour, which was spread out across 12 days during the October holidays. The group was made up of Saniku students as well as some other international students.

The trip began with a stay in Rotorua where we were involved in various activities, including: a sheep show at the Agrodome, the redwood forest, learning about Maori culture, seeing boiling mud, visiting Te Puia Thermal Wonderland, enjoying beautiful nature, parks, and lakes, going on the luge, getting lost in the maze at 'Amaze me', and swimming in natural hot springs at night time.

On the first Sabbath of the trip the group attended Taupo Seventh-day Adventist church. The Saniku students sang a choir item in Japanese for the church members. After spending a few days in Rotorua, we travelled to Auckland where we stayed in classrooms at the Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School. During our stay in Auckland the students were involved in many different activities including: swimming at Westwave aquatic centre, visiting Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium, enjoying the Auckland botanical gardens, going up the SkyTower in the centre of the city, watching a World Cup rugby game on the big screen, ice-skating, and doing some sight-seeing around different interesting spots in Auckland.

The students were divided into groups where they learnt to work together as a team. They had to prepare meals, clean up, and support one another. The trip was a great opportunity for the Saniku students to practise their English and to see more of the North Island of New Zealand. Everyone had a great time and at the end of the 12 days we safely arrived back at LAC.

The things some of the Saniku students enjoyed the most were:

Kenji- "Looking down through the glass at the SkyTower- it was a little scary but I enjoyed it."

Kyusun- "The luge and the hot river (Kerosine Creek)."

Kelly- "Going on the luge."

Naoki O- "Preparing dinner."

Naoki H- "Going up the SkyTower."

Uchu- "The hot pools."

Shige- "Ice skating and the luge."





Miss Paul with a lamb
at the Agrodome



Thermal pools



At the redwood
forest, Rotorua





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Priscilla's Rugby Experience

Once upon a time, there were three very, very, very different children who had never met each other before for they led entirely separate lives. They came from entirely different places, went to entirely different schools and had entirely different views of the world around them. But they all loved rugby and dreamed of carrying flags for a country at the Rugby World Cup. One day, each of them received a very special message from a man that all of New Zealand adored as one the greatest rugby legends of all time (Grant Fox). He requested that these three different children meet at a very special place called the Garden of Eden (Eden Park) and before the 60,000 guests invited to attend, and the rest of the world who would be watching from their television screens, they were to carry



the flags for Australia and Ireland on the 17th day of September 2011. It would be a momentous occasion, for Australia and Ireland always performed exceptionally well when they played rugby. So the three children ventured to Eden Park and together, they carried the Australian and Irish flags out onto the pitch. Their names were Jordan, Daniel and Cilla. As they stood in front of the world, bearing flags for a game they loved so much, they realised that they would remember this moment for life.

Becoming a flagbearer for Ireland at the Rugby World Cup 2011 was perhaps the greatest opportunity God has ever given me so far. Leading the Irish and Australian rugby teams onto Eden Park's field with Jordan Witehira and Daniel Macqueen was so amazing. The feeling is indescribable. There are simply no words to fully express the true magnitude of the emotions I felt at the time because you just had to be there. All I know is that as I stood there with Jordan, Daniel and the rugby teams in front of the whole world, I realised something that I feel God has always been trying to tell me: the world is more beautiful when the people who live in it stand together as one. I saw so many colours in the crowd and they stood together, irrespective of ethnicity, age and gender, singing the national anthems of both teams with all their hearts. They led very different lives. Jordan, Daniel and I represented different stories. And yet, God had brought us together using our common love for a game.

God had a dream called the World in Union. One day, we may all realise it.

Some call us lucky. I think we're blessed. Go the All Blacks!

Priscilla Tuareka





External Achievement standards – the need to sit and do well!

NCEA Exams start on Thursday 10 November. Virtually all our Year 11 - 13 students are entered to sit external exams. On their senior reports the 'externals' will be shown and the college expects all senior students to sit the exams they are entered for.

While many of our students have already passed their NCEA year level because of the credits they have achieved with internal assessments, it is important that not only do they sit the externals but that they prepare and make an effort to do well.

Some of our students will be going on to university courses where there is competitive entry. To have a chance to get into the course of their choice at the University of their choice, they will need as many credits as they can gather. Universities weight Achievement Standards gained with 'excellence' or 'merit' more highly than those just 'achieved' so doing well is important. Nursing, engineering, medicine and law are just some of the courses where there is competitive entry.

A good number of our students go on to Avondale College in Australia and doing well at NCEA has its benefits there too. Students who have done well at NCEA have a much better chance of picking up government financial assistance with some of the courses Avondale offers.

The NCEA exam timetable can be downloaded at:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/national-secondary-examinations-timetable/>

Alternatively it is attached to the email that this document was sent in.





Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Last day Y13	2	3	4 Y13 Graduation	5 Y13 Graduation
6	7	8 Last day Y11 & 12 Prizegiving Y11 & 12	9 Y7-9 Orientation Day	10 NCEA Exams begin	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Intermediate Camp						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Saniku Graduation NCEA Exams end			

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Saniku students leave	2 Junior Prizegiving	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Day @ Lido Last day Y7-10	10
Y9 Camps / Y10 Activity Week						

2012 School Dates

Term 1: Tues 31 Jan - Wed 4 Apr (Tues Yr 7-8, Wed Yr 7-10, Thurs All)

Term 2: Mon 23 Apr - Fri 29 Jun

Term 3: Mon 16 Jul - Fri 28 Sep

Term 4: Mon 15 Oct - Tues 11 Dec