



Longburn Adventist College

# 2011 BOARDING FYI NEWSLETTER

November Edition



"Do not cry because it's over, smile because it happened!"

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## Director's Corner

Greetings from 2011 LAC Boarding. Each boarder is now reflecting on the tremendous amount of personal growth they have made this year as they begin to pack up their rooms and leave LAC dormitories.

Year 13 - your support and willingness to step up and lead the way has been a wonderful example - God bless.

Year 12 - as you continue to meet the challenges of another year at high school and learning, stay strong in Him.

Year 11 - learning to establish good study routines, and to balance study, recreation and friends - making good choices is expected.

Year 10 - making the effort to be part of a bigger family in dorm life can be daunting - you made it through the year.

Year 7, 8, 9 - as younger members of boarding, you have been part of a bigger, caring family unit - well done.

Internationals - your participation in boarding life in another country is admirable - Kia Kaha!

Sadly, we say 'farewell' to Miss Carly Fletcher and Mr Ezequiel Silva who leave LAC at the end of this term returning home to Australia and Mexico, respectively. Your enthusiasm and positive influence made everyone feel welcomed and loved. We wish you all the best in your chosen field of work.

A special thanks to parents/caregivers/sponsors for your letters and emails, as we seek to educate, encourage and empower our boarding students for Him.

From the boarding team at LAC 2011, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

Yours in His service

Maria Henry

### 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



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# Graduation 2011

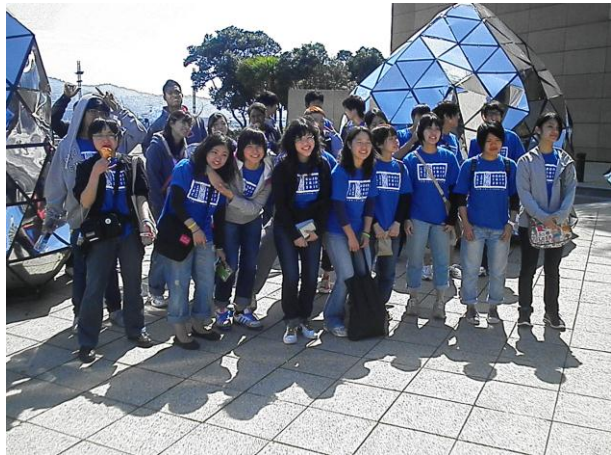
A record 51 Year 13 students graduated this year at our 99<sup>th</sup> Longburn Adventist College Graduation. What was particularly pleasing is the number of our graduates who have already achieved Level 3 NCEA with either Merit or Excellence. In a group of 51 students the national average would be for one student to achieve their NCEA with an 'Excellence' endorsement but **nine** of our Year 13 Graduates have either achieved or are on track to achieve their Level 3 NCEA with Excellence!

Brent Costley from Massey University awarded three of our graduates (Kristina Whitton, Melissa Etuale-Wham & Laura Cullen) Massey High Achiever Awards. These awards are worth \$3000 each. In addition, Sarah Wilson received a Captain's Club award from Massey worth \$5000. Mr Costley remarked how most high schools did not receive one of these awards and how well LAC students have done to win 4!

The guest speaker for the weekend was Dr Barry Gane from Avondale College, NSW, and he awarded Setephano Noovao the President's Award from Avondale College. This prestigious award is worth over \$8000. Dr Gane spoke on the weekend theme of 'Masterpiece' reminding the graduates that they are all God's masterpieces designed for service to the Master.

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago". Ephesians 2:10*





# Saniku

## MY TIME IN LAC



I can't believe my four months in New Zealand is about to finish. I didn't think the passage of time would fly so fast. Every single day and all the things I have experienced at LAC were just amazing. All the experiences I've had have really changed me. Every moment is a thing I'll never forget.

One of the most wonderful things that happened to me was the prayer I was given from my 'secret angel'. A 'secret angel' is an angel that everyone in the girls' dorm has during term 3. The 'angel' each had one person as a mortal. They always kept their mortal in their heart and sometimes they wrote letters or gave something to her. My angel was a very special angel. She gave me many presents but the biggest thing that she gave me was a prayer that she had with me in my room. She sat next to me and just prayed for me. It was a very simple thing but for me it was bigger than anything else.

LAC is full of kind people like my angel. I'll miss everybody so much. Honestly, I don't want to leave my friends in New Zealand. I hope many of them will come to Saniku so we can meet again. Living abroad will be a huge treasure in your life. I have experienced it for myself and I'm sure I liked it and enjoyed it. Finally I want to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us and we really won't forget all the time we spent in LAC.

By Sachi Murakami

### Homestays

The Japanese students thoroughly enjoy homestay weekends over their time here and as this is an integral part of our programme, we welcome and are open to any offers of homestays for 2012.





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## Annual Trip to Saniku, Japan

Each year LAC receives a group of Japanese students from our sister school in Hiroshima, Japan. These students stay here for 4-5 months and become a very important part of our school system. They board in the dormitories and enrich the campus with their diversity. Their fascinating culture seeps into the life of the school and adds a sense of excitement to the general school environment. Many of our Kiwi students here at LAC have had the opportunity to create friendships with the Saniku students through the Buddy system. Many of you also have been generous hosts to our Japanese students during the weekend homestays.

We are pleased we now have an exchange programme where LAC students visit Hiroshima Saniku Gakuin (High School) during the first term holidays of each year. This enables students from both Japan and New Zealand to share a little of each other's culture, history, language and talents. This exchange is mutually beneficial to students from both schools and it is pleasing to see the relationship growing with more LAC students making the trip. Students who have previously been on this trip engaged in Japanese language classes and involved themselves in a variety of activities such as Japanese calligraphy, Judo and other sporting events with our Saniku students in Hiroshima. They continue to carry lasting memories and speak fondly of their time in Japan. This trip is open to students from Yr. 11-13 (or age 15 and above) and has two options: a 4 week or an 8 week trip with tentative dates for 5 April - 29 May 2012. Costs include flight fares, tuition, accommodation and cultural trips to surrounding areas of Hiroshima. For more information, please contact Tamar Paul on 06 354 1059 ext. 706.



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## Food Bank Collection

The Palmerston North Food Bank Drive was held on Saturday 26 November. Five LAC students and Staff, and Mosaic Church members helped out. Mr Warren Rickard (LAC Groundsman) was one of the co-ordinators.



## wedding Bells

Also on the 26 November, past LAC boys' dean Kahleb Radford married LAC chemistry teacher Amy Traill. The wedding was held near Carterton, NZ on the Traill family farm. While the weather looked questionable, the sun came out at just the right moment.



## Baptisms at Graduation

During the graduation weekend, a number of students chose to publicly give their lives to God through baptism. These students were: Scott Southwood (Y13), Pasepa Katia (Y11), Stella-Hiti Marsters (Y11) and Alana Booth (Y10). The baptism was held on Sabbath afternoon on 5 November in the LAC chapel.





## Woodwork Awards

Congratulations to our Year 11, 12 and 13 students who scooped four of the six prizes on offer at the recent Manawatu/Wanganui Secondary Schools' Woodwork Competition hosted by UCOL. This is a great achievement by our students and great reward for Mr Wright, our woodwork teacher who spends many extra hours encouraging and teaching students the finer points of the craft. The competition was open to all secondary schools in the Manawatu/Wanganui area. The judges made comment on the excellent finish to the projects our students submitted.

### Results:

Level 2 and 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Neill LAC,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reuben McNae LAC  
Level 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Jarod Neill LAC,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Cayzer LAC

Photo shows Mr Wright with students who entered their projects in the Woodwork Competition.



Left to right: (back) Jarod Neill, Mr Wright, Reuben McNae, Rebecca Cayzer, Amie Rampton (front) Bradley Parker, Ryan Neill and Raniera Toa.

## WSDA Visit

A group of Year 6 & 7 children from Wellington SDA Primary School visited LAC on 1 and 2 November to gain an understanding of transition into Intermediate and High School. The group was led by school Principal, Mrs Davina Peters.

The children observed Intermediate classes as well as boarding routines. It was a great two days' experience and we look forward to future visits from Wellington SDA Primary School.



# Aspire Programme

Accomplishment

Skills

Purpose

Identity

Relationships

Empowerment

ASPIRE - an acronym for a set of value based themes which have been the basis for weekly worship activities in the Boarding Department this year.

This year has seen a trialling of the programme which has encompassed the following activities throughout the week: Biblical study, an introduction to the theme through a You Tube clip or Biblical story, a worship run by the chaplain, small group study, guest speakers, relevant movies, journalling and prayer groups.

These 6 pillars (Accomplishment, Skills, Purpose, Identity, Relationships and Empowerment), as they were defined, were based around the needs of the students, as staff and students looked at what students would look like when they left school. The purpose was to prepare and equip students for life outside of the school with spiritually based, practical oriented teaching. Each pillar had a month's teaching/learning using sub themes.

The feedback from students has been very positive and encouraging. Students were engaged and it was pleasing to see them change and increase in self-confidence. Thank you to all the Boarding staff and guests who have enabled this programme to succeed this year. We will polish it further in 2012.

Kevin Gredig, Chaplain

## Boarders Dinner at Valentines







## Farewell Miss Bond

Miss Bond came to LAC from Thailand where she was a volunteer in a school for refugees on the Myanmar border. While at LAC she has been head of the Maths Department and helped extensively with administration. Included in this work has been helping the boarding programme, specifically helping to publish the FYI each month.



Thank you Miss Bond for the huge help you have been, for being prepared to go "the extra mile" and for being such a warm "can do" person who makes such a positive contribution to LAC.

You will be missed and we wish you God's care and blessing as you travel back to Thailand and then back home to West Australia.

## 2011 Prefects

At the school assembly on 3 November the 2012 School Prefects were announced and much to my surprise, 6 out of 9 prefects for 2012 are from boarding!! They include: Priscilla Tuareka (Head Girl), Sara Greenfield, Ane Nakao, Tasia Nakao, Narada Kapao and Ikani Maka. This is the first time since I've been associated with boarding that 75% of school prefects are boarders. Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit says the Lord.....stay humble and true to Him.

Boarders were also voted as captains for the LAC House Groups (Luther/Tyndale/Wesley). They were: Ikani Maka, Narada Kapao and Raniera Toa. Without parental/caregiver support over the years, LAC boarding would not be the place it is today. Well done!

Maria Henry



# YEAR 13 Leaving comments

Joel Harvey

**Most memorable day at school:** Year 13 camp because it was the first time I spent hanging out with everyone in the year group.

Joel enjoyed **Physics** class the most because: "...It is extremely challenging and awesome."

His favourite teacher was **Mr Woollaston**, the Physics teacher.

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** Jokes with the deans.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Make the most of every opportunity, try new things and use your time wisely.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11



Te Raki Ryan

**Most memorable day at school:** The last day, it was the most recent day.

Te Raki enjoyed **Economics** class the most because: "For one week Mr Van wasn't there."

His favourite teacher was **Mr Topp**.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Don't be a batty man.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light." - Matthew 6:22



### Alvina Nakao

**Most memorable day at school:** Well, there are a lot of memorable moments, but one of them would have to be when we all went to the track for our sports day! Everyone dressed up, Luther won and I accomplished my goal of participating in almost every activity! It was the most fun and the most exercise I've ever done on a sports day!

Alvina enjoyed **Calculus** class the most because: "...one class I looked forward to going to every day was calculus. There's not a lot of writing to do, and I like using numbers! It was nice also getting treats from Miss Bond when she had some."

Her favourite teacher was **Mrs Parker**, because: "...it was nice having a teacher who had great passion for what she taught. She cared about us getting good grades but even more, she cared for us as a person, not just as a student."

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** There are so many! There were a lot of pranks we played on each other in the girls' showers which was funny, but even when we all just sat in the chapel, we could laugh about the silliest things!

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Don't be afraid to be the BEST you can be - the BEST God designed for you to be!

**Favourite Bible verse:** "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."  
- Psalm 73:26

### Setephano Noovao

**Most memorable day at school:** 15/08/11 - The day it snowed at LAC - it just reminded me of God's love and how I can make a positive change in people's lives and mine.

Setephano enjoyed **Physics** class the most because: "...I always questioned my teacher about random topics, Science and God, which was interesting."

His favourite teacher was **Mr Woollaston**, because: "...he was awesome and he made funny sarcastic jokes about students."

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** One of them would be watching the (secretly made) video of Hiro snoring in bed!  
Ha ha! High School Musical.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** My advice is, "What's popular isn't always right, what's right isn't always popular." - Setephano ☺ Put God first, trust Him, and make the most of your opportunities.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path straight." - Proverbs 3:5,6





## Sherwin Bell

**Most memorable day at school:** The last day, because we had pizza.

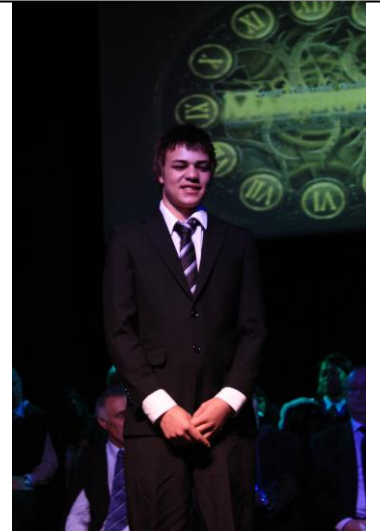
Sherwin enjoyed **Photography** class the most because: "...it was fun and I learnt new skills."

His favourite teacher was **Miss Henry**, because: "...she's just cool."

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** Getting Darius on his birthday.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Try hard from the start and don't leave things to the last minute.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."  
- Matthew 5:48



## Hayden Goldstone

**Most memorable day at school:** Learning lots of different subjects.

Hayden enjoyed **Media Studies** the most because: "...it was filled with people from the dorm."

His favourite teacher was **Mr Walsh**, because: "...he has a sense of humour."

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** When the seniors scared Blessing.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Have fun in your last year.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "Hard work means prosperity; only fools idle away their time."  
- Proverbs 12:11



## Ryan Burrows

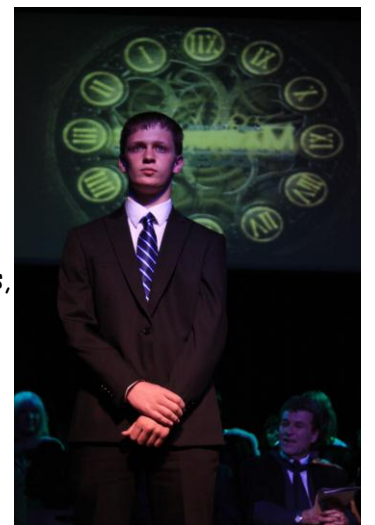
**Most memorable day at school:** Hanging out at the front of school, and Year 13 camp.

Ryan enjoyed **Computing** class the most because: "...I got to chill out from all the stresses of other subjects."

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** Birthdays.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Don't muck around, make the most of your opportunities, because the year will fly past.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.." - Isaiah 40:31





## Maryanne Nakao

**Most memorable day at school:** Watching 'Furious Love' in Miss Paul's class because it opened my eyes to the spiritual battle around us, and getting really embarrassed by Mr Van in Economics!! Oh! And definitely graduation... one of the best memories at LAC day school.

Maryanne enjoyed **Stats** class the most because: "...Mr Walsh made Maths understandable!! And cracked a number of jokes in every class! As well as **Computing** because of Cassy's company."

Her favourite teacher "one out of my whole bunch of favourites" was **Ms Little**, because: "...she was amazing in how she taught our Classical Studies class!! The eye catching and interesting way she taught! Her hair reflects the amazing way she taught!"

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** There was definitely not just one... Scaring the girls in the showers with Sara, Aika, Jess and Alvina, trying to do leg raises with Holly, Faith, Alvina and Zian, talking non-stop in the night with Sia and Ane, trying to sing Indian while playing the piano with Faith, listening to Mr Topp try different accents at the dinner table, prank-calling Sharna-Jane with Jess, sleep faking with Seika when the deans did a room check, Mrs Henry's notices, watching movies made by Ane, Pasepa and Nesa, listening to Fondao sleep talk, trying to communicate with the Saniku girls the first night they arrived, movies made by Zian, Faith, Airi and Raumiria, Pasepa and Stella's unique laughs, Ryoko's crazy hair on Bowlarama night, Margaret's "Oh children" quote, Lingi's way of clapping while laughing, Prissy's long amazing life stories, Minii's voice... one of the loudest Japanese I know, the 'strength test' by Rana and Ruby, Hazelle's cute dancing to PNG music, the times Maria pretends to be a snob (to me) and then laughs, Dorisha's quiet laugh... (man! Will this ever end?!)... I think there was a funny moment I experienced with all the girls in the dorm!! 😊

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Before I give my advice I want to say, "I'm going to miss you all Year 13-to-be-girls!!! And all boarders. Thank you for being a blessing and total joy to me!! Do your best next year, and the greatest advice I have for you is found in my favourite Bible verse..."

**Favourite Bible verse:** "Love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul and mind - and love your neighbour as yourself." - Luke 10:27 (My aim...)



## Hiro Browne

**Favourite Memory:** Chilling with the boys, frog hunting, cutting Mike's hair, fully blocking Darrell Turner during basketball tournament.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6



## Mike Ringrose

**Most memorable day at school:** The big sing - we were amazing and it was nice to see the school come together for something.

Mike enjoyed **Music** class the most because: "...it was flexible, fun and what I love to do."

His favourite teacher was **Miss Laney**, because: "...she cares about you and takes a personal interest in people."

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** The day Mrs Henry went nuts at some of the boys for being late for church.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Take every opportunity, do everything you can, work extremely hard in class and suck up to teachers so at prize-giving you win big!!

**Favourite Bible verse:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
- Philippians 4:13



## Susan Frank

**Most memorable day at school:** Praise and worship week because the worship was awesome, and reminded me that God still cares for me even when I fail Him.

Susan enjoyed **Geography** class the most because: "...my Geography was funny, which made Geography fun."

Her favourite teacher was **Miss Laney**, because: "...she was the best rollmark teacher ever, because with her every time, my day starts with amazing, surprising new moods. With Miss Laney every day is a new day."

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** The late nights with Mrs Henry in the hospital, boarding talent shows, playing funny games with Miss Grayson, when Maryanne lost her jandal, she had to wear Tasia's flats, ever since I've been calling her ballerina.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Put God first, be yourself and appreciate people around you. Be helpful whenever help is needed.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." - Jeremiah 29:11 and Psalms 139.



## Margaret Dihm

**Most memorable day at school:** Lunch breaks in the sun with the girls; sharing whatever we had - he he cute

Margaret enjoyed **Geo** and **Classics** the most because: "though there was a lot to do, I learnt a lot in my classes."

Her favourite teacher was **Mr Ferreira**, because: "...his classes were funny, he was helpful and made us do a lot." She also said that she had trouble just choosing one favourite teacher.

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** There were so many memories in boarding but one would be the night that Sara and I planned scare attacks on the twins and they didn't want to forgive me for it. PS. The looks on their faces were hilarious.

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Do your best and never leave work until the last minute. Always put God first and keep pushing until you reach success.

**Favourite Bible verse:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13



## Jonathan Simpson

**Most memorable day at school:** Going into Miss Laney's room and cooking up some food whenever I was hungry.

Jonathan enjoyed **Photography** class the most because: "...I learnt how much a picture means."

His favourite teachers were **Mrs Korte** and **Miss Laney**, but most of all **God**.

**Funniest moment in boarding this year:** Sherwin being egged and chased for miles (birthdays).

**Advice for Year 13s next year:** Make sure you go hard out in the first three terms cause last terms to do school work just doesn't work. Trust me!!

**Favourite Bible verse:** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

