



Longburn Adventist College

# Boarding FYI Newsletter

March 2012



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## Director's Corner

Greetings everyone - as this will be the last FYI for Term 1, we reflect over the last 7 weeks and realise 'we've only just begun'. Boarders will be returning home to families/communities 4 or 5 April yet the newness of uniforms, classroom learning styles, room decorations, homesickness, meeting new challenges are being overcome as the dorms shape itself into a 'family' environment.

Please note the following start and finish times:

**Term 1** - ends Wednesday, 4 April due to a Bible Workers' Seminar at LAC. Accommodation is in girls' dorm.

**Term 2** - dorms open Sunday 22 April and finish date is Friday 29 June. Both dormitories will then be used over the July holidays as accommodation for the Junior Boys Indoor Cricket Championships in Palmerston North.

**Term 3** - dorms open 15 July and ends Friday 28 September. Term 4 dorms open 14 October, with finishing times varying due to NCEA exams for Year 11, 12 and 13. A reminder that year 13 grad weekend is 2 and 3 November.

## 5 Weekly Reviews

This year the college has added "5 Weekly Reviews" to its monitoring of student achievement. Every five weeks teachers report to the year level deans on students who are failing to keep with their work or are unfocused. The deans then contact parents where there is a pattern of this behaviour.

Some of you will already have been contacted and we value your support in keeping our students on track. If you have heard nothing, this signals that teachers believe your student is on task and the work is getting done.

**David Asscherick** will be the speaker at LAC's Week of Worship 19 – 23 March. This will be David's second visit to Longburn; he previously spoke here in 2009. He is a popular presenter on the Hope and 3ABN television channels and in 2011 he was well known for his report on the Christchurch earthquake. He was in the centre of Christchurch when the February quake occurred.

David was a punk-rocker whose life was transformed when he met Jesus.



Last Sabbath the boarders took the church service at Mosaic SDA Community Church in PN and next Sabbath will be at Hastings SDA Church.

We wish you all a blessed week and thank you for your support and prayers.

LAC Dorm staff



## From Chaplain...

Living away from home and having to adjust to a new set of routines, new people, new environment, and for many having to develop independence can be tough. Some students take quite a while to settle as they adjust to, for what is to some, stricter boundaries. Dealing with approximately 60 students from diverse cultures and backgrounds is no small task. I am so grateful for the boarding staff who are SO committed to the welfare and development of our boarding students. I admire them immensely. But in the big scheme of things, aren't we all family? I am privileged to be able to play a part in their lives through interaction in some of their classes and in the worship programmes.

Kevin Gredig  
Chaplain

## Special Character...

Each year a number of students choose to serve in the community. Christian Religious Education is one area which some students chose. The five students in the photo are among the thirteen students who each Friday morning spend an hour at two local state schools teaching Christian values based on Bible stories. A 30 minute teaching time is allowed for in the school for these students who under the supervision of the classroom teacher tell stories, sing songs, and engage the children in learning activities. Please pray for both our students and the schools to which they go.



Mr Gredig with Priscilla, Ane, Tasia, Jess and Sharna (back to front)





### Entranceways

Thanks to Mr Rickard, the entrance ways to the Girls' and Boys' dormitories have been replanted. This has tidied up both these areas and makes for a pleasant exit to and return from classes.



### Looking Good

Each Wednesday the prefects meet with Mr Sharp and Mr Van. This photo shows what a fine looking bunch they are but the biscuit wrappers on the table probably explain why they are so keen to meet in the Principal's office each Wednesday!





# Gala Day Fundraiser...

Boom Bang, what did I win, laughter, joy, smiling faces, hungry students, what a sight to see: students having fun at the Gala day on Thursday 8 March. It looked like we had students lined up for miles and the anticipation on their faces made it all worthwhile having an event like this at school. Would I do it again? Sure would. Would the students be worthy participants? Sure would. Would the booth helpers and Netball players do it again? Sure would.

This has been a great opportunity for our LAC netball team to learn and expect great results from running a Gala Day and bonding together as a team. We have three boarders that will participate at the South Pacific Polynesian Netball Festival 2012 – Gold Coast, Australia: Rana Walker, Holly Melville and Zian Pomana. We have at least 3 weeks left before we depart on our adventure and representing LAC to the highest standard. God has opened doors in so many ways to allow our school to participate. A huge thank you to our sponsors – Brandlines, Stirling Sports, McDonald's Family Restaurant, Bowlarama, Daytona, The Dollar City Feilding and Manna Christian store. Also thank you to Mr Sharp (Principal), Mr Van (DP), Mr Walsh (AP), BOT Chairman Mr Drinkall and members for their support and blessing to attend. Watch this space! More to come!

Mrs Arama Coordinator/Coach







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# Year 12 Tramps...



The Year 12 extended P.E. class planned two overnight tramps. The class included Rana, Holly, Yosef and Darius from boarding. Their teacher, Mrs Korte, supervised both tramps while Mr Tischler and Mr Paul (Assistant Boys'

Deans) took turns assisting her with the 13 students. The first tramp was over 6hrs through Tararua Forest Park. The second tramp was 3hrs up through Ruahine Forest Park, arriving at Sunrise Hut (above).



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# Worship Workshop



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# Weekends with the Boarders...



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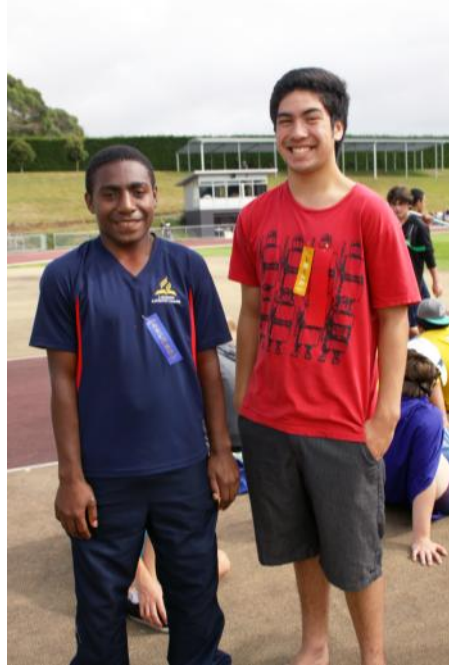


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# 2012 Athletics Day...



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# Wellington Weetbix Tryathlon...



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# Charity Concert with Anita Prime...



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