



Longburn Adventist College

# Boarding FYI Newsletter

April 2012



*Joy 'against the dying of the light'*

Photo by Brittany Sergeant

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## Director's Corner

Dear Parents

Welcome to term 2. It has been a busy time for the boarders this term, settling back into boarding life and dormitory routines.

Term dates as follows :

Term 2 finishes, Friday 29 June at 3.15 pm and the dorms reopen Sunday 15 July with the first café meal at 5.30 pm.

Term 3 starts Monday, 16 July and ends Friday 28 September at 3.15 pm.

Term 4: dorms reopen Sunday 14 October with senior groups finishing at different times in November.

If you have any queries regarding your child's progress in boarding or academic performance please do not hesitate in contacting [mariah@lac.school.nz](mailto:mariah@lac.school.nz) or any of the boarding staff.

Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you – 1 Peter 5:7. Homesickness can be overcome when we pray, talk and laugh together in the dorms. Your prayers and support are very much appreciated.

God bless you

Maria Henry



Mrs Henry presenting the boarders' choir to Hastings Church



# Term 2 Weekend Plan

subject to change

Friday	Sabbath	Afternoon	Sat. Evening	Sunday
<b>Apr. 27<sup>th</sup></b> Plan term 2 weekends	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>  Central Church	River walk to Esplanade		<b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Duties /own study /practices
<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b> Gift cards for Mother's day	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	Rest in dorms or Bible study	Roller - Skating 	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Duties
← Navesau High School visit →				
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b> Personal Evangelism	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	'In the 'hood' 	Pathfinder Rally Capture the Flag part II	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Mother's day, NZ
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Debate Challenge	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	Central Teen Camp	Form Travel!	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b> Small Groups Bible Quiz	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	"How to give a Bible study"	Sports Challenge (high sch. age)	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> Duties
<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b> Boys' dorm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Churches	Youth Rally, Auckland	 SDA B'ball Tourny	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Long weekend
← Holiday →				
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Girls' dorm	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	Connect - teen	Small groups activity	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Duties
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Invitation to C, M & F Youth	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	Rest home visit	Talent Night	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Duties
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Staff homes evening	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> Churches	Connect - teen	Lido 	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Duties



## Message from the Principal...

### ACADEMIC COMMENT:

For our Year 11 to 13 students one-third of their academic year has now passed! It is important for all NCEA students to check that they are on-target to achieve the credits they need for NCEA. Year 13 also need to ensure that they will have the credits they need to graduate and to obtain a University Entrance. (Basically 14 credits in each of 3 approved Level 3 subjects and 10 credits of level 2 Literacy).

An excellent source of information for students and parents is: [www.Studyit.org.nz](http://www.Studyit.org.nz)

This site explains in detail the requirements for 'excellence', 'merit', and 'achieved' passes for a wide range of Achievement Standards and how year level endorsements are achieved.

It is important for Year 12 students to do as well as possible with Level 2 NCEA as their applications for tertiary scholarships will be based on their Year 12 results.



### ANZAC Day Service:

The college held its ANZAC Day Chapel service last Friday. Guests included Colonel Paul King, The Rev. Wiremu Te Awe Awe, Manawatu District Mayor Margaret Kovellis and the Regional Police Commander, Russell Gibson. Students from Kairanga School and Longburn School also attended to make this a community ANZAC service.



Colonel King, Deputy Commander of the 1st NZ Brigade Linton, spoke of the value of service and how we can all serve in many ways. At the conclusion of the service the schools laid wreaths to commemorate the LAC students who lost their lives in World Wars 1 & 2.

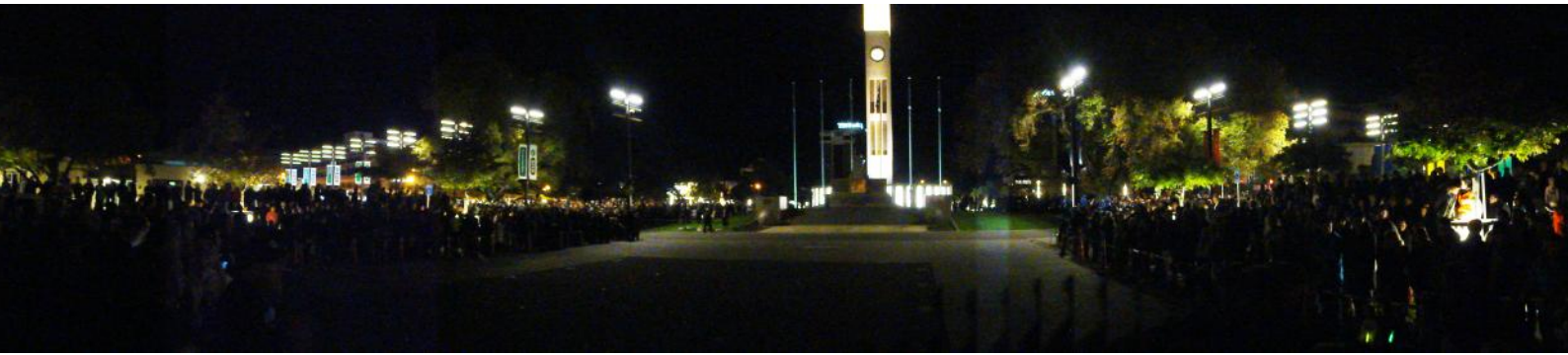
A copy of Colonel King's speech is attached (at the back of the newsletter).

Bruce Sharp  
Principal

Stone of Remembrance with wreaths, Priscilla Tuareka & Isaac Streeter (Head Boy & Girl) with the college wreath, Colonel Paul King addresses the college.



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Dawn and mid morning ANZAC service at The Square, Palmerston North, attended by some of the boarders.



Head girl and head boy laying a wreath at the Cenotaph.



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# Trip to Hastings Church...



"When the LAC youth went to Hastings Church I was asked to talk about transformation. I was quite nervous but I enjoy public speaking and writing. At first I struggled to write anything but then I just stopped thinking and I wrote. I talked about the steps to achieve transformation. They include accepting we all need to be transformed, we need to call on God. In the Collins English Dictionary, the word 'transformed' simply means; Change the shape of character of. But if you look at it in a spiritual light it's like a man that doesn't know God will fall only once but a man that knows God will fall seven times\*, that is simple because the second man recognises he needs transformation to get back up again and try. Transformation doesn't happen immediately which means it takes time so it involves process."

\*Proverbs 24:16

Danielle Stewart





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# Week of Worship

Pr David Asscherick spent a week with us expanding on and explaining in simple terms some of the parables that revealed His character and what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. The praise music drew students to Christ preparing them to receive great teaching.

An amazing week.

Kevin Gredig  
Chaplain



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LAC Chapel  
March 19-23

Sir Peter Asscherick  
will be speaking.

Designed by  
Jacob Wai  
Year 9







## 7's rugby...

For the last weekend of term, 3 of the boarders (Ikani, Ferguson and Joshua) joined Stuart and Tanner from day school to be part a mixed 7's team from LAC and Palmerston North Boys' High.

The days tournament was very challenging but it was great to see the boys grow together as a team over the 4 matches after having only a few training sessions together.

The team was coached and brought together by Sam Gordon from Awatapu School who commended the boys for the effort they displayed and their ability to mix well and gel as a team.

It was a pleasure to see the whole team keep their heads up and never give up on enjoying their rugby. Their determination paid off with a victory against St Peter's College.

Eifion Paul  
Assistant Boys' Dean





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# Service at Mosaic Church...

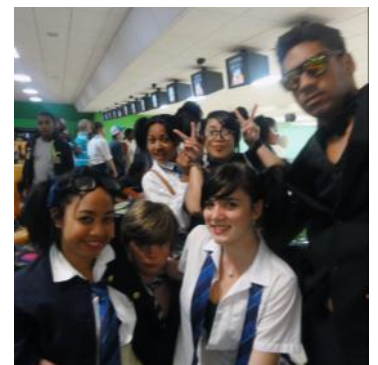
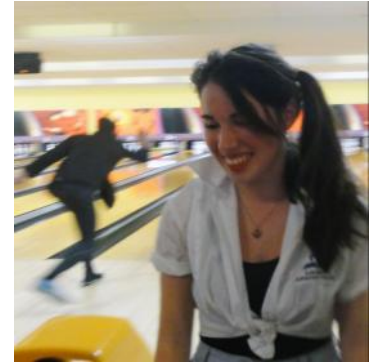


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# 10 Pin Bowling...



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# Gold Coast Netball Trip...



SOUTH PACIFIC POLYNESIAN NETBALL,  
April 8-15

The Polynesian Easter Netball Festival was a huge success with 16 teams participating from the South Pacific and Australia. This inaugural event featured not only very competitive and enjoyable netball games to watch but also great sportsmanship on and off the court. The recreational activities including a visit to Movieworld and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary High Ropes Course, a Finals Dinner with Polynesian Dancers and an Awards Presentation. I am sure all girls enjoyed meeting new friends during the Festival week.

As part of the Polynesian Dancers Act, the girls, Coaches and Teachers were asked to go up on stage to learn a dance.

Congratulations to the College team for their excellent effort in all their games. The team played

very well and their netball skills, manner and sportsmanship were pleasing to watch.

They were a confident and well-mannered group who conducted themselves with pride and decorum and showed the school in a very good light. These girls are a great example of our College and you should be very proud of them.

Thank you Mrs Henry for your endeavours to keep our girls safe while driving from one event to another. We appreciated your enthusiasm as Manager/Cheerleader on and off the court; your support was endless. This was a rich sporting experience and journey with many happy memories. Away from home travel and sports participation of this nature is often a life changing experience for many students and the confidence they obtain is immeasurable.

Mrs Arama  
Librarian





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# Year 13 Camp...



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# Weekends with the Boarders...



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## **ANZAC SPEECH:**

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Col. Paul King

Today we join together to remember ordinary New Zealanders, service men and women, who did remarkable things in the most trying circumstances.

I spoke here two years ago. You honour our soldiers so much by what you have done in recent years in researching your fallen Old Boys and creating this service in their memories.

Last year I was in Afghanistan – such a stark contrast to the lovely grounds you have here. Since I was last here in April 2010 we have lost five ANZACS in that inhospitable country. We understand the price that war exacts. Good democracies like New Zealand despise war. Bringing peace and prosperity is not glamorous, but it means protecting the weak from the strong, helping those in need to establish the means to fend for themselves and to build a sustainable future. That is what New Zealand and other coalition soldiers are doing right now in Afghanistan – it is not easy but it is the right thing to try and do.

You will have heard the vital statistics of our ANZAC tradition: the 90 per cent casualty rates at Gallipoli, the horrors in which our nationhood was forged on foreign fields. We have spent Wednesday this week honouring those who fell 97 years ago and since on foreign battlefields. I will not dwell further on these tragedies.

Rather, today I would like to look to the future through the prism of what I believe are the two most important parts of the ANZAC tradition.

### **Service and Mateship.**

#### **To Service then:**

“One thing I know – those of you who will be most happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

These words of Albert Schweitzer ring true as we gather to remember.

The essence of serving others is to love one another and if we can all do that well, we serve mankind to produce a better world. There are so many ways to serve: yes, in the military, the Police, the medical profession; to be a great parent; to be a great teacher and develop an educated future generation; to run a good business, to serve in government or lawmaking; whatever field you choose to work in, the ways to serve are endless; put others before self; respect your fellow man; treat others as you would like to be treated and you are serving a better world by creating a better world.

Find a way to serve, positively serve others every day. Ask yourself every day when you get up and look in the mirror, how can I best serve someone else today?

#### **Mateship**

*What do we mean by mateship – what does it mean to be a good mate?*





*Words that come to my mind are: to be loyal; to be trustworthy – will people trust you? To have courage together through tough times; mates usually become mates because they go through something difficult together.*

It has never been more important to forge close bonds and long term relationships with a mate or your mates than today.

In a world where we can have up to 5000+ friends on FACEBOOK, this does not equate to an enduring mateship where you have trust, loyalty and are able to support each other like you would expect from a true mate. Mates are mates, face to face.

Let me tell you about a mate of mine. We trained together in 1981 for a year – it was tough training. We played rugby together. We trained for another 6 months in 1982. He was an Australian ANZAC. We served together clearing mines in Mozambique in 1995. He died this week on ANZAC day from cancer at the age of 53. Next week I will fly to Australia to say goodbye at his funeral. That's what mates do. They do it face to face. It would be easy to post a farewell on social media. No – it will be done face to face.

Serving others before self is not easy. Mates become mates for life because they do something hard in life together. True mateship is forged in some act of physical or mental deprivation.

The countries of Australia and New Zealand were forged through the ANZAC spirit in the blood sweat

and tears and sheer agony that was the Dardanelle Peninsula – Gallipoli.

My challenge to you is to find out more about your own personal ANZAC legacy. Study the lives of the LAC Old Boys who served so that we can 97 years later remember them – Hubert Hare, George Keymer, John Hutchinson, Leslie Scott or Herbert Tutty – soldiers who were killed in action in the First World War. Or look at the lives since of Henry Gould or Jimmy Johnston – your two Old Boys killed in the Second World War. Or look as far back as you need to look in your own family to honour the service of your own family ANZAC. For many of you that person may now be part of the new ANZAC legend – those still serving today.

Let us not forget our recent fallen ANZACS – Lt Tim O'Donnell; Pte Kirifi Mila; Cpl Doug Grant; LCpl Leon Smith and Cpl Doug Hughes recently deceased.

Serve wisely, lead proudly; love one another; find your own passage of service to others in life; look after your mates – push yourself beyond what you think you are capable of in serving others in this world and at the other end you will be most happy among some well-earned mates.

We hope as New Zealanders we can live up to the high standards and examples of service and mateship that the ANZACS of the past have set for us and that we never take lightly the sacrifice that many of them paid for the freedom we enjoy today.

We will remember them.

