



Longburn Adventist College

Boarding FYI Newsletter

May - July 2013



"Worldwide Fusion"



experience of a lifetime



Director's Corner...

Greetings to everyone

It's hard to believe we've come to the end of another school term this year. Already, stores are starting to bring in spring wear, even though minus temperatures prevail in most NZ towns.

I've really enjoyed seeing the boarders participate in week-day and weekend activities this term such as sports, recreation, church programmes and interschool events such as the Pasifika Fusion Festival two weeks ago.



Our volunteer deans are an integral part of boarding, and while their tenure is for one year or less, we have been very blessed with the calibre of people who have been part of the Boarding Staff this term - Miss Kirstie Felsch, Mr Brodie King, Miss Courtney Young, Miss Kiri Sharp, and Miss Kerrylee Grayson. We have been delighted with the presence of Mr Benson Nobathu who joined us term 2, and welcome Miss Adrienne Bohl, Miss Tania Acuna and the safe return of Mr Eifion Paul to the boarding staff for the rest of this year. Thank you for your support and may God bless you always.



Maria Henry, Director of Boarding



Ex students visit. Chazz Walls (left) from Tauranga is looking forward to working in Wellington. Damian Marzola (right) taking time out from working locally in Palmerston north.



Maria Henry & Stella Hiti Marsters with His Excellency Mr William Dihm Papua New Guinea High Commissioner to New Zealand, at his daughter Margaret's wedding in Wellington.

Weekend Activities term 3 (subject to change)

August. 2nd AGAPE cafe lounge	3rd Churches	Esplanade walk	Sports Bonanza in school gym	4th Duties
9th Mission Projects	10th Churches	Rest Home visit	10 Pin Bowling	11th Duties Striders Run
16th Year 13 i/c	17th Churches	Dorm retreat	Foot Rally... in Palm. Nth	18th Duties Study timeline
23rd Clifton Glasgow	24th Churches	Manawatu Bus Walk	Theme Night	25th SDA Basketball
30th DVD	31st Churches	Rest in dorm rooms	Roller Skating	Sept. 1st Duties
6th Year 12 i/c	7th Churches	Levin fellowship AY meeting	Teams challenge	8th Year 13 Leavers Banquet
13th 5 minute Small Groups presentations	14th Churches	Bible study seminars	Pack & Rest 4am departure for Ski fields	15th Boarders' Ski trip
20th Separate dorm workshops	21st Churches	Walk along the beach front	XY Factor Talent Night	22nd Duties



Message from the Principal...

Passion

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

William Butler Yeats

William Butler Yeats got it right, true education ignites a passion that should be carried on right through our lives. Too often we regard education as providing us with a body of knowledge but in this age when almost any knowledge is available at our finger tips, the passion to pursue something is more important than the mere acquisition of knowledge.

Too often young people have dreams when they are young but these are slowly extinguished on the altar of 'common sense' and an ordinary life follows. Schools, parents, teachers and families need to encourage young people to dream, think big and pursue their dreams. Years ago I took a Year 10 class to Naiad Boats in Picton. The designer and owner of the firm was Steve Schmidt and his message to my class was clear; "You can work to live or you can live to work. I live to work!"

When we ignite the flame and enable young people to discover their passion we start them on an exciting journey where they will live to work, only it won't be 'work' to them!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Year 13 Leavers Banquet

This will be held on September 22 and is an opportunity for our Year 13 students to celebrate the time they have spent at LAC at a time when they are planning their future careers and their destinations for 2014.

The Board sanctioned this annual event a few years ago on the understanding that it is a Year 13 event. Other students can attend if they invited as a partner by a Year 13 student.

Bible in Schools

Each week Jaydene Tesese and Faithful Te Puni are among a group of LAC students who are part of the 'Bible in Schools' program. This gives our students to share the Bible story with primary students from other schools, many who would not hear the Bible story unless our student went into their school. This picture shows them working with some students at the Kairanga School



Congratulations Miss Young!

Courtney Young recently graduated from La Sierra College, California, with her BA. Courtney return to California last month after completing a year of volunteer work in the dormitories at LAC. We're proud of you Miss Young!



Bruce Sharp, Principal

YEAR 12 IS A CRITICAL YEAR!

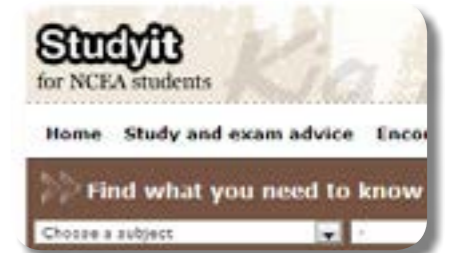
NZ universities are already contacting the college to advise us of scholarships available to students intending to go to university. NZ universities use a student's Level 2 (Year 12) NCEA results when they decide who will receive their scholarships. Students who receive a Level 2 NCEA endorsed with 'Excellence' are very likely to be awarded a scholarship, and these can be worth \$3000+ and make a big difference to the cost of university study. Year 12 very definitely does count!

Invaluable for Students: www.studyit.org.nz

All NCEA students need to put a circle around this site. It contains a mass of information about NCEA Achievement Standards:

- Information on Maths, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics & Science
- Links to old papers from previous years, and examiner reports
- Detailed criteria on how to achieve 'excellence' in both internal and external achievement standards
- Study and exam advice
- Access to expert help
- Exemplars

Go to www.studyit.org.nz



Before...



...After

The old basket factory/workshop being demolished in April



Dean Profile...

Name: Benson Nobathu

Ethnicity: Papua New Guinean and specifically from the Eastern Highlands Province.

Married to Lizzen Kafare with two children, Joy (7 years old) and Khamasua- James (KJ) (3 years old).

Joy attends Palmerston North Adventist Christian School and KJ goes to Foot Steps Adventist Pre School here in Palmerston North. My spouse is currently studying at Massey University doing her Bachelors Degree in Health Science under the NZ Government Scholarship. This will be her second year of study and has a year more to go.

About myself, I am a secondary school teacher by profession. I have been teaching for more than 9 years in Papua New Guinea having taught at Busu Secondary School for 3 years then to Aiyura National High School for 5 years. Just before I came here I was teaching at Dregerhafen Technical Secondary School for 1 1/2 years. I am a trained Secondary Mathematics and Science Teacher.

According to my family's visas we are supposed to be here till December 2014 but the Lord has what is best for us. May His will be done. We are just the vessel for He knows us before we were born. Jeremiah 1.5.



Hello from Boys Dorm...



Hi, My name is Mori Kimisopa. I am from PNG. I am in Year 11. I like LAC-Longburn Adventist College because of the vegetarian foods.

I have good friends, both girls and boys from the Cook Islands, Fiji, Tonga, Pitcairn Island, Melbourne Australia, Samoa, Zimbabwe, New Zealand and even friends from PNG.

I enjoy playing basketball against other school teams and I also play a little ping pong. I also enjoy the weekly town trips for shopping and looking around town.

Talofa Lava,

My name is Jotham Tesese. I am 12 years old. This is my first year at LAC 2013. I am currently boarding at LAC with my two sisters. I've learnt a lot since I've been here, how to speak Japanese, Maori and Spanish. How to do things on my own like, doing my laundry, waking and getting up early, keeping my room tidy, making myself lunch, helping cleanup in the cafeteria kitchen and duties in the dormitory.

My family are proud of me coming here to LAC. I want to THANK GOD for sending me to such a GREAT school!
Faafetai Lava.



Bible Project Visit...



Litiana Turner (bottom right) is the Associate Youth Director from the South Pacific Division who spoke to the LAC Boarding students about World Changers Bible Project where bibles have been greatly subsidised from donations from SDA churches in NZ and Australia and individuals therefore making it affordable for many around the Pacific, Australia, NZ, Papua New Guinea to own a bible for less than a \$1.50

Thank you very much World Changers Bible Project!



Hi, My name is Gore Dulume. I come from Chimbu Province, PNG. I enjoy my stay at LAC Longburn Adventist College very much. I meet different young people from different races from around the world.

The weather and climate is very different here in New Zealand compared to home in PNG. It is a One of Kind experience.



Pasifika Fusion 2013...



Pasifika Fusion 2013 was based on the theme of Identity - 'Who am I? Where do I see myself fitting in this modern changing world?' This year, LAC participated in various categories such as the Cultural Performance, Speech Competition (both Pasifika and English), Wearable Arts, Talent, Visual Arts, Poem Writing and Essay Writing. Our Cultural Performance was based on two Pacific Cultures: Samoan and Cook Island.

The highlight of the evening included LAC winners for the following prizes: Jaydene Tesese 1st Placing for Visual Arts - Painting; Tilya Taikakara 1st Placing for Pasifika Speech - Cook Islands Maori; and Dorisha Kimi with 3rd Placing in Wearable Arts.

This unique experience was enjoyed by all who attended, especially the participants; and gave students the opportunity to share their Pacific identity with fellow Pacific Islanders within the Manawatu Region. Overall, the hard work and commitment each student put into this event was outstanding and very much appreciated by both the Student Leaders and Teachers. A job well done!

Tilya Taikakara





Speech Competition...

Nga Manu Korero Speech Competition

A group of LAC students went to local school Tu Toa recently to attend the regional secondary schools' Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition. The sole purpose of the trip was to support the speaker representing our school. Year 10 student Keegan Mitchell entered in the Junior English section, referred to as the Sir Turi Carroll section, with the speech topic entitled 'Excellence is not an act but a habit'. It was the first time in recent years that LAC has been represented at such a competition. The students who attended supported Keegan with a waiata, 'Wairua Tapu', after his speech and most students came back from the day out with a renewed desire to give speeches 'a go' next year. Some students enjoyed seeing the other schools' Kapa Haka groups and have fresh motivation to get a school Kapa Haka group going. LAC hopes to have its own speech contest in Term One 2014 so that other students can have an opportunity to represent LAC in the regional competition next year.





SDA Basketball Tournament..



It was a time where I could meet up with ex LAC students and play a sport we all love.



The following girls were in the team: Rana Walker, Stella Marsters, Tilya Taikakara, Courtney Sowman, Ezera Clayton, Brooke Davidson, Heavyn Arama, Zian Pomana & Chrysolite Ma'u.



Our grade was B grade, however we played A grade as well which was a fun and rough experience. In the end we worked hard and came 2nd place overall.



I would do it again with the same girls and same coach. Because that's how awesome and exciting it was.
by Rana Walker



Worship Leaders...



Leading out Sabbath Worship at Mosaic Church



Boarders Choir at Central SDA Church





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School Sports...



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