

# Boarding FYI Newsletter

August 2013



*Luke 12:27*

by Ikuo Inoue



## Director's Corner...

### Greetings to everyone

As we are in the middle of Week of Worship led by Year 13 students, I am in awe of God's leading in our seniors' lives as they prepare to complete High School years within the coming 7 weeks.

The impact our Year 13 boarding girls (10) has made along with their classmates this week has been incredible. I praise God for student led activities for His glory.

For the remaining 61 boarders, there are a few housekeeping matters I would like to bring to your attention:

- Term 3 ends Thursday, 26 September at 2 pm. For any departures before this date, please contact Jenny Sowman [jennys@lac.school.nz](mailto:jennys@lac.school.nz) our Attendance Officer
- Term 4 - the dormitories will reopen Sunday 13 October
- A day ski trip is planned for Sunday 15 September. It is also possible to participate without skiing/snowboarding. Costings of ski equipment will be emailed next week
- Boarders have been requested to assist with children's Sabbath School at the Wellington Regional Day, 21 September
- SDA Volleyball Tournament, Labour Weekend in Palmerston North
- Saniku Road trip leaves 8am Friday 27 September

Two weeks ago, a school wide inspection by the Education Review Office took place in which the hostels also came under review. The hostels received positive feedback from the team and I would like to thank all parents/caregivers for your support and prayers. If you have any comments or questions, regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate in contacting myself [mariah@lac.school.nz](mailto:mariah@lac.school.nz) or the School Principal Bruce Sharp [bruces@lac.school.nz](mailto:bruces@lac.school.nz)

Best wishes to all parents/caregivers from L.A.C. House staff and students

Maria Henry, Boarding Director



## Message from the Principal...

### PB4L

This year the whole college, boarding and day-school, is part of a Ministry of Education initiative called 'PB4L' Positive Behaviour for Learning. The purpose of this initiative is to establish positive behaviours that will underpin learning in the classroom and positive interactions between students. Good manners and respect for people, property and oneself all help student learning and build positive relationships.

### L.A.C. House welcomes back Mr Paul

Mr Paul has returned to LAC from Wales to take up the position of Marketing, Admin and Activities Director in the dormitories. Welcome back to New Zealand, Mr Paul. It is good to see your cheerful face around the college again and have you back as part of our community.

If anyone wants any further information about becoming a boarding student at LAC, Mr Paul is the man to contact\*!

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Bruce Sharp, Principal

Friday	Sabbath	Afternoon	Sat. Evening	Sunday
<b>Sept. 6<sup>th</sup></b> Year 12 take worship	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	Levin fellowship AY meeting	Roller Skating	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Duties & Study for Trial Exams
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> 5 minute Small Groups presentations	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	PNG National Anthem Welcome	Pack & Rest 4am departure for Ski fields	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Boarders' Ski trip
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Separate dorm worships	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Wellington Regional, Porirua			<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Year 13 Leavers' Banquet

# Welcome to L.A.C. House...

I hope you appreciate the new layout of our FYI Newsletters. It's been designed to show that Longburn Adventist College Boarding Department has a new name. The decision has been made to give the boarding its own identity to not only help differentiate our communications with the day school's but also help emphasise that boarding has its own ethos as well as the school's motto: ***'In Christ, we educate, encourage and empower'***. L.A.C. House's focus is to give our boarders the opportunity to grow and prosper day by day in a Christ focused home.



Our motto:

***"Puāwaitia tātou" | Let Us Prosper***

*"Kei te mohio hoki ahau ki nga whakaaro e whakaaro nei ahau ki a koutou, e ai ta lhowa, he whakaaro mo te rongou mau, ehara mo te kino, kia hoatu te tumanako ki a koutou i o koutou ra whakamutunga." Jeremiah 29:11 Maori Bible*

***"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 NIV***

Eifion Paul, Marketing & Boarding Admin.



Raumiria Pura-Hollings leading the charge for LAC in the hockey 3rd/4th playoff final.

# Our Campus...



Saniku student, Ikuo Inoue, captures glimpses of nature's beauty around campus.

To see more of his images, please visit: <http://instagram.com/ikuo187>



***"Puāwaitia tātou"***  
*Let Us Prosper - Jeremiah 29:11*

# Week of Worship...



Girls' Dorm choir singing 'Take Me Back'



## WOW August 26-30

The senior students organised and ran the second WOW of 2013. The theme, "Encounter", challenged students to have an encounter with God through worship and testimony. A number of invited young adults from outside of the school and two of the staff shared their encounter with God and how He had made a difference in their lives. People who

had been abused, had addictions, had no self-worth and even an ex-neo Nazi spoke of the difference God makes when He is allowed to take rulership. Challenging? Yes. Exciting? Yes. Real? Yes. Great music [including the staff P&W band], great testimonies and great special items. A real highlight of the year. Thanks to all who took part.

Kevin Gredig, Chaplain



## Deans Profiles...

### Miss Acuna

Before LAC life was pretty "normal." This past June I finished my third year at La Sierra University, our SDA University in Southern California. I am working on my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Religious Studies (Theology). I also finished my second year working in the recruitment department (Enrolment Services). This last year I held the position of Religious Vice President for the student association and Spiritual Life office with a major emphasis on corporate worship programming. In March I made the decision to stop life as I knew it to give myself over to a year of service. Crazy decision, right? I thought so too. I felt God calling me into the life of a missionary. A year where I would grow, walking in faith (at times blindly), and give all I had, all I had been gifted by God to the service of others. In May I realised that the "others" would be a dorm full of girls overseas in a place I had never visited and college I had never heard of, LAC. I was ecstatic! Having worked as a teacher's assistant and as youth pastor in the past a dorm full of college girls sounded perfect! I packed my bags early July and set out for the adventure of a lifetime.

The last month and a half has been an adventure for sure! I have realised some of the major joys as well as challenges I will face as a girls' dean here. This job like any other has its number of "bad days" but what keeps me going day after day is God's promise found in 1 Philippians 1:6: being confident in this, that he who created a good work in you will carry it out until the day of completion. God chose LAC for my year of service; he has a plan and purpose for my time here. God has many lessons to teach me about His love, patience, courage, service, about Himself and so much more and he needed the girls in our dorm to help him do it. There is no other place I would rather be this next year than here. God told Peter in the Gospel of John that if he truly loved Him he would feed his sheep. I have heard the whisper of my father God and this next year I am keen to show my loving obedience by feeding his sheep here in New Zealand (no pun intended). Excited for the many adventures that await! To God be the glory.

Tania Acuna



### Miss Bohl

I am from a small town in North Dakota called Woodworth. The population is forty-five people. I live out in the country on a farm. There are five people in my immediate family. My sister is the oldest and she is married with five kids and she has a set of twin girls. My brother is the second oldest and he is married with one baby boy.

I have been attending Union College in Lincoln Nebraska. I am majoring in Social Work because I want to become a guidance counsellor for teens, and I am minoring in Psychology.

Through the Missions Programme at Union I was given the chance to become a Student Missionary for one year. When I looked at all the different callings I was really impressed to apply for the Assistant Dean's position here at LAC. I wanted to take a year off to experience life in another country, ministering for God. This job is challenging at times, but I can see how God is stretching me in different areas of my life and by that I am growing in my faith. There is not a day that goes by that I don't thank God for sending me here to LAC.

Adrienne Bohl

*"My grace is all you need, My power is seen best through you when you're weak. When you're weak, that's when you're strong" ~2 Corinthians 12:9.*



# D.N.G. Embassy Trip...



The fearsome tribal 'mud men' greet the visitors to the PNG emabassy in Wellington.



"I really enjoyed the excursion down to Wellington. We had been invited by the PNG ambassador, Sir William Dihm, to meet the prime minister, Sir Peter Oriel. This was one of the most exciting and memorable experiences of my life and is one of the privileges you get when you attend LAC."

Vincent Tomitom

# International Evening at Central Church...



Kei, Yuta & Koki join the Cook Island dance

