

FYI Newsletter

June - August 2014



"...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.'

[Mark 12:30-31 NIV UK](#)

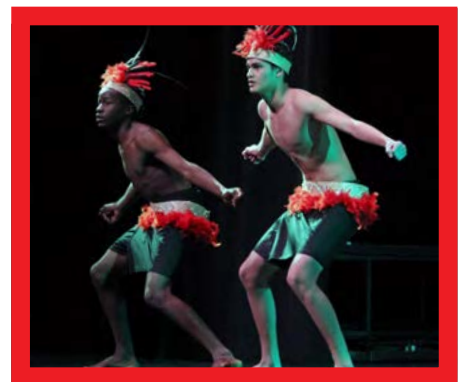


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Director's Comments...

Greetings from L.A.C. House

We are well into term 3, and boarders are kept busy with school work, dorm routines and weekend activities.

Thank you to everyone for your emails and contacts regarding any questions you may have about your child's progress in boarding.

This term, we welcomed 3 Student Volunteer Deans to boarding – Mr Derek Haas (Ohio, USA), Miss Chloe Khan (Tennessee, USA), Miss Marianne (pronounced Myana) Rasmussen (Denmark) to the team. We pray that their presence and knowledge will be used to His glory in L.A.C. HOUSE.



L.A.C. House Staff for 2014-2015

Reminders for Caregivers

Term dates – this term ends Friday 26 September at 3.15 pm, however, due to long distance travel if your child is required to leave before this date, please email jennys@lac.school.nz (school attendance officer) with the leave details as well as myself or royh@lac.school.nz. This will help us arrange end of term room pack up and transport to bus/train/airport. Thank you.

Contact with your child

Please be advised that if you need to speak to your child about 'sensitive' matters that occur within family, to contact myself (mobile **021987161** or email mariah@lac.school.nz) due to some emotional fallout with our boarders. It is important that you make contact with the staff or myself as we try to manage a potentially critical incident. Thank you.

Phone calls to the dorm to speak to your child (3.15 pm to 7 pm then 8.45 pm to 9.30 pm).

The school number is: **+64 6 3541059**

Ext 761 (Girls' phone booth)

Ext 760 (Boys' phone booth)

The dorm staff office in each building is **ext 702** (boys), **ext 703** (girls).

Church Programmes

Boarders are taking church services in Masterton (23 August), PN Central Church (30 August) and Wanganui (20 September). I am delighted with the involvement of boarders, and your prayers for these church services are appreciated.

If you have any further questions, please contact me any time. I am really excited about what God has in store for your child through L.A.C. House.

Mighty to Serve

[Maria Henry](#)

Director of Boarding

Weekend Plans* (rest of term 3)...

Friday	Sabbath	Afternoon	Sat. Evening	Sunday
August 15th Separate Dorm Worships	16th Palmerston North Central Church 120th Anniversary		10 Pin Bowling	17th Duties Study / Free time
22nd Combined Worship led by the Kapaos	23rd Lead service at Masterton Church		Gym: Volleyball	24th Manawatu Turbos Rugby game
29th Year 11 Take Worship	30th Lead service at PN Central Church	Make Fathers' Day Cards	Early Night	31st Ski Trip
September 5th Night Life Youth Event @ LAC	6th Churches	To be confirmed	Volleyball Tournament @ Arena Manawatu	7th Duties Study / Free time
12th Combined Worship	13th Churches	Miss Miller Wedding at LAC Chapel	Movies on campus	14th Ski Trip (backup date)
19th Combined Worship	20th Take service at Whanganui Church		Talent Night	21st Duties / Study

*Subject to change

Dates for your Calendar...

Monday September 8 th to Wednesday September 10 th		Year 11-13 Trial Exams
Friday	September 26th	End of Term 3
September 24 to October 11		Mosaic Church: Vietnam Mission Trip (ADRA)
Monday October 13 th to Friday December 12 th		Term 4
Wednesday	October 29 th	Last day for Year 13
Friday October 31 st to Saturday November 1 st		Graduation Weekend
Tuesday	November 4 th	Y11-12 Prizegiving
Monday November 10 th to Tuesday December 2 nd		NCEA Exams (Y11-13 timetables vary)
Friday	December 12 th	Year 7-10 Prize giving



Principal's Comments...

"You can lead a horse to water..."

As a young lad on a Sabbath afternoon I was often taken by a farmer friend of the family to his farm to help water his horse 'Ben'.

He would lead Ben down from his paddock to a stream and the big draft horse would drink and drink and drink. I never could quite understand the old statement, "You can lead a horse to water but can't make it drink."

Persuading young people that it is wise to seriously engage in their education and take advantage of the opportunities offered to them when they are young can sometimes be difficult. Most accept the advice, work hard and succeed while some avoid work and fail.

The paths at the entrance to the college still have embedded in them, "The Home of Opportunity" and the college is definitely that.

As our senior students head towards the end of a school year it is imperative they are engaged and working. Conscientious work inevitably brings success. This is the advice we give our students every year and it matches the advice given by the wisest man who ever lived:

"Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise." Proverbs 19:20

Trial NCEA Exams Year 11-13

Y11-13 Trial NCEA exams will be held in five sessions (morning and afternoon) over the three days Monday 8th September to Wednesday 10th September. The reason trial exams have been compressed into three days was to ensure that students with few exams did not treat exams like a holiday week. More information about exams processes will be included in the next school newsletter.

The exams are important for students doing NCEA because:

- They gain practice at working under exam conditions
- They generate grades that can be used to derive results that can be used in place of missed exams due to medical misadventures or other events (e.g. broken arm, family funeral).
- The trial exam results are added to internal results to produce the LCEA award (Local Certificate of Educational Achievement) given with endorsements of either Attend/Achieve/Merit/Excellence, that is given to each Y11-13 students at the relevant prizegiving ceremony. The dux of each year level is the student with the most Excellence credits.

Studyit.org.nz

This is the free, safe and successful online resource supporting NCEA maths, science and English students since 2004. Achievement standards have been repackaged with student input, and there are forums where students can ask questions and discuss issues. Studyit employs expert teachers who respond to student questions on the forums in the weekends, at night and in the holidays. This website also has an excellent explanation of NCEA for parents who want to know more about how this qualification works.

Fuel Fundraising

Northfuels and Southfuels are firms that supply fuel to the rural and contracting sectors. If you or your firm buys fuel in bulk please consider using South or Northfuels and nominating the college as a beneficiary to support. Not only do they offer fuel at very competitive prices but a donation is made to the college based on how much fuel is purchased.

Details of this scheme can be accessed at this link:

<http://www.southfuels.co.nz/fuel-for-schools/>

Bruce Sharp
Principal

Introducing Boardingware...



Boardingware is a new management tool that L.A.C. House has adopted to improve communication between caregivers, boarders and deans.

Based around an iPad app, the status of each boarder is kept track of, whether 'in house' or on leave. Individual details of boarder's life in the dorms can be put into the app and synced with the deans on duty. The aim of the system is to ease and to improve the collection of information so that a clearer picture of each boarder's well being can be recorded and reported back to the caregiver.

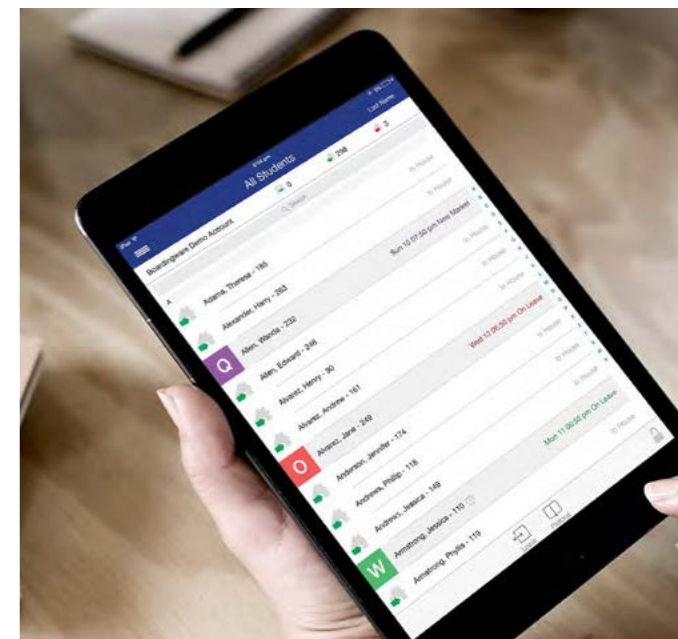
One of the main benefits of the system is how caregivers can create a Boardingware account to request leave for their child, simplifying the process of informing the deans. Also through each Boardingware account, caregivers are able to review off campus activities of their child over the year, helping to see if their time is being used wisely.

At the moment an active email address is required to sign up to Boardingware. We will continue to contact caregivers directly regarding leave permission until an account is created. Once you are able to use Boardingware we hope that you find it much simpler to keep up to date with your child's activities at L.A.C. House.

Boarders will soon create their own accounts to apply for off campus activities. The goal is to include caregivers in decision making regarding their activities and also increase accountability for our staff.



You can use Boardingware with any web enabled device, such as a smartphone or laptop.



Above is an example of the Boardingware iPad app. The status of each boarder is quickly apparent to our deans and boarders' details can be inputted 'on the go'.

Want to learn more?

If you are a boarder or caregiver then you will be receiving an invitation to sign up to Boardingware in the very near future. *Throughout the adoption of Boardingware, your child's care and information privacy are our top priorities.*

If you have changed email address or want to ask about how L.A.C. House will be using Boardingware, please email Eifion Paul eifionp@lac.school.nz

For any technical help please contact:

support@boardingware.zendesk.com

Download these guides

Parent Guide

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/boardingware-resources/parents/parentGuide.pdf>

Student Guide

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/boardingware-resources/students/studentGuide.pdf>

Meet Our Volunteer Deans...



[Miss Marianne Rasmussen](#)

Hi my name is Marianne (pronounced My-anna) Rasmussen and I recently arrived in New Zealand from Denmark. I'm one of the youngest of 4 kids. I have a twin sister and two older brothers. My oldest brother and his wife just had a beautiful little boy. My mom is from the US and my dad's a Dane.

Before coming to New Zealand I had just finished my teaching degree in History, Special Education and Danish. While I studied at Uni, I worked at the Adventist

boarding school in Denmark. It's because of my experiences there, that I immediately said yes to coming to work as an assistant girls' dean, when I heard about the job.

People have asked me if it is hard being so far away from my family and dealing with the 10 hour time difference. Yes this is certainly a challenge, but I see working at LAC as an opportunity to tell about/show kids how amazing God is and how much He loves them.



[Miss Chloe Khan](#)

Hi. My name is Chloe Khan, and I am from Tennessee in the United States. I am one of the new girls' boarding deans at Longburn Adventist College. It's been almost a month since I've been here and the time has just flown by. Getting to know all of the boarders and staff has been great!

Everyone is so kind and inviting. I have always wanted to come to New Zealand, and now I've finally been able to. I can't wait to get to explore around both the North and the South Island. I can tell that this is going to be a great year!



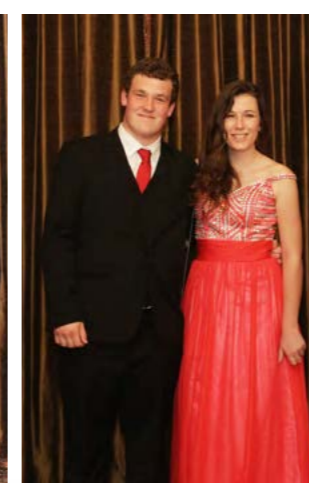
[Mr Derek Haas](#)

I have come from United States to volunteer for a year here at LAC. I study International Business, International Studies, and French at Southern Adventist University. My areas of study have led me to discover my greatest passion, which is travel. God has led to me to many amazing countries for my studies and mission work. These experiences have lead me to constantly wish to learn more about the world around

me. Though my studies focus on business, I also take great interest in many areas including geography, languages, and cultural studies.

Coming to New Zealand was another irresistible opportunity that God has blessed me with. I truly believe that God has brought me here to LAC and although I do not know what His plans are, I feel like I'm on the right track.

Leavers' Banquet...



Inflatable World...



Video stills from the end of Term 2 party.



Monday Nights...

Monday nights are always a buzz for me as I not only get to share a meal with the students, sometimes catch up with a bit of recreation, but also to challenge them on their spiritual journey. They are a great bunch.

talk with a PowerPoint support, a story that captures an inspirational illustration or an activity that involves the students thinking and working cooperatively.

The whole purpose of these worships is to help students catch the 'point' of the value, to make application to them personally and to challenge them to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ.

[Kevin Gredig](#)
LAC Chaplain

At 7.00 pm we meet in the cafeteria for a combined worship time which may take up to 30 minutes. Each worship is based around the particular value being emphasised. This may take the form of a video clip, a

International Lunch...



The Papua New Guinea and other international students were invited for 'Kai' by the Nobathu Family. It was a time where students got together and reflected on the purpose of being at Longburn Adventist College.

This term it was wonderful to see the PNG students participate in the fundraising drive for the PNG Palmerston North Community. The President, Paul Titus, expressed

gratitude to the LAC PNG students for being part of the PNG community.

The funds raised are to go towards a planned trip to Christchurch this year for the 39th Independence celebration on the 13th September.

[Mr Benson Nobathu](#) is from PNG and is a Boys' Dean and Relief Teacher.

Dasifika Fusion 2014...



To order DVDs of the day's performances please contact Manu: manu.akisa@xtra.co.nz

Share Your Photos...

Email your photos to [Mr E Paul](#)



Some boys got to meet up with the touring team from [EXCEL School of Performing Arts](#) after their inspirational worship performance.



Jordan's woodwork project



Senior Boys' Football team