

FYI Newsletter

September 2014



*'Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.'*

[Psalm 85:11](#)



Director's Comments...

Greetings from L.A.C. House

This has been a very busy term which began with the arrival of our new volunteer deans from Denmark and the US. We also farewelled our beloved friend

and teacher Miss Lisa Laney, who passed after a long battle with breast cancer. A group of 16 people comprising 4 LAC staff, 2 Year 12 boarders (Te Ari Ryan, Judah Schokker), Pastor Dale Hokin and 9 Mosaic Community Church members will be leaving tomorrow for Cao Bang in Vietnam to finish building a girls dormitory which will display a plaque in honour of Miss Laney who was the first volunteer for the Mission trip.

NCEA Exams

With NCEA exams starting 10 November, boarders are reminded to remain focused on getting units of work done, handed in on time for assessment so that results can be posted onto the school portals. Thanks to staff and teachers for your emails and we would urge parents to contact us if you have any further questions about your child's class work.

Church Services

Term 3 has been a highlight for the boarders taking church services at 3 local churches – Masterton 23 August, Palmerston North 30 August, Wanganui 20 September. Praise God for His presence and that these young people can stand for God ... in spite of nerves and uncertainties.

Fund-raising

Recently an opportunity to raise funds for boarding was extended by DKSH Factory (old Sanitarium factory across the road) to label 785 units of Chupa Chup lollies. The request from boarders for extra sports/leisure equipment, as well as contributions to boarding scholarships have been discussed. While this venture is based on voluntary help, boarders realise that they will benefit from the proceeds of this gift of up to \$12,000.00. We praise God for His leading and also for endurance, to complete the task at hand.



End of Term & Travel Plans

Just a reminder that the dorms will be open after mid-day Sunday 12 October. Any change of travel plans, please email me mariah@lac.school.nz for pick up times and dates.

As boarders return home or go to Homestays these holidays, our prayer is that each one has gained a better knowledge and understanding of the privilege and courage to live away from home and to depend on God in all things. Best wishes from our staff team – Roy Henry, Derek Haas, Benson Nobathu, Eifion Paul, Chloe Khan, Marianne Rasmussen & Juliana Henry. Mighty to serve

[Maria Henry](#)

Director of Boarding



Ex-students Thomas Woolley & Brooke Mudge enjoyed their brief visit to LAC, meeting Mr & Mrs Henry and school staff.

Weekend Plans* (Beginning of Term 4)...

Friday	Sabbath	Afternoon	Sat. Evening	Sunday
October 17th Y12 Take Worship	18th Churches	Nature Walk	Movie Night	19th Duties Study / Free time
24th Y11 Take Worship	25th Churches	Afternoon Sightseeing	Sports with ASDAH in Gym	26th Talent Night (Rearranged from Term 3)
Labour Day Long Weekend and Auckland SDA High School Choir visit L.A.C. House				
31st Graduation Dinner	November 1st Churches	Praise Service in School Chapel	Graduation	2nd Duties Study / Free time
8th Y7-10 Take Worship	9th Churches	Beach Walk	BBQ / Games Night	10th Duties Study / Free time
14th Dorm Staff Worship	15th Churches	Rest Homes Visit	Rollerskating	21st Duties Study / Free time
21st Esplanade Open Sabbath	22nd Churches	'How to give a Bible Study' Seminar	Romania Benefit Concert	23rd Duties Study / Free time

*Subject to change

Dates for your Calendar...

Friday	September 26 th	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 (last day for Y11&12)
Monday November 10 th to Wednesday November 26 th		NCEA Exams (Y11-13 timetables vary)
Friday	December 12 th	Year 7-10 Prize giving (Last day of school)



Principal's Comments...

integrity
[in-teg-ri-tee]

"Adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty."

As part of our PB4L programme (positive behaviour for learning) the college encourages its students to 'act with integrity'. Above in italics is a dictionary definition of integrity but what exactly does integrity look like?

When I was a lad I recall Mr Angus Furness, an older member of the Palmerston North SDA Church. In my mind integrity looks the way Mr Furness conducted himself. I can think of many adjectives that describe the way he was: honest, reliable, wise, kind, predictable, trustworthy to name a few. He was a Christian gentleman and highly respected and liked by everyone who knew him. In essence he did the right thing because it was the right thing to do and that really sums up integrity.

Integrity can be difficult to define but if we aim to do the right thing because it is the right thing to do then we will be living our lives with integrity.

Mr Angus Furness passed to his rest many years ago but his life of integrity continues to live on. Lives built on integrity last!

"So you must follow the example of good people and live a righteous life. Righteous people - people of integrity—will live in this land of ours." Proverbs 2:20,21

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](http://Studyit.org.nz) 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.

[Bruce Sharp](#)

Principal



Mosaic Church and ADRA Connections Mission trip to Vietnam. Judah and Te Ari joined the rest of the team for a special lunch prior to the dorm building project.



The Minister of Pacific Island Affairs visited Palmerston North. Shekyna and Alisi met Hon. Peseta Sam Lotu-liga and Mayor Jono Naylor.

Introducing Boardingware...



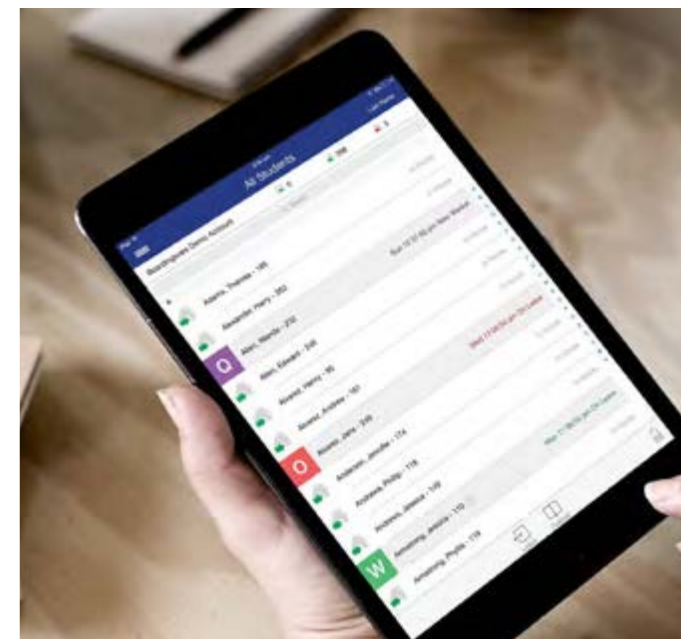
[Boardingware](#) is a new management tool that L.A.C. House has adopted to improve communication between caregivers, boarders and deans.

Based around an iPad app, the status of each boarder is kept track of, whether 'in house' or on leave. Individual details of a 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.



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?

All boarders and caregivers have now been sent invitations to sign up to Boardingware. 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

Throughout the adoption of Boardingware, your child's care and information privacy are our top priorities.

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>



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

Masterton Church Trip...



Central Church Service...



Palmerston North Central Church Sabbath Service Theme:

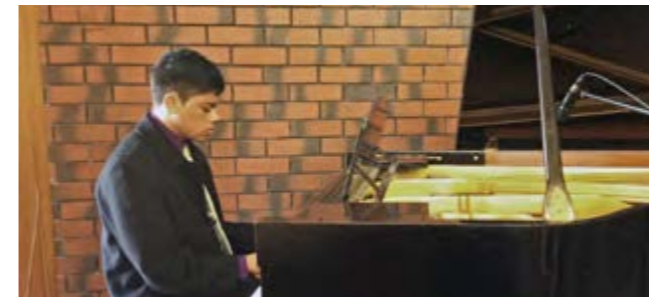
'The Body of Christ.'

Key Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12 -27

12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ... 18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be... 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ... 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But GOD has combined the members of the body and has given greater honour to the parts that lacked it... 26. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

We all have various gifts, each of us has the responsibility to find where our calling is. Perhaps our calling may be in singing, preaching, or just a supporting role, or may be helping others (which we will see this term break when a few of our LAC House staff and students will be part of a team of volunteers to Vietnam for mission work). Whatever parts we hold in the Body of Christ indispensably makes up the Body of Christ. 'One Body, Many Parts.'

[Benson Nobathu](#)
Assistant Boys' Dean



Whanganui Church Trip...



Luke, Bernie and Ariki gave sermonettes during the service



"All men dream: but not equally, those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes, to make it possible. This I did."

T. E. Lawrence

Boys and girls come or are sent to school because they themselves have, or somebody has, dreams for them. Dreams to be a doctor, an astronaut, or an artist. We all have dreams and we have all had our dreams change.

The question is what do we do to make those dreams a reality? Are we simply dreamers or are we dreamers of the day?

Recognise the difference. Dreamers, daydreamers, and dreamers of the day are not the same thing. At night dreamers simply have their minds wander, their subconscious leading them through a whole manner of scenarios. Daydreamers are not much better. They simply occupy their time with frivolous thoughts that

generally lead to them being caught off guard by the next person to approach them. Now, there is a time and place for both of these dreams in our lives. Who doesn't enjoy getting lost in their own mind and seeing what oddities they can think up? But the dreamers of the day are a different breed; they take action so that they may live out their dreams. A dreamer of the day has a dream that is achievable through days, weeks, months of countless hours of work, or through simple steps.

What are your dreams? Do you live them out on a day-to-day basis? Are you striving for something? Gain support, from your friends, family, even God, just pray that your dreams coincide with His plans for you.

[Derek Haas](#)

Assistant Boys' Dean

Soiree...



Night Life Youth Event 9...



Volleyball Tournament...



"During the first weekend of September I had the privilege to be a part of the SDA volleyball tournament.

It was amazing to see how so many people came together, to not only play volleyball but also to worship together. There were around 70 volleyball teams and among those were LAC boarders and staff, who thoroughly enjoyed getting to play against each other and worship together"

Marianne Rasmussen
Assistant Girls' Dean

Navesau High School Visit...



Project Chupa Chup...

