

# FYI Newsletter

October to December 2014



Photos contributed by Stella and Jotham

*'I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness;  
I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High..'*

[Psalm 7:17](#)





## Director's Comments...

### Season's greetings to everyone

It has been a privilege along with my team of dedicated staff – Roy Henry, Derek Haas, Benson Nobathu, Marianne Rasmussen,

Chloe Khan, Eifion Paul and Juliana Henry to live and work alongside our boarders.

Boarding at L.A.C HOUSE is a place where forever memories are created, especially in reference to our House motto – 'Kia Puāwai Tātou | The Lord's Plans, Jeremiah 29:11'.

Within the boarding routines emphasis such as wake up, get up, show up to meals, school, am/pm dorm worships, prep and bedtimes, L.A.C. HOUSE continues to offer quality care and attention as students develop interpersonal skills in areas of school grades, community & church life, recreation & sports and a recognition to value principles based on the Word of God.

At our Junior Prizegiving, Friday 12 December, it was reported that the amazing spirit of boarders kinship was noticed by parents and staff due to the applause boarders received at each of the 3 prizegiving ceremonies (Year 13-1 November), (Year 11 & 12-4 November), (Year 7-10-12 December). The Junior Prizegiving stood out the most in applause, with 9 out of 16 junior boarders gaining Merit Certificates....well done!

As the year draws to an end and we begin clean up and prep for 2015, I often come across notes that boys and girls have written in thankfulness to staff and teachers for their time at L.A.C. HOUSE and the impact community living has had on this part of their lives.

My prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless L.A.C. House and that His plans will be fulfilled in the precious lives of boarders from now and forever more – have a safe and happy holiday and all the best for 2015,

Mighty to serve  
[Maria Henry](#) Director of Boarding

Project Chupa Chup was completed on November 7. Our neighbours DKSH donated \$12,000 to L.A.C. House in recognition of the hard work of labelling lollies by boarders and staff over the 70 day project.



## Weekend Plans\* (Term 1 2015)

Friday	Sabbath	Afternoon	Sat. Evening	Sunday
<b>Feb. 6</b> 9am: <b>Gorge Walk</b> (Full or 1/2 course)	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> All attend Central Church	Basivn Reserve, Whanganui	Walk around Victoria Lake, close Sabbath.	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Duties Afternoon: Lido
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<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> L.A.C. House staff take evening worship	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> All attend Mosaic Church	Waitarere beach walk	Theme night games: Dress code P	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Duties Afternoon: Lido
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Year 13 take worship	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Choose Mosaic or Central	Walk through Pohangina	Basketball in gym or Pathfinder camp	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Duties Afternoon: Sports
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> Amazing Race (Dorm Council)	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	Rest or Nature Walk	Multi sports School gym	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Duties/ Sports training
<b>March 6</b> Speaker from Cancer Society	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	Relay for Life ( <i>volunteers can run overnight</i> )		<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Duties/ Study Helps
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Rehearse for Church service at Mosaic	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> L.A.C. House take service	Wind Turbines (Youth week of prayer)	Sports Challenge	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Duties /Sport Practice
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Small Groups: Parables Presentation	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Churches (Global Youth Day)	Community Outreach	10 Pin Bowling	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Duties
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> DVD Movie	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Churches	On Campus	<b>Talent Night</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b> Duties

\*Subject to change

## Dates for your Calendar...

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 2</b>	<b>Dorms open for term 1, 2015</b>
Thursday	April 2	End of Term 1
Sunday	April 19	Dorms Reopen for Term 2



# Vietnam Mission Trip...

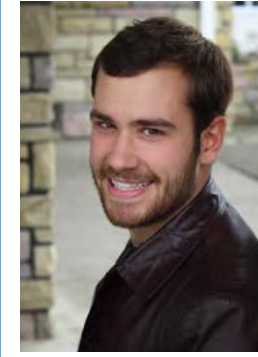


*'I thoroughly enjoyed the trip. It was a great experience to help others who are at a boarding school in another country. I felt God's hand was over the project.'*

Te Ari Huia



# Paintball!



As a reward for good behavior this term the boy's dorm was rewarded with a stipend to go on an outing of their choice. After some debate and budgeting they decided on an all out paintball war.



A safety briefing and a few practice shots left the boys energized as they split into two teams. They laced up into their tactical gear and loaded their gas-powered rifles. Each member of the two teams faced their fate for over an hour with 500 paint filled rounds. They battled for territory, stole flags, and defended borders and their home base. A few of the boys strategized and fled for high ground or huddled behind abandoned cars and debris, attempting to act as snipers for their teammates. Others ran blindly into

the crossfire with little hope of remaining paint free for much longer than a few short seconds.

At the end of the day each participant left with splotches of paint, bruises, and a strong sense of satisfaction. There was no winning team, yet everyone felt victorious. It was a glorious battle well fought and an amazing bonding experience for the brothers of LAC House.

[Derek Haas](#) Assistant Boys' Dean

# New Workout Spaces...

The old bike shed is being converted to a work out/gym area for the boys with new exercise equipment added. The Girls' Dorm basement will also converted for similar recreational use in 2015.







# The Food Bank Drive...

On the 29th of November we took the boarders to the Palmerston North Food Bank Drive.

It was an afternoon spent unloading and distributing canned goods, baked goods and a bunch of other food destined to help the less

fortunate. It was a lot of work but it was absolutely amazing!

I've never been a part of something like that before and it was just incredible to see our students get the chance to help people that they probably won't ever meet. They were rushing around to make sure that all of the food was distributed and when it was time to go (at 7:30pm), so that we could get back and get our own dinner, several of them had to be shooed out. They simply weren't done helping.

I hope this experience has encouraged them to keep on helping people and I'd like to thank MSS food bank for giving us the chance to help out.

[Marianne Rasmussen](#)  
Assistant Girls' Dean



L.A.C. House was mentioned in the local news: ['Community Give Generously'](#).

**Manawatu Standard**



# Graduation & Junior Prizegiving...



More Graduation Photos can be found on LAC's [Facebook Page](#).





# Splash Planet...





# Wellington Trip...





# Bakeoff...





# End of Year Dinner..





# Night Life Youth Event 10...



*'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'* [John 1:14 NIV](#)



# Mosaic Christmas Party...





## Boardingware...

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

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.

Boardingware can be used with any web enabled device, such as a smartphone or laptop.



## Want to learn more?

All new boarders and caregivers will be sent invitations before term 1 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](mailto:eifionp@lac.school.nz)

For any technical help please contact:  
[support@boardingware.zendesk.com](mailto: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>

# Win \$500!

## REFER A FRIEND REWARD

L.A.C. House wants to reward you for bringing friends into the dorms for 2015.



### 1. Encourage your friend to join L.A.C. House in 2015

Share your positive experiences of life in L.A.C. House.

Think what friends may be interested in studying at LAC this year.

If LAC is right for them, encourage them to fill out an application form.

Applications must be submitted no later than **27 January, 2015**

How were you referred to LAC?  Website  Local PN Church

Parent  Student (Name of referrer) Your Name

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Ask your friend to mention you

On page 2 of the 'Student Application Form', you need to be included as a referer for you to qualify for a reward.

A reward can only be claimed once your friend's application to become a L.A.C. House boarder for 2015 is accepted.



### 3. Choose your reward:

A **\$500** Gift Card for either The Plaza, Warehouse or Harvey Norman.

You are free to spend the gift card on whatever you want.

**L.A.C. HOUSE** **2015**  
*Kia Puāwai Tātou*  
Jeremiah 29:11 The Lord's Plans

For more information contact Mr Paul: [eifionp@lac.school.nz](mailto:eifionp@lac.school.nz)