



LAC to Vanuatu

In 2015 Vanuatu was hit by Cyclone Pam which damaged many homes, villages and communities. This is known as the worst natural disaster Vanuatu has ever experienced. On the 6th-20th of July, 24 students, staff and parents will be travelling to Vanuatu for a two week mission trip. We will be working on Santos Island where we will build a water system and help a community receive a fresh water supply. We will also be constructing hygiene latrines and will be teaching the community about sanitation and hygiene procedures. We are also willing to help paint a high school.



Building latrines. ADRA NZ

For this project the team will be a part of the Adventist Development and Relief Association (ADRA) who will be helping us organise our travels, accommodation and overall wellbeing while in Vanuatu.

As some of you may have heard major airlines such as Air New Zealand have stopped flying to Port Vila, Vanuatu due to problems with the runway. Thanks to many prayers we have managed to re-book our flights, but this has meant that our individual cost for the trip has increased to **\$2,944** including the travel fee and project fee. The team understands that they have a big task ahead but are willing to put in the hard work and sacrifice to get them to Vanuatu.

In terms of fundraising, the team has been blessed to receive a contract from New World Supermarket. Students, staff and parents worked several nights during the summer break to raise money and at the moment the team is doing 5am-7am shifts at New World. By sacrificing a few hours of sleep you can see the determination and servant heart the team has towards helping Vanuatu.



The first LAC team stacking shelves at New World

Mr Paul, the trip coordinator, has kindly created a website (link below) where each team member has set up a page explaining why they personally want to go to Vanuatu. On this page donors are able to give money towards the project fee of **\$1,900** to any desired team member.

<http://lacconnections2016.gofundraise.co.nz/>

In the months leading up to the trip the team will be organising fundraising events. Our first one is a mufti day which will happen on the 7th of April which be a chance for the students to give.

Our next big fundraiser after the mufti day will be a **MONSTER GARAGE and BAKE SALE** on the 10th of April starting at 8:30am at LAC. There will be clothing, household items, furniture, books, toys, cake stalls, a bouncy castle for the kids and much much more. This will be a chance for staff, parents and friends to donate towards the trip and have an awesome day socialising with the LAC body. So come along and support the team!

There will be many more fundraising opportunities in the future for supporters to get involved in so watch this space!

The team really appreciates all of the prayers and support they've received so far and are really thankful for all the money they've been donated.

For any inquires about the trip or questions about how to donate please contact the trip coordinator, Eifion Paul, eifionp@lac.school.nz

Chalcedony Gali, Year 12

Dates for your Calendar

Monday 7th March	Year 13 History Excursion (Wellington)	Friday 25th March	Good Friday holiday
Wednesday 9th March	School Photos	Monday 28th March	Easter Monday holiday
Thurs. to Fri. 10th - 11th March	Year 12 PE Tramp excursion (Rangiwahia Hut – Ruahines)	Tuesday 29th March	Easter holiday
12th - 13th March	Relay for Life	Thursday 31 March	Board of Trustees' meeting, 5:30pm LAC Library - observers welcome
Tuesday 15th March	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30-7.00pm	Tuesday 5th April	Year 10 excursion to Parliament
Friday 18th March	Year 9 Science Roadshow excursion	Thursday 7th April	Mufti Day - Donations will go towards the LAC to Vanuatu Mission Trip
Mon. to Thurs. 21st - 24th March	Year 13 Camp	Sunday 10th April	Vanuatu Monster Garage & Bake Sale contact Mr Paul for more information
Thursday 24th March	Year 12 volunteer help at SHF Weetbix Tryathlon	Friday 15th April	Term 1 last day



'The Purpose of Education'

"Every human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator – individuality, power to think and to do."

"It is the work of true education to develop this power, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought."

These quotes come from a book called 'Education' and it was written in 1903. When I read these quotes I am struck by a few challenging truths.

- Each of us was created to think for ourselves and not to safely follow worldly instructions.
- That we are called to act on what we believe.
- That what we believe will grow as we desire Him, and that there is no end point. We are expected to keep learning.

As a teacher, and a parent, it strikes me that I have a responsibility to my students and children to live these ideas. I have a responsibility to myself if I am truly seeking the truth.

Merely teaching information without encouraging a desire to question why, denies our students purpose and meaning in their lives. Imagine what we may learn, but only if we ask the question. We need to encourage

the questions and not feel obliged to have an answer. He is the answer.

[Job 34:1-3 \(NIV\)](#)

Then Elihu said: "Hear my words, you wise men; listen to me, you men of learning.

For the ear tests words as the tongue tastes food."

Worth a Look

It has already been a year since Celia Lashlie's death. For those of you who are not familiar with Celia, she had been the Governor of a prison, an astute observer of boys growing up and their problems, and one of the originators of the 'Good Man Project'. Her books are a wealth of useful information on helping boys successfully transition into manhood.

If you want to view an interesting interview with Celia Lashlie that aired on Shine TV in 2013, click the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXL51sY1Azs>



[Brendan van Oostveen](#)
Principal

Pou Whenua: Anchoring LAC's Identity

LAC has embarked on a journey to erect a pou whenua (pou) that acknowledges our country's unique cultural heritage whilst representing the story of LAC – past and present.

Pou are carved, wooden posts that traditionally marked places of significance, and generally acknowledge or reflect the association between the people (tāngata), the land (whenua), and the spiritual (wairua). Last year, our two carvers extensively researched the history of LAC and through discussions with current staff and students have drawn up a contemporary/traditional design that tells our story of "growing together as one in Christ".

Towards the end of 2015, we were blessed to be given a fallen and ancient Totara log from the quarry at the end of Walkers Road, and through the hands and goodwill of others, had it transported, and cut so that it was ready to carve. As carving has started and we continue with our Pou, we hope to soon invite, staff, students and whānau to visit whilst the men are carving.

More information on this journey will follow.

[Whaea Sarika](#)
Māori & Social Studies



Year 9 Science Roadshow



On Friday 18th March, all of our Year 9 students will travel to Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School for the Telecom Science Roadshow. This annual event is a great motivator for interest in Science. Watch for pictures in our next newsletter!

School Photos

Our school photos will be taking place on Wednesday 9th March. This day will cover photos for roll mark classes, year levels, portrait photos, sibling photos and ID card photos. This year there will be no photo envelopes going home. Instead, once the photos are ready, students will be given a 'shoot key' to access their photos through the PhotoLife website and all ordering will be done online. Parents/caregivers who are unable to make online payments can send the correct cash or cheque to the school along with their order, and we will arrange the order on their behalf.

Mobile Dental Service



The Mobile Dental Unit has completed its visit to Longburn Adventist College for this year and will be returning in Term 1 2017.

If parents or students have any inquiries or wish to contact the service for any urgent dental care, please contact 0800 825 583 and you will be directed to the nearest dental clinic.

Attendance Dues

Another big thank you to everyone with a student at LAC for paying Attendance Dues. The proprietors are very pleased to see that almost everyone is paying Attendance Dues, as legally required. Student enrolment at a state-integrated school is legally dependent on Attendance Dues being paid.

These funds enable the NZ SDA Schools to operate as owners of the college property, and our students benefit

from the work of NZSDA Schools.

Currently the proprietors have finished the refurbishment of the 'ESOL' Block, now named Arts & Languages Block (Block B). This year a brand new food technology room will go where the previous art room was.

Your support of NZSDA Schools through the Attendance Dues helps provide an excellent learning environment for our students.

Applications for Financial Assistance with NCEA fees

Application forms are to be completed and returned to the LAC receptionist.

Eligibility for this assistance comes in three main forms:

- Income based – you receive a Community Services card, or you receive a Work and Income or Study Link benefit as the main source of income
- Income Based – Income less than level set for a Community Services Card
- Multiple Candidates- from same family

Forms are available from the NZQA website:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/Application-For-Financial-Assistance.pdf>

LAC Bucket Hats Available

The new one size fits all uniform bucket hats are available to purchase from the school office for only \$20.

Please note: LAC bucket hats are allowed to be worn at school, but **not** in the classroom.

Photo: Piuraki Murchie



ASPIRE

Since 2010 the value-based programme has been developing and implemented as defined by the ASPIRE Mission Statement: To prepare and equip students for this life and for eternity.

The values base fits under the three expectations as shown in the illustration below:

Lead with INTEGRITY

Act with RESPECT

Cultivate RESILIENCE

Signage and visual reminders of the programme are around the school and in the classrooms, and staff are encouraged to challenge students regarding attitudes and behaviour relative to our school expectations.

Students are rewarded by teachers for demonstrating the appropriate behaviours, using a reward system of stamps which can be exchanged for "freebies" at the end of each term when we celebrate with a "market day". The stamps can be issued any time by any teacher to any student who displays the expectations both in and outside the classroom.

We encourage you to discuss our expectations with your child and so help reinforce Respect, Integrity and Resilience.

[Kevin Gredig](#), Chaplain



Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all students who got in the pool and participated at the annual Swimming Sports day. The new event of the 'House vs House' tug of war was a hit!

House Points totals

1st	Wesley	834 pts
2nd	Tyndale	724 pts
3rd	Luther	577 pts

Congratulations to the record breakers and age group champions

Girls' Age Group champions

- Aged 10 & 11: Lexi Rutherford-Blyth
- Aged 12 & 13: Sophie Pigott
- Aged 14 & 15: Nikkita Cheesman
- Aged 16+: Bethany Wilson



Boys' Age Group champions

- Aged 10 & 11: Jack Matata
- Aged 12 & 13: Jarn Doyle
- Aged 14 & 15: Jayden Shilton-Hart
- Aged 16+: Michael Wilson

Record Breakers

- Junior Girls 4 x 50m House Relay
Tyndale: Jessica Fleming, Lexi Rutherford-Blyth, Sophie Pigott, Ayla Rogers
- Senior Girls 4 x 50m House Relay
Wesley: Merische Pienaar, Ellie van Oostveen, Bethany Wilson, Nikkita Cheesman
- Senior Boys 4 x 50m House Relay
Wesley: Jayden Shilton-Hart, Trae Brooking, Bradley Gillard, Michael Wilson

[Olivia Korte](#), HOD Physical Education

LAC Swimming

Swimming is an after-school sporting choice for students who are wanting to learn how to swim or how to improve their swimming strokes. Even after only two sessions it is great to see the kids being more confident in the water and to see the all swimmers improve! Swimming will be available in Term 4 also.

[Caitlin Leach](#),
Home Economics & Food Technology



Athletics Day Results

House Points totals:

1st	Luther	2952 pts
2nd	Wesley	2855 pts
3rd	Tyndale	2733 pts

Girls' Age Group Champions

- Aged 10 & 11: Charlotte Sowry
- Aged 12 & 13: Piper Fuller

Aged 14 & 15: Ellie van Oostveen

Aged 16 plus: Phoebe McNae

Boys' Age Group Champions

- Aged 10 & 11: Jayden McKinnon-Peel
- Aged 12 & 13: Shaye Niall
- Aged 14 & 15: Jayden Shilton-Hart

Aged 16+: Sione Ma'u

Record Breakers

- 1500m Boys Aged 16+
Tristin Ireland 4.44 min
- Discus Girls Age 16+
Phoebe McNae 22.01m
- Long Jump Girls Age 14 & 15
Tayessa Malaquin 4.21m

Kiwisport Girls' Sevens

This year the LAC Girls' 7s team has partnered with Freyberg High School as part of the Kiwisport programme delivered by the national winning Manawatu's 7s coach, Wesley Clarke. The team has special training sessions, followed by participation in a two-week 7s series at Massey University rugby grounds. The team can also enter the Condor 7s Qualifier Regional Tournament. The winner gets to represent our region at the National Tournament.

The LAC team is captained by Barbara Mori from L.A.C. House. Girls who have an interest in girls' rugby can contact [Mr Paul](#).





Thursday Tennis

At Thursday lunchtime, interested students have been coming to the school courts to play tennis. Each week, students from Year 7 – 13 have been participating and learning about the game. It's been a great way for participants to meet and socialise with new people. Also, we are privileged to have one of our parents, Nathan Paki, come to the school each week to coach. With his experience in coaching, the students have been learning new skills and get a good workout at the same time. Encourage your children to come and play on Thursdays.....Tennis is a sport that lasts a lifetime!



Basketball Helpers Needed

With the basketball season fast approaching, we are beginning the organisation for our LAC teams to participate in the high school winter league during Terms 2 and 3. Each team we enter into the competition requires a coach, referee, and two score bench people. To prevent our games being played into the Sabbath hours on Friday night, we have made a special arrangement with the Palmerston North Basketball Association so all our LAC games are played at 4pm, rather than on the round robin timetable going through until 7pm like other schools. This means, however, that we need our four support people per team, all at the same time, 4-5pm Friday afternoons. As you can imagine, this can prove very difficult. Last year we had students who missed out on playing as there was not enough parental support for the required duties. If you are willing to be involved with basketball this season (or even part of the season), even if you have no basketball experience, please

contact [Stephanie Ngarepa](#) or [Troy Ferreira](#) as soon as possible. Kiwi Hoops Clinics are available through the PNBA to upskill, and we can support you through the first few weeks if you are inexperienced or nervous about volunteering. We really appreciate your support. Our students cannot play without it.

Kiwi Hoops Refereeing Clinic

The Palmerston North Basketball Association Kiwi Hoops Refereeing Clinics are designed for anyone wanting to improve their basketball knowledge. This is perfect for any parents wanting to get involved with after-school basketball next term and feel they need a bit more information about what to do as a coach, referee or support person.

PNBA will be running two Kiwi Hoops Refereeing Clinics held at the B&M stadium on Pascal Street, on Wednesday 22 April 4 – 6pm and Thursday 23 April 4 – 5.30pm. If you would like further information, contact Helen Richardson from PNBA directly. Ph: 063545458 Cell: 021990028 Email: pnba2@inspire.net.nz

Volleyball

At LAC, Term 1 means volleyball time! We are well represented again, with seven teams competing in the local Intermediate and High Schools volleyball league. Games are held in the B&M Centre on Pascal Street every Monday of Term 1 from 3.55pm for the Intermediate Girls followed by three rounds of High School finishing at 7.15pm.

A big thanks to our coaches from our community - Shiloh Dyer, Stew Fata and Mosese Ma'u - for not only your commitment to Monday games but also to Tuesday and Wednesday training.

The students enjoy feeling supported when they play so if you get a chance on Mondays, come down and watch our teams. Volleyball is an easy game to follow, plus it's inside so you won't get rained on or cold, and there is plenty of seating and easy car parking. Best sport!

[Bex King](#), Librarian



Get Active

Some sports to consider in Term 1:

- Volleyball
- Indoor Football
- Tennis
- Ki-o-Rahi
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tramping
- Girls' 7s
- Touch
- Equestrian

Email TroyF@lac.school.nz to give it a go.

Honour Roll System

Students were recognised for their hard work and achievement this year. We have seen a rise in the number of students excelling in a variety of categories, and LAC would like to acknowledge them for their excellence and dedication. The areas of recognition are: excellence in academics, dedicated service to the school, sports in the wider community, and other miscellaneous areas of achievement.

There are some basic criteria to follow in order to receive these awards:

- An Excellence Award may be gained if a student has received a LCEA or NCEA certificate with an Excellence endorsement.
- A Service Award may be gained if a student received the Citizenship award in the previous year.
- A Sports Award may be gained if a student has represented New Zealand or the Manawatu in any sport.
- A Prefects' award may be gained if a student is selected as a school prefect in Year 13.
- A Principal's Award may be gained if the principal/teachers feel a student deserves recognition for an area excelled in outside the above-mentioned three areas.

Congratulations to everyone who received these awards, and we look forward to seeing a huge increase for 2016!

[Tamar Aiono](#)
HOD Bible & Y13 Dean

This year's awards were:

Prefects

Jerome Afoa
Bethany Wilson
Jade Strichow
Olita Sekona
Tristin Ireland
Talia Baken
Victoria-Jayne Reid
Kylah Paki

House Captains

Declan van Oostveen
Sione Ma'u
Meshana Engu
Tevita Pahulu
Jessica Carthew
Kathryn Nepia

Excellence

Hannah Jordain
Macy Paki
Rebekah Taunton
Avantika John
Nichu Shibu
Jessica Horne
Aksha John
Neha Shibu
Abbey Smale
Stella Murchie
Anya Rivera
Chinnu Shibu
Abbey Smith
Jotham Tesese

Liam Beals
Chalcedony Gali
Gabrielle Tongs
Talia Baken
Kirstie Bezuidenhout
Jessica Carthew
Meshana Engu
Rachel Mancer
Mark Brock
Diana Pulman
Victoria Jayne-Reid
Emma Carey
Emma Condliffe
Kasey Ireland
Myra Reitsma
Michaela Streeter
Jessica May
Te Ari Hunter-Ryan

Service

Lexi Rutherford-Blyth
Brianna Larsen
Rachel Jaboon
Jotham Tesese
Phoebe McNae
Talia Baken
Te Ari Hunter-Ryan

Principal's Award

Jotham Tesese

Sports

Charlotte Goodrick-Maiava
Zachary Engu
Eden Smith

Creation Origins

As a school that bases its beliefs and values on the Bible, we were blessed to have Robert Hunt from Creation Science International speak at a chapel programme on February 18. Robert is an engineer by vocation, and a part-time school chaplain. He needed to learn why he believed what he does, so he did this by asking questions and finding the answers to questions such as: "What is our origin? What is the purpose of life? Is there a designer to the complex world in which we live?"

Based on his findings that harmonise with the teachings of the Bible, Robert now speaks to many schools challenging the status quo on the origin of life. His visit was well received by students and staff. After the chapel Robert



shared his time in some Bible and Science classes, and in the afternoon shared with the staff in their Professional Development time at 2:15 PM.

If you would like more informational evidence to support your understanding of creation and to have your children have the same access, please check out the website – "[Creation.com](#)"

[Kevin Gredig](#), Chaplain



Music Department

Trinity & Royal Schools Exams

Every year students are entered into external music examinations through the music schools in London. The following students have successfully completed respective grade exams:

ABRSM

Piano: Chalcedony Gali – Grade 7 (Merit)

Piano: Chrysolite Gali – Grade 4

Piano: Lexi Rutherford-Blyth – Grade 2 (Merit)

Trinity College

Piano: Jacob Wai – Advanced Performance Certificate

Voice: Desiree Anne Imlay – Grade 6

Voice: Gabrielle Tongs – Grade 6

Piano: Thomas Wai – Grade 4

Piano: Hayley Matata – Grade 3 (Merit)

Piano: Fina Ma'u – Grade 1 (Distinction)

Piano: Shajreen Kua – Initial (Distinction)

Junior Soiree

Last year the Music Department introduced a Junior Soiree which was enjoyed by both adults and students. The programme contained a variety of items showcasing the students' talents. The LAC Chapel drew a large audience and due to the success of the evening, the Junior Soiree will become a regular feature annually.



Senior Soiree

Last year senior students presented a quality programme showcasing a variety of talented students at LAC.



NZ Motocross

On Sunday, February 28, Jaequon Goodrick (Y12) competed in Round 2 of the NZ Senior Motocross Championship held at Flippers Track, Himitangi.

Jaequon qualified 27th out of 49 riders in the MX2 class after having a crash during the practice. In the first race he finished 29th and 25th in the 2nd race. The conditions of the track were extremely rough and the most testing of any track in New Zealand. This contributed to Jaequon getting a severe arm bump



and unable to finish race 3. Jaequon did incredibly well as this was his first race in a senior event, to get the placing he did out of the 49 top riders at senior level while still being a junior rider. To put it in perspective, the other juniors, including the top 5 junior riders in New Zealand, were placing around the same positions and doing the same lap times as Jaequon.



Considering LAC?

Visit our website or contact us to receive an information pack or to arrange a tour of the school campus.

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Cultivate RESILIENCE

LAC has one of the highest retention rates in New Zealand with consistently excellent NCEA results.

You can view our latest report at:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/School-Reports/Longburn-Adventist-College-22-10-2013>

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