

LIFE AFTER LAC



Longburn Adventist College Year 7 & 8 Students who looked into the lives of alumni students and published a pop-out newspaper featuring their stories, in The Guardian.



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A significant focus for our Junior School this year has been thinking outside of ourselves and reaching out to others. With this in mind, we began our "Life After LAC unit" to connect with past students, see what some of them are up to and to use their stories to inspire us and our learning.

Establishing our inquiry

We are a school with a rich history going back 100+ years. We wanted the students to engage with this history and understand how our past and where we come from is important to us. In addition, that our school is significant for individuals who attended long ago and will play a part in our lives as well. We wanted the students to see how decisions we make today can affect our future pathways.

Interviews and communication

Each student researched and interviewed a LAC alumni. Learning took place around the safe use of technology as each student communicated with their ex-student via Zoom, email, Messenger, in-person interviews, or by phone. Real hands on

learning around how to use devices appropriately and how to interact and communicate effectively.

Connecting our learning

Integrated into this learning was how texts are constructed for different purposes, audiences and situations. Each of our students' communication with their past student was a text type that needed to be shaped, crafted and reworked for the next phase of the unit - going from the initial email, questioning, clarifying, writing, reworking, proofreading, editing and then the final copy ready for print. The students learnt that the way they order and organise their words are important as they tried to represent their past student accurately. All this while writing in an interesting way to grab and keep the reader's attention in each article the students wrote.

Creating a 'real newspaper'

We were fortunate to have Shona from the Manawatu Guardian come in and take the students through a session around the layout of a newspaper. This is where the rubber really met the road and where IT, maths, creativity, thinking, collaborating, using language, relating to others, editing, problem solving and layout all came together to produce the final product.

Interviews and communication took place in various digital and traditional forms.



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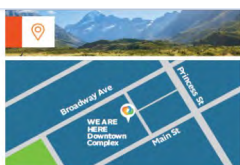
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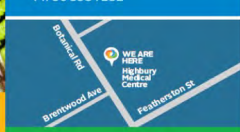
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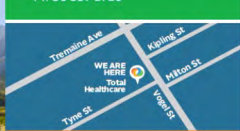
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Mike's Life At Longburn Adventist College



By O'SHAY BOOTH

Mike Mancer came to LAC from 1983-1986 as a student. His first impression of LAC was driving to the College on a Sunday afternoon when he was 9 to look at this big school that his brother was going to attend. He thought it should have had a playground, but he liked that there was a swimming pool.

He told me a story about something that happened at LAC. One day he was sitting in Social Studies with two of his friends, Kelvin Rutherford and Bruce Harvey who were misbehaving up in front of him. Mrs Ussher (his teacher) told them to behave themselves and gave them a detention. Bruce turned around and said, "Mike was doing it too."

Mrs Ussher said, 'Mike, you have a detention too!'

Just like that, all sense of fairness and justice disappeared for Mr Mancer. He wasn't allowed to disagree, and instead headed off to the cafeteria

after school to serve one hours detention which involved getting tea ready for the boarders with Mrs Robbie, the cook.

His job was to peel the potatoes and they needed LOTS of potatoes, and cut up the onions. He decided to add some of those onions in with the apples that were being stewed as well! Then he left. He did hear a few comments about tea the following day.

LAC taught Mr Mancer that there are a lot of shy kids out there just waiting to get confident and enjoy life. He learnt to respect everyone so that people would not get hurt because of him, and that they would feel safe with him as a friend. I think this is good advice.

The two subjects that Mr Mancer took while at LAC that he has used the most are Mathematics and Typing (believe it or not.) In his work this has been very handy in designing machines and equipment. He uses angles, volumes and length calculations so that he can make machinery out of steel. He has also



done a lot of renovations and alterations and the Maths he learned at school has helped him with this.

One of the biggest life lessons he learn at LAC was "the kids who get 'A's don't always do the best in life. Sometimes it's the kids who try really hard and just pass with 'achieved' who do the best with jobs, people, and relationships."

Young Man Crashes Into Picket Fence



By SAMARA WARD

Jarel Kilgour crashed into a fence!

"I was with three of my friends and I drove out of our house... I ran into the picket fence." Jarel was learning to drive, looking back at his father because they were having a conversation. He learnt a valuable lesson... Never take your eyes off the road! Jarel ended up crashing into the fence and was really embarrassed in front of his friends!

Jarel attended L.A.C during the time frame of 2001-2003 and was the son of the principal at the time. Jarel is now a school counsellor at Avondale School, New South Wales, Australia.

"I was six years old when my family moved to LAC. We lived at LAC till I completed form three," says Jarel. "I was devastated to leave LAC because I had some really great friends, I loved living on campus, I got along really well with my teachers and I loved New Zealand. When we moved to Australia I missed my friends, I missed living on such a beautiful campus (where I moved to had no grass because there was a drought!), I missed the community of LAC that is really supportive and welcoming (that doesn't exist everywhere), and I especially missed being able to go down to the basketball court every day to play basketball (I am a little obsessed with basketball.)."

Jarel's favourite subject at L.A.C was PE because he loved sports. He also had really good experiences in geography and math because he got along really well with his teachers (Miss Garcia and Mr Smith who have both since left LAC). Mrs Hignett, his science teacher, got the honor of being Jarel's favourite teacher at school. Mrs Hignett was always kind to Jarel and seemed interested in how he was going. Even though Jarel was not remotely talented at the subjects Mrs Hignett taught him (sewing and science), she always took time to help him.

"I remember her constantly smiling and having an enthusiasm for life and I really admired that a lot," says Jarel. "I also remember a lot of great conversations we had with each other." She is the teacher Jarel missed the most when he left LAC.

Some of Jarel's best memories at LAC were playing basketball everyday, going on bus trips with the



Jarel and wife Em Kilgour performing together for the Sister2sister Mad Hatters Ball.

boarders on weekends, eating in the cafeteria, getting to know different people, lots of interesting chapel sessions and making friends.

"There is so much about LAC that was helpful to my life. Here is a small example: Mrs Ngarepa taught me typing when I was at LAC. I vividly remember her walking around the class correcting posture and technique. At the time I thought to myself, 'I don't really need to learn how to type, I can already type pretty fast!' even though I had a terrible technique. Looking back now I am so grateful for Mrs Ngarepa for teaching me to have a better technique because it makes work, study, and emails so much more efficient! I guess the point is that sometimes teachers are teaching us things that will help us in the future even though we can't see always see the value when we are students!"

Because Jarel left after Year Nine, there wasn't a direct connection to his career pathway. However being at LAC was a foundational part of who he is today because of the teachers, environment and culture. Jarel's main career goal is to help people in life. When Jarel finished high school he thought that

he wanted to be a teacher so worked at a school for a year as a teacher's aide. Jarel quickly realised that it was not meant to be. After that he joined a band for a year, which was a great learning experience. He spent one year studying theology and then switched to studying counselling.

Jarel's encouragement to anyone trying to figure out what to do for a career is that there is no rush to figure out what you want to do! It took Jarel three years and then another three to complete his degree. Jarel really enjoys working with young people and is glad that he spent the time to figure out what he really wanted to do without rushing into it. Being at LAC was a formative part of Jarel's life, it's hard for him to imagine life without living in New Zealand and being at LAC.

"I loved my time at LAC! I loved living on campus, it is so beautiful there. I still dream about LAC sometimes. I dreamt recently that I was playing soccer on the oval. I loved my experience with the teachers at LAC. I learnt a lot. I also made lots of great friends."

Introducing Ms Strawbridge



By LORENZO MEDLAND

Mrs Strawbridge was a student at Longburn Adventist College from 1971 to 1974.

In 1972, Mrs Strawbridge started her Teacher Training at this school which was formerly known as New Zealand Missionary College. Mrs Strawbridge had eight students in her teacher training class. There were seven females and one male.

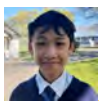
Mrs Strawbridge chose to come to LAC after doing her earlier schooling at Freyberg High School. The main reason she chose our school is she wanted to learn about life as a Christian. While Mrs Strawbridge was a student she did a defensive driving course. At the age of 15 you could sit your full licence.

One of her memories was that 7th form students which is the same as Year 13 didn't have to wear their school uniforms.

Mrs Strawbridge later worked as a receptionist and office manager at her church.



FAVOURITISM VS PLAGIARISM



By **DANIEL NHIM**

"I loved learning and believe I got a good well-rounded education at LAC and learned to think well in many areas of life," says Graeme Frauenfelder.

At LAC, some of the students would leave their books and assignments in the library study cubicles when the library closed and then would go back and get them in the morning before class. Graeme decided to do the same with his books and his assignment.

The next morning when Graeme went to pick up his books and assignment before class he found his books but his assignment was missing. Graeme went to class worried. He was about to tell the teacher about his missing assignment when two of the girls that were in his class came to him and gave him the missing assignment. They said they'd found it in the library and thought Graeme would want it. (Obviously he would!) Graeme was very grateful they found it and didn't think any more about it.

When the assignments were returned, the same girls came to Graeme and asked what mark he had got. He said, "A". They said it was favouritism, that teachers were treating Graeme better than

everyone else because of who he was. Graeme asked why they would think like that. They said that they got a B+. He told them perhaps he had more right answers than them, plus why would getting a B+ prove favouritism? They disagreed and said that they had copied Graeme's assignment so they should have had the same mark! Graeme suggested that they could complain to the teacher about the unfairness! (Checkmate).

They weren't too keen to prove their theory of favouritism. They also admitted they hadn't copied it word for word and had put it in their own words. "I suggested that maybe they hadn't done so well at that." (Graeme)

This was a story Graeme remembers from his time at LAC. Graeme Frauenfelder's life at LAC started in 1970 when his dad became a teacher. His family lived in the girls' dorm for a couple of weeks in the school holidays after they arrived at Longburn while his parents looked for a house in Palmerston North. In 1974 Graeme started LAC and in 1978 he finished.

This article was about a person named Graeme and a funny moment in his school year.

HAPPY WIFE AND MOTHER MEETS HER MR RIGHT AT LAC



By **BOYD MACDONALD**

Selena Long was forced to go to LAC when she was 15 years old. She came with a bad attitude because she missed her friends at her old school.



She started to hang out with the boarder's in the Girl's Dorm. She was treated like a boarder, so eventually she became friends with them and that's when she started to enjoy her time at LAC.

She loved going on school trips and was especially excited about the trip they went on to Vanuatu. They went to paint a school and a church. They also got to go sightseeing and to the surrounding islands.

She met a boy named Byron Long at LAC and they became friends and eventually boyfriend and girlfriend. Now they are happily married with three beautiful children: Joseph, Jayda and Keaton.

DANCER ROCKS THE STAGE IN PALMERSTON NORTH



By **CHAYILLE COLLETTE**



Out of LAC and into dancing. Jay Pelman from Anomaly Dance Studio has won again.

Jay wasn't always a dancer as a young boy, in fact he was considered a "brat" at his previous school in Wellington. He was a very naughty boy and his mum had, had enough and decided to send him to LAC as a boarder between 2006-2008. That decision changed the course of his life. He absolutely loved being a boarder, although he didn't really like the food since the school was a vegetarian. As Jay said "it was for me personally hard not having meat

especially being Samoan and being big meat eaters but otherwise I loved it."

He absolutely loved his time at LAC. He learnt so many great life lessons and made some lifelong friends which he still stay in contact with today. According to Jay "The dorm deans (Mr and Mrs Henry, Miss Luteru, Mr Kapao) were great guardians and mentors to me and the teachers were really helpful and supportive." Jay said. He absolutely loved basketball, tennis and soccer.

Jay's favourite place at LAC was the little music rooms with the pianos in it. These rooms were his safe place where he would hide and make music whenever he felt down or upset. This helped him deal with personal issues and because of that his passion for music started to grow. He also loved dancing in the dorms and would pretend that he was dancing to a huge audience. According to him "LAC helped me to find my passion for dance and music also."

He was enrolled onto a Performing Arts course at UCOL in 2008 and his love for dancing grew and grew. He met his wife a couple of years after. They decided to open their own dance school called DANCE ANOMALY. "ANOMALY" meaning unique. He and his wife teach hip hop there. Jay said, "The main steps we took were to work harder than anybody else."

He set his goals and he didn't rest until he achieved his goals. He has a saying that's always helped him go far and stay focused, that is "work hard, pray harder." God ultimately has blessed them and they know everything they have achieved, and accomplished is because of the Lord.



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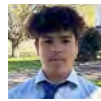
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CHRISTIAN MUSIC HELPS WITH DEPRESSION



By **GUS WALLACE**

Bronnie Phillimore was sent to LAC to 'straighten herself out'. What she didn't know was that she was suffering from chronic depression! While she had some amazing experiences at L.A.C. at the same time she was suffering and having a miserable time.

That all changed when she started singing for worship in the dorms. Like Mr Gredig she's a very musical person and one of the most important things to her at the time was "choir with Mr Bell."

What she really enjoyed is the process of singing not just the doing. She says that, "Music soothes her soul."

Music has always been a big part of her life and she was even asked to sing with the Heritage Singers. Unfortunately her dad had said no before she found out about the offer.

The Heritage Singers are a Seventh Day Adventist American gospel group founded by Max Mace and his wife Lucy. By the groups 40th year, they had visited over 65 countries.

Music is still helping Mrs Phillimore in her life. She and her son Corey are going to start playing duets together, her on the flute and Corey on the guitar. Corey is self taught but still an amazing guitarist. Even now when she feels anxious or depressed you can usually hear the Heritage Singers playing from Spotify at her house!

LAC PREPARES STUDENT FOR HILLSONG KIDS



By **KAITLYN TAUNTON**



Beci & husband, Dave Wakerley, are kids ministry pastors at Hillsong Church, Sydney.

Beci Wakerley claims that she had the best year at LAC, even though she was only there from 1995 to 1996. Beci loved that she got to live with her friends, and that there were certain teachers that really impacted her walk with Jesus.

She said, "It was amazing being at a boarding school where there were older girls I could get advice from."

She had the privilege in being involved in choir, travelling around New Zealand and being involved in lots of events in the community. She thought that was awesome. Beci also loved that she made friends with lots of people from all over the world. She loved that it was a strong Christian high school.

Beci's family didn't have a lot of money but some very kind and generous people from her SDA church in Christchurch who believed in her, paid for her to attend LAC because she really did want to go to a Christian high school. Beci was a very creative person and LAC provided her with many opportunities to be creative and sing. This has led her to being creative today.

Another way that LAC influenced her was that she

learnt a lot about Jesus and developed her walk with Him.

She said, "In so many ways it was amazing being at a boarding school where there were older girls that I could get advice from." Beci loved that the teachers were committed to her and others outside of school hours and would pray for her and speak words of life over her.

She had seriously thought about being a hairdresser and when it was time for the Formal at LAC, she would do the girls hair for them.

Beci reminisced, saying, "The boys dorm and girls dorm used to have epic pranks against each other. One night all the girls in the dorm dressed up like ninjas and snuck in the boys dorm and put glad wrap on all the toilets and peanut butter on door handles. The next day they acted all sweet and innocent. The boys eventually got them back big time too." She said, "We had way too much fun!!"

Beci is now a kids pastor at Hillsong Church in Sydney, Australia. She also writes a lot of the kids songs for Hillsong kids albums and projects with her husband Dave Wakerley.



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PROTEST DUE TO CHEWED SHOES



By **NATHAN GANNAWAY**

Interview with Rosalie McFarlane.

It's hard to believe that Rosalie McFarlane, Director of Education for NZ PUC, and some other people were the centre of attention one dinnertime at LAC. McFarlane's friends decided that the dress code (sensible footwear to all meals) was ridiculous, so after McFarlane's shoes had been chewed by a mouse, they decided that they had had enough. They wore jandals, gumboots, and high heels in protest! After being refused entry to the cafeteria a number of times, for not conforming to the dress code, she finally put on those disgusting, chewed-up shoes, and was able to get in (most unhygienic!). She still believes that shoes have nothing to do with eating!

McFarlane's friends were people like Ruth Fala, Jenny Stirling (Paddison), Averil Cooper, Melva Dunstan, Shirley Tooley. Gay Waters (Menzie), Brett Gredig, Vaino Lilioja and Robina Nakao.

John Williams, a teacher back then, was McFarlane's favourite teacher, because he always tried to teach fun stuff.

The school has changed a lot from when McFarlane was there to what it's like now: It was only a Year 9-13 school, with a small teacher's college there, along with a first year ministry course. The original dining room is now the cafeteria. The present chapel used to be a fully functioning church. The chapel is where the boarders went for church.



Campus and classroom photos from 'days gone by'—supplied by Rosalie McFarlane.



Students also had to work a number of hours a week, to keep fees down, with girls working in the kitchen, and boys working on the farm.

After McFarlane left LAC she went on to teaching. She has worked through till now, climbing the ladder, until she got to be the Director of Education for the NZ PUC.



Mr. Kilgour's Interesting Life at LAC



By **STANLEY PANIKOULA**

Mr Peter Kilgour began his time at Longburn Adventist College in 1997. At this time he was the Deputy Principal.

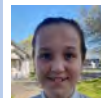
The next year in 1998 he was appointed as the Principal of Longburn Adventist College. He was the Principal until 2003. His most memorable time here at LAC was watching half the student body stand up and make a commitment at the Week of Worship one year. He learnt that some students have gifts and some take a little longer to find them. Mr Kilgour said that he found the students friendly, fun, loving and that they generally desired to do well.

Peter Kilgour said it was always funny when he was a Wallabies fan and everyone else was supporting



the All Blacks (although he secretly admired the All Blacks.) He used to tease the staff by cheering for the Wallabies just to see their reactions.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH NO MODERN TECHNOLOGY?



By **ANNA CAREY**

Imagine being in 1983 without our modern technology.

"A friend had brought along some brochures about the school, I read through them and really hoped I could go as it sounded very interesting."

Ms Robertson attended LAC from 1983 until 1984. She found out about LAC while she was attending the Orewa SDA church and one of her friends brought brochures about LAC. She read from them and was really interested. According to Ms Robertson you could always find someone playing basketball in the gym, and badminton.

She keeps in contact with most of her LAC friends, mainly on Facebook. Ms Robertson's best memories are just being there, and the van trips into town. Ms Robertson's favourite subject was... ENGLISH! "I guess it's because the written word has so much power. I still write my own original poems to this day", she says.

Ms Robertson's favourite teacher was Mr Tarburton. He taught Human Biology. The students called the class humbugs. One of the differences from when Ms Robertson attended LAC and now is that it was completely owned by the SDA church. One funny story Ms Robertson told me was when the boys snuck over and put a few rolls of toilet paper on the trees by the main doors.

In Form 5 (Year 11) she still hadn't decided what she was going to do. Someone mentioned to her that doing the secretary/typist job would be beneficial so she took that course. After she graduated in 1984, she went home for a while and moved down to Palmerston North and stayed with friends. Ms Robertson's current occupation is a hotel cleaner. She works seven days a week. She has been doing this for 5.5 years.

LAC changed her life for the better. Ms Robertson thinks LAC was the best two years of schooling. She reckons anyone who attends LAC will become a better person. "Anyone who goes to LAC will be a better person because of it in my humble opinion," says Sandy Robertson.



By **JODIE AITKEN**


Kirstie Brooking started at LAC in 1993 and attended for one year.

Kirstie Brooking remembers a fun time when she was in the girls dorms. One day they raided the boys dorm and had a water fight. Kirstie was on the roof throwing water balloons at the boys and some of the girls were screaming with excitement. It was too much fun!

Kirstie definitely encountered Jesus during the time she was at LAC. One of her friends was in car accident and was badly injured and almost died. Kirstie experienced God as she prayed her little heart out that he would be ok. He was.

Kirstie is still friends with a student that she had met on the first day of school and her name is Joanne Dunlop.

One of the things Kirstie wanted to change about LAC was the curtains and having more exciting weekends for the borders.



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By **TANISHA BARLOW**

Imagine you were in 1994 and 1995... Did they have any technology? Cars? Mobile phones?

Brenda Smith really loved LAC because she got to spend time making lifelong friends. She made friends with those in the dorms while she boarded. Her favourite teacher was Mr Phil Hann. She liked having Mr Hann because he made classes fun and memorable.

Brenda attended LAC because her parents wanted her to and she liked the idea of meeting people from all around NZ and around the world.

Brenda's best moments at LAC were on school trips. She said, "I have great memories of the school trips to Waiheke Island in the school holidays to run a holiday programme for the local kids." She loved playing sport, especially basketball and volleyball in the gym after tea but most of all her favourite thing to do was worship with the girls dean, Mili Luteru.



After LAC Brenda had multiple jobs. She was an accounts Clerk, a chartered accountant, and finance analyst in London. She is currently a director at a chartered accountancy firm in Whangarei.

Brenda Smith is also on the honours board at LAC. She was Brenda Ringrose in 1995, winning the school dux award.

AWESOME TRIPS AND CAMPS AT LAC



By **CHAYILLE COLLETTE**



Who would think that Nicole would explore NZ and go on amazing trips and camps with LAC? Well, it all happened when Nicole took her first steps into LAC in 1999. According to her, this was "THE BEST SCHOOL IN THE WORLD!!!!!!" She said that the trips out of school were always so well planned. She came to LAC because her sister came here and blossomed.

She absolutely adored English which she took with Mr. Sharp, whom she loved dearly. "Mr. Sharp made everything fun and enjoyable," and he was also really patient with her. She also loved photography (being in the new dark room) with Mrs Rodgers.

"At LAC I met a lot of people who had an incredible love for God and their love for him has always stuck with me."

Nicole went on to Victoria University and got a degree. She then went on to work for the University managing their Council meetings. Currently she is a stay at home mum in Brisbane, Australia with four children under 6 and has just launched a new business called 'Better Inspect It' with her husband.

She is so happy that she had an amazing journey at LAC during which time she got closer to God. God helped her through the tough times and God will help us too because he is our father.

AN EPIC HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE



By **NN MIADO**



Have you ever wondered what it's like to go to a Christian school? Well, I can tell you, that it is one of the best schools you'll ever go to (from my experience). This is an article about a high school student that went to LAC from 1997-2001.

Tracey Ling was a former high school student at Longburn Adventist College (LAC). She was a prefect and was also a boarder. In those years at LAC, Tracey enjoyed lots of activities, events, and programs such as Week of Worship, after-school sports, and lots more.

"I remember once," Tracey said, "while boarding, thinking that it was a shame we had to go to day school each day because it got in the way of all the fun times we had in the dorms!"

She encountered Jesus at LAC through worships, classes, and programs. She appreciated and enjoyed her time at LAC, and loved most of her teachers, as well as the deans

in the dorms. Going to LAC helped Tracey to be a Christian. One of the biggest life lessons Tracey learned is to trust God no matter what and to always do what is best.

Over the years since Tracey graduated, the school grounds have been developed and made even better. Since Tracey left school, she has been a Maths tutor, receptionist-secretary at LAC, youth pastor, chaplain, youth worker, executive assistant, marketing, communications officer, and a mother!

Tracey said, "I felt sad leaving LAC because when I was in the dorms I met many others from all different places in NZ and the Pacific so when we all left, the people who had become like your brothers and sisters all of a sudden were living a long way away! It took a bit of adjusting."

The best things about this high school experience is of the teachers' interest in students' lives and learning, the great atmosphere, the dorms, and the friends you make for life. In those years at LAC Tracey had an amazing high school experience and thoroughly enjoyed it.

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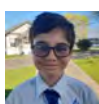
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REMINISCING WITH LOIS ERCEG-ERKILIC



By **MARSHALL LUDWIG**

Lois attended LAC between 1977-82 to complete teacher training and is now the Deputy Principal of Shannon Primary School.

Why did you choose to come to LAC?

I chose to come to LAC because at that time my parents were preparing to move to Australia to spend more time with my other siblings and their families that resided in Sydney. I on the other hand didn't want to attend an overseas school so I opted to join one of my girlfriends. Her name was Joy Hori and she had attended LAC the year before I started. Joy and her family were members of our church family in Whakatane. I remember my dad Robson Erceg arranging to bring me down to LAC a couple of weeks before school began. He along with a man named Mr Giles and some other builders erected the basketball Auditorium that you still have today. My dad who was a builder by trade used his skills to pay off some of my school fees at that time.

What was your favourite subject at LAC?

English was a favourite subject because we had an awesome teacher named Miss Yvonne Denn who was extremely skilled at her craft. She would often walk into class acting and speaking Shakespeare and maintaining her character throughout the entire English period. As a class we would read and then dissect meaning through collaboration and questioning. Our English lessons were extremely engaging and Miss Denn was passionate about her learning as well as intent on increasing our learning and expertise.

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

A favourite teacher of mine was Barry Hauraki. He was one of my Tertiary Teacher Training lecturers. Mr Hauraki knew the importance of building good relationships. He was part Maori and often when we met he would speak to me in Te Reo Maori. I didn't always understand what he was saying but I felt a close connection to him. Our lessons were extremely diverse in that he rarely provided answers but rather questioned our thoughts. For me this often caused a sense of frustration, confusion, and a feeling of being uncomfortable. However, in hindsight being an educator now, I find myself using many of his strategies in my own practise. I have learned that feeling uncomfortable brings about change. Mr Hauraki's sessions were unpredictable at times, fun, relaxed and we were allowed to have a voice no matter how random our thoughts and opinions may have been. Mr Hauraki had a crazy sense of humour. I remember on many occasions our class of four students including Mr Hauraki would challenge each other to a game that required the player to push the ball along the floor into a series of wooden pockets. If we completed our learning tasks we would spend class time competing with each other in this game. Looking back we spent heaps of class time challenging each other with this game.

What were the differences from school in your day?

I think that there are many differences in my schooling to schooling now days. I think that diversity is celebrated more now than it was in my day. I believe that students should have more voice and choice in co-constructing and directing their own learning journeys. I value that learning is more



Lois, Jenny, Melva, and Ruth meeting Prince Charles in the Square, Palmerston North

personalised and that students can be expert teachers too. I see learning being more of a collaborative process with a wider range of people in a community of learning rather than the teacher up the front doing it to students. I suppose to some this may sound over the edge but they are my voice and beliefs.

What clubs, sports and extracurricular activities were available to you?

I was a basketball fan and spent much of my free time in the auditorium playing basketball with boys and girls. We had some awesome players too. I did appreciate Mr Stan Walsh organising for me to play once a week in Palmerston North with the Massey A Reserve Team. I enjoyed going across to the tennis courts where the Sanitarium once was. I loved to play tennis however there weren't many tennis enthusiasts. I belonged to a variety of singing groups as well.

Do you still keep in contact with people from LAC?

I do keep in touch with some people. I especially love it when I meet people that I haven't seen for a long time. It sometimes brings a tear to my eye because they are so special to me. I also love keeping in touch with the people that were adults during my time at LAC. Whether they were members who attended our church both at LAC and Palmerston North or whether they worked at the Sanitarium. I am very fond of these people and when I see them now days I remind them of how special they were to me when I was a student at LAC. They have impacted on my life and I am blessed that I have had the opportunity to know them.

What are your best memories at LAC?

I have fond memories of our principal Mr Davis. He was warm and understanding. Our Cook Mrs Robbie

was a gem. If we were hungry she would always feed us more. I loved our church events because we had so many exciting events happening. Sabbaths were precious times for me even if boys had to sit on one side of the church up the front and girls on the other side. The calibre of musicians directed by Mrs Anita Milne and Mr Adrian Bell (choir) was exceptional. Many of the students were extremely musical and I was fascinated and blessed by the sharing of their musical gifts.



Jenny & Lois riding Mr McDonald's scooter

Can you recall a funny story from your time at LAC?

My friend Jenny Paddison (nee Stirling) and I decided to steal our lecturer Mr McDonald's scooter when he was teaching a class one day. We were on our way to work across at the Sanitarium Health Food Factory after lunch and we spotted his scooter. So we pinched it and went for a ride. We then put it back and never told him. However he did find out when our photo was published in the LAC Yearbook.

When I was in my first year of Teacher Training a group of us had gone to Massey University for the morning and on returning back to Longburn we drove our old green school van through the Palmerston North Square. We saw lots of people standing in the Square near the clock tower. We decided to stop and see what was happening and found out that Prince Charles was due to walk by. We decided to find a spot to watch the festivities and it was then that all that of us (Jenny Stirling, Melva Dunstan and Ruth Fala) decided to have a

bet. The bet was that whoever could get Prince Charles to notice them would get \$30 from the other girls. We then heard cheers and could see Prince Charles further down the footpath. He was shaking hands and after a while he would cross over to the other side of the footpath to converse with the crowd. As he neared our area he decided make his way across to the other side and that is when I yelled out loud "Prince Charles! Can you shake my hand?" He heard me and came across to speak with me. He asked me what I did and I told him that I attended LAC with my mates here and then I thanked him for enabling me to win a \$30 bet. He laughed and thought that was really funny. We were then swamped with reporters and found out later that we had been caught on TV Prime Time News; across the whole of NZ. LOL.

How did LAC help your career pathways?

I learned from some passionate educators who knew how to inspire others and build positive and lasting relationships. Their actions spoke for them. These were the educators that encouraged me to aspire to achieve new goals. Many of my peers were awesome and kind and fun as well. I realised that learning has to be fun as well as purposeful.

What steps did you take to achieve your career goals and get to where you are now?

I asked God and continue to ask God to direct my paths. I think that having the courage to be brave in difficult situations and face them head on with integrity and tact has enabled me to achieve my career goals. Being humble and looking for ways to serve others is another area that is important to me. Having a positive attitude and putting in 100% effort produces positive outcomes. Taking time to pray and read God's word daily strengthens my career pathway.

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SWIMMING SENSATION CLAIRE KOSAC



By **ADDIRA COLLETTE**

Swimming is a really fun activity and many people love it. Well I can tell you that one person loved this sport to the max, and was amazing at it, so good that an Olympic selector talked to her about the Olympics!

One time she had to choose between her LAC's school swimming sports or a swimming competition in Wellington and she chose... LAC's school swimming sports! This girl's name is Claire Kosac (nee Hammond).



Claire Kosac was a past LAC student. She came here in 1986 (she was 11) to 1990. She attended forms 3,4,5 which nowadays is year 9, 10 and 11.

Claire Kosac absolutely loved LAC. The most memorable part of it was meeting other kids from around the world. She made new friendships with people from different backgrounds. She also loved



Midwife, Claire, with her nephew who she delivered.

going to Himatangi beach on Sabbath afternoons. At LAC Claire Kosac found God. She was baptised on December 13 1986. She really enjoyed Vespers on Friday night. She also loved Sabbath afternoons.

A life lesson Claire learned at LAC was "not to limit myself because of what other people think of me. People can put you in a box and think that 'this' is who you are. You never know where life will take you or what you can achieve." Claire proved this because even though she went to uni and became a nurse, then a midwife, she is now running a

property investment company. She learned that she was good at a range of things outside of the box people may expect you to fit into.

After an amazing four years at LAC, Claire did a nursing degree to become a registered nurse. She then went on to become a midwife and delivered over 1000 babies including her nephews! She did some lecturing at Wollongong University as well. She lives in Australia with her family and currently runs a real estate investment company. Claire also looks after her mother-in-law.

A FEW SNIPPETS FROM A TRIPLET'S LIFE AT LAC



By **HANNAH MARDON**

From South Africa to the small country of New Zealand, Shaun Hurlow came to LAC in the middle of 1996 when he was in Year 12. He moved into the dorms and started at LAC. He found it very hard to settle in, because there was such a contrast between the education in South Africa and New Zealand. But he really connected with the P.E. program LAC had. His Physical Education teacher, Arthur Yeo, took a keen interest in him personally and helped him with the essentials that he needed to know. He even taught him how to write an essay because in South Africa he never learned to do that. He took him aside and really supported him in different aspects of his learning. Because of his experience with this teacher he became a P.E. teacher, and he is now a Principal.



Some of his favourite moments that he remembers: He was a member of the volleyball team, and they actually won the men's A division. Or when he did a unit on Kayaking. "For this unit our teacher Mr Arthur Yeo took us to a 6-10 metre cliff, and launched us off it in a kayak into Lake Taupo," he said.

One of the best things he remembered about his time at LAC was the Year 13 camp. They went down to Abel Tasman National Park, where they went white water rafting on the Buller river, saw Harwoods Hole, and had a brilliant time.

Shaun Hurlow found that Week of Prayer (Week of Worship now) was an inspiration for his own relationship with Christ. Before LAC Shaun Hurlow was a Christian only because his parents were, so encountering Jesus in such an interactive way had a big impact on him. He was especially impacted by the guest speaker, Jerry Unser, and his message. He found it amazing that he could create such a vivid picture of what the Bible teaches. He actually said that the reason he became a Christian was, because of the Week of Prayer. So LAC really influenced his walk with Christ.

One of the funniest experiences he had at LAC was when his Biology class played a prank on their teacher. They played a little game of hide and seek, so when she came to start teaching there was no one to teach. She spent the whole period looking for them, and they spent the whole period hiding from her, but surprisingly they didn't get into any trouble!

Now Shaun Hurlow is the Principal of the SDA school in Hamilton. He still reflects on his time there and shares it with his students. LAC made an impact on his life that will last forever.

Student Speaker Spooks LAC



By **JAMIE SMITH**

Would you believe Ken Weslake was one of the students who hoisted a reel to reel tape recorder into the ceiling of the dorms with some very large speakers and played spooky ghost noises at night? The teachers finally realised where it was coming from. Into the ceiling went the brave but terrified teachers only to find the tape recorder!

Now the challenge was for the teachers to find out who was doing it. They figured it out fast enough because the student wanted his speaker back, so he had to go claim it which means he got in lots of trouble. Who was it? Ken Weslake!! Mr Weslake doesn't quite remember his punishment but he came close to being kicked out! And he never did that again!

WHO COVERED MY ROOM WITH SOGGY BREAD?



By **JACOB MALAQUIN**



Jacob (aka Jake) Ormsby started LAC in 1975 and graduated in 1978. He was a boarder. Jake came to LAC because he needed University Entrance to complete a Theology degree at Avondale College in Australia. Upon being accredited his UE at the end of 1975 he was approached by Teachers from the LAC Primary Teacher Training Department to consider a career in teaching and completing a LAC Diploma in Primary Teaching. Because he believed in the providential leading of God, he accepted the invitation and graduated three years later in 1978.

Jacob played Rugby (which is the best sport ever), Swimming, Basketball and Cricket. Jacob received the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award which was presented to him at Government House by Sir Denis Blundell. Mr Bro Ellison was the fantastic instructor who challenged him to complete the Award in the mighty Tararua and Ruahine Ranges.

Jake has lots of good memories from LAC, like when he dressed up as a girl with his mates Arthur and Lyle and then went into the girls dorm to do over a room with soggy bread. They then gated it out the

back exit and through the incomplete girls dorm extensions laughing their heads off. And there was the time when he had to clean the Sanitariums toilets after losing his driving job because he backed into the accountants car.

Jake says that "LAC will always be in my thoughts and prayers. May it, it's staff and programme, continue to inspire and bless all those that travel Walkers Road and enter that hallowed entrance". Jacob loved everything about it. He said that it was great preparation for being a husband, father and grandfather, teacher, pastor and chaplain and he still keeps in touch with his mates and LAC whenever he can.

He now ministers in Porirua as Church Pastor and Wellington SDA School Chaplain as well as the Regional Pastor for the Wellington Region. However this is only to the end of the year because he and his wife Evelyn are planning to move to Queensland, Australia to be closer to his children and grandchildren. A Mini LAC reunion in Queensland a very real possibility. God is good, all the time.

OUTDOOR ADDICT NOW A PHYSIOTHERAPIST



By **KALARAH LEWIS-CLARKE**

David Carter attended LAC as a boarding student during his last year of high school in 1995. Attending LAC had a huge impact on his life in many ways. "Some of the major impacts was choice of further study after leaving school and the influence the friendships created at LAC had on me."

David Carter developed a love for sports and outdoor activities including rock climbing, running, and mountain biking. David was also involved with many after-school activities like spending time in the mountains and travelling to beaches and rivers.

The biggest life lesson learnt by him at LAC was the importance of building positive relationships with people and taking the time to get to know them well.

David Carter was the house captain for Wesley (Red house). At that time, there was a big emphasis on getting dressed up in their house colours and supporting all members of the team.

Swimming sports happened at the LAC swimming pool, which was where the basketball court is now. Swimming sports was a top event because not only did they encourage their members to participate in the sport but they strongly encouraged the teachers to get in the water, even without their swimming gear!

After finishing high school in the footsteps of David's mentor, Mr Yeo, he went on to do a Bachelor of Education in Personal Development Health and Physical Education. Now David has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Physiotherapy. He is currently working as a clinician and in management as a physiotherapist.



"All people have value, talents, ideas and interesting things to contribute" says David

THE GIRL WHO SURVIVED 'WORLD WAR 3'



By **MORGAN ROE**



Late one night some of the borders (Stephen Gunn included), decided to throw some of their mates in the fish pond. It ended up being like World War 3. Some were chased, some were caught, and some they threw into the pond. They missed their main target - Kylie Gunn (nee McDonald) who was hiding and they couldn't find her!

Kylie attended LAC in 1994 - 1995. Kylie is married to Stephen Gunn, who also attended LAC. He was Dux of the School in 1995. They have 6 children, Bradley, Ember, Riva, Lovese, Essence, and Ryan. She now works as a practice nurse for her husband, Dr. Stephen Gunn, at the Thames Medical Centre.

Kylie didn't choose to attend LAC. Her parents sent her there. She was attending Taihape College but her parents decided to transfer her to LAC. At the time Kylie wasn't very keen on the change, but in hindsight she is glad she was made to go to LAC. One of the things she enjoyed there was studying the Bible.

The best memory was when Stephen snuck out of the dorm, went over the road to Kylie's house early in the morning (6am), and knocked on the door and asked her to come for a run with him to the end of Walkers Road. Kylie didn't want to go at first, but Stephen persuaded her. To Kylie's surprise, when she got to the end of the road there was a chair, a box of chocolates, a card, and the most amazing bunch of flowers that she had ever seen. It was well worth getting up early and going for a run.

Kylie still keeps in touch with a few friends from her time at LAC, such as her husband Stephen Gunn and her sister in law Orelle McDonald (nee Amos) and a few others.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT A TEACHER COULD BE SO WICKED?



By **KAIYA-GRACE BENNETT**

Mrs Cameron is one of the teachers from my old school, Palmerston North Adventist Christian School. We were very sad to see her leave but I have managed to keep in touch with her and her family through my parents. A lot has changed since she left teaching at PNACS.

We are now going back to when she was a student at L.A.C from 1980 through to 1985. She enjoyed school so much she repeated form 5 and 6 twice!

She said one of her favourite things at L.A.C was study time with Clinton Max who could draw awesome cartoons. She also liked playing and watching basketball and hanging with her friends.

One of the pranks she and her classmates played on their teacher was on April Fools Day. They removed all of the desks and chairs from the classroom and hid from the teacher. One of them even set up a bucket of water so the teacher would get soaked! Unfortunately he didn't get wet, but he did rush straight to the Principal's office to report them.

CAR STOLEN AT LAC



By **CHARM NAKONO**

Back to the past from 1993 to 1997

Have you ever had your car stolen before? "Yes," said Rachel Wallace.

One day Rachel Wallace (Masters when at LAC) took her brothers car to school. She parked it up and went to class. While she was in class, some boys thought it would be funny to pick it up and move it from where she parked it to somewhere else! Of course Rachel thought someone had stolen the car, until she found it later.

Rachel's funniest moment was when Mr Yeo, her PE teacher, played some pretty crazy songs that he would sing on camp. Her favourite teacher was Mrs Aiono because she was kind, helpful and funny. Her favourite subject was Art because she enjoys being creative.

Rachel Wallace was a day student. She attended school in 1993 to 1997. She chose LAC because of the small class sizes. One of the biggest difference Rachel thinks from then to now would be that we had to learn to type on typewriters. There were no computers, ipads, tablets or mobile phones.

LAC taught Rachel about appreciating and accepting other people's religious beliefs because she's not a Seventh-day Adventist. It also taught her to be strong in her own beliefs.



Rachel Wallace became a teacher in 2001 and has also been to Japan to teach English. She now lives in Turangi. She is a stay at home mum with 3 children. She doesn't teach full time as she has a

son at home who is one & a half, a four year old daughter that goes to kindergarten and a seven year old daughter that goes to school. These three keep her very busy!

THE SECRET LIFE OF KEVIN PETRIE



By **MEADOW MORTON**



Dr Kevin Petrie came to LAC in 1983 until 1985. During this time, LAC had a small teacher training department and he came to learn how to be a teacher. While he attended LAC he lived in the dorms.

Dr Petrie told me how he kept a motorbike hidden behind the boys dorm and he would sometimes sneak out late at night and not come back to LAC till the next day! He was only ever caught once by a teacher and surprisingly he let him off.

Dr Petrie enjoyed playing the piano and basketball in his free time. He said, "If I wasn't on the basketball court, I would be somewhere playing the

piano." He also played the guitar and there was a group of boarders who would go to each others rooms and jam together.

LAC impacted Dr Petrie's life and continues to do so as he met his wife-to-be there.

After LAC, he pursued a career as a teacher, teaching at lots of different primary schools across the country. He is now the Dean of Faculty (Education, Business & Science) at Avondale College of Higher Education in NSW, Australia. He still keeps in touch with his old friends from LAC via Facebook...

ONLY STUDENT IN YEAR GROUP TO FINISH ALL 5 YEARS



By **MARGARET MAFILE'O**

Robyn Turner was the only student in her year group who completed all five years of high school at Longburn Adventist College. She attended Longburn Adventist College from 1987 - 1991.

Robyn enjoyed activities at LAC such as athletics, school debates, banquets and social activities. "It was important to my parents that the values of my teachers were in sync with their own values. These are values that I can see the benefit in and have also adopted for myself."

While Robyn was a student at Longburn Adventist College she worked at the Sanitarium factory across the road from Longburn. This led in to her first job after school and then onto a position as an administrator for a small software company. Robyn currently is a mortgage adviser and lives in Tauranga. She loves to use the problem solving skills she has accumulated over the years. The subjects she took at LAC perfectly match the requirements needed for her current job.

School, church and community are important to Robyn to this day. She made sure to check out the church in the town she is living in before she moved and was pleased to find many members from her time at LAC.



COW POO FIGHTING ON CROSS COUNTRY RUN



By **HUNTER WARD**

Lorilee Petrie and her friend Amanda Haye remember having fun with cow poo on the LAC cross country run. Being responsible for a banana and peanut butter fight in the café were among the other interesting times Lorilee Petrie had during her years at Longburn Adventist College.

Lorilee's favourite moments at LAC were very much social and spiritual. She loved living, eating, worshipping and learning with friends. She already had a strong relationship with God but it was

strengthened by many Longburn experiences. Chapel time, Sabbath worship, worship services in other churches and spiritual conversations with friends were just some of the ways she found her faith was strengthened.

"Making fantastic friendships was another huge part of what I loved about Longburn." Lorilee said her time here was full of tons of laughs and fun!

Another memorable moment was a talent night in the cafeteria when Beci Fineward and Lorilee dressed up as Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan to sing 'Especially For You.' "I also loved our school

trips, especially year 13 camp when we went to the South Island. We did a mountain bike ride that was a bit of hard work riding up but great fun speeding down hill. Another fantastic part of that trip was white water rafting on the Buller River, caving and camping. All of the experiences were great, but especially great because you were with friends."

Because Lorilee was a social person she was excited to be living in the dorms where she had friends all around her. She loved learning at an Adventist high school as she had previously only attended a state high school. She was at LAC in 1995 when Phil Hann was the Principal.

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To improve energy efficiency and warmth during winter double-glazing has been installed in student rooms. This has been enhanced with new vertiface wall covering, new desktops, LED lighting, improved insulation, renewed cabinetry, and new carpet tiles on the floor. This has vastly improved these rooms making them so much more inviting and comfortable for our boarding students.

In the past the Education Review Office inspections noted that our boarding students already enjoyed more personal space than students at other New Zealand boarding schools, now they have a higher level of comfort to go with that extra space. It is anticipated that the refurbishment will be complete by the start of next year.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



By **CHARLES PADILLA**



& **JOHN ROGERS**

The boy who took a helicopter to the school ball, the man who owns his own business.

Dart Jackson has done many things in life but where did it all start? LAC, that's where it started. So let's take a look back to good old 1993.

Dart Jackson went to LAC in the years of 1993 to 1997. Dart Jackson wasn't a troublemaker but there was one teacher who kept giving him detention for no reason, but he never did a single one of them.

His favourite subject while he was studying was Maths. The reason for this according to him, was because he was good at it. While we're on the subject of favourites, his favourite teacher was Mrs. Aiono because she put a lot of effort into getting him to do work.

Dart Jackson also took a helicopter to the school ball and as far as he knows, it has never been repeated.



For his extracurricular activities, there wasn't as much choice or selection as we have today but there was still fun things to do. Instead of the basketball court, they had a swimming pool and the gym was open after school, after dinner and after studies. Dart's favourites were swimming and basketball. During his 7th form (Year 13) he set up and ran the canteen which he did very successfully. After LAC, Dart Jackson did a plumbing apprenticeship and went to a business course. He now has his own plumbing business.

Dart married Anna Rosenbaum, an Australian English teacher who came to LAC to teach, and where she met Dart. They have a son and daughter, and reside in Tauranga.

"Study hard and do as well as you can, it will give you more opportunities when your older." Dart Jackson.

SATURDAY NIGHT CHIP RUN



By **MATT MATA**

There was a boy named Brett Gredig that went to LAC. LAC changed his life in many ways but particularly because he met his wife of 37 years there. He started at LAC in 1977 and finished in 1980. He was just a normal boy like other LAC students who wanted to do something with his life. He wanted to be a primary teacher so he went to LAC to get the qualifications needed to go to Massey University.

Brett Gredig said, "LAC was strict. Hard labour was dished out for serious misdemeanours, involving hours of drain digging and the like. Dress code was enforced, Friday afternoon room inspection was like a military maneuver, and all chapel services were compulsory. Boys and Girls Dorms were strictly off limits to the opposite sex, approval for escorting a young lady to a Saturday night function given only to suitably vetted Tertiary students, as long as they sat in the approved area at the front of the function. Lights went out strictly at 9.30pm, and there was no (legal) power to the dorm rooms. The food was mostly very ordinary, and was the cause of a boys dorm strike in my final year, where we refused to attend classes unless something was done to improve the quality and quantity."

One of Mr Gredig's best memories at LAC was the Saturday night chip run! He recalls that the food was pretty ordinary and they were always hungry - so on Saturday night, well after lights out, a couple of volunteers would push bike into Palmy with a huge list of takeaway food which they would buy and bring back into the dorms for a Saturday night feed. Mr Gredig said, "it was fraught with danger, as it was a devilish job to get rid of the aroma of hamburgers and chips by Sunday morning when the Dean would appear." However, sometimes the dean, David Rogers would appear while the feast was on and he soon realised that he was fighting a losing battle. If they could get someone to drive them into town to do the food run, they would have to push the car way up Walkers Road before starting it to avoid detection, and the same thing on the way back!

His favorite subject was anything taken by Errol MacDonald. His favorite teacher was David Rodgers who was his religious teacher.

Mr Gredig is currently a specialist Primary Classroom Music Teacher and choir Conductor, employed by Education Queensland.

Advice from Brett Gredig, "Make the most of your time there - it's all about making memories, and time will smooth the ragged edges of all the rough ones."

THE ADVENTURES OF BEN WESLAKE



By **KITANA BOUSTRIDGE**

Ben was at LAC from 1994 and graduated in 1998. Mr Weslake didn't choose to come to LAC, his parents did but Ben loved it and made heaps of friends.

Ben's top 5 favourite things about LAC:

1. The teachers: They took great interest in helping him achieve. His favourite teacher was Arthur Yeo because he got the students to teach each other from up the front of the classroom, the topics they'd been assigned to learn and share.
2. Being a boarding school: Ben was only a day student but having boarding students added something special to LAC that other schools didn't have. In retrospect, they added a "family" atmosphere to school.
3. LAC's location: Ben probably appreciates it now more than when he was a student but there is something about being surrounded by open fields.
4. Class camps: Every class got to go on a week long camp doing all that NZ had to offer. Those experiences aren't readily available to lots of people. At the time he took it for granted, but now he realizes that LAC provided a unique opportunity compared to lots of other schools.
5. It's Christian special character: Again, during high school I took this for granted but as a parent myself now, this is something that is hugely important for me and the school he chose to send his kids to.



Ben Weslake Year 9 class photo (Front Right)

A huge difference between then and now is the technology. The phones looked funny back then and most people didn't have their own phone, there was just a single mobile for the whole school. "But now everyone has a smartphone so the technology access is different and interesting," said Ben. Ben recalled his most memorable thing as "hosting

a radio station broadcast from LAC." He also mentioned setting off a fire alarm during exams (accidentally!), friends getting stuck in the door when they both tried to go through at the same time and "being part of 'the worst' class in the school, at least until 5th Form when the next round of 3rd formers took the title from us," Ben said.

LAC STUDENT BECOMES PRINCIPAL OF INVERCARGILL SCHOOL

By **MICAH PAVARNO**

Former LAC student now a school principal!

It was during a career day at Longburn Adventist College (LAC) when someone from Avondale College (an Australian Tertiary Institute) came in to LAC and talked about the college. Josh Taylor was a LAC student at the time. Josh was still deciding what career path he would take but was impressed by the teaching programme at Avondale College and so he decided that he would go study there. It took 4 years for Josh Taylor to achieve his teaching degree in which he now uses as principal for Southland Adventist Christian School in Invercargill.

"I made lots of good friends and enjoyed learning from the teachers at LAC" said Josh.

Josh Taylor started Longburn Adventist College in year 9 in 2004 where he was a day student. His favourite subject at school was Economics taught by Mr Van because they learned lots of things about the world and had fun. Josh Taylor said, "Mr Van always came late to Economics class except one day when he was early and he was already in class to our surprise! He had started teaching us when he spotted a student coming late. He hid behind the door. The girl came into class and said, "YES! I'm so glad Mr Van isn't here yet because I'm late!" Just then Mr Van popped his head out from behind the door and gave her a huge fright."

Josh has said that, "he is very proud of being an LAC student and thinks that the staff did a really great job!"

LAC changed Josh Taylor's life hugely because this is where he met the love of his life.

TUNNEL DIGGERS ABORT MISSION



By **ANGELINA CARIGA**

The Boys Dorm decided to set out to make a tunnel across the school to Girls' Dorm! Michaela McNabb reported that in 1979 the Boys Dorm tried to make a tunnel across the Longburn Adventist College campus. They didn't get very far, and she believes the work they managed to do may still be there today!

Boarders worked various jobs after school. She said that you either worked in the kitchen, on the grounds around the school, on the farm, cleaning school facilities or working at the Sanitarium factory across the road. This helped pay for your school fees plus gave you some pocket money. McNabb said that she worked in the kitchen which meant either serving food or cleaning up lunch and dinner meals.

Michaela attended Longburn Adventist College in the years 1978-1979, but at that time, the school was named 'Longburn College'. She was a day student for 18 months, and then she boarded for the last term of 1979 (they only had three terms).

For extracurricular activities, you could only practice Badminton or Basketball. They didn't compete against other schools like LAC does now.

Michaela's family chose to send her to LAC because her two older sisters attended the school, so she just followed suit. Michaela was a rebellious student, skipping classes to play on the trampoline behind the Girls' Dorm. She made some good friends and Michaela met her best friend at LAC. She also said that she was bullied for having an English accent, and was shy so she found it was difficult to make friends.



Michaela McNabb -1979

Her favourite teacher was Mr Maywald, because he would take time to work with his students, he cared about them. Her favourite subjects were sewing and cooking, because she was good at them and thought it would help her in the future.

Nowadays, Michaela works as a truck driver for Mainfreight Palmerston North. Her family works and owns the company. She is the owner operator, and one of the directors of the company. She owns two trucks and a van.

Michaela made great friends at LAC and wouldn't change anything for that. She had a relatively successful time. She enjoyed her time at LAC and learned some valuable things that she would take away with her.

OLD LAC



By **MICAH JOURDAIN**

Could you believe a successful woman's fondest memories of LAC are Friday night vespers, skating, socials, staying in the dorms and wagging classes!

This woman's name is Kerryn Sutton and she is a former LAC student who has answered our questions about what it was like in 1981 at LAC and what LAC did for this woman.

She attended LAC in 1981 and was a day student. She enjoyed her time at LAC and her favourite subjects were English and Geography. Her favourite teacher was Mr Renauld because he had a good sense of humour, treated everyone the same and was interesting. She enjoyed the subjects probably because she loved reading and going on excursions to learn about the different regions in NZ. They had more tertiary subjects on offer back in her day and more inclusion of day students with the borders. Kerryn thought the hot meals were 'delish' which was good because her border friend didn't particularly like the food so the friend often gave her food to Kerryn, which she scoffed down happily. There wasn't much on offer as far as sports or subjects like Art at the time, which she loved.

She still keeps in touch with most of her friends from LAC. Her brother, sisters, parents and many other relatives went to LAC and all had enjoyable memories there. She came back in 2011 to be a Teacher Aid for a year and found it quite different. They didn't have intermediate or special classes back when she attended. Kerryn now works in administration. As you can see times have really changed since 1981 at LAC.

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