

LAC NEWSLETTER

"In Christ, we educate, encourage and empower"



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

2022 DATES

New Student Orientation - Tuesday 1 Feb

Term 1 starts for Years 7-8, 13 - Wed 2 Feb

Years 7-8 continue, 11-12 start - Thurs 3 Feb

Years 7-8 continue, 9-10 start - Friday 4 Feb

Waitangi Day holiday - Monday 7 February

All Year levels in attendance - Tuesday 8 Feb

Swimming Sports - Wednesday 23 February

Athletics Day - Tuesday 15 March

Year 13 Camp - Monday 21 - Friday 25 March

Yr 9 Network Camp - Wed 23 - Fri 25 March

School Photos - Monday 28 March

Weet-Bix TRYathlon - Tuesday 29 March

Teacher Only Day - Friday 1 April

Last day of Term 1 - Thursday 14 April

Galatians 2:13: "The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray."

Recently my wife, Kim, and I have been enjoying studying Galatians with Ty Gibson and David Asscherick (through YouTube). The verse above is in reference to Paul calling Peter out over dividing the Jews and the Gentiles through his actions, albeit subtle and possibly unintentional actions. Paul identifies the hypocrisy of 'them and us' in the context of Jews and Gentiles. He shares a very blunt message that the Gospel is for everyone and that we have to be ever mindful of that truth that Jesus shared.

It took me some time to come to terms with the idea that Peter, who was the disciple who walked on water, was also able to return to what was familiar. I suspect that when Paul publicly called Peter out that Peter knew Jesus well enough to realise that Paul was right. Even Barnabas, who was thought of as the great encourager, was able to be gently swayed into joining the path of least resistance with little consideration.

We live in strange times and with regard to our Churches, Christian schools and LAC, we must remind ourselves that the Gospel is for everyone and that there is no 'them and us', we together are one. It has often been said in the LAC Chapel, that there are many flags, but one family and this hasn't changed and nor should it.

So, I encourage you all to love one another, accept your differences, but essentially to remind yourself that we are united as one in Christ.

Enjoy the Christmas holidays and season, spend time with your whanau and love those you just happen to be around.

GRADUATION

In early November, the school conducted its 109th graduation ceremony and what a great event it was! We are extremely proud of all the Year 13 students and their achievements. Despite the adjustments that needed to be made to keep in line with COVID-19 lockdown expectations, the heart of the celebrations were evident. There were some beautiful moments over the two events, the Friday evening dinner and the Graduation Ceremony - from heartfelt teacher tributes towards students to colourful leis of celebration. We were especially mindful that families, both domestic and overseas, were unable to be with us for both programmes; however provision was made to include them via livestream. Thank you to all our Year 13s and staff for a very special weekend. The Year 11 & 12 Prizegiving was also a time of celebration, to honour our senior students for the academic persistence that they have demonstrated in 2021. It has not been an easy journey for the senior students and for that, we salute them for their perseverance and achievement.

[Click here](#) for more details of the awards given out.





SPCA

MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY



by Lucas Talamaivao, Year 10

The Palmerston North SPCA rehomes hundreds of animals each year. While in transit, these animals need an awfully large amount of food. The shelter only receives 5% from the Government for funding. They therefore depend on the generosity of people to help support them.

This year, a group of LAC students decided to fundraise for God's beautiful and incredible creations. The going was tough as Level 3 and 2 made it impossible to sell food in the Cafeteria. In addition, the school lunches cancelled the need for pizza, chips and bake sales.

In spite of this, with the help of staff, support staff, students and friends, a sizable amount of canned and packaged food was collected. These donations will definitely make a difference over the Christmas period when the number of unwanted pets increases at the SPCA. The SPCA Fundraising Team would like to thank all those who were so generous with their donations.

You can read more about it [here](#)

ELL CLOUD 9 TRIP

By Mereti Vunisa, Year 9

When we got back from lockdown in Week 7, Ashley had an idea for the English Language Learners (ELL) class to go on a trip. Mrs Carter said it was a good idea but we would need to plan it and fundraise for it ourselves. Then we talked about where to go and how to fundraise. We all decided on Cloud 9, and that we would do a car wash to raise the money. Everyone had different jobs to do as part of the planning. My jobs were to do the permission slips, medical lists and to contact Cloud 9. I had to find out the cost and also to make a booking for us.

When we advertised the car wash, the teachers started to book in. We did the car wash for 3 days. It was hard work in the cold, wet weather. Some teachers were very generous and gave us more than the \$15 that we charged. At the end we had raised \$180. Some of the money was used for Cloud 9 and the rest of it, we decided to spend on food.

On 24th October, the ESOL class finally left for our trip. We changed into our PE gear, put on our masks and got into the school van. When we got there we paid our entry fee and went in. We jumped everywhere, we bounced up and down, and we played ball tag; it was fun. Afterwards we went to McDonald's to have some food. Mrs Dyer gave us some extra so that we had \$10 each. Then we went back to school and departed for home. We had a great and wonderful afternoon.



IMPACTING THE WORLD WIDE COMMUNITY

LAC received a Milestone Award from World Vision on Friday 26 November 2021. This award was presented by the Schools Partnership Manager, Leilani Baker. These milestone awards are very rare to receive. It is presented to schools that have created a lasting difference through their continuous involvement in the World Vision 40-Hour Famine. LAC can proudly acknowledge their ongoing support of this venture. A huge thank you to the World Vision team and all who so generously supported the students with donations.

Mrs Sandy van Wyk



GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It is seldom that students take on extra academic challenges when it comes to music. This year Noble Mitchell, a Year 12 student, set and accomplished a goal of completing a Grade 8 Piano exam through Trinity College, London. Noble took music as an extra eighth subject which meant that he had to practice in his own time. The examination took place at Square Edge on 25 November 2021 under the examiner, Tim Jenkin from Wellington. Congratulations Noble!

Another student, Lexi Rutherford-Blyth, is the first student from LAC to ever have enrolled for Music Scholarship in Performance Music. Congratulations Lexi, we look forward to the NCEA results in 2022.

Mrs Sandy van Wyk



YEAR 9 INVICTUS TEAM BUILDING EVENT

Throughout 2021 the Year 9 students have been completing The 'Network' element of the Invictus Programme. The students have been learning specific skills in order to empathise and connect with the people around them. The element has encouraged the students to reflect on their own relationships and the ways in which other people can benefit from their company.

The team building event began at school with Bubble Ball in the gym. Students played soccer while wearing a large blown up bubble. This was a lot of fun! We then headed into the PN square where students were placed in groups and given 1 hour to complete a photo challenge. Each photo was worth a different number of points. They had to work together to plan how they would collect the most points. It was good to see the groups working together to complete the challenge.

Mrs Olivia Korte



EVENTS

YEAR 9 EDUCATION BEACH DAY

The rain did not get in the way of a great day at the beach. The Year 9 class spent the day at Himatangi Beach on Tuesday 7th December. The purpose of this trip was to educate the students around keeping themselves safe at the beach. A key message was to swim between the flags and keep an eye out for rips. Key features of rips can be calm patches, foamy water, criss cross ripples and debris. Even though it rained for the day it didn't stop the students getting in the water for a swim, which was actually quite warm. Our fish or spring roll and chips lunch was a highlight on this rainy day. Thanks to Surf Lifesaving NZ for having us and thanks for the teachers who got in the water to supervise.

Mrs Olivia Korte



YEAR 10 BONFIRE AND LIDO

Due to the weather forecast we made the decision to cancel the Year 10 Invictus Bonfire lunch. Instead students completed the activities at school and then headed to the Lido for a swim and lunch. The Invictus activities included practicing their teamwork, empathy, character traits and identifying their personal strengths. These activities brought together the learning the class had done over the year. After these activities we heading to the Lido Swimming Pool for an afternoon of fast slides, swimming and hot food.

Mrs Olivia Korte



YEAR 7 AND 8 CAMP



After all the uncertainty that this year has brought, we were delighted to be able to go on our school camp! We had spent the first part of Term 4 preparing with the students planning the majority of the activities, food and fun. The context of our learning was around the book 'The Pilgrim's Progress' where we learned about the highs and lows of the Christian journey. We travelled out to Camp Kilsby in Linton on Monday morning where we stayed for two nights. The weather was beautiful and perfect conditions for camping. The students pitched their tents and explored the campsite before starting to cook their dinner over the open fire. There were some delicious dishes on offer such as sauteed asparagus, pancakes and caramel sauce and the great Kiwi fry up. The second day was spent moving through the activities the students had planned. This was the chance for the students to see how all the prior planning paid off and enabled them to carry out a successful activity. The grand finale was the arrival at the Celestial City which was the water slide. During camp, skills such as resilience, relating to others, managing self, participating and contributing and problem solving were developed and strengthened.

We want to thank Mr Amoah who led our worship time with singing and the lessons. We did this out in God's creation around an open fire and it was epic. Mr Wright, Mrs Tooley, Mrs Paul, Miss Davidson, Mike Rehu and all of our 56 students helped to make our camp the success it was. Thank you Lord!

Mrs Rachel Paki & Mrs Steph Ngarepa

CELEBRATION DAY

Celebration Day this term gave students the opportunity to choose an activity out of a list of possibilities provided by the teachers. Students selected sports, Christmas arts and crafts, board games and movies. Everyone enjoyed their time out from lessons, reaping their reward for positive behaviour throughout the term. A big thank you to Mrs Paki for bringing 12 labrador puppies into school for her group to cuddle while watching their movie, and a big thanks to Mr Paki for leading the sports group. Well done students of LAC; a large number of Dojo points were given out for your integrity, respect and resilience throughout the term - YOU ROCK!

Congratulations to these students listed below for having the highest amount of Dojo points in their year level: Xander Pringle, Jack Bunyan, Emma Brothwell and Tamika Nambasai.

Mrs Faith Hignett, PB4L Co-ordinator



AUREUM SPORTS AWARDS

The Aureum Sports Awards is where we celebrate our accomplished LAC athletes and all the amazing volunteers—students, staff and from the community—who help make sport possible at LAC. This year our event looked quite different with parents, friends and family of our award recipients watching via livestream instead of joining us like we have done in previous years. While this definitely changed the feel of the event, we were simply grateful to be able to have our sports awards evening at all. The students presented themselves and behaved admirably. Congratulations to all the students who were acknowledged during the course of the evening.



Most Improved Players

Badminton: Naphtali Sayles, Angelina Prak-Khin, Ashley Kaukare, NN Miado, Joseph Zimmermann

Basketball: Maddison Parata, Caleb Martin, Iakopo Pulega, Bryan Mhonde

Football: Caydy Skerrett

Futsal: Daniel Nhim

Hockey: Emileigh Ward, Grace Bismark, Asher Brooking, William Brothwell

Netball: Evelyn-May Curtis

Rugby Sevens: Jessica Hiri, Iakopo Pulega

Rugby Union: Marie Krammer, Cylest Benfell

Squash: Tristan Wong

Volleyball: Aymee Grayson, Jairus Ngarepa, Emma Brothwell, Henok Tolesa, Cylest Benfell, NN Miado, Marie Krammer, Asher Brooking

All Round Legends

Badminton: Carlos Kaiwai-Raratabu, SM Miado, Phoenix Paraone-Dyer

Basketball: Jairus Ngarepa, Jadys Martin, Jack Matata

Croquet: Joseph Zimmermann

Football: Melisa Garzon

Futsal: Asher Brooking, William Brothwell

Hockey: Grace Bismark, Tsarine Gardner, Menua Sike

Netball: Ruby Lester, Emma Brothwell

Rugby Sevens: Pea Pulega, Menua Sike

Rugby Union: Pauline Pule

Squash: Priyanka Tikari

Table Tennis: Bryan Souza

Volleyball: Rico Tongia, Honour Lalakai, Angelina Prak-Khin, Stanley Panikoula, Pea Pulega, Sophie Wright, Jessica Hiri, Menua Sike



Most Valuable Players

Badminton: Lexis Morales, Journey Nakono, Henok Tolesa, Pea Pulega, Musashi Nakao

Basketball: Naphtali Sayles, Lexis Morales, Kobe Brooking, Jacob Malaquin, Connor Azevedo-Leader

Football: Alevya Skerrett

Futsal: Liam Blakeborough

Hockey: Juan Saunders, Jessica Hiri, Alevya Skerrett, Liam Blakeborough

Netball: Grace Bismark, Emma Brothwell, Joyce Maliou

Rugby Sevens: Alevya Skerrett, Eliud Ganaii

Rugby Union: Joyce Maliou, Pea Pulega

Squash: Musashi Nakao

Table Tennis: Lexis Morales, Elijah King

Volleyball: Diaz Nakono, Lexis Morales, Journey Nakono, Iakopo Pulega, Glenda Maliou, Pea Pulega, Eliud Ganaii



AUREUM SPORTS AWARDS

Sporting Achievements

Lexis Morales: 1st place in the individual standings in the Table Tennis Manawatu Intermediate Schools Term 2 League Division A, and 2nd place in the Under 13 Boys at the Table Tennis Manawatu 2021 Manawatu Schools Individual Championships.

Connor Azevedo-Leader: Selected for the NZ Basketball Academy Under 17 Boys' team for Coast to Coast League & U19 Boys' team for NZBA Australian tour, and Hoop Nation Under 18 Boys' team for the Junior Showcase & Under 19 Boys' team for The Classic Men's A Grade.

SM Miado: Awarded the Awesome Attitude Award in the Manawatu Badminton Secondary Schools Shuttle Time Competition Term 2

Henok Tolesa: Awarded the Awesome Skills Award in the Manawatu Badminton Secondary Schools Shuttle Time Competition Term 2

Representative Honours

Lexis Morales: Manawatu Under 13 Boys' Basketball

Juan Saunders: Manawatu Under 13 Boys' Hockey

Elijah King: Manawatu Under 15 Boys' Hockey

Alevya Skerrett: Manawatu Under 18 Girls' Football

Jessica Hiri: Manawatu Under 19 Girls' Volleyball

Ben Raitaci: Fijian Basketball NZ Under 19 Boys' Basketball team for the 1st Nations Polynesian Tournament 2021

Student Sports Volunteers

Emma Brothwell, Angelina Cariga, Tsarine Gardner, Anika Hussain, Charm Nakono, Siunari'i Paiva, Molly Pokaran, Ben Raitaci, Wei Xi



School Sports Swimming Cup:

Nicole Piek & Lucas Talamaiava

Cross Country Trophy:

Eden Duker & Liam Blakeborough

Athletics Cup:

Eliud Ganaii & Alevya Skerrett



King Family Sports Leadership Cup:

Finalists: Asher Brooking, Musashi Nakao, Jessica Hiri, Liam Blakeborough, Alevya Skerrett

Winner: Liam Blakeborough



Sport Manawatu Sportsmanship Cup:

Finalists: Grace Bismark, Pea Pulega, Jessica Hiri, Eliud Ganaii, Menua Sike

Winner: Eliud Ganaii



Troy Ferreira Memorial Award for Sports Team of the Year Winner:

Hockey Boys



Sportsperson of the Year:

Finalists: Liam Blakeborough, Lexis Morales, Eliud Ganaii, Alevya Skerrett, Pea Pulega

Winner: Alevya Skerrett