

# NEWSLETTER 1

## 18 February 2010



<b>Coming Events:</b>		
Week 4	Mon 22 <b>Feb</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Tue 23	Year 12 Sports Studies 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid course
	Wed 24	<b>FORM CLASS PHOTOS</b>
	Thu 25	Year 12 PE 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid course
	Fri 26	<b>Year 9 Parents Evening, 7pm in the Hall</b>
Week 5	Tue 2 <b>Mar</b>	Year 12 PE 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid course
	Thu 4	<b>Presentation of Student Executive Badges Assembly, 8.45am in Hall</b>
	Fri 5	<b>NCEA Parents Evening, 7pm in the Hall</b>
Week 6	Wed 10	YEAR 13 MOTIVATION DAY
	Thu 11	Lumino Dental Service departs
Week 7	Tue 16	Year 10 Leadership Camp departs (returns Fri 12)
	Wed 17	2 <sup>nd</sup> House Meetings
	Fri 19	Year 13 Childcare course trip
Week 8	Mon 22	2 <sup>nd</sup> House Meetings
	Thu 25	German Cultural Exchange students arrive
	Fri 26	Year 12 PE Camp departs (returns Fri 19)
	Sat 27	Year 13 Childcare trip
Week 9	Sun 28	<b>Progress Reports issued</b>
	Mon 9	Assessment Opportunities Week begins
	Tue 30	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Wed 31	Year 12 Biology Zoo trip
	Thu 1 <b>Apr</b>	<b>Progress Conferences (families with surnames A – L), 4 – 7pm</b>
	Mon 19	Year 12 Biology Zoo trip
<b>LYNFIELD COLLEGE ANNUAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL</b>		
China Cultural Exchange students depart		
Year 12 Geography trip departs (returns 30 Mar)		
House Touch Competition begins		
<b>Progress Conferences (families with surnames M – Z), 4 – 7pm</b>		
Year 11-13 Drama theatre trip		
<b>Term 1 ends</b>		
<b>Term 2 begins</b>		

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On behalf of the Board and staff I am delighted to welcome parents and especially new parents to Lynfield College, to the school's first newsletter for 2010.

We have done our best to ensure all students settle quickly into the routines and demands of secondary school life. We look forward to meeting Year 9 parents at the **Year 9 Parents Evening** on Thursday 25 February at 7pm – a special opportunity for you to meet your child's form teacher and receive information on the academic programme and expectations for Year 9.

**2009 Results:** Staff are currently completing a detailed analysis of the NCEA data for Years 11, 12 and 13. During 2009 Lynfield students achieved a total of 25,941 standards from 86 different areas of study. It was pleasing to see a number of students achieving with high quality results, particularly in the Level 1 certificates endorsed with excellence (13.7% compared to a national average of 7.9%). 73.3% of our students in Year 12 gained their Level 2 certificate – this is above the comparable national averages and is a further increase on the 2008 achievement rates.

The statistics published by NZQA are used by the teachers and faculties within the school to analyse their teaching programmes and look for ways to enhance student achievement in subsequent assessments. This will ensure that achievement results continue to improve and that students leaving Lynfield College take with them qualifications that allow them to continue studying and to reach their potential. An Achievement Report including an analysis of NCEA results is presented to the Board of Trustees in April.

All national qualifications results are confirmed by NZQA during March and will be entered on to each student's Record of Achievement on the NZQA website.

Lynfield College staff will be available to answer your questions and explain all the details and expectations of standards-based assessment within NCEA at a special **NCEA Parents' Evening** to be held on **Tuesday 2 March at 7.00pm in the College Staffroom**. This will be open to all parents who wish to find out about the assessment methods and how to help students achieve. If you have any queries, please contact the Deputy Principal for Assessment, Mr Murray Black, through the school office.

**Staffing for 2010:** The College is fully staffed and we have been fortunate in attracting a very high calibre of new staff. These people are:

Mark Sizer	Year 13 Dean		Cathy Bunce	Language & Languages
Amy Nathan	Music		Chris Wadsworth	Mathematics
Stuart Braithwaite Sarah Parker	HOD Biology Science/Maths		Russell Christie Estelle Fegan Alannah Morris Derek Ng	PE & Health
Tracey Derbyshire Louise Goldwater Holly Smith	Social Sciences			

We welcome back Andrew Tan (Technology) from leave, Sonja Wensor (Technology, Foods) and Frances Diaz (English) from maternity leave.

Staff on leave this year are: Trish Friel (ESOL), Gail Hall (Learning Support), Sigmund Sue (Music). Carol Te Bay (Science) returns during this term from maternity leave.

Staff who have resigned: Kit Suuring (PE & Health) who has taken a position at Marist and Rod Philpot (Faculty Leader, PE & Health) who has taken a teaching position at University of Auckland.

#### Goals for 2010

- To progress the implementation of the Lynfield (NZ) Curriculum
- To monitor and strengthen student attendance
- To continue to strengthen student motivation and achievement

The goals will form the basis of staff professional development in 2010.

The General Purpose donation is \$180 per child or \$250 per family. **A 10% discount applies for donations made on or before 26 February (\$162 per child or \$225 per family).** The donation, approved annually by the Board of Trustees, is the parents' contribution to the school's operational funding and is the MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE COLLEGE YEARBOOK AND OTHER ITEMS, SUCH AS EXTENDING COMPUTER ACCESS AND PROVIDING THE COLLEGE HANDBOOK AND STUDENT ID CARDS TO ALL STUDENTS.

Keep the receipt for Income Tax refund purposes. The Board is most grateful to those parents who have already paid their General Purpose donation and subject material fees.

The rest of this newsletter contains a great deal of very useful information about the college. Please read it carefully and put it somewhere safe for future reference.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the course of the year, whether it be on the sports field, at cultural activities, parent evenings or outside of school. Please be active in supporting your son/daughter in their years at Lynfield.

Best wishes

S W Bovaird  
Principal

#### Transporting Students to School

Thank you to those parents who have been dropping off their children away from the school and letting them walk the last part of their journey. This has really helped lessen traffic congestion around the College.

- ☛ The first newsletter of the year will be emailed and a paper copy made available to each student in their form class. The remaining newsletters for the year will be sent by email and a paper copy made available to those who would like one.

Please ensure that we have an appropriate *email address* for you so that you receive the fortnightly newsletter and any other notices. Email our Dean of Administrative Services, [rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz) indicating your child's name and form class in your email message. During Term 1 further newsletter dates will be:

**Friday 5 March – Friday 19 March – Thursday 1 April**

- ☛ In addition to newsletters, the school produces the community newsletter NEWSLINK about three times a year. This is distributed via students and in our local community, with the first edition due in March.
- ☛ Other relevant information pertaining to specific form levels will be given to students from time to time to bring home.

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## Year 9 & 10 Prizegiving Successes in 2009

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent achievements in 2009. They have set a fine example for their peers and should feel very proud of themselves.

**Year 10 Dux** Marisha Aya

### Academic Honours

Year 10: Nalin Choudhary  
Shuwen He  
Anuradha Nagahauulla  
Yash Vyas

### Excellence in Sport (Top Year 10 Sportspeople)

Boys – Acelin James  
Girls – Tyla Nathan-Wong

**Junior Drama Cup** – Madison Hughes

**Most Promising Junior Debating Cup** – Jay Janarthanan (Year 9)

**Stewart Dawson Junior Speech Cup (Year 10)** – Marisha Aya

**Year 9 Speech Award** – Johnson Zhuang

**Excellence in Junior Music** – Billy Scarfe & Michael Howell

**Munden Cup for Creative Writing (Year 9)** – James Heskett

**Kelvin Glassey Cup for Junior Short Story (Year 10)** – Yidan Feng

### Honours Awards – Year 10

Casey Irving  
Madison Hughes  
Mandy Lardenoye  
Jonathan Feki  
Amy Wannan  
Melody Farishta

**Merit Cups** (awarded to the top two Honours Award recipients)

#### Year 10

Marisha Aya  
Michael Howell

**Year 9 Dux** Timothy Hight

### Academic Honours

Year 9: Lydia Ern-Ling Choo  
Mallory Heslop  
Andrew Coffin  
Hannah Joyce

### Excellence in Sport (Top Year 9 Sportspeople)

Boys – James Schuster  
Girls – Kayla Kesby

### Honours Awards – Year 9

Jack Barber  
Linden Rose  
Brayden Silby  
Liam van Rijn  
Jessica Kaku  
Giacomo Gambassi

#### Year 9

Chantal van Weelie  
Nicholas Kam

## **Auckland Regional Transport Authority - School Bus Service, Route No 040**

The subsidised bus service on route no. 040, available for students who travel from Lynfield College to Mt Roskill South and departing from Boundary Road at 3.20pm, is regularly under review. The regional policy on such services requires a minimum of 15 passengers for that service to continue and route No. 040 shows consistently low use. ARTA will continue to monitor this service. If patronage remains below the required number, the service may be withdrawn, in which case we would receive one month's notice of the withdrawal.

**In order for this bus service to continue, it requires your continued patronage.**

<b>Stagecoach 040: Lynfield College to Mt Roskill South</b>
Departs: 3.20pm      Number of stages: 1
Route: Lynfield College, Boundary, New Windsor, Maioro, Richardson, White Swan, Griffen Park, Hillsborough, The Avenue, Commodore, Halsey, Canberra, Hillsborough, Dominion Rd Ext, Richardson.

## **Chaos at the School Gate Programme**

Lynfield College is participating in the Auckland City Council's Chaos at the School Gate programme. It involves placing parking officers on patrol outside schools to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue tickets to those illegally parked. The Chaos at the School Gate programme has been very successful and is helping to reduce the danger to children as well as improve traffic flow around schools.

## **Board of Trustees Student Representative**

I am the Board of Trustees Student Representative for 2009/2010. One of the first questions anyone asks me when they hear what role I have is, "What does the board rep do?". To be honest, when I was first elected I knew only a fraction of what I do now. With Lynfield's support I have been able to go to a trustee training day where I learned many skills, new information and had the chance to connect with many other representatives from different schools in the Auckland area. The training I have had so far, as well as attending regular student executive meetings since October last year, will continue to help me immensely in my role which includes providing a student perspective and voice in board meetings and chairing the Student Council. The Student Council comprises representatives from every form class in the school and they all have the opportunity to represent their peers in always seeking to improve the school.

I am really looking forward to this year and hope to continue to take an active role in Lynfield College such as community support, concert band, German club and hockey, as well as out of school activities. I am an active member of the Blockhouse Bay Baptist youth group and Auckland Children and Youth Chorus chamber choir. Hopefully I will be heading off next year to University to pursue Law and Arts and I am sure that my time at Lynfield and the opportunities I have had throughout my 5 years will have more than adequately prepared me.

*Jessie Black, Student Representative, Board of Trustees*

## **2010 Senior Leadership and Team Building Course, 2 - 5 February**

Hello everyone, I'm Sarah Correa, Lynfield College's Head Girl for 2010. I've attended Lynfield for 4 years now, and have really enjoyed and made the most of the opportunities that the school has to offer. Being Head Girl is a huge honour and I am really proud to represent my peers and the College. My goal for this year is to encourage and motivate students to participate in wider school activities. For my own career goals, I am working towards gaining entry to a Bachelor of Medicine course at Auckland University next year.

Warm Greetings to you all. I'm Jordan Ekeroma, Head Boy for 2010. I've been a loyal student of Lynfield College since Year 9. Being Head Boy and leading 1,900 students is a huge task, but I am ready to confront any challenges that approach me this year. Being selected by teachers and students is a huge honour for me – gives me that extra push. My goals for this year are to interact with the younger students in the school, promoting involvement in wider school activities and leadership opportunities. My career goal for next year is to hopefully get accepted into the police academy or begin study at AUT, undertaking a Bachelor of Sport and Recreation.

The student executive of Lynfield College has already delved into planning for this year's events while at Leadership Camp, which was held at Waitewheta and Waihi. At camp we took part in day time activities such as surf life saving, kayaking, social work, team building games, tramping and a low ropes course. The nights were spent together, jamming on the guitar and singing, playing sport and toasting marshmallows. All of these activities brought the group of 37 closer to each other and gave us the opportunity to practise our leadership skills.

To Mrs Townsend, Mr Angus, Mrs Findlay, Mr Carter and Mr Allington we'd like to say a big Thank You for organising and attending the camp and making it such a wonderful experience, one we won't forget! Our thanks also to AUT 'Prefects that Peak' mentors, Gareth and Rob for spending the week with us. We are looking forward to working together and representing Lynfield College this year!

*Sarah Correa, Head Girl & Jordan Ekeroma, Head Boy*



### **Leadership Badge Presentation Assembly**

On Friday 26 February there will be a special assembly where the Student Leaders for 2010 are presented with their badges of office. Families of these students will receive invitations to attend this assembly, which will run from 8.45 until 9.30am.

### **A Safe Environment at Lynfield College**

- **Peer Support Programme** – This programme has been running over the past two weeks. The Year 12 & 13 Student Leaders have attended training and have run 8 Peer Support sessions in total with the Year 9 students. Feedback has been very encouraging!
- **Travellers Programme** – Year 9 students will soon complete the survey for this and the Travellers Group will run in Term 2.

### **How you can make a difference**

For many years, Lynfield College has monitored and endeavoured to improve the physical and emotional safety of all its students and staff. There is no room for complacency here, particularly in this technological age of rapid and unsupervisable electronic communication which allows more subtle and often undetectable bullying.

At the start of the year, we are really concerned that the students settle quickly into school and enthusiastically into their learning. Parents of Year 9 students are likely to be particularly anxious that their children transition well from their intermediate schools.

We encourage all parents to talk with their children about how their year has started, and invite any caregivers concerned about the possible bullying or isolation of their children to contact the school as soon as possible. The names and phone extensions of the staff who can help you are: Mrs Raneeta Prasad, Year 9 Dean (ext 841), Mrs Ro Lange, Guidance Counsellor (ext 827), Mr Brian Tonks, Guidance Counsellor (ext 850)

### **Gateway Programme**

The Gateway Programme provides opportunities for 35 senior students to participate in workplace learning one day a week. It delivers hands-on practical learning that leads to nationally recognised qualifications (minimum 10 NCEA credits) and builds students' workplace experience, helping them to move smoothly from school to work. Learning is assessed in the workplace and is a great opportunity to blend school study with the workplace learning and experience. The Gateway co-ordinator at Lynfield College is Raewyn Fairley.

### **AWE (Alongside Work Experience) Programme**

This work experience programme provides opportunities for senior students to gain workplace experience and an appreciation of what skills, disciplines and attitudes are required in the work force. The AWE co-ordinator is Raewyn Fairley.

## Homework Centres

The College Library remains open after school every day until 3.40pm, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

### Pasifika Homework Centre

The homework centre for Pacific Island boys that has operated for two years on **Mondays and Wednesdays after school** continues this year, with a welcome as well to **Pacific Island girls**. To accommodate the extra students anticipated, the venue is now the College Library. The centre opens from 3.15 to approximately 4.30pm. Please contact Brian Tonks (627 0600 extension 850) if you would like any further information.

### Mathematics Clinic 2010

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available! Where? G5  
When? **Every lunchtime, except Thursday** (Thursday after school)

### Itinerant Music Lessons (Instrumental)

Instrument lessons are currently full. Priority is given to those students who are doing NCEA music or Year 10 option music. All students who signed up but have not been offered lessons at this stage are put on a waiting list and will be notified through their Form Teacher if a space becomes available. Waiting lists for guitar, bass, drums and piano are especially long.

Please note that if your son/daughter is taking part in itinerant music lessons there is a \$20 material cost for the year. If they are also renting an instrument there is a hireage cost of \$20 - \$30 per term depending on the instrument. These are both payable to the Accounts Office.

### Security at the College

CCTV cameras are now installed around the College. The main purpose of these is to monitor movement in the school grounds at nights and in the weekends. There are also a few cameras inside buildings at strategic locations to provide protection for student property.

### Please keep the following in mind

- Students and members of the public should only be in the grounds after dark when attending organised functions.
- Any rubbish brought into the grounds should be taken away and disposed of at home.
- Any community groups wishing to use College facilities such as the sports fields, cricket nets, etc need to contact the Property manager.
- Access to the school should be through one of the three gates and never over the fences that surround the College or over our neighbouring properties.
- Access to the fields after hours should only be through gate 2 on the lower White Swan Road entrance.

Any queries about these matters should be referred to Mr Alistair Aitken, Deputy Principal.

## School Organisation

### Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Mr B Cadzow
Parents' Representatives	Mrs J Harding (Deputy Chairperson), Mr S Heimuli, Mrs K Mellor, Mr K Stokes
Co-opted	Mr C Correa, Mrs M Johansson
Staff Representative	Mrs R Kaniuk
Student Representative	Jessie Black
Principal/Secretary	Mr S W Bovaird

The Trustees meet in the Board Room at 6.30pm once a month – usually the fourth Monday of the month (ring the office prior to check). Copies of minutes and policies are available at the School Office.

### Management Staff

Principal	Mr S W Bovaird
Associate Principal	Ms L Ridling
Deputy Principals	Mr M Black, Ms L Munro, Ms C Knell, Mr A Aitken
Deans	Year 9 Mrs R Prasad
	Year 10 Mrs G Clark
	Year 11 Mrs S Hameed
	Year 12 Mr D van Dijck
	Year 13 Mr M Sizer
	Adults Mrs M Lane
Dean of Administrative Services	Mr R Delgrosso

Academic Advisor  
Director of International Education

Mr N Waddington  
Ms G Austin

Counsellors  
Careers Adviser  
Resource Teacher Learning & Behavioural  
Learning Support Co-ordinator

Mrs R Lange, Mr B Tonks  
Mrs W Keir  
Mr R Su'a  
Ms J O'Hanlon

In matters affecting any student the first approach should be to the Dean. The Counsellors provide educational and vocational guidance, as well as personal and family counselling.

### Student Leaders

Head Boy	Jordan Ekeroma	Head Girl	Sarah Correa
Deputy Head Boy	Tama Nathan	Deputy Head Girl	Jess Howell
Sports Captain	Josh Maisey	Sports Captain	Annalise
Renton			
Asst Sports Captain	Paul Goulter	Asst Sports Captain	Yuhan Zhuang
Arts & Culture Captain	Matthew Scarfe	Arts & Culture Captain	Nikki Read
Asst Arts & Culture Captain	Reema Chawla	Asst Arts & Culture Captain	Hae Na Kim
Academic Captain	Bruce Stokes	Academic Captain	Nadia Hassan
International Student Rep	Emily Ng	BOT Student Rep	Jessie Black

### Year 13 Student Executive

Kate Cadzow, Xi Xi Chen, Simon Plom, Connie Li

### Year 12 Student Executive

James Earl	Keith Fletcher
Caitlin Molloy	Rachel Nabalarua
Radhika Reddy	Esther Zhuang

### House Captains

Bray	Vishal Bhula & Asotasi Faautaga
Fatialofa	Hardeep Singh & Kirsty Wannan
Faumuina	Aashay Shah & Laura Skeen
Lewis	Donita Ekeroma & Veemal Patel
Reid	Luisa Feki & Jess Blackwell
Zoricich	Milan Kanji & Emily Law

## OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

### 1. Communication between Home and School

#### School

- Newsletters are published every two weeks and emailed home. Hard copies are available.
- The web site is kept up to date with school news.
- Full written reports go home twice a year (mid-year and end-of-year) and there is a Progress Report at the end of March.
- All students going on trips will bring home a permission form to be signed and returned to school.

#### Parents

- Please contact the school if your son/daughter is absent and leave a message on the absentee line answer phone (627 0600 ext 878) or email [absence@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:absence@lynfield.school.nz)
- Provide written notes to explain absences on day of return. Refer to section 4. Attendance below
- Phone your Dean if you have a concern – Deans' Secretary extension 846.
- You can email the school on any matter to [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz). It will be forwarded to the appropriate person.
- Notify us of change of address, phone number, email address, custody arrangements.

#### Please Note

**The College is regularly updating the email addresses of parents/caregivers. If you have changed your email address or require it to be added to a student's file, then please contact the Dean's Secretary (extension 846).**

#### Concerns

If you have a concern about an aspect of school activity, please phone the person listed below. If your concern is serious or not dealt with to your satisfaction, then put your concern in writing to the person below. If the matter remains unresolved, please write to the Principal.

- Student issues - the form level Dean or Guidance (Student Services)
- Staff issues - Ms L Ridling
- Day to day functioning of the school – Mr A Aitken
- Homework/student achievement/enrolment – Ms C Knell
- NCEA/NZQA/timetable – Mr M Black
- Student behaviour outside of the school – Mr A Aitken
- Learning Support – Ms Josie O'Hanlon

## 2. The Student Handbook

The Student Handbook is specially designed for Lynfield students and is provided to all students. It is an excellent resource, containing information on successful study, setting and meeting goals, homework, school rules and policies, as well as day/dated diary pages. There is also a year calendar and space to record assessments. It is a requirement for all students to have a Lynfield handbook in which to list all homework tasks each day.

## 3. Reports

Progress Reports will be issued to all pupils before the end of Term 1. A second report will be issued in Term 2 and a final report in Term 4. Twice during the year Progress Conferences provide opportunity for discussion with all the subject teachers. The first of these are on Thursday 25 (family names A – L) & Tuesday 30 (family names M – Z) March, 4 – 7pm.

## 4. Attendance

Attendance is not only compulsory for enrolled students but also absolutely critical for success at secondary school. Lynfield College's attendance rate for last year was very good. However, there are still some students who are too often absent from class without satisfactory explanation. Illness, family bereavement or similar unplanned events are legitimate reasons for absence. We ask that family holidays are not planned during term times, and advise that students must attend school up until course completion in December. If a family does wish to withdraw a student from a class during term time for a special reason, a letter to the Principal is required, seeking permission to do so. This should be done before any tickets are purchased, as permission is not automatic.

The College is open for 380 half days in 2010. For senior students undertaking NZQA assessments there are fewer days, due to the examinations. The last school day for junior students is Friday 10 December.

Students are expected to be in form period/assembly by 8.40am. This includes all Year 13 students with a period 1 study block.

The last period ends at 3.10pm. Some students will be required to remain after that time for flexi classes, detentions, sport or cultural activities. (Students need to inform their parents or guardians if they are required to remain behind.) If a student has a detention ending after 3.40pm, 24 hours notice will be provided (by email wherever possible). There may be occasions when a student is required to remain behind for a reasonable period of time.

**Where pupils are absent without permission the matter will be treated as truancy and they will have to make up the time by way of after-school detentions. Senior students absent from an assessment will not automatically have a re-assessment opportunity. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their absence is explained.**

*Lynfield College operates a fully electronic attendance system. We encourage you to use an email address for notifying us of absence, [absence@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:absence@lynfield.school.nz). Please use this, or the telephone absence line 627 0600 ext 878 on the first day of absence. Please help us keep our data up-to-date and accurate with immediate notification of your child's absence. Please include name and form class, reason for absence, expected length of absence, and your name.*

Please be aware that notes, emails, or telephone messages covering unspecified dates of absences, lateness, etc. are not acceptable. For example: "Please excuse my child for all absences in the months of April and May due to illness" is inadequate.

If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding attendance processes, please contact Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal (email address [lmunro@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:lmunro@lynfield.school.nz) or by letter handed in to her office).

Thank you for supporting the College as it seeks to improve the reliability and completeness of the data surrounding absences from school.

## 5. Conduct of Pupils to and from School

Parents are reminded that pupils represent the school from the time they leave home in the morning until they arrive back in the afternoon. Misbehaviour during this period and the wearing of non-regulation uniform may be treated as a matter of school discipline. Local residents can best assist by contacting the school and helping to identify offenders. In any matters relating to public safety, the Police should be contacted immediately. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time during the day, without permission.

## 6. After-hours access to the school grounds

Unless there is a school function, please stay out of the school grounds, especially after dark. Please do not jump the fence; use the front gates after-hours. If you wish to make a booking for use of the fields or facilities, contact the Property Manager, Alan Carter on extension 842.

## 7. Motor Vehicles

We discourage students from driving cars or motorcycles to school, except in special circumstances. Details of vehicles brought to school should be provided by parents to the Year 13 Dean, Mr Sizer, as our data base can be helpful should any issue arise involving vehicles and students. Students must abide by the conditions of their current licence. Vehicles brought to school must be parked in Boundary Road or one of the other nearby roads because there is no adequate parking in the College grounds. Students are not to drive their vehicles into the school grounds. **Any student vehicles found in the school grounds will be towed.** No responsibility can be taken for any damage done to vehicles. We

would remind students on restricted licences that they are not to carry passengers. Breaching the law can result in a \$400 fine.

#### **8. Parents Transporting Students to School by Car**

Parents transporting students to school by car should drop them off at the marked Drop Off zone, which is located on the left-hand side of the main driveway. Please do not cause congestion by stopping right at the driveway entrance, or on the roundabout by the Administration block. Then please drive through the car park and exit via the lower White Swan Road gate.

**N.B.** There is no right hand turn in or out of the lower White Swan Road gate (Gate 2).

#### **Collecting Students in Boundary Road at the end of the school day**

We ask parents not to enter the school grounds to pick up their son or daughter at the end of the day. A lot of students exit by foot along the Boundary Road drive and it is not safe when vehicles enter or exit at this time. Please be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the Boundary Road entrance at the end of the day – please look for the signs on the poles. It would be much safer if you were able to park a distance away and get your child to walk to the car. This will help cut down the traffic at the Boundary Road gate and make it safer for students to cross the road. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **9. Cycle Safety**

In accordance with the Transport Act 1993 it is compulsory for all pupils travelling to school by bicycle to wear safety helmets. **OFFENDERS WILL HAVE THEIR BICYCLES IMPOUNDED** and their names given to the Police who may issue infringement notices.

#### **10. Uniform**

We are very pleased with the standard of uniform so far and appreciate the support you as parents and caregivers have obviously given to ensure the standard is met. There is a full description of the uniform in the school prospectus and student handbook and all pupils are expected to wear regulation uniform at all times. Form teachers and senior staff have worked hard during the first week to ensure that students are wearing their uniform well and representing the College with pride. Students are expected to wear full and correct uniform on their way to and from school, at school and whenever representing the College.

All items of uniform except shoes are available from the College shop.

**Shop hours are Monday-Thursday 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm. Closed Friday.**

Our aim is to work in partnership with parents and ask that you support us as we ensure our students are correctly dressed. You can help in the following ways:

- Please check that your children are in correct uniform before they leave for school. Some common issues are:  
Boys t-shirts worn under the school polo and hanging below the polo, business shirt and tie worn incorrectly, sports shoes or labelled shoes worn instead of regulation shoes  
Girls senior shirt worn unbuttoned with t-shirt or camisole exposed, ballet style shoes.
- When there is a medical or financial reason for a non-uniform item to be worn on a particular day, please write and sign a note which must be presented to Lexie Ridling, Associate Principal, before school begins. A uniform pass may be issued, or the school may provide temporary uniform items to be worn for that day. Medical reasons for asking for dispensation from a particular uniform item must be accompanied by an explanatory note from an appropriate specialist professional. Financial considerations should be addressed to the Principal, Mr Steve Bovaird, who will ensure appropriate assistance is accessed.

Consequences for students wearing non-uniform items without permission, or wearing their uniform incorrectly include:

- Confiscation of the incorrect item which will be returned only when the student presents with the correct item.
- Being sent home to get appropriately dressed and make up the amount of time lost at after-school detentions.
- Being issued with a lunchtime detention for the same day which, if not completed, becomes an after school detention.

#### **Request for uniform items**

If you have any uniform garments at home that no longer fit your child, but are still in wearable condition, we would welcome your donating them to the school. We often need spare uniform items to give to students on a temporary or permanent basis. If you can help, please bring the clothes to Reception. Your assistance will be much appreciated.

#### **11. School Bags**

It is essential that students bring the appropriate books, folders and writing equipment to school every day in a suitable schoolbag. A small handbag, boot bag or beach bag is unsuitable and we appreciate parental assistance in ensuring all students are adequately equipped in this respect.

#### **12. Homework**

As indicated in all the course statements, which the faculties distribute to students, homework is a regular and valuable aspect of learning. A leaflet on the value of homework activities is enclosed with this newsletter.

#### **13. Forbidden Articles**

Fireworks, skateboards, skates, radios, Walkmans, Discmans, ipods, electronic games and other valuable electronic items must not be brought to school. Knives and other articles which could be used as weapons are forbidden. Any

form of drugs, solvents, permanent marker pens, tobacco and alcohol is also forbidden. So are **chewing gum and bubble gum**.

There may be a valid reason for students to have cellphones with them for after school use. During school hours they must be turned off and kept securely in school bags. Parents are asked not to communicate with their children during the day via txt or cellphone message. All urgent messages for students should be directed to the Deans' Secretary on extension 846.

Any confiscated goods must be claimed by the end of the term they were confiscated in. Due to a lack of storage they will be disposed of in the following term.

#### **14. Lynfield is a Totally Smokefree School**

Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings or in the grounds. This applies at all times including after school hours and at weekends.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR**

**Open Water Swimming Champs:** Natalie Woodgate 10AN took part in the 2km Epic Swim and the 5km NZ Open Water Champs at Lake Taupo in January. In the 2km Epic Swim, Natalie placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall woman and 2<sup>nd</sup> in her age group (13 – 15), 1<sup>st</sup> woman without wetsuit. Natalie's best achievement was in the 5km NZ Open Water Champs where she earned the bronze medal for the 13 – 15 year girls. Congratulations, Natalie.

**Water Ski Competition:** Callum Wade 11FN competed at the New Zealand vs Australia water ski competition in January as part of the NZ U17 team where they placed 1<sup>st</sup>, receiving a gold medal. Congratulations, Callum.

### **Sport Roundup**

#### **Cricket**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI are through to round 3 of the Gillette Cup after two successful 20/20 victories. Prashant Trivedy with 91 not out and Chad Wright with 4-21 led the team to a 100 run win against Waiheke College. In the second round against Dilworth, Chad Wright again performed well with the ball, taking 4-12 and was well supported by Vishi Kumar and Abhishek Patel. Shyam Mehta led with the bat with a well compiled 51 to bring the team home to a 7 wicket victory.

##### **Lynfield vs Waiheke (Round 1)**

Lynfield 177/7 – Prashant Trivedy 91 not out

Waiheke 77 all out – Chad Wright 4-21, Abhishek Patel 2-10, Vishi Kumar 2-23

*Lynfield won by 100 runs*

##### **Lynfield vs Dilworth (Round 2)**

Dilworth 94/9

Chad Wright 4-12, Vishi Kumar 2-9, Abhishek Patel 2-14

Lynfield 97/3 (15 overs)

Shyam Mehta 51

*Lynfield won by 5 wickets*

*Adam Burden, Teacher i/c Cricket*

Coaches required for winter sports – The Sports Department requires coaches for softball (asap), netball, rugby, football, soccer (1<sup>st</sup> XI and junior) and hockey for the upcoming season. Experience is not a necessity, but enthusiasm is! Please contact the Sports Office.

Fees Due – A reminder that summer sports fees are now due.

Cricket \$20 - Golf \$15 – Touch \$10 – Softball \$15 – Volleyball \$10 – Waterpolo \$115 (per competition)

Greg Burne, Director of Sport [gburne@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:gburne@lynfield.school.nz)

Vania Lavea, Sports Co-ordinator [vlavea@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:vlavea@lynfield.school.nz)

Sports Office – 627 0600 ext 851

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Toughlove**

Are you at the end of your tether with your troubled teen? You can turn it around. A self-help programme that gives parents the Tools to deal with unacceptable adolescent behaviour – that works! Find out how parents just like you have turned their lives around. Go to [www.toughlove.org.nz](http://www.toughlove.org.nz) or phone Toughlove Auckland Inc on 624 4363.

### **Dore**

Dore will be holding a free information evening in your area during the first term for parents wanting to know more about our practical exercise-based programme for children with learning difficulties. Phone 520 0009, freephone 0508 520 000.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Auckland Girls' Brigade (Blockhouse Bay)**

Girls' Brigade is taking registrations now!! Calling all girls aged 5 – 18 years of age. Come to Girls' Brigade for fun, friendship, camps, crafts and more. We meet on Thursdays from 6 – 8pm at Iona Presbyterian Church, 38 Donovan Street, Blockhouse Bay. For more information, phone Dorothy on 442 5055 (daytime).