

## NEWSLETTER 2

5 March 2010



### Coming Events

Week 6	Wed 10 Mar	Year 13 Childcare course trip 2 <sup>nd</sup> House Meetings Pasifika Parents & Community Evening, 6pm in the Staffroom
	Thu 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> House Meetings Year 12 & 13 Business Enterprise Day, Unitec
	Fri 12	Student Council Meeting
Week 7	Tue 16	German Cultural Exchange students arrive (departing 6 Apr) Year 12 PE Camp departs (returning Fri 19)
	Wed 17	Year 13 Childcare trip
	Fri 19	Newsletter No. 3 emailed/issued <b>Progress Reports issued</b>
Week 8	Mon 22	Assessment Opportunities Week begins Year 9 Business class trip Board of Trustees Meeting
	Wed 24	Year 9 Business class trip
	Thu 25	Year 12 Biology Arataki trip Year 9 Business class trip <b>Progress Conferences (families with surnames A – L), 4 – 7pm</b>
	Fri 26	Year 12 Biology Arataki trip
	Sat 27	<b>LYNFIELD COLLEGE ANNUAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL</b> China Cultural Exchange students depart (returning 12 Apr)
	Sun 28	Year 12 Geography trip departs (returning 30 Mar)
Week 9	Mon 29	House Touch Competition begins Senior Tennis Champs
	Tue 30	<b>Progress Conferences (families with surnames M – Z), 4 – 7pm</b>
	Wed 31	Year 11-13 Drama theatre trip
	Thu 1 Apr	Newsletter No. 4 emailed/issued <b>Term 1 ends</b>
Week 1	Mon 19 Apr	<b>Term 2 begins</b>
	Wed 21 & Thu 22	3 <sup>rd</sup> House Meetings
	Fri 23	Year 13 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation
Week 2	Mon 26	Year 10 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation Board of Trustees Meeting
	Tue 27	Year 9 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation <b>School Cross Country</b>

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We now have last year's scholarship exam results and we are very proud of the success of our top academic students across a wide range of courses.

During the 2009 exam period fifteen scholarship results were achieved by Lynfield College students across ten different subjects. Two of our students gained a special Scholarship Award by achieving scholarship success in three subjects. This entitles them to three years of financial reward during their university study.

Congratulations to Vincent Bachtiar (the Dux Litterarum at the Senior Prizegiving in 2009). Vincent's results included an Outstanding Scholarship in Physics and Scholarships results in Statistics and Accounting. Dhruv Kumar also gained three Scholarships – one each in Statistics, Accounting and Economics.

The other scholarship winners were Vincent Ardern (Statistics and Accounting), Samuel Bunce (Chemistry), Katrina Gregg (Biology), Angela Larkin (Accounting), Anya Leenman (Chemistry), Manisha Narayan (Biology), Mary Rose Wiklund (Classical Studies) and Florence Wilson (Media Studies).

Our Athletics Sports day was very successful and the windy, overcast weather certainly provided some relief to participants in what has been a very hot summer. The House system encourages participation from all levels with some fierce competition in a variety of point-allocated events. There were some outstanding results and from this event students are selected to take part in the Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships.

Thank you to those parents whose presence at our Badges Assembly on Friday 26 February helped make it a very special occasion. The official presentation of badges to 38 students who comprise the Student Executive and House Captains marked a public beginning to an exciting new year for 2010's student leaders.

In the past two weeks we have held two parents' evenings (Year 9 Parents' Evening and NCEA Parents' Information Evening) both events being well supported by parents keen to monitor the development and opportunities of their sons and daughters. It is very useful for parents and staff to exchange ideas and learn from each other about how to enhance student learning. If you attended these evenings and have any further questions that may have arisen, please contact Deputy Principals Murray Black (Achievement, Assessment and Reporting) or Cath Knell (Teaching and Learning). The power point on NCEA is accessible on the school website.

We are now half way through Term 1 with teaching staff having undertaken assessment activities with all students. Writing of the Progress Reports has begun, which will indicate the academic progress, effort and organisation and lessons missed of students in each subject. As such they will provide an indication to you of how focused and settled your children are in their learning and where support is required. All families received a copy of the homework pamphlet with Newsletter No. 1. This is a guide on how you can help with homework and what the school's expectations are. If you did not get one, please phone reception or email [rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz) and request one. Reports are issued on Friday 19 March and Progress Conferences will be held on Thursday 25 and Tuesday 30 March.

S W Bovaird  
Principal

### **Student Leader Profile – Head Girl and Head Boy**

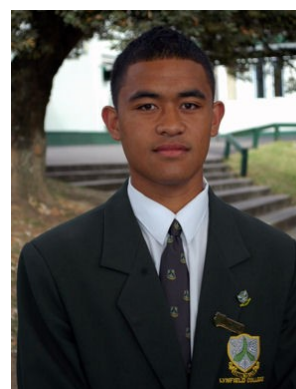
Guten Tag, Salaam, Ni Hao, Talofa Lava, Namaste, Kia Ora and Greetings!

Representing our school and community as the head students for 2010 is an honour and a privilege. Some of our responsibilities this year are managing the Student Leadership Team, liaising with the Senior Management Team, representing the school at various occasions, working together with the Ball Committee to co-ordinate the senior School Ball and supporting our school in any way that we can. Together, we aim to raise the profile of leadership within school, encourage participation and school pride amongst the students and motivate students to have an enjoyable and successful year at Lynfield College.

Student Leadership at Lynfield College has always played a key role in the development of our school. This year our Student Executive Team consists of 38 senior students heading portfolios such as Arts and Culture, Sports, House Competitions, Social Events and Academia as well as International Students and Board of Trustees student representation. Working together with us to feed in ideas from the wider school, is the Student Council which includes an elected student representative from all form classes within our school, making up a team of around 150 students. All students at our school are encouraged to pass on any ideas by accessing their elected class representative. Student Council meetings are held twice a term, giving students an opportunity to present ideas or give us feedback on any school topics. With this system we ensure that all students at Lynfield College have the chance to express their ideas or opinions on how the school operates.

With the year having just begun, we are both feeling very optimistic and excited about all the events, experiences and responsibilities that lie before us. We intend to work hard and commit to representing the school as best as we can. Other personal goals we have for the year are to gain university entrance, to enable us to continue study in our chosen careers. Jordan looks to undertake further study at AUT for a sports and recreational degree or enrol at the police academy, while I hope to gain entrance to study medicine at Auckland University to qualify as a doctor and provide help to children who suffer from mental/psychological disabilities. We both enjoy keeping active, spending time with family and friends and taking part in sports and music.

Together, we look forward to working alongside the students, staff and also the wider community of Lynfield College. Thank you for presenting us with this wonderful opportunity!



*Sarah Correa and Jordan Ekeroma*

## School Donations and Materials Costs

Despite the significant demands placed on family finances by having a student at high school, we ask you to give consideration to paying the following if you have not already done so. Two significant costs are:

- Material costs
- General Purposes Donation

The Board of Trustees at Lynfield has set the GP Donation at an amount that most families are able to pay. It works out at \$4.50 per week. The income generated by it is vital in ensuring that your son/daughter has the best facilities possible.

These funds are being used to assist financing:

- Issuing a Student ID card to all students
- The operation of the library
- The extra curricular programme, which includes sport, cultural, music
- The Lynfield College Yearbook

The current donation is \$180 per student or \$250 per family. It is tax deductible and there is provision for those parents who wish to pay it in regular instalments as their circumstances allow. Thank you for your understanding.

## Board of Trustees Elections 2010

Parent Electoral Roll - both parents are entitled to vote in the upcoming Board of Trustees elections. For some students we do not have the names and addresses of both parents, which makes it difficult for us meet our obligation to give all parents an opportunity to vote.

If you know the College does not have full details of both parents of your child, and you are able to provide that information, please email the parent's name and address, together with the student's name, to our Returning Officer, Alison Davis, (adavis@lynfield.school.nz) or telephone the Principal's Secretary, Val Carey on 627 0600 ext 830 to leave a message.

## Progress Reports & Progress Conferences

- Thursday 25 March (surnames A – L) 4 – 7pm
- Tuesday 30 March (surnames M – Z) 4 – 7pm

All parents/caregivers are expected to visit their child's teachers on one of these evenings as it is a part of the school/home partnership so vital to a student's progress. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days. The HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm. N.B. The progress reports will be issued on Friday 19 March.

## Pasifika Homework Centre

The homework centre for Pacific Island students which operates on **Mondays and Wednesdays after school** continues this year. The centre is open from 3.15 to approximately 4.30pm in the Library. 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**, which is after school

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

### Sports Roundup

**Cricket:** The Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI and the Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI teams started off their seasons with comfortable outright wins, with the Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI finally getting the green light to move up a grade (unfortunately their first up win is nullified). Well done, to all teams and their coaches!

### Lynfield 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs Kings College

Lynfield first innings 178 all out - Ravi Sharma 33, Akshay Khatri 26, Rishe Umasuthan 21

Lynfield second innings 14/0

Kings first innings 122 all out - Nitharson Ariyaratnam 3/19, Rishe Umasuthan 3/17, Ravitesh Ratnam 3/23

Kings second innings 65 all out - Aizaz Ahmad 5/15, Nitharson Ariyaratnam 2/23, Amit Chauhan 2/17

*Lynfield won by 10 wickets!*

### Junior Premiers vs Rosmini College

Lynfield 180 all out - Akshay Chauhan 52, Aditya Walanj 30  
Rosmini 330/9 - Mike Geaney 4/32, Akshay Chauhan 3/30  
*Rosmini won on first innings*

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls vs Sancta Maria College

Sancta Maria 53 all out (19 overs) - Shantrelle Pendigrast 3/5, Nishita D'Silva 3/7, Kayla Kesby 2/1, Khusboo Patel 2/9  
Lynfield 54/4 (13 overs) - Khusboo Patel 13\*, Renay Duffy 12  
*Lynfield won by 6 wickets!*

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Girls vs McAuley High School

McAuley 90/6 – Tayne Barnes 2/19, Kayla Kesby 2/23  
Lynfield 64/4 – Nishita D'Silva 24, Khusboo Patel 20  
*Lynfield lost by 26 runs*

Adam Burden, Teacher i/c Cricket

### Athletics Day

It was a great day for Athletics. Not too hot, no rain but overcast – perfect! We saw some great athletes competing and fantastic team spirit with the House Competition.

### 100m winners

Year 9 Boy	Dilan Dhanji 9CS	Year 9 Girl	Jodie Loveday 9RT
Year 10 Boy	Jordan Maher 10TH	Year 10 Girl	Nataly See 10WL
Senior Boy	Ethan Kasere 13RA	Senior Girl	Katie Bowen 12KM

### Overall

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bray
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lewis
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zoricich
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fatialofa
5 <sup>th</sup>	Reid
6 <sup>th</sup>	Faumuina

### House Competition

Morning Events	1 <sup>st</sup> Bray	2 <sup>nd</sup> Zoricich	3 <sup>rd</sup> Faumuina
Afternoon Events	1 <sup>st</sup> Reid	2 <sup>nd</sup> Zoricich	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bray
Best Chant	1 <sup>st</sup> Bray	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fatialofa	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lewis
Best Dressed House	1 <sup>st</sup> Bray	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lewis	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fatialofa
Best Banner	1 <sup>st</sup> Reid	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bray	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lewis
Most Rubbished Collected	1 <sup>st</sup> Fatialofa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bray	3 <sup>rd</sup> = Faumuina and Lewis

Thank you to Grant Angus & the PE department for playing a huge role in organising and running the event. Thank you also to all the staff who assisted with Athletics Day. It would not have been a success without you.

### From the Sports Office

**Rugby Coaches Wanted** – We are in need of a few coaches and managers for the season to come. If you are interested, please contact us.

Greg Burne  
Director of Sport  
[gburne@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:gburne@lynfield.school.nz)  
627 0600 ext 851

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

### CAREERS NEWS

**Part Time Job** – 1 hour, 3 times a week, cleaning & cooking for lady with young family in Ellis Ave, Mt Roskill. Prefer someone who speaks Hindi. Ph Kalianee 627 5788

**Y12 & Y13 girls interested in studying science/engineering** at university may be interested in attending a “Futures” evening on Tue 30 March, 4.30-8.30pm, at the University of Auckland. The evening aims to introduce a variety of career options that are available if you continue on in the sciences. Students & families welcome. Own transport arrangements required. You must register ASAP at Student Services if interested.

**University of Auckland, AUT, Otago University & Unitec** are visiting our school in March to present course overviews. If you are planning on attending one of these universities or technical institute, you should attend this very informative session. Sign up at Student Services.

**University of Otago & Otago Polytechnic Information Day** – Monday 3 May. Get in early and book a cheap flight to visit this open day. 0800 80 80 98 for more info.

**Y13 Maori Students** – Wonderful opportunity to travel to Dunedin to learn and live as a student at the University of Otago, 4-7 May. This trip is fully funded and covers airfares, accommodation, meals and accommodations. Details at Careers or [www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/oce.html](http://www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/oce.html)

**Sorted with your career plan?** A new complete career guidance programme is available @ [www.whr24u.co.nz](http://www.whr24u.co.nz) or Ph 366 7300. Experienced facilitators work individually with students from start to finish to deliver a programme that is tailored and personal. Includes psychometric testing.

**Interested in agriculture, forestry, beekeeping, horticulture, equine?** – NZ only specialist rural polytechnic are offering a taster week. [www.telford.ac.nz](http://www.telford.ac.nz)

**Pacific International Hotel Management School, New Plymouth** – Career week April holidays. A chance to experience many aspects of hotel operations, and to live and learn in a simulated hotel environment. [www.pihms.ac.nz](http://www.pihms.ac.nz)

**Snow Sports Enthusiasts** – new Adventure Tourism Management Diploma in Snow sports will be available from June 2010 at Queenstown Resort College. [www.queenstownresortcollege.com](http://www.queenstownresortcollege.com)

Entry requirements for the **Bachelor of Computer Graphic Design** in 2011 at The University of Waikato, has changed. You are now required to submit an A3 portfolio containing 10 pieces of your best work in art or design. [www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/cgd/portfolio.html](http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/cgd/portfolio.html)

#### **The University of Waikato**

- Open Day On Campus – Friday 30 April
- Law Student For A Day - Free bus available from Lyn Mall to visit the campus and experience what it is like to be a law student at University of Waikato. 10 May, 13 July, 30 September
- Engineering Open Day - Thursday 15 July
- Experience FASS (Arts & Social Sciences) Day – Tuesday 27 July
- Auckland Information Evening – Thursday 29 July

**Volunteering Auckland** matches volunteers with over 400 community groups that require your help. Info at [www.volunteeringauckland.org.nz](http://www.volunteeringauckland.org.nz) or ph 377 7887

**Year 13 - Scholarships** for young New Zealanders wishing to volunteer overseas – applications close 19 March. [www.lattitude.org.nz](http://www.lattitude.org.nz)

**Ski & Snowboard Instructor Internship Programme in North America** – positions start end of year for paid employment in the USA or Canada & to complete an internationally recognised ski or snowboard instructing qualification. [www.educatingadventures.com](http://www.educatingadventures.com)

**Tutors Worldwide** – Y13 - GAP opportunity for 2011 to live in at English boarding school. Closing date 12 March. [www.tutorsworldwide.org](http://www.tutorsworldwide.org)

**3D Animation Short Course April Holidays** – [www.lifeway.ac.nz/shortcourse](http://www.lifeway.ac.nz/shortcourse) or (09) 425 4054

**'Beyond The Camera'** – April holidays. Interested in TV, film & media? For students 12-18yrs, experience working in professional TV studios, direct & write scripts, learn about sound, vision, lighting, cameras, etc from industry & student tutors. [www.beyondthecamera.org.nz](http://www.beyondthecamera.org.nz)

#### **Careers Office**

Wendy Keir, Careers Advisor – ext 862  
Raewyn Fairley, Gateway & AWE Co-ordinator – ext 653  
Karen Hughes, Secretary – ext 867