

## NEWSLETTER 3

19 March 2010



### Coming Events

Week 8	Mon 22 <b>Mar</b>	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>PPTA Teachers Paid Union Meeting</b> <b>Progress Conferences (families with surnames A – L), 4 – 7pm</b>
	Fri 26	Year 12 Biology Arataki trip China Cultural Exchange students depart, after school (returning 12 Apr)
	Sat 27	<b>LYNFIELD COLLEGE ANNUAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL 12 – 4pm</b>
	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 <b>Apr</b>	Newsletter No. 4 emailed/issued <b>Term 1 ends</b>
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Week 1	Mon 19 <b>Apr</b>	<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>
	Wed 28	HPV vaccinations No. 1 National Bank Maths competition
	Thu 29	Winter Sports begin
	Fri 30	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS
	Sun 2 <b>May</b>	Year 13 Geography trip to Rotorua (returning Mon 3 May)
Week 3	Wed 5	Dawn Chorus Year 12 Solo Music Performance, 7pm in Hall
Week 4	Wed 12	Dawn Chorus Year 13 Music Performance, 7pm in Hall
	Thu 13	Year 11 Solo Music Performance, in class
	Fri 14	HPV vaccinations, catch-ups
Week 5	Tue 18	Year 12 WorkChoice Day
	Thu 20	Senior Maths Competition
Week 6	Mon 24 – Fri 28	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the third newsletter for the year. Our Year 9 students have settled well into their school life at Lynfield, with the majority making the most of the new opportunities that are available to them. I would encourage our junior students to become involved in some of the many extra-curricular activities offered at the College. This is a great way for students to develop pride and commitment to others within in the school community.

Today all students were issued with their Progress Reports. They will also bring home appointment booking sheets for the Student Progress Conferences, which will be held on Thursday 25 and Tuesday 30 March from 4 – 7pm. These conferences will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Parents, please indicate on the booking sheet which teachers you wish to meet with and make sure your child confirms these appointment times with all those teachers. Further information is on page 2 of this newsletter, which also includes additional notification of a PPTA Paid Union Meeting that our teaching staff will be attending in the early afternoon of Thursday 25 March. Please note that students will be released at different times on these two days.

Organisation is well under way for our annual Lynfield College **Cultural Festival on Saturday 27 March**. This festival begins at 12.00pm with a powhiri, continuing until 4.00pm, with food stalls and performances from a wide range of countries representative of our students. Please bring family and friends to enjoy this special day out. During the week prior to this, there will be a variety of cultural events for students at the College.

S W Bovaird  
Principal

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

Thank you to all students and teachers for electing us to these roles. We are honoured and excited to take on the responsibility.

We have now formed the Community Support Committee in which we run weekly meetings to organise charity functions. We are currently in the process of planning the World Vision 40 Hour Famine at Lynfield College, where we want to double the funds raised last year. Along with Jessie Black, BOT Representative, we have recently attended the World Vision Leaders Summit camp which has inspired us and we are now highly passionate about the cause. We are also starting to plan the Mardi Gras social evening, which will be a very exciting event for all year levels!

We are also involved in many other groups which contribute to the life of the school and are very ambitious to make 2010 an awesome year for all students!

*Nathan*

*Jessica Howell & Tama*



### **Year 13 Motivation Day**

Many students started Year 13 and found themselves pondering about what they want to do when they leave Lynfield College. This was until all Year 13 students attended Motivation Day on Thursday 4 March. The event was held at the New Windsor Primary School auditorium and we had the privilege of a presentation by motivational speaker, Darren Pereira. The day's activities were aimed at developing our career pathway by identifying our personal talents, passions and ideals. We were also encouraged to create a S.M.A.R.T. goal for 2010 that would help us in reaching our future career. Darren used many exciting techniques such as anchoring decision making with positivity by using a physical cue, like punching the air and yelling "YEAH!!" We left feeling pumped and motivated as many students had a clearer picture of where they wanted to head next year.

So, when you see a Year 13 student do a physical cue and yell "YEAH!!" don't worry, they are just lifting their state of mind as they remember Motivation Day!

*Jess & Tama*

## Student Progress Conferences

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. The progress reports and booking sheets have been issued today.

*Please note that students will be released at different times on these days.*

- **Thursday 25 March (surnames A – L) 4 – 7pm**  
Students will be released at 12.20pm on this day (see Teachers' Paid Union Meeting information below). HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 12.30pm.
- **Tuesday 30 March (surnames M – Z) 4 – 7pm**  
Students will be released at 2.20pm on this day. HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm

N.B. Parents wishing to meet the Year 13 Dean, Mr Mark Sizer, will need to attend progress conferences on Thursday 25 March as he is unable to attend on Tuesday due to a Geography trip.

## Teachers' Paid Union Meeting

The New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association has informed us that there will be a paid union meeting on **Thursday 25 March**.

Students will be sent home at 12.20pm. However, supervised study will be available for students if they are waiting for a bus or to be collected by family. These students should report to the Hall at 12.50pm.

## Robotics Team Aims for World Domination

The Lynfield College Robotics Team blew the opposition away in the Regional VEX Robotics Competition, held in the last weekend of February at Pinehurst School, North Shore. Thirty teams from around Auckland competed in the event. The competition involved teams forming alliances to play the game "Clean Sweep" in which each alliance attempts to clear their field of balls of different sizes within a time limit of two minutes. Despite being up against an alliance which included the two favourites, the Lynfield team put their best robot forward and managed to pull off a stunning victory, winning both their matches in the finals.



The win qualified the team for the World Championships in Dallas, Texas in April, so as a result of their success Abigail Birkin-Hall, Jack Barker, Campbell Foskin, Akash Charles, former pupil Vincent Ardern and Miss O'Brien have the opportunity to travel to America and compete against teams from around the world. With less than two months to go a huge fundraising drive will be required in order to get there and we would welcome any fundraising ideas or opportunities.

*Sarah O'Brien  
Teacher i/c Robotics*

*The winning team prepares their robot for a match:  
Akash Charles, Jack Barker, Abigail Birken-Hall, Miss O'Brien, Campbell Foskin*

## Beach Clean Up

On Saturday 13 March, the Environmental Committee held a beach clean up at six local beaches in Blockhouse Bay, Lynfield and Green Bay. At 10.00am we had over 60 students from Lynfield College, Blockhouse Bay Primary, BHB Intermediate and Waikowhai Primary, as well as members of the local community, cleaning up Green Bay Beach, Blockhouse Bay Beach, Lynfield Cove, Wattle Bay, Faulkner Bay and Waikowhai Beach. We picked up over 800 pieces of unrecyclable plastic, 652 bottle lids, two bags full of broken glass shards, 264 cigarette butts and heaps more. We finished the morning off with a sausage sizzle. Thank you to everybody who helped, we hope to see you at other Environmental Group activities.

*Katie van Rijn & Penelope Walbran-Oakley, Environmental Committee, Sea Week Coordinators*

## Attendance

We expect our students to be punctual and to attend all classes. Attendance of all our pupils is vital to sustaining our learning environment and in meeting individual learning needs. Research tells us that students with poor attendance will not achieve their potential (MOE Guidelines on Attendance and Truancy, 2009).

Please note the acceptable reasons for absence at Lynfield College in the left hand column of the following table.

Justified Reasons for Absence	Explained (but unjustified) Reasons for Absence
Cultural or sporting representations at regional or higher level Illness (including hospitalisation) Medical/dental appointments Bereavement Exceptional or special family circumstances or occasions – may include travel for special occasions (application should be made to the Principal) / may be sensitive and involve other agencies Vehicle breakdown/train, bus delay/car accident/natural disaster Citizenship ceremony Ballet/music/speech exam Drivers license Bullying (follow up) Accident before school – may include injury to an animal	<b>No Explanation = T (Truant)</b>  Being an interpreter for family Religious festival Looking after ill family members Babysitting Part-time job commitments Parents work schedule Holiday Birthday Unresolvable wet clothing Hair appointment Visa/passport/consulate business Taking exams overseas Moving house Going to the airport

Please also note that absences categorised as Explained are also Unjustified and contribute to our truancy statistics. It is therefore very important that a student is not away from school for any of the reasons in the right hand column. The College has limited discretion over whether a reason for absence falls into the Justified or Explained category.

*We encourage you to use our 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.*

Should you wish to comment or have a question on this aspect of the Attendance System, please email Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal, on [lmunro@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:lmunro@lynfield.school.nz)

## Lost Property

We have a considerable amount of unclaimed/*un-named* school uniform accumulating in our lost property. This will be displayed before the end of term, on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March, at interval and lunchtimes outside the Performing Arts Centre. Uniform that is not claimed will then be disposed of.

## 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

### Auckland Secondary Schools Champ of Champs Competition

On Wednesday 10 March, Tama Nathan competed in the Javelin event at this competition, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and winning a bronze medal. Congratulations, Tama!

### Surf Lifesaving

Kirsty Wannan 13FN has been making big strides in the sport of surf lifesaving in 2010. Although she only took the sport up two years ago, Kirsty has achieved some outstanding results. Kirsty won the U19 surf race and run-swim-run titles at the Auckland Champs. At the National Champs held last weekend, Kirsty won the U19 run-swim-run and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U19 surf race. To gain experience, Kirsty's coach entered her in the open women's run-swim-run where she surprised everyone by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. This caught the national selector's eye and at just 17, Kirsty has been selected to the New Zealand Surf Lifesaving team. Kirsty will now train over the winter months with an eye on the tri-nations tournament against the world's best Australian and South African surf lifesaving competitors. Well done, Kirsty!

### Women's Touch

Tyla Nathan-Wong has been selected to the New Zealand U19 Women's Touch team. This is very significant in that this is an open team, not a secondary school team and Tyla is only in Year 11. Fantastic achievement, Tyla!

### Men's Tag

Congratulations to former pupil Peter Viane (2009 Dux Ludorum) who is a member of the New Zealand U19 Men's Tag team, competing against Australia at North Harbour Stadium this Saturday. Good luck, Peter!

### New Zealand All Whites

Former Lynfield College PE teacher, Chad Coombes was recently recruited into the New Zealand All Whites team, which played against Mexico in Pasadena. Congratulations, Chad!

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Cricket

The Boys 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI both remain unbeaten in the Saturday competition while the Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished a credible 10<sup>th</sup> in the Auckland Secondary Schools Cricket Tournament held last week.

#### *Lynfield 1st XI vs MAGS*

LC 1st innings: 243/7 dec - Milan Kanji 64\*, Rugved Deshpande 37, Lee Clough 35, Yukio Wilkins 25, Prashant Trivedy 22

LC 2nd innings: 68/2 - Shyam Mehta 35

MAGS 1st innings: 173 all out - Lee Clough 4/56, Rugved Deshpande 3/1

*Lynfield won on first innings*

#### *Lynfield 2nd XI vs Auckland Grammar*

AGS 1st innings: 115 all out - Rishu Umasuthan 5/12, Nitharson Ariyaratnam 3/31

LC 1st innings: 126 all out - Rishu Umasuthan 25, Aizaz Ahmad 22

LC 2<sup>nd</sup> innings: 53/1 - Rishu Umasuthan 25\*

*Lynfield won on first innings*

#### *Lynfield Junior Prems vs Liston*

LC 1st innings: 71 all out - Saharsh Dhankawade 21

LC 2nd innings: 99 all out

Liston 1st innings: 111 all out - Aditya Walanj 4/31, Akshay Chauhan 4/30

Liston 2nd innings: 59/0

*Lynfield lost by 10 wickets*

#### *Lynfield 1st XI Girls vs Rutherford*

Rutherford 79/6 - Kayla Kesby 4/5

LC 75 all out - Nishita D'Silva 28

*Lynfield lost by four runs*

### Mixed Touch Competition – results over the last three weeks.

Won against Mt Roskill Grammar 7 - 4

Lost against Western Springs College 2 – 5

Won against Mt Roskill Grammar 7 – 5

### Boys Touch Competition

Lost against Auckland Grammar 9 – 1

Will play off for 7<sup>th</sup> this week.

## **Shine Programme\_**

This programme is designed to support and motivate our elite athletes who have either placed or gained higher honours at national/regional level. If your son/daughter fits that description, is still competing at a high level and is not in the Shine Programme, please contact the Sports Office.

## **Coaches URGENTLY Wanted**

**Rugby** - We are in need of coaches for some of our rugby teams.

**Football** – A coach is required for the Junior B Boys football team.

Please contact Greg or Vania if you are interested in coaching either of these codes.

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