

## NEWSLETTER 5

30 April 2010



### Coming Events

Week 2	Sun 2 <b>May</b>	Year 13 Geography trip to Rotorua (returning Mon 3 May)
Week 3	Tue 4	Shine Programme
	Wed 5	Dawn Chorus
	Thu 6	Year 12 Solo Music Performance, 7pm in Hall Australian Informatics Competition Pasifika Community Meeting, 6pm in the Staffroom
	Fri 7	Year 9 – 11 Leadership Training Day
Week 4	Wed 12	Dawn Chorus
	Thu 13	Year 13 Music Performance, 7pm in Hall Year 11 Solo Music Performance, in class Junior Quizzex
	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
	Mon 24	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Thu 27	Year 11-13 Drama Theatre trip
Week 7	Wed 2 <b>Jun</b>	Enviro Group Planting Day
	Thu 3	4 <sup>th</sup> House Meetings 4 <sup>th</sup> House Meetings MARDI GRAS
Week 8	<b>Mon 7</b>	<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – public holiday, school closed on this day</b>
	Tue 8	House Football Competition begins
	Wed 9	Year 13 Childcare trip
Week 9	Wed 16	HPV vaccination No. 2 Year 9 Tip Top trip (also Mon 21 and Thu 24) Year 13 Childcare trip
		Shine Sports Programme seminar, 7pm in the staffroom
Week 10	Mon 21 – Sat 26	PRODUCTION WEEK
	Wed 23	HPV vaccination No. 2 catch ups Year 13 Biology trip (also Thu 24 and Fri 25)
	Sun 27	Year 11 Geography Rotorua trip (returning Mon 28)
Week 11	Mon 28	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Wed 30	Year 13 Music Performance, in class
	Thu 1 <b>Jul</b>	Year 12 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation Senior & Junior Mid-Year Reports issued
	Fri 2	<b>Term 2 ends</b>

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thanks to all students, parents and staff who once again supported our annual Cultural Festival at the end of Term 1. This is a wonderful opportunity for the wide variety of cultures represented at the College to show to others in the community, the features of their culture which make it so special and unique. Students spend hours practising their items to ensure the community gets to see the performance at its very best. The food is prepared by students and their families and again aims to give us an appreciation of the diversity and sophistication of the dishes available from each group.

The aim of the day is to spread understanding and increase appreciation of the contribution each group makes to our school and the wider community. The day is not a fund raiser. It is self funding with the cost for each dish expected to cover the cost of ingredients. The performers pay all their own expenses. The College contributes through meeting expenses of security, cleaning, waste disposal etc.

I would like to thank

- Mr Muni Ratnam the staff co-ordinator and his team of students, especially the Arts and Culture Captains.
- All students, staff and parents who so generously gave their time and expertise to ensure such a successful event.

**Voting papers have now been posted for the Board of Trustees election. Eleven candidates are contesting the five elected positions on the Board. Please ensure you read the statements from each candidate and make an informed vote. All ballots must be in the post by midday 7 May. The results will be declared by 14 May.**

S W Bovaird  
Principal

### **Student Leader Profile – Arts & Culture Captains**

Hello, Hi, Hey, Giddy. Over my years at Lynfield, I have had a passion for the arts and music department as it is what I enjoy and excel at. My experience as a guitarist taking part in several bands, concerts and shows has extended my reputation and given me the opportunity to further my leadership skills in the school as the male Arts & Culture Captain. From the get-go it has been full on this year with organising, speaking at assemblies and dressing up in ridiculous outfits to grab the attention of students and teachers alike to encourage participation. Our biggest event of the year, Cultural Week, was a success. However, the year has only just begun and we still have two great events to look forward to being involved in, Arts Week and Talent Quest. I look forward to continuing to promote these events so that everyone is included in the wider cultural life of school.



Kia ora, I'm Nicky, your female Arts & Culture Captain for 2010. I always wanted to be in a leadership role that concentrated on art and one where I could learn about different cultures, so when I heard about this position I thought, well, that's rather convenient! I have a passion for art such as painting, drawing, standup comedy and also the art of music, strumming it out on my ukulele. So I decided to give it a shot, nothing to lose except my dignity, which is now long gone from talking at assemblies in ridiculously large gumboots! It is only Term 2, but already I have learnt so much about the different nationalities that make up our multi-cultural school. I have worn a sari, which is more complicated than it looks and if you can run in a sari and still look graceful, you have my utmost respect! Experiencing these ways of life made me realise that when it comes to culture, there is no right or wrong way. Everyone has their differences, but that is what makes each culture unique and there is a lot to learn from doing something a different way which you had never considered, such as eating with chopsticks rather than a fork.

As you know, you haven't heard the last from us yet. As Matt mentioned, we have got so much more in store for students later this year so keep an eye out – we will be coming to a stage near you!

### **2010 Lynfield College Cultural Festival**

From 22 – 27 March it was full on for one of the biggest events of the year, Culture Week. Students were able to experience aspects of different cultures, such as henna tattoos, a band, field day (which funnily enough, due to shocking weather, was held in the gym) and a cultural couture fashion show. To finish the week we had our annual cultural day on Saturday 27 March. The staffroom was transformed into a food court and was filled with aromas that tempted your taste buds. If you couldn't decide between the hot curry and sweet delicacies, you could have both because you only needed small change – a small price to pay for having food of the world at your fingertips. Once everyone was full and satisfied, they made their way to the hall to see the performances that razzled and dazzled, travelling around the world in under 2 hours! Audiences were awed with the extravagant costumes, exotic dance moves and striking music. The brilliant MCs kept everything running smoothly. Overall, the performances were unique and as hot as the curry.

A huge thank you to all the performers involved, Mr Ratnam, Mr Waddington and his techies Darren Pace, James Olsen and Megan Ferreira (also former pupil Anthony Romano-Wickham), our stage managers Sarah Correa and Dimple Khatri, all the backstage helpers, the food stall sellers and everyone who came along. Also a special thanks to our Assistant Arts and Culture Captains, Reema Chawla and Hae Na Kim. All the contributions and participation from our whanau was what made this day such a success. 2010 Cultural Day is going to be a hard one to beat.

Nicky Read & Matthew Scarfe

### **Absentees/Attendance**

Thank you for your co-operation with our new attendance system. Please continue to use the absence line (ext 878) if your child is away from school. Please ensure you clearly state your son or daughter's name and form class if this is known as well as the reason for their absence.

We know that excellent attendance supports better student achievement and more positive outcomes for students. We are presently focusing on student attendance at form time. Form time is an important start to your child's day. Students are given notices regarding meetings and events and this time also enables monitoring of their attendance as well as orienting them for a strong start to the school day. Students should arrive at their form class by 8.40am. Where a pattern of lateness or non-attendance is noted you will receive a letter notifying you of the absences and the requirement for your child to attend an after school detention to make up the missed time. It is therefore important that your address details are up to date on our school system. Please phone or email any updated details to our Deans' Reception on ext 846 or [absence@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:absence@lynfield.school.nz). If you have any questions regarding monitoring of student attendance please do not hesitate to contact Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal (ext 871, [lmunro@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:lmunro@lynfield.school.nz)).

### **Uniform 2010**

Now that the cooler weather has arrived, it is important that students stock up on winter items. The Uniform Shop sells long-sleeved polo-shirts, both green and white, (students are not to wear short-sleeved polos over long-sleeved undergarments) and they also have the choice of a grey Lynfield College sweatshirt or a green Lynfield College jumper.

Senior uniform: If your son wears the formal senior uniform (white business shirt, tie and long black dress trousers), we would appreciate your reinforcing of the message that the shirt and tie are to be worn correctly – tie done up and shirt tucked in. Senior girls similarly are to wear their uniform correctly. Currently, we are concerned that some have shortened their skirts to unacceptable length. We appreciate your co-operation with us in trying to ensure our students look appropriately dressed.

*\*New item proposed:* If you have a daughter in the senior school, I would like feedback as to whether you and she would purchase a warm black cardigan to wear with the senior uniform. Could you email me your ideas about this to [iridling@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:iridling@lynfield.school.nz). The Board of Trustees, staff and students are also being consulted about this.

Please also check that your children's shoes are in good repair and are able to withstand the wet weather. There are two jackets available from the Uniform Shop that may be worn to school – the green weatherproof jacket or the less expensive black parka. The green sports jackets that have been given to sports teams are not to be worn to school but only to official sports fixtures.

Correct footwear: Unfortunately, some students are wearing canvas black lace-up shoes which do not meet the requirements as listed here. Also, some girls are wearing very light ballet-type slip-ons which do not meet the criteria.

#### **Acceptable uniform shoes are:**

- black only
- leather
- flat-heeled
- able to be polished
- slip-on dress shoes or lace-up
- worn only with school regulation socks or tights
- safe in laboratory and workshop situations

#### **Unacceptable uniform shoes are:**

- sports shoes, except for Physical Education classes and sports
- sandals, jandals or boots
- suede, canvas or other soft material
- ballet shoes or similar
- not safe in laboratory or workshop situations
- casual street brand shoes such as Nike, Chuck Taylors or Vans

and have:

- colours and/or coloured patterns
- adornments eg bows, large buckles

We expect the highest standards of our students in wearing our uniform and appreciate your support in achieving those standards.

## NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

The NZQA fee for 2010 for domestic students is \$75, with a maximum of \$200 per family. This includes up to three Scholarship subject entries. Extra Scholarship entries are \$75 per subject.

The fee for International fee paying students is \$375. This does not include any Scholarship entries, which are \$100 per subject. Financial Assistance cannot be claimed for International fee paying students.

Invoices have been issued. The deadline for payment is **Friday 25 June 2010**. The invoice must be returned when payment is made.

Financial assistance applications are now overdue. If you have any queries please contact Mr Delgrosso, Dean of Administrative Services, 627 0600 extension 872 or [rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz)

## 2010 Production

This year Lynfield College is presenting the much loved musical "Grease". This is a coming of age story of a group of teenagers who attend the same High School. The main characters, Danny and Sandy, fall in love over the summer vacation then sadly part ways believing they will never see each other again. However, surprisingly, they discover that they are attending the same high school. This is embarrassing for Danny as he needs to be seen as a "tough guy" by his gangster friends. Will Sandy and Danny be able to work out their problems and be together or will the gang break them apart? Come and find out.

Show dates are: Tue 22 June (local primary and intermediate school matinees)  
Wed 23 – Sat 26 June (evening, public performances)

Ticket cost: Adults \$10, students \$5

## Mathematics Clinic

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

## Science Department Request

The Science Department needs the services of a parent or member of the local community whose business is scrap metal, to obtain a variety of metals for junior Science investigations. If anybody is in this business and can assist us, please contact Mr Murray Black, Deputy Principal, through the College reception on 627 0600 ext 700. Thank you.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved very highly:

- **International Deaf Space Camp** – Lynn Chen 13LN heads off today to attend this prestigious space camp in Huntsville, Alabama, USA. Lynn will be the only New Zealander at the camp and the first deaf New Zealander to attend a space camp.
- **Youth Parliament** – Rebecca Quansah 13MK, Reema Chawla 13HL and Lynn Chen have been selected to attend the Youth Parliament in the July holidays.
- **Youth ANZAAS (Australia New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science)** – Vishal Bhula is one of six NZ students selected by the Royal Society of NZ to attend this residential conference which takes place in Sydney from 4 – 10 July.
- **International Science & Engineering Camp** – Penelope Walbran-Oakley is one of three NZ students selected by the Royal Society of NZ to attend this camp in Seoul from 1 – 15 August.
- **Hip Hop Regional Finals** – Colette Eagle 12CW and Bianca Paine 13LI competed with 'Sorority' in the Varsity division in March, winning the competition.
- **Hockey** – Akshay Chauhan 10ON has been selected to play for the Auckland U15 A Boys field Hockey Team for 2010 and will attend the National Tournament in Masterton from 12 – 17 July.
- **Taekwondo** – Nataly See 10WL won gold and bronze medals at the NZ Open Taekwondo Tournament this month.
- **Netball** – Grace Kukutai 9DZ has been selected for the Waitakere Netball U15 squad.
- **Australian Rules Football** - Ben Fisher 11JS played for the NZ U16 team at a tournament in Wellington. He was also selected for the Oceania U16 team. Ben Fisher and Zac Maio 12RE were selected for the New Zealand U20 AFL squad.
- **Swimming** – Kieran Sumner 9FT achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> placing at the NZ Champs.
- **Pistol Shooting** – Cora Munt 10TH achieved a 3<sup>rd</sup> placing in the Junior Grade at the North Island Champs.

## Sports Roundup

### Football

1<sup>st</sup> XI boys have made a solid start to the season. The team played Onehunga (2-0) and Avondale (3-2) in preseason fixtures and won both games well. This was promising as both teams play in grades above Lynfield. In the opening competition fixture last weekend Lynfield hosted Botany Downs College. In a scrappy but evenly matched game Lynfield went up 1-0 early thanks to a strike from midfielder Musadiq Aqeel. However in the second half Botany fought back with a goal and the game finished 1-1. All boys' football teams start their games this weekend.

### Basketball

Lynfield look set to dominate the Western Zone competition this year with all the boys' basketball teams victorious in the first grading round. The very promising U19 boys team had a big win over Liston by 20 points. The U17 boys beat Rutherford and the U15 boys beat for Massey.

The girls' basketball teams are low on numbers so any girls of any year level are welcome to join. Practices are after school in the old gym on Mondays.

All winter sports fess are now due to the accounts office.

Football \$20 – Netball \$60 plus umpire bond \$15 – Hockey \$55 – Basketball \$65 – Rugby \$30

Greg Burne

Director of Sport

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Vania Lavea

Sports Co-ordinator

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Sports Office, 627 0600 extension 851

## CAREERS NEWS

**Animation Workshop** – South Seas Film, Television & Animation School – 75 Ellice Road, Glenfield. Last Saturday of each month, 10am-3pm, ring or email to book in. [www.southseas.co.nz](http://www.southseas.co.nz) 0508 SOUTHSEAS [Lauren@southseas.co.nz](mailto:Lauren@southseas.co.nz)

**AMP Scholarships** – helping Kiwis with passion and determination to do their thing with a total scholarship pool of \$200,000 up for grabs. No age limit or restrictions – it's about helping passionate Kiwis do their thing – whether their thing is a community project, business idea, education, or a dream to represent their country. Applications close 31 May. [www.doyourthing.co.nz](http://www.doyourthing.co.nz)

**Massey University, University of Waikato and Swiss Hotel Management School** are visiting our school this term. Sign up at Student Services if you would like to attend info session.

**Media Design School Open Day – Thursday 13 May**, 3-7pm. 242 Queen St, City. Opportunity to see the school, talk to students and tutors, take part in a creative workshop, see student work and find out where graduates are now.

**University of Otago & Otago Polytechnic Open Day** – Monday 3 May in Dunedin. Programme and details available at Student Services. See Mrs Keir ASAP.

**University of Otago** – Y13 students/families wishing to visit the University of Otago Dunedin campus for a tour of their learning facilities during the first week of July holidays, please register with Mrs Keir urgently.

**Maori students interested in health or health-related careers?** Generous monetary scholarships available for lots of different health courses. Come and talk to Mrs Keir about it during your break.

Free 2 week course available Sep/Oct school holidays with the **Electricity Supply Industry** Training Organisation. An opportunity to visit companies and see the electricity supply industry for yourself, do practical work-related activities and workshops and gain 2 unit standards as well. Details at Student Services or [www.esito.org.nz](http://www.esito.org.nz) or 0800 437 486.

**Creative Careers Youth Expo** – Saturday 1 May, 10am-4pm, Otara Music Arts Centre. Turn your creativity into a career. Find a path to success doing what you love. Talk to established Pacific creative professionals and find out how you can start on your own journey.

### University of Auckland:

- Wanting to study **Engineering** next year? Application forms at Student Services for "Kick Start" Engineering Scholarships. 24 x \$2000 scholarships available. Just complete the application form and post off.

- 1 hour tours of the School of **Architecture & Planning** are available for students and parents. Chance to chat about the programmes and visit the studios, library & workshops (wood & metal) and computer labs. Book online [www.creative.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.creative.auckland.ac.nz)

Waikato University – more info on all of the following available [www.waikato.ac.nz](http://www.waikato.ac.nz)

- **School Leaver Scholarship** – available to all students who achieve 70 credits or more at NCEA Level 3 in 4 NZQA approved subjects with at least 14 credits in each subject, and gain University Entrance.
- **New Bachelor of Environmental Planning** – professionally recognised specialist degree is now available. Check out new 2011 prospectus available at S/S.
- **Law Student For A Day** – visit campus and find out what it is like to be a law student at Waikato. Students attend some lectures and a tutorial, meet with current students and participate in some activities in the Law Library. Details online.
- **Engineering Open Day** – find out more about the programmes offered – Mechanical Biochemical, Materials & Process Engineering, Electronic & Software – this is a ‘hands on’ practical day on Thursday 15 July (school holidays). You must provide your own transport to and from Hamilton. Register at [www.sci.waikato.ac.nz/news/events/shtml](http://www.sci.waikato.ac.nz/news/events/shtml)

**Careers Office**

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Triple-P Positive Parenting Programme Opportunity

Parents, if your son or daughter is aged between 11 and 14, and you are concerned about their shift to adolescence, you have a unique chance to attend a 3-part parenting programme free of charge. The University of Auckland is conducting a study about a parenting programme for parents of teens who are in transition to adolescence. The Triple-P parenting programme already has an excellent reputation. Volunteers can apply to attend this new programme, at no cost, at Kelston Community Centre, in May or July. For further information, or to sign up, contact Nalini Chand on (09) 623 8899 extension 83042 or [tprg@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:tprg@auckland.ac.nz), or phone Ro Lange at Lynfield College extension 827

### Toughlove

Toughlove believes in keeping families together but we understand how difficult that can be for parents struggling with unacceptable teenage behaviour. Toughlove provides parent support groups around Auckland that meet in the evenings and are run by parent volunteers trained in the Toughlove Programme. Find out how parents just like you have turned unacceptable behaviour around and kept their families together. Go to [www.toughlove.org.nz](http://www.toughlove.org.nz) or phone 624 4363.

### Student Exchange

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd, a not-for-profit organisation which is registered with the NZ Ministry of Education, is presenting a free information evening in Auckland on Wednesday 12 May. The evening gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available. This information evening will be held at the Copthorne Hotel Harbour City, 196-200 Quay Street, Auckland, 7.30pm.

[www.studentexchange.org.nz](http://www.studentexchange.org.nz) 0800 440 079 (free call)