

NEWSLETTER 6

14 May 2010



Coming Events

Week 4	Fri 14 May	HPV vaccinations, catch-ups
Week 5	Mon 17 – Fri 21	<i>Uninterrupted Class Time (students should not make outside appointments during school time this week)</i>
	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
	Fri 28	Newsletter No.7 emailed/issued
Week 7	Tue 1 Jun	Shine Sports Programme
	Wed 2	Enviro Group Planting Day
	Thu 3	4 th House Meetings 4 th House Meetings MARDI GRAS
Week 8	Mon 7	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – public holiday, school closed on this day
	Tue 8	House Football Competition begins
	Wed 9	ICAS Science competition
	Fri 11	Year 13 Childcare trip
Week 9	Tue 15	Newsletter No.8 emailed/issued
	Wed 16	Scholarship Information Evening
		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)
	Fri 25	Newsletter No.9 emailed/issued
	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 Jul	Year 12 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation
		Senior & Junior Mid-Year Reports issued
		Gold Coast Netball trip departs (returning 11 Jul)
	Fri 2	Term 2 ends (Term 3 begins Monday 19 July)
Sat 17		School Ball at Alexander Park
Week 1	Mon 19	Term 3 begins
	Tue 20 & Wed 21	Enrolment Open Days – guided tours of the College
	Wed 21 & Thu 22	5 th House Meetings
	Thu 22	Australian Chemistry competition

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Monday 24 May Assessment Week begins for our Year 11 – 13 students who have been issued with timetables and exam instruction sheets. The timetable is currently on the student Moodle site and is also available from our College website. Any assessment clashes should have been reported to Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor by now and an alternative time during the week arranged.

If a student misses an exam because of illness or an emergency, the College must be contacted on the day of assessment, using the absence phone line (627 0600 option 1), leaving a message for the student's Dean. If the missed assessment is a final NCEA one, a doctor's certificate should also be given to Mr Black, Deputy Principal and arrangements made to sit the assessment before the end of the exam week.

At the beginning of next week, senior students will be issued with their exam instructions sheet. It will also be emailed to families so that parents have the opportunity to discuss these instructions with their children.

During March and April we had a group of Lynfield College students on a very successful cultural exchange in China. We also had the Lynfield College Robotics team competing at world competitions in the USA. Two very interesting accounts of these trips are included in the body of this newsletter.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Academic Captains

Hi, we're Nadia and Bruce, your Academic Captains for 2010. Representing the school in our roles has given us a chance to work with staff and the Academic Council to create an encouraging learning environment within Lynfield. Our main aim for the years is to get as many students as possible from the year levels involved, and to create a positive attitude towards study.

Now into Term 2, our Academic Mentoring programme is well underway. This is a fortnightly programme where Year 12 and 13 students go into each Year 9 class and give them a hand with their various subjects, homework and generally help them adjust to the demands of high school. We also introduced the 'Riddle of the Week' which is a fun competition run every second week in the daily notices. This has generated a lot of interest amongst students and we have received more entries than we expected. At the moment we are planning for the annual school Quizzex, which will take place near the end of this term.



Aside from our leadership roles, we both keep ourselves busy with extra-curricular activities and other passions. We may be academic captains, but we both love our sport too! Bruce spends much of his leisure time windsurfing and kitesurfing, while Nadia is at the Netball courts for most of the week, both coaching and competing. Next year we are both looking at studying Sciences, either at Auckland University or overseas. We are looking forward to the challenges ahead of us and are hoping to make our mark on Lynfield in our last year, so keep an eye out for Quizzex and other events, coming soon!

Nadia Hassan & Bruce Stokes

Restorative Practices at Lynfield College

Our framework of guidance, discipline and communication seeks to create a learning environment in which the educational welfare of all students is paramount. Our discipline policy places emphasis on restorative practices to enable students to take responsibility for the results of their behaviour. The fundamental hypothesis of restorative practices is disarmingly simple: that human beings are happier, more productive and more likely to make positive changes in their behaviour when those in positions of authority do things **with** them, rather than **to** them or **for** them. Our Deans, Guidance and Senior Management Teams have received training in restorative practices and frequently manage mediation work to hold students accountable for their behaviour whilst working to ensure a safe and pleasant environment. Workshops and further training opportunities are also offered throughout the year to our staff. The detention system and other traditional measures sit alongside our restorative practices and should be utilized less as restorative practices are embedded within our school culture.

For further information about restorative practices at Lynfield College please contact Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal ext 871 or explore the website www.restorativeschools.org.nz

Uniform Shoes

We are now selling girls black lace up shoes at our Uniform & Stationery Shop, sizes 36 – 42 (3 – 9). These shoes are in an attractive design, with leather upper and soft leather lining. Cost is \$79.90 a pair.

School Ball 2010

This year the Lynfield College School Ball will be held at Alexander Park with dress being formal and guided by a theme of "Monte Carlo". Information concerning the night of the event will be sent home to all Year 12 and Year 13 students. Our school ball has developed an excellent reputation for being enjoyable, well run and trouble-free. Ticket purchase is conditional on the student having met all outstanding obligations to the College, having less than 10% unexplained absences and having presented a signed and completed permission form (to be sent home with students next week). Parents must ensure that they have arranged for their son/daughter to get home safely after the Ball.

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. Cheques should be made out to Lynfield College.

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

China Cultural Exchange

On 26 March 2010 at 11.59pm, 19 students and four teachers from Lynfield College set off on a 16 day trip to China to take in the sights, experience the culture first-hand and have fun! The travelling group went to three different cities, Shanghai, Hangzhou and Beijing. This was the first time for a lot of the students to 'step out' of their comfort zone and 'step in' to another country.

Shanghai was the first stop on our journey. Even though we only stayed one day, we went to a lot of places. We enjoyed exploring the Chenghuang Temple complex, shopped 'till we dropped on Nanjing Road and took in the sights of the nightlife on the Huangpu River Cruise. The scenic city Hangzhou was the next stop in our journey. We spent one week with our home stay families, making friends at Hangzhou Greentown School and exploring the city and its attractions, such as the famous West Lake. We got on so well with the students at Greentown School that many of us are still in constant contact with them.

The last stop in our journey was the Capital of China, Beijing. We spent another week here, travelling around the city and looking at the sights. We went to many famous and historical sites like the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Great Wall of China, Mao's Tomb and many others. One of the highlights of the trip was actually standing on the Great Wall of China.

Big thanks to Mr Aitken, Mrs Moore, Ms Walbran and Ms Fang for organising the trip and making it run so smoothly.

Johnson Zhuang 10AN

Lynfield College Robotics Team Competes in Dallas

On Tuesday 20 April the Lynfield College Robotics team boarded a plane to Dallas to compete in the VEX Robotics World Championships. The day seemed to last forever – in fact Tuesday ended up being 42 ½ hours long! Wednesday provided some much-needed time to unwind and see a little of Dallas, but an attempt at an early night was thwarted when another New Zealand team turned up with a half-finished robot and a programming fault. Lynfield to the rescue! It was after 1am by the time everyone was in bed. Over the next three days robots were all anyone thought or talked about. 400 teams from around the world competed in divisions of 100 each. The game this year was 'Clean Sweep', which involved alliances of two robots trying to get all the balls from their side of the field on to the other alliance's side. The New Zealand teams were feared by all and many teams said what great robots we had and asked to have a photo taken with us.



During the competition the entire team was flat out with their various tasks. The programmers had the immense task of perfecting their programmes which controlled the robot, as well as writing new ones to counteract the strategies played out by opposition teams. The scouts were instrumental in obtaining information about the programming, strengths and weaknesses of all upcoming opponents. They also talked strategy with future alliance partners to ensure that we were in the best position to win. Meanwhile our driver had his hands full not only driving the robot in competitions but also participating in driver skills and programming skills challenges. Our coach had the task of devising on-the-spot strategy for the driver during competitions and always had to be aware of the location of every other robot on the field.

The whole team worked hard and well. All our strategising paid off and we kept climbing up the rankings. By the end of the qualifying rounds we had won six out of eight matches and were 17th and the top ranked New Zealand team in our division. Then it was down to selection of three-team alliances for the quarter finals. The top eight teams chose their first alliance partners and we were picked! We chose one of the NZ Home School teams for our third partner and were rather pleased with our alliance. Despite being terribly nervous before the quarter finals we needn't have worried – we blitzed the opposition in two consecutive rounds and progressed to the semi finals. Unfortunately two separate faults in different robots in each of our semi final games meant we were not able to progress to the finals. However, we were extremely pleased by the success we had in reaching such a lofty position in the competition. The Lynfield College Robotics team really made its mark at the World Championships.

After all that it was time for a break. Off to Disneyland we went! A fantastic time was had by all. The lines were relatively short and we went on a huge number of different rides, repeating a number of favourites. It was a perfect end to a fantastic season of intensely hard work. Well done team!!!



*Top, left to right: Abigail Birkin-Hall, Matt Foskin (parent help/mentor), Akash Charles, Miss O'Brien (Teacher)
Bottom, left to right: Campbell Foskin, Vincent Ardern (former student/mentor), Jack Barker
Front: Robot 'Mr Smith', Sarah O'Brien, Robotics Team Manager*

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: Tue 22 June (local primary and intermediate school matinees)
Wed 23 – Sat 26 June (evening, public performances)
Ticket cost: Adults \$10, students \$5

Science Department Request

The Science Department wishes to obtain a variety of metals for junior Science investigations. If you have any bits of scrap metal at home that you wish to get rid of or are in the scrap metal business, please contact Mr Murray Black, Deputy Principal, through the College reception on 627 0600 ext 700. Thank you.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Bena Simanu 11HL was 2nd in the intermediate grade at the Auckland Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships. He also placed 4th at the NZ Schools Mountain Bike Championships in the U14 division. Congratulations, Bena.

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to those who participated in the Cross Country on Tuesday 4 May. Winners of each year level are below:

Senior Boys	1 st Josh Maisey 13KK 2 nd Fardin Sekandar 12DL 3 rd Lewis Hughes 12HL	Senior Girls	1 st Katie Bowen 12KM 2 nd Nadia Hassan 13HL 3 rd Vicky Peck 13LN
Year 11 Boys	1 st Acelin James 11AT 2 nd Shamal Bhorik 11ZM 3 rd Mac Wynn 11KR	Year 11 Girls	1 st Tyla Nathan-Wong 11JN 2 nd Wendy He 11FS 3 rd Alison Pool 11FS
Year 10 Boys	1 st Mohamed Ali 10AN 2 nd Jason Sun 10TH 3 rd Yuusuf Dahir 10WI	Year 10 Girls	1 st Nataly See 10WR 2 nd Danielle Bradley 10TH 3 rd Rebecca Smith 10TH
Year 9 Boys	1 st Dale Pitout 9RA 2 nd Liam Dobler 9BZ 3 rd Kieran Sumner 9FT	Year 9 Girls	1 st Juee Bhide 9CS 2 nd Kalei Kennerley 9HN 3 rd Shannon Murray 9DZ

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hockey

Girls 1st X1 Hockey have moved up a grade and played their first game last week. This was a strong game, resulting in a nil all draw v AGGS.

Football

The junior premier girls won their first game against Papatoetoe 12 nil with Jodie Loveday scoring 5 goals and Serena Moors was player of the day. This week they played St Kentigern College and were victorious 5-1. Players of the day were strikers Mia Foskin and Jodie Loveday.

Other results: 1st XI girls lost 1-3 to Massey, 1st XI boys won 2-1 vs Selwyn, 2nd XI boys won 1-0 vs Massey, junior premier boys won 3-1 vs Liston and the junior B boys won 5-1 vs Auckland Grammar.

Basketball

Both U19 boys and girls remain unbeaten in their grades. The girls had a 30 point win over Rutherford. The boys U19 team continues to impress with a huge 105-28 win over Avondale. This team has strong ambitions of taking out the West Auckland title and pushing for premier grade in 2011.

Rugby

2C grade: Lynfield 17 vs Marcellin College 12

5C grade: Lynfield 52 vs Auckland Grammar 0

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

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CAREERS NEWS

Recommended for all students – An engaging, interactive questionnaire that will help you with **career suggestions** based on your interests, skills, etc. By using your own personal “Career Space Account” (a personal secure space) you can save the questionnaire results, complete a CV, plus lots more. Tips, resources and further information also available. Go to www.careers.govt.nz/careerquest See Mrs Keir in the Careers Centre if you have any questions at all.

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 S/S or www.esito.org.nz or 0800 437 486.

Monash University in Melbourne are visiting our school on Wednesday 9 June at lunchtime. If you would like to attend an information session about their courses, please sign up at Student Services.

University of Melbourne are visiting Auckland to provide a course overview on their programmes. This is on Thursday 10 June, 7pm-8.30pm, Mercure Hotel, City.

Science at Otago Info Session – Thu 17 June, 6-8pm, Queen St, City. Academic staff and graduates from Dunedin will speak about the new Forensic Analytical Science Programme and Biology of plants and animals and other exciting developments. RSVP to S/S if interested.

Aviation Information Evening, Massey University School Of Aviation – find out about career opportunities in the aviation industry.

Y12 & Y13 students & families are invited to an interactive presentation on courses available at the **School of Engineering & Advanced Technology at Massey University**. Wednesday 28 July, The Langham Hotel, 83 Symonds St, City, from 6.30pm. Ph 414 0800 Ext 5526.

Massey University Manawatu Campus Open Day, Wednesday 4 August. Subsidised flights available to attend. Application forms at S/S.

Careers Office

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