

NEWSLETTER 7

28 May 2010



Coming Events

Week 7	Tue 1 Jun	Auckland Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships Shine Sports Programme
	Wed 2	Enviro Group Planting Day 4 th House Meetings
	Thu 3	4 th House Meetings MARDI GRAS
Week 8	Mon 7	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – public holiday, school closed on this day
	Wed 9	House Football Competition begins Junior Quizzex ICAS Science competition Year 13 Childcare trip
	Fri 11	Newsletter No.8 emailed/issued
Week 9	Tue 15	Scholarship Information Evening
	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)
	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
	Fri 2	Term 2 ends (Term 3 begins Monday 19 July)
	Sat 3	Gold Coast Netball trip departs (returning 10 Jul)
	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

Our senior students have now completed the assessment week activities and normal timetable resumes on Monday. They undertook a wide variety of assessment tasks, including exams, practical sessions and in-class assignments. The complexity of timetabling the week's organisation, with the aim of keeping it all within that short time frame, meant that some students had three activities on one day, while others had an opportunity to study for an up coming task. I was impressed with the way students coped with the pressure of the week. Teachers are now busy marking the students' scripts and results will be made available over the next week.

Mid-year reports are now being prepared and these will be issued on 1 July to senior and junior students. Progress conference evenings will be held for students and their parents on 28 July and 3 August in Term 3. The time lapse between issuing reports and having progress conferences is deliberate. It gives students the opportunity to work on the advice offered in the subject reports and so improve their academic performance before receiving more feedback at the conferences.

Year 10 students completed a computerised questionnaire this month as part of their career development programme called FutureSelves. This assists students to think about possibilities and opportunities for their future, building links between skills and careers, lifestyle, motivation and performance. A Learning and Career Plan will be individually prepared through the Health course, which all Year 10 students undertake, prior to 2011 course selection. Please encourage your child to share their results and plans with you.

Enrolment for Year 9 in 2011

At its recent meeting the Board of Trustees confirmed that the College will be accepting all Out of Zone applicants for Year 9/2011 from Category 2 (current siblings at Lynfield College) and also from Categories 3 and 4. Students from these three categories must be enrolled before Wednesday 1 September 2010.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – International Student Representative

Hi, I am Emily, your International Student Representative for 2010. It has been three years since I first came to Lynfield College. Lynfield College has had international students for 18 years and this programme has been very successful. 103 international students have enrolled so far this year and they come from 15 different countries. Most of the international students plan to graduate from Lynfield and continue with university studies in New Zealand and overseas and the rest of them can only stay for a short period of time.

Learning English is the most common reason why the international students come. For me, besides studying, my parents also want me to gain more experiences in life. However, it is very hard for international students who have just arrived because studying in a foreign country means they have to be away from their family and friends. Furthermore, learning a new language is the hardest part because they may have never engaged in it before. In my role, I have an opportunity to help them, as I know how they feel because I have had the same experiences. Fortunately, we have got classmates, teachers and international staff who can make things much easier.

Many international students are living with their second family – homestays. Homestays also make things much easier and play a vital role for international students. They take care of international students' daily life and provide them with help. I have lived with my homestay family for two and a half years and they have been very nice and kind. They always talk with me so I can improve my language. Every time I ask for help, they try their best to help me.

At the end of last term, Lynfield held a multi-cultural festival. That day was awesome and many international students joined their cultural group and got involved. They could wear their cultural costumes. This gave students a very good chance, especially international students, to share their culture and food with the others. Next term, about 30 new international students will be arriving who will definitely need some help to get used to everything, so I encourage students to reach out and be friends with them. I'm sure this will help them a lot!

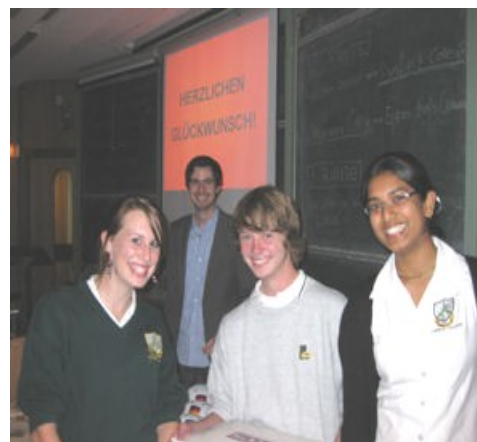
Emily Ng Chek Wing



Third Time Champions

On 13 May 2010 three students from the Year 13 German class (Jessie Black, Harry Wynn and Prachi Mishra) participated in the annual Auckland Goethe Society German general knowledge quiz at the University of Auckland. Out of the eight schools that competed we came first.

The quiz was made up of three rounds, the first being simple general knowledge against Mt Albert Grammar. Once we won the first round we competed against Kristin School, in which we were asked more difficult general knowledge questions but still made a triumphant win. Then in the nerve racking final round of the quiz, we competed against Pakuranga College. We felt even more nervous because this round was all spoken in German. Luckily we forgot about our nerves and just concentrated our hardest. In the end we had an overwhelming victory. Being our school's third year in a row to win this event it was an even greater achievement. The end prize was an amazing, large German Black Forest Cake, which we shared with our German class the next day and some German books. We would like to thank our German teacher Frau Zimmer for her training and support.



Harry Wynn, 13 LI

Mardi Gras

Planning is well underway for the annual Lynfield College Mardi Gras on Thursday 3 June, 7-10pm, cost \$10.00. This is a well-supervised evening of fun activities and dance, available to current Lynfield College students only. Drinks and snacks will be on sale during the evening. The theme is 'White Out' and students are encouraged to wear white in order to glow under our hired UV lights.

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 1 June at interval and lunchtime until sold out. Students will be eligible to purchase a ticket if they bring a signed permission form and have fewer than 10% unexplained absences.

Student ID cards must be presented to gain entry on the night. Tickets can only be bought prior to the evening – there will be **NO** door sales. Doors open at 6.45pm and close at 7.30pm, with entry refused after this time. Students will not be able to leave before 9.45pm. Any queries can be addressed to Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal, 627 0600 extension 871.

NZQA Fees

Invoices were issued to students at the beginning of term. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact Mr Delgrosso urgently. 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 well overdue. If you have any queries please contact Mr Delgrosso, Dean of Administrative Services, 627 0600 extension 872 or rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz

2010 Production – 'Grease'

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's production of 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 schools only matinees)
Wed 23 – Sat 26 June (public performances, 7pm)
Ticket cost: Adults \$10, students \$5

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.

Date: Saturday 17 July (N.B. This is the last Saturday of the school holidays)
Time: 7pm to 12 midnight
Tickets: \$80

The ticket price has increased this year by \$5 to cover the cost of photography. Students will be able to download unlimited prints and a photographer will be circulating throughout the evening as well as providing more traditional photography against a backdrop.

Our Ball Committee is conscious of the considerable expenses some of our students incur in preparing for the ball and are encouraging students to limit their spending by searching second hand shops and assisting each other with hair and makeup.

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.

If you have any queries, please contact Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal on 627 0600 extension 871.

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.

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

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Correction - Cross Country Results

In Newsletter 6 there was an error printed in the cross country results. The correct 3rd place winner of the Year 10 Girls event was Ellen McIntosh 10BR. Congratulations Ellen.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved very highly:

- **Lynfield Year 10 Group win Auckland Teen Category in the V 48 Hour Film Challenge** – Team Zebra Stripes (Thomas Stoneman, Samantha Holland, Joaquina Rockwell, Euan Reilly, Vanessa Hook, Georgia Harris of 10PL; Brayden Silby of 10ON and Jarrod Wilson of Mt Albert Grammar) came 1st out of all the Auckland Teen category entries in this year's V 48 Hour Film Challenge, with their biopic '*Hackett Jump*'. Here is the link to the movie <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzvzpPZH9jk>
- **Buddy Holly Story at the Playhouse Theatre** – Dion Pritchard 11KR is playing the drummer Jerry in this musical in July.
- **Equestrian** – Anna Jankowski-Stringfellow 10MN has won 1st place in Dressage and 4th place overall at the West Auckland District One Day event.
- **Auckland Cricket U15 Girls Winter Academy Squads 2010** – Khusboo Patel 10WN has been selected for the winter academy specialist batting and pace bowling squads.

Please let us know about other successful students. Email welldone@lynfield.school.nz

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rugby

The 1st XV have continued on their winning way this season. These are the results from the last two weekends.
1st XV - 80-0 win v Kings College and 29-19 win v De la Salle
5th Grade - 21-5 loss v Liston and 17-15 win v Auckland Grammar

Football

Both the 1st and 2nd XI boys football teams have been in good form. The 1st XI have only dropped one competition game this season while the 2nd XI have won all their games so far. The junior B team have also won all their games.

1st XI - 2-2 draw v Whangaparaoa and 3-1 win v Green Bay
2nd XI - 4-0 win v Avondale and 6-1 win v Waitakere
Junior Premier - 4-0 loss v Kelston Boys
Junior B - 7-0 win v Liston and 11-0 win v Sunderland

Basketball

Last Friday the U19 boys team had the opportunity to meet Dylan Boucher, NZ Breakers and Tall Blacks player. He spoke to the team about what it takes to get to the top and he also gave the boys some pointers on technique. Hopefully the boys will benefit from the experience as they strive to win the West Auckland title.

On Wednesday the U19 boys faced Massey High School. After being down by as much as 8 points into the last quarter, the boys fought back to win 55-51. Avin Jit 12DL played an outstanding game marking the talented Massey guards. Colin Gao 12KM also stepped up when the pressure was on with some vital baskets. The U19 girls also continued on their winning way with victory over Waitakere College.

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

Y13 girls interested in finding out more about the **engineering programme** available at the University of Auckland might like to attend this special day (Thursday 1 July), designed to show you all the different types of engineering available. Pick up an info sheet from Mrs Hughes

AUT Info Sessions: (location details at www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/fees-and-enrolment/information-sessions)

Applied Sciences – Wed 2 June, 6pm

Education – Wed 2 June, 6pm

Health Sciences – Thu 3 June, 6pm

Sport & Recreation, Dance – Thu 3 June, 6pm

Business, Law, Hospitality & Tourism, Art & Design Portfolio details also available.

Ever thought about what it would be like to be the CEO of one of New Zealand's award winning companies? Air New Zealand is searching for a group students (13-18 years) with the potential of being high-flying executives. They will be given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be CEO for the day, and experience brainstorming and planning sessions, behind the scenes tours, plus more. Entry forms www.airnz.co.nz/ceo-for-the-day Entries close 28 June.

University of Waikato Scholarships available – if you are interested in attending Waikato, excel academically and do well in your chosen sport or creative or performing art, then come to S/S to find out more about the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship programme. www.waikato.ac.nz/hillary

Y11 Science students who are interested in science, technology and/or engineering might like to take part in the Sci-Tech Experience during the July school holidays at AUT. Meet, listen to and work with leading experts in these fields. Take part in interesting activities and experiments. More details at www.sci-tech.org.nz or see Mrs Hughes in S/S.

Interested in a career in shipping, freight & logistics or distribution? The variety of maritime careers indicate earnings starting at \$55,000 as an engineer to \$250,000. See Mrs Keir for latest information.

University of Otago Accommodation Application Forms & 2011 Prospectus – now available.

Students who have a keen interest in joining the **Army, Air Force, Navy, Fire Service or Police** should talk to Mrs Keir during a break to discuss the option of attending a 'Military Prep School'.

Unitec Information Evening, Wednesday 2 June, 3.30pm-6.30pm. Explore your study options for July intake this year or for next year, ask lecturers questions, find out about student loans and get info on enrolment. Seminars for some study areas will also be happening. www.infoevening.unitec.ac.nz

Y12 & Y13 art students from West Auckland who intend to enrol in a visual arts course at tertiary level in an art institution next year, may like to apply for a \$5000 Art Scholarship offered by Lopdell House Gallery. www.lopdell.org.nz

University of Waikato Engineering Open Day – Thursday 15 July (school holidays). Available to Y11, 12 & 13 students. Spend the day on campus with professional engineers learning about the different engineering programmes on offer through hands-on activities.

Trainee research project available for **girls** aged 16 years and over who might be interested in a **career in the energy industry**. Northpower & Electrix are seeking 6-9 female line mechanic trainees to be part of an exciting new project. Line mechanics mostly work outdoors installing and maintaining power poles and overhead and underground lines. Info at S/S

Lincoln University Open Day, Christchurch. NZ's specialist land-based university. Wed 14 July. www.lincoln.ac.nz

College of Camille Beauty Therapy – Open Day, Wed 16 June, 4pm-6pm, Level 4, 393 Khyber Pass Rd, Newmarket.

Careers Office

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