

NEWSLETTER 8

11 June 2010



Coming Events

Week 9	Wed 16 Jun	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 Wed 23	PRODUCTION WEEK HPV vaccination No. 2 catch ups Year 13 Biology trip (also Thu 24 and Fri 25) Newsletter No.9 emailed/issued
	Fri 25	Year 11 Geography Rotorua trip (returning Mon 28)
Week 11	Mon 28	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Tue 29	Scholarship Information Evening
	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
	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

Enrolment for Year 9 in 2011

Tue 20 Jul	Open Day – guided tours of the College at 11.00am & 4.00pm
Wed 21	Open Day – guided tours of the College at 11.00am & 1.30pm
Mon 26	Information Evening in the College Hall, 7pm
Tue 27 - Sat 31	Enrolment begins (Home Zone & Out of Zone categories 2 (current siblings), 3 & 4
Wed 1 Sep	Out of Zone applications close for Year 9/2011 category 5 students
Mon 6	Ballot date
<i>Tue 19 Oct</i>	<i>Year 10 – 13 Out of Zone application closing date</i>
<i>Wed 20</i>	<i>Year 10 – 13 Out of Zone application ballot</i>

Out of Zone applications for 2011 taken at any time up until the closing date; application forms are available from our website.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

At this time of the year colds and flu are prevalent. Students can take some simple precautions to reduce the impact of these illnesses on themselves and fellow students by wearing appropriate winter school uniform, having adequate wet weather protection and washing and drying their hands properly. Those who are not well should remain at home so that they can recover more quickly and not spread their illness.

If any student is on medication or has health issues which are likely to impact on any aspect of their schooling, parents/caregivers should directly contact our school nurse and discuss the situation with her. Nurse Glynne Newton is available on 627 0600 extension 607. In an emergency, our Nurse is likely to be the first medic on the scene. Nurse Newton also needs to be notified by a parent when a student requires medication during the day. All medicine required by a student during the school day must be stored in her office. Your child's Dean should also be notified. If a student feels unwell after arriving at school, then he or she should go and see the Nurse, who will contact parents or caregivers.

In week 10 we have our annual musical production 'Grease', beginning with two matinees for local primary and intermediate schools on Tuesday 22 June. Evening performances are on the following four nights, Wednesday to Saturday. The production provides a wonderful experience for the numerous students involved and an opportunity for the school community to enjoy the musical, dramatic and technical talents of these students. We hope many families and friends of the College are able to come and enjoy the show. Details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year reports are near completion and these will be issued on 1 July to all senior and junior students. Progress Conferences will be held for students and their parents in Term 3 (28 July and 3 August). The time lapse between issuing reports and having Progress Conferences 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.

School Uniform

Please be aware that black jeans and black canvas shoes are not part of the school uniform. We are sending senior students home to change if they wear incorrect items to school and all students are given a detention for incorrect items. Thank you for your support of the College as we continue to try and maintain high standards of dress amongst our students.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Do we have your current contact details – phone numbers, email and postal addresses?

Parent contact details are an essential element of the relationship between home and school. Should your contact details change (i.e. phone number, address, email) please notify the Deans' Reception on 627 0600 extension 846 or email admin@lynfield.school.nz Please leave your name, your child's name, their form class and the new contact details.

Student Leader Profile – Board of Trustees Student Representative

Hi, my name is Jessie and I have sat on the Board of Trustees as student representative since October last year. I am now just over halfway through my term and am really enjoying myself and the opportunities I have in school that have been created by this leadership position. Part of the position also involves chairing the Student Council and ensuring that student voice is organised and heard, especially on decisions that really affect students.

I have helped the Deputy Head Girl and Boy to organise the World Vision 40 hour famine, and I also organised a 'coffee break' with fair trade coffee and hot chocolate to raise awareness of fair trade and some money for Oxfam. As you may have noticed, I am really interested in justice and love getting involved in community projects. Next year I plan to study law and arts at university, with the intention of never being a lawyer! I hope to work in the government, or alternatively with a non-government organisation such as World Vision or Oxfam.

Being on the Board of Trustees this year has helped me gain a wider understanding of school operations. I always try to give a student perspective as we deal with issues that affect our school. Hopefully together we can make this school even better. I look forward to the remaining months and wish good luck to next year's representative. I hope you enjoy it just as much as I am!!!

Jessie Black



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'

With just 10 days to go until the production opens, the rehearsals are fine tuning what promises to be a week of excellent theatre. The much loved musical 'Grease' is a show the whole family can enjoy, so come along and support our students and have a wonderful night out! A ticket sales desk is operating for students outside the staffroom at lunchtime and tickets are also available to the public from Reception. Door sales will be available each night, if the show has not been sold out.

Evening Performances: Wednesday 22 June to Saturday 26 June, 7.30pm

Ticket Costs: Adults \$10, Students \$5, under 5s free.

School Ball 2010 - Ticket Sales 22 - 25 June

Date: Saturday 17 July
Time: 7pm to 12 midnight
Venue: Alexander Park

Tickets: \$80

Tickets will be on sale to Year 13 students only from 22-23 June and to both Year 12 and 13 from 24-25 June.

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 (sent home with students last 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.

NASA's Deaf Space Camp - May 2010

My leading event of 2010 was made possible by a very generous Variety Gold Heart Scholarship. With massive thanks to Variety, I got to fly out on 30 April to Huntsville, Alabama, USA. During the 10 days I spent in Huntsville, I brain-waved, experimented, sweated (!) and challenged myself as a part of the Advanced Space Academy programme during Deaf Week in USA and New Zealand Sign language Week.

After a rough day of sitting on a cramped seat in economy class, I was greeted with emptiness as I arrived two days too early and I was pretty much the first and only trainee in the whole building present on the first night. Spooky indeed... but I had the privilege of choosing my bed and locker first!

The big, no-time-to-yourself day was on Sunday when approximately 70 trainees from all over USA arrived. That was the beginning of a hectic week with, a routine starting at 7am and finishing at 11pm every day.

Throughout the burning hot week, my team (the Von Lions) completed computerized missions (I was a Flight Director, a Flight Engineer and a CATO in three separate missions), strolled around the gigantic museum and listened to lectures on Space and its contents. We also tried out various simulation experiences, with interesting forces which could either squash you or lift you, we assembled and flew a model rocket, went scuba diving and felt the fear of heights on the high rope course. My personal favourite was the E&E (Evade and Escape) in the twilight with nothing but a glow stick.

The graduation represented the end of a lively week and an air of misery at the thought of returning to normality swept through my team. All in all, we survived as a team through efficient co-operation and much laughter. I was proud to be one of the 16 members of the NASA's Von Lions team.



Lynn Chen, Year 13

The Spirit of New Zealand

On 24 May Alex Hiles Pervan of 12WG set sail on the Spirit of New Zealand for 10 days. The blustery weather and early start on a Sunday morning added to the sense of adventure for the 40 young people joining the crew. These trainees came from all over New Zealand and included a girl from Germany.

As part of their orientation they put on harnesses and climbed the rigging of this tall sailing ship. Once Alex had climbed the first few steps of the rope ladder he knew there was no going back. It was time to face his fears, dig deep and carry on with courage. Although the wind was cold and the rope ladder swaying, he climbed to the top and this was the first of many achievements, while on the journey.



They sailed out around Great Barrier Island and down the Coromandel Peninsula, watching dolphins play alongside. Each watch of ten trainees worked together and Alex learned how to hoist the sails and to cook in a confined galley. The rainy weather didn't stop any of their activities and the morning jump in the ocean was a compulsory wake-up to busy days.

After living in such cramped quarters, landing on Great Barrier Island gave them the chance to spread out and build a bonfire. One of the trainees had a guitar and they made up a song about Voyage 578.

Alex thoroughly enjoyed his adventure and is looking forward to going on the Spirit of New Zealand as a coach for a new set of trainees in the coming year

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved very highly:

- **IRB Junior Rugby World Cup** – Past Lynfield College pupil, Martin Naufahu (Vice Captain of the Lynfield 1st XV in 2008) was selected for the Tongan U20s Rugby team which flew to Argentina on 1 June to compete in this event. Tonga will face South Africa, Australia and Scotland in their pool. A wonderful achievement to be playing on the international stage.
- **New Zealand Half Marathon Champs** – Sports Captain, Josh Maisey competed in this marathon held in Huntly in May, placing 10th overall and 3rd in the Men's U20 grade with a time of 74 minutes. Josh has qualified for the Oceania Half Marathon Champs, Gold Coast, Australia where he will be competing in July.
- **Ice Hockey** – Keegan Maisey 9MH was selected for the Auckland Junior Elite Ice Hockey team and will compete in the NZ Junior Series over the next three months.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Football

The 1st XI Boys suffered a narrow loss against Rutherford 2-1. Ryan Walton scored an excellent goal.

The 2nd XI Boys continued on their winning ways with a 6-0 victory over Onehunga. Soroush Dousti scored 2 goals.

The Junior Premier team lost 2-0 to Rutherford and the Junior B team continued their unbeaten run with a 7-2 win over Rutherford.

The 1st XI Girls had another last minute loss to Rutherford. The girls fought hard all game with Amy Wannan scoring a goal.

The Junior Girls continue to impress and are unbeaten this season. They beat Baradene with Jodie Loveday again scoring 2 goals.

All winter sports fess are now overdue. If students have not yet paid these, this must be done so urgently at the accounts office.

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

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CAREERS NEWS

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

Victoria University, Wellington – If you are planning to study at Victoria next year, please come to S/S to make an appointment to meet with a Victoria liaison person who will assist with your course planning & application.

Freelance Animation School – FREE workshop 10 July, 10am-6pm. Ph 373 4958

Interested in studying **Law at University of Otago**? Then attend this info evening, Monday 21 June, 7pm, 385 Queen St, City.

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.

Y12 & Y13 students have the opportunity to be a **Student For A Day at MAINZ**. Choice of areas – DJ for beginners, write & record a song in 2 hours, introduction to recording software, songwriting.

If you are a girl aged 16 years or over and would like to find out more about a career in the **energy industry**, then please come and talk to Mrs Keir in the Careers Centre. Northpower are seeking 6-9 female line mechanic trainees to be part of an exciting trainee research project. Line mechanics mostly work outdoors installing and maintaining power poles and overhead and underground lines.

Whr24U – facilitators use internationally recognised psychometric assessments and guide students through a personalised step-by-step programme to find a clear direction for their career. Each student receives a structured action plan. www.whr24u.co.nz or phone 366 7300 for more information.

Y12 & Y13 Pasifika students interested in studying **architecture, planning, fine & visual arts, dance or music** might like to attend an information evening on Thursday 24 June at 6pm at the University of Auckland. Ph 373 7067 or www.creative.auckland.ac.nz for details.

Careers Office

Wendy Keir, Careers Advisor – ext 862
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