

## NEWSLETTER 2

2 March 2012



### Coming Events:

Week 6	Mon 5 <b>Mar</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> House Meetings 12BIO trip to Arataki (PRK/BRT)
	Tue 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> House Meetings 12BIO trip to Arataki (CRY/RED)
	Wed 7	Tennis Championships
	Thu 8	Prefects Training Programme, session 1 8.30am
	Fri 9	Student Council (Senior and Junior students), Period 4
Week 7	Mon 12 – Fri 16	12PHE Camp at Tawharanui
	Mon 12	Year 9 Tip Top trip
	Tue 13	Germany Cultural Exchange Meeting, 6.30pm in the staffroom
	Wed 14 – Sat 17	House Competition (Touch) begins
	Wed 14	ASB Polyfest – Maori & Pacific Island Cultural Festival
	Thu 15	Year 9 Tip Top trip
	Fri 16	Year 9 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation Pasifika Parents Support Group, 7pm in the staffroom Newsletter No. 3 emailed
Week 8	Mon 19	ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEEK Lynfield College Year 9 & 10 Travelwise Week
	Wed 21	Year 9 Tip Top trip Junior Mathematics Competition
	Fri 23	German Cultural Exchange Students arrive
	Sun 25 – Tue 27	Progress Reports Issued 12GEO Trip to Tongariro
Week 9	Mon 26	Board of Trustees Meeting, Admin Building 6.30pm Year 12 & 13 Business e-Day
	Wed 28	Year 11 Economics trip CULTURAL WEEK begins
	Wed 28 – Fri 30	Year 10 – 13 KAATI
	Thu 29	13BIO/BIA Liggins Institute trip Year 13 Performance Music Evening, Hall 7pm
	Fri 30	Year 11 Economics trip
	<b>Sat 31</b>	<b>Progress Conferences (surnames A - L), 4 – 7pm</b> Newsletter No. 4 emailed <b>CULTURAL FESTIVAL 12.00 – 4pm</b>
	<i>Sun 1 Apr</i>	China Cultural Exchange trip departs (returning 18 Apr) <i>Daylight Saving Ends</i>
Week 10	Tue 3 <b>Apr</b>	Year 10 Business Port of Auckland trip Year 12 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation
	Wed 4	<b>Progress Conferences (surnames M - Z), 4 – 7pm</b>
	<b>Thu 5</b>	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS <b>Teacher Only Day (no classes on this day)</b> Term 1 ends
Week 1	Mon 23 <b>Apr</b>	Term 2 begins

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the second 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 the school community.

In the past two weeks, we have held three successful parents' evenings – Maori Families BBQ, Year 9 Parents' Evening and NCEA Parents' Evening, which were all well supported by parents keen to monitor the development and opportunities of their sons and daughters. It is very useful for parents and staff to exchange ideas and learn from each other about how to enhance student learning. If you attended these evenings and have any further questions that may have arisen, please contact Deputy Principals Leisa Munro (Maori Families Evening), Murray Black (Achievement, Assessment and Reporting), Cath Knell (Teaching and Learning).

Our Athletics Sports day was very successful despite the sudden wet weather in the afternoon postponing some events. These remaining events were run last Friday. The House system encourages participation from all levels with some fierce competition in a variety of point-allocated events. There were some outstanding results and from this day students are selected to take part in the Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships.

We are now half way through Term 1 with teaching staff having undertaken assessment activities with all students. Writing of the Progress Reports begins next week, which will indicate the academic progress, effort and organisation and lessons missed of students in each subject. As such they will provide an indication to you of how focused and settled your children are in their learning and where support is required. All families received a copy of the homework pamphlet with Newsletter No. 1. This is a guide on how you can help with homework and what the school's expectations are. If you did not get one, please phone reception or email [rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz) and request one. **Progress Reports will be issued on Friday 23 March.**

#### **Progress Conferences**

Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname.

Thursday 29 March (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm

Tuesday 3 April (student surnames M - Z), 4 - 7pm

All parents/caregivers are expected to visit their child's teachers on one of these afternoons as it is a part of the school/home partnership so vital to a student's progress. Information about our on line appointment booking schedule will be made available in our next newsletter. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days. The HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm.

I encourage you to regularly access our website and e-LynC for current information on news and events at Lynfield College. [www.lynfield.school.nz](http://www.lynfield.school.nz)

S W Bovaird  
Principal

*Correction to Newsletter No. 1:  
Board of Trustees (see amended list below)*

#### **Board of Trustees**

Chairperson	Mr B Cadzow
Parents' Representatives	Mrs J Harding (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs M Johansson, Mrs K Mellor, Mr K Stokes
Co-opted	Mr P D'Souza, Mr C Hudson
Staff Representative	Mrs R Kaniuk
Student Representative	James Olsen
Principal/Secretary	Mr S W Bovaird

The Trustees meet in the Board Room at 6.30pm once a month – usually the fourth Monday of the month (ring the office prior to check). Copies of minutes and policies are available at the School Office.

## Student Leader Profile – Head Boy and Head Girl

Kia Ora

My name is Maddie Hughes and I am the Head Girl for 2012. The Head Boy, Jonathan Feki and I would firstly like to say that it is an absolute honour to be able to serve our school as Head Students. Throughout the year we will have many responsibilities to fulfil. It will be a fantastic opportunity and we aim to represent the school and its pupils in the best way we can.

Our roles within the College include managing the student executive and overseeing the individual portfolios that Student Executive Captains have put into action for the organisation of upcoming events, consulting with senior management, as well as communicating the ideas of the student body. Currently we are well underway, together with the Social Co-Ordinators and Board of Trustees Representative, in organising a memorable and highly enjoyable Senior Ball.

In this position our joint goal is to inspire and motivate students to participate in school activities and to display a sense of pride and school spirit. We look forward to an enjoyable year ahead and are both very grateful for this opportunity. Throughout the year Jonathan and I intend to gain University Entrance before moving on to tertiary study next year. Jonathan plans to get into Biomedical Sciences to further branch into the field of Medicine, while I am interested in pursuing a Degree in Communications.

Together with the students and staff of Lynfield College we aim to make 2012 a year to remember!

Thank You ☺



*Maddie Hughes, Head Girl*

## Year 13 Future Directions

The Year 13 Future Direction day this year was a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring experience for all the senior students. Our walk to the venue at New Windsor Primary was disrupted by the police carrying out some high-security operations; thankfully all the students arrived unharmed for an uplifting seminar by the ever spontaneous Darren Pereira. His wit and humour helped us all gain an understanding on our true capabilities, and how the right mix of passion and talent can help us achieve success.

For many who were confused or indecisive on their future, the exercises we completed were really helpful for us in allowing us time to identify our abilities and in how we could develop our talents to eventually reach an ideal. The accompaniment by the skilled DJ was excellent and helped provided a charged environment that would allow us to lock in a mode of concentrated reflection, which could then be reactivated at any time to complete any particular task. It wasn't as stressful as it sounds – the main way we did it was by jumping and singing!

The skills Darren taught us were extremely valuable and applicable to our daily lives, and it is clear that his guidance will have a visible impact on our career decisions in the days to come.

*Yash Vyas, Assistant Academic Captain*

*Future Direction Day is subsidised by the College and a cost of \$10 per student is reflected in students' compulsory course costs for 2012 (as the College is required to pay this contract prior to the event, prompt payment is required). Darren Pereira is a motivational coach who makes presentations to schools across the Auckland region. For more information about Darren's presentation please go to [www.successintegrated.com](http://www.successintegrated.com) or [facebook.com/successintegrated.com.au](https://facebook.com/successintegrated.com.au).*

*Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal*



### **19 of the 31 2011 Scholarship Winners with Principal Steve Bovaird**

#### **Back row:**

*Esther Zhuang (History), Ksenia Vistovskaya (Photography), Keshia Pereira (Technology), Vincent Key (Statistics and Modelling), Katie van Rijn (Statistics and Modelling), Ginal Laxmidas (Physics)*

#### **Middle row:**

*Melanie Slessor (Media Studies), Katherine Browne (Accounting), Vinayak Dev (Biology), David Brown (English), Aghilan Newman (Chemistry), Samantha Young (Physics, Statistics and Modelling)*

#### **Front row:**

*Callum Freeman (Classical Studies), Wendy He – Year 12 (Mathematics with Calculus), Vaspan Raimalwala (Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics with Calculus - **Scholarship Award**), Penelope Walbran-Oakley (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics with Calculus, Statistics and Modelling - **Outstanding Scholar Award**), Nalin Choudhary – Year 12 (Mathematics with Calculus), Aime Mellor (Physical Education), Andrija Horvat (Biology)*

#### **Absent:**

*Boxuan Fan (Physics, Statistics and Modelling, Mathematics with Calculus – **Scholarship Award**), Devyani Vadke (Physics, Classical Studies), Richa Patel (Accounting), Bradley Moorfield (Physics), Nikita Kabra (Physics), Judy Gao (Statistics and Modelling), Malika Hariharan (Statistics and Modelling), Abigail Birken-Hall (Physics), Hannan Kashkari – Year 12 (Mathematics with Calculus), Jia Fu (Biology), Mohammed Khan (Accounting), Jianming Kuang (Mathematics with Calculus)*

### **School Donations and Materials Costs**

Despite the significant demands placed on family finances by having a student at high school, we ask you to give consideration to paying the following if you have not already done so. Two significant costs are:

- Material costs
- General Purposes Donation

The Board of Trustees at Lynfield has set the GP Donation at an amount that most families are able to pay. It works out at \$4.50 per week. The income generated by it is vital in ensuring that your son/daughter has the best facilities possible. This amount has not been increased since 2008.

These funds are being used to assist financing:

- The operation of the library
- The extra-curricular programme, which includes sport, cultural, music
- The Lynfield College Yearbook

The current donation is \$180 per student or \$250 per family. It is tax deductible and there is provision for those parents who wish to pay it in regular instalments as their circumstances allow. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Homework Centres**

The College Library remains open after school every day until 3.40pm, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

### **Pasifika Homework Centre**

The homework centre for Pacific Island students continues this year on **Mondays and Wednesdays after school** in the College Library. The centre opens from 3.15 to approximately 4.30pm. Please contact Brian Tonks (627 0600 extension 746) if you would like any further information.

### **Mathematics Clinic**

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available! Where? G9  
When? **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday afterschool)**

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

**Congratulations to Lauren Irving** for representing New Zealand in Gymnastics on their Hawaiian Tour during the January school holidays. Lauren placed 2nd overall in the Aloha Cup and 1st overall in the Gymnastics in Paradise Competition Level. Both fantastic achievements!

### **Sport Roundup**

#### **Cricket**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have had a mixed start to the season with a win against Botany Downs and then a narrow loss to Auckland Grammar in regular season play. They are also through to the next round of the Gillette Cup with a comprehensive win over Sancta Maria College. After reaching 111 runs the Lynfield boys then dismissed the opposition for just 28 runs. The Year 9-11 Boys team were defaulted to in their first match so are now looking to kick their season off this weekend versus Dilworth.

#### **Softball**

The Senior Boys Softball team had two close results in a double header to start the season. The first game against Green Bay was lost 7-6 and the second game against Rutherford was lost 3-1.

#### **Touch**

The senior Touch teams are now three games in with the Senior Boys having a 2-2 draw against Mt Albert Grammar, a win by default, followed by a 3-2 loss to Dilworth. The Senior Girls team were all class against St Cuthbert's winning 14-0, followed up with a 10-2 win over Marist and then a win by default.

#### **Volleyball**

In week one our Senior Boys lost 2-1 against Western Springs and lost 2-0 Grammar, although all games were close. Week two went better with two wins against Kelston Boys 2-0 and against Massey by default. The Senior Girls have also had a mixed start with a win 2-0 over Diocesan then a loss to Auckland Girls 2-0

#### **Golf**

The Golf Team has also had a mixed start. After losing week one to Kings they then turned things around to come out on top in week two of play against Rosehill.

#### **Tennis**

The tennis season is well underway with Lynfield being represented by two senior, one intermediate and one junior boys teams as well as two senior and one intermediate girls teams. School Tennis Champs are being held on Wednesday 7 March.

## Water Polo

Water polo is up and running with two teams competing. The junior team has made a good start with a full squad of 13 players from years 9 & 10. They won their first (and only) game 6-4 against Green Bay. The senior team has fewer numbers (we are keen to welcome a couple more) and has had 3 games – two loses and one draw. The first two games were closely contested but Albany Senior College beat us 6-4 and we drew with Massey 4 all. Liston College proved far too strong for us but we are looking forward to closer results this weekend when we play Long Bay and Waitakere.

## ATHLETICS DAY

Below are the results of the morning events, with the afternoon section still to come.

### 100m Year 9

1 <sup>st</sup>	Holly Harrison	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amy Pitout	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wyona Murray
1 <sup>st</sup>	James Bennett	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Wu	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew Yang

### 100m Year 10

1 <sup>st</sup>	Susan Nield	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ellie Postlewaite	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Guari Prabhakar
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noel D'Souza	3 <sup>rd</sup>	AJ Ryan

### 100m Senior Girls/Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tyla Nathan-Wong	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wiki Maihi	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nataly See
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eddie Gounder	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jacob Chandra	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Harrison

### Year 9 Form Class Relay

1 <sup>st</sup>	9WK (Fatialofa)/9WI (Lewis)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9WD (Fatialofa)/9WG (Bray)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9LE (Zoricich)
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### Year 10 Form Class Relay

1 <sup>st</sup>	10DA (Fatialofa) /10MK (Lewis) (Faumuina)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10MS (Bray)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10WD (Fatialofa)/10RS
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### Senior House Relay

1 <sup>st</sup>	Zoricich	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Faumuina	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fatialofa
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### House Competition

Morning Events	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bray	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fatialofa	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reid
Best Dressed House	1 <sup>st</sup>	Faumuina	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fatialofa	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zoricich
Best Banner	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fatialofa	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lewis	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Faumuina

## Message from the Sports Office

We need coaches and managers for the upcoming winter sports season. Basketball, Netball, Football, Rugby and Hockey all require coaches and /or managers. Some teams may not be able to be entered if we cannot fill these places. If you would like to volunteer please call or email the Sports Office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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## CAREERS

**Queenstown Resort College Career Week** - April School Holidays – apply now if interested

[www.queenstownresortcollege.com](http://www.queenstownresortcollege.com)

Learn all about the tourism and hospitality industry by looking behind the scenes at international hotels and tourism operators. For Y13 considering tertiary studies in tourism or hospitality management.

**EF High School Year Overseas Scholarship** – Opportunity to attend a cultural exchange programme and experience another culture and education system during your high school years. Scholarship available. [www.ef.co.nz/highschool](http://www.ef.co.nz/highschool)

**Y13 – GAP Tutorships in the UK for 2013** – if you are interested in tutoring in the UK next year, you may like to check out [www.tutorsworldwide.org](http://www.tutorsworldwide.org) Applications close 9 March.

**Y13 wanting a GAP year next year** – Latitude Global Volunteering provides Gap Year and international volunteering placements for young New Zealanders. Applications open now and close 2 April. [www.latitude.org.nz](http://www.latitude.org.nz)

**Y12 or Y13** – if you would like to find out more about **career possibilities in the agricultural industry**, you may like to attend an experience day at Ambury Park on 3 April. [www.getahead.co.nz](http://www.getahead.co.nz)



**Y13** interested in attending **University of Otago or Otago Polytechnic** might like to attend an **open day in Dunedin** on Monday 30 April. [www.otago.ac.nz](http://www.otago.ac.nz)

**University of Otago - Y13 Maori Student On Campus Experience**, 29 April – 2 May, University of Otago, Dunedin  
Full scholarship available including flights, accommodation and meals. [www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/oce.html](http://www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/oce.html)  
See Mrs Keir ASAP if interested as applications close very soon.

**University of Otago - Y12 & Y13 Pacific Island Student On Campus Experience**, 29 April - 1 May, University of Otago, Dunedin. Full scholarship available including flights, accommodation and meals.  
[www.otago.ac.nz/pacific/secondaryschool/otago022936.html](http://www.otago.ac.nz/pacific/secondaryschool/otago022936.html) See Mrs Keir ASAP if interested as applications close very soon.

**Thinking about a career in travel and tourism or hospitality?** Join a taster day at Crown Institute of Studies, 10am-2pm, Thursday 22 March. [www.crown.ac.nz](http://www.crown.ac.nz) or see Mrs Keir.

Visitors to our School

**AUT**, Thursday 15 March, 12.40pm, PAC – Info about courses available, enrolment requirements, application details, etc.

**Swiss Hotel Management School** - Friday 16 March, 12.40pm, A1 ([www.swisseducation.com](http://www.swisseducation.com))

**Massey University** - Tuesday 20 March, 12.40pm, A1 - info about courses available, enrolment requirements, application details, etc.