

NEWSLETTER 3

16 March 2012



Coming Events:

Week 8	Mon 19 Mar	ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEEK Lynfield College Year 9 & 10 TravelWise Week Year 9 Tip Top trip
	Wed 21	Junior Mathematics Competition German Cultural Exchange Students arrive
	Fri 23	Progress Reports Issued
	Sun 25 – Tue 27	12GEO Trip to Tongariro
Week 9	Mon 26	Board of Trustees Meeting, Admin Building 6.30pm Year 12 & 13 Business e-Day Year 11 Economics trip (WDN)
	Wed 28	CULTURAL WEEK begins Year 10 – 13 KAATI
	Wed 28 – Fri 30	13BIO/BIA Liggins Institute trip Year 13 Performance Music Evening, Hall 7pm Year 11 Economics trip (KRN)
	Thu 29	Progress Conferences (surnames A - L), 4 – 7pm Newsletter No. 4 emailed
	Fri 30	CULTURAL FESTIVAL 12.00 – 4pm
	Sat 31	China Cultural Exchange trip departs (returning 18 Apr) <i>Daylight Saving Ends</i>
	Sun 1 Apr	
Week 10	Tue 3 Apr	Year 10 Business Port of Auckland trip Year 12 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation
	Wed 4	Progress Conferences (surnames M - Z), 4 – 7pm SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS Students released 2.20pm (staff farewell)
	Thu 5	Teacher Only Day (no classes on this day) Term 1 ends
Week 1	Mon 23 Apr	Term 2 begins
	Wed 25	ANZAC Day (public holiday - no classes on this day)
	Thu 26	3 rd House Meetings
	Fri 27	3 rd House Meetings
Week 2	Mon 30	Year 11 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation Board of Trustees Meeting, Admin Building 6.30pm
	Wed 2 Apr	Year 13 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation
	Thu 3	Junior Student Council Meeting
	Fri 4	Year 10 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the third 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.

Preparations are well underway for our annual Cultural Food & Performance Festival which will be held on Saturday 31 March. This is a wonderful opportunity for families of the school and the local community to celebrate the cultural diversity of our College. There will be a variety of cultural performances to view and ethnic foods to purchase. The day will run from 12.00 until 4.00pm

On Wednesday 4 April students will be released at 2.20pm when there will be a staff farewell for Mrs Ro Lange, Faculty Leader Student and Community Services who leaves Lynfield at the end of this term. Mrs Lange has been at the College for 16 years and leaves to take up a position at Diocesan School for Girls. Mrs Deborah Kevany, who was here in 2008, joins the College as Faculty Leader at the beginning of Term 2.

Extended Lynfield College Home Zone

The Lynfield College Board of Trustees has been notified by the Ministry of Education that it may develop an amendment to the current zone. The extended zone area will be along Portage Road (both sides) from the Manukau Harbour end to Clark Street, then follow the stream from Clark Street to Blockhouse Bay Road, where it will join the existing zone. These additional streets will be shared with Green Bay High School. Students in the new area will be treated as in zone, according to the current Lynfield Enrolment Scheme and a detailed copy of the proposed extended zone, including a map, is available from the school office.

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 Notification of early finish days due to wet weather will now be posted on e-LynC via Twitter.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Correction to Newsletter No. 1: Junior Diploma (attachments for Year 9 and 10 students)

Student Leader Profile – Deputy Head Girl & Deputy Head Boy

Hi, my name is Nishita and I am the Deputy Head Girl for this year. It is an awesome privilege to be elected for this leadership position by my Year 13 peers and the staff at Lynfield!

Deputy Head Boy, Billy, and I have many roles to fulfil throughout this year, one of which is organising school events - like the annual Mardi Gras and the 40 hour Famine. While our main goals are to make these events successful and to support the Head students in fulfilling their roles, we also aim to inspire and encourage the rest of our student body to get involved in school activities, so that they can have an epic high school experience.

Responsibility and dedication come hand in hand with the honour of being in a position of power. So, my main target this year is to complete tasks efficiently, while supporting others in their own tasks. Being on the student executive team is not only an opportunity for giving back to our school, but also an amazing way to learn and develop leadership skills, as well as life skills, that we can use when we leave school. I am thankful for this opportunity and super keen for the rest of the year!
Thanks.

Kia Ora. My name is Billy Scarfe and I am the Deputy Head boy for 2012. First of all I would like to say I am truly honoured to be elected by my fellow peers and the staff to this position, and glad to know that I will be serving the school this year.

I would describe myself as an arts student, taking subjects such as music, drama and media studies, and plan to put skills I have learnt in these subjects to use by taking part in the school production, playing music around school and performing whenever possible.

It is my intention to continue studying at tertiary level, with a business or communications degree in mind. Along with the rest of the students and staff I plan to make this year a fun, enjoyable and memorable one :)

Nishita D'Silva and Billy Scarfe



Lynfield College Robotics Teams

Well, the team has done it again. This time, however, the win was bigger than ever. Three of our teams were in an alliance which won the tournament championship! Not only that, but the A team also took out the overall Excellence award and the Driver Skills award. The B team came second in Driver Skills and our C team came second in the Programming Skills challenge. All four of our teams have qualified for the World Championships in LA in April.

The finals were a hair-raising event. Three teams on one alliance won their quarter finals matches with ease and moved up to the semi-finals. Our fourth team, in a separate alliance, also won their quarter final matches but unfortunately as they moved through to the semi-finals they were against the other three Lynfield teams. There could only be one winner, and so our fourth team was pushed out of the competition. The alliance went through to the finals and faced a tough alliance consisting of the Robotics World Cup champions from 2011. However, despite a draw in the first game, our alliance just got better and better, finally winning their last game with a score of 31:20. Lynfield were the winners!

In all, the teams received seven awards and will also receive financial support to attend the World Championships in Anaheim, California in six weeks' time! It was a fantastic three-day competition and plans for the trip overseas have already begun.



Lynfield College Robotics Teams

Back, from left:
Jack Barker
Akash Charles
Justin Attwood
Andrew Coffin
Abigail Birken-Hall
Geoff Sauvarin
Nadia Gozon
Grun Wua Wong
Abhinav Behal
Max Gruebner
Anthony Chen

Front, from left:
Robert Mi
Steve Barker
Nick Waddington

TravelWise Week Is Coming!
19 – 23 March

Step up to the challenge!
Support our school by walking, cycling, catching public transport or even scootering!

We could win five Sports Bags!



Parents Transporting Students to School by Car

Parents transporting students to school by car should drop them off at the marked Drop Off zone, which is located on the left-hand side of the main driveway (Gate 1). Please do not cause congestion by stopping right at the driveway entrance, or on the roundabout by the Administration block. Then please drive through the car park and exit via the lower White Swan Road gate.

N.B. There is no right hand turn in **or** out of the lower White Swan Road gate (Gate 2).

Collecting Students in Boundary Road at the end of the school day

We ask parents not to enter the school grounds to pick up their son or daughter at the end of the day. A lot of students exit by foot along the Boundary Road drive and it is not safe when vehicles enter or exit at this time.

Please be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the Boundary Road entrance at the end of the day – please look for the signs on the poles. It would be much safer if you were able to park a distance away and get your child to walk to the car. This will help cut down the traffic at the Boundary Road gate and make it safer for students to cross the road. Thank you for your co-operation. *A number of parents have received tickets through illegal parking or stopping at the Boundary Road gate.*

Chaos at the School Gate Programme

Lynfield College is participating in the Auckland City Council's Chaos at the School Gate programme. It involves placing parking officers on patrol outside schools to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue tickets to those illegally parked. The Chaos at the School Gate programme has been very successful and is helping to reduce the danger to children as well as improve traffic flow around schools.

Please help us to keep students safe and minimise congestion by parking only where parking is permitted. Look for the signs that inform of restrictions.

Progress Conferences

Progress Reports will be issued to all students on Friday 23 March. Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the progress 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. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days. The HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm. Information on booking parent interview times is as follows.

Booking Parent Interview Times On-line

All our parent interviews last year were successfully booked using an **on-line booking** system. We will be using this same system in 2012. Access to make bookings will be opened for appointments after the reports are issued on Friday 23 March.

The on-line booking system offers parents the opportunity to directly select the time at which they wish to meet teachers. Access to the School Interviews website is through the internet using the URL address <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>. (If you are reading this online you can click on this link to make your booking.) Once logged on to this web page there are three simple steps to follow in order to complete the booking process. All students will be given an instruction sheet that includes the password and a printed copy of their courses and teachers' codes. This information can be used to ensure the interview times are made with the relevant staff member. Parents should print out the email confirmation and bring it to the interview to enable the booking times to be followed. (Please note that some email confirmations were sent to the junk-mail / spam folder of some people's email system – please check this if a reply does not appear immediately in your in-box.)

Any parents unable to access the booking website should complete the manual booking slip on the instruction sheet and send this back to the school office with their child. Receptionist staff will also be able to make bookings through the school office - phone 627 0600. The exact times for the interviews will be confirmed either by email or on the student's slip which will be returned to you.

We trust our parents will continue to be pleased with the on-line interview booking; it is certainly a very efficient means of ensuring Progress Conferences proceed in a scheduled and timely manner. We would appreciate any feedback about your use of this system – please contact Deputy Principal, Mr Black.

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)**

CAREERS NEWS

If you are interested in electronics or programming, then you might be interested in entering the Bright Sparks Awards this year. Info at www.brightsparks.org.nz or www.etito.co.nz

Are you interested in finding out more about **studying law**? You might like to be a law student for a day at the University of Waikato in Hamilton. First date is Tuesday 3 April www.waikato.ac.nz/law/news-events/law_student_for_a_day

Y12 and Y13 students **interested in the NZ Army, Air Force or Navy** – if you would like to apply to attend a 1 Day Leadership Challenge during the school holidays (Thu 12 April) at Whenuapai Air Force Base, then pick up an application form from Mrs Hughes in S/S ASAP.

Pacific International Hotel Management School, New Plymouth – Opportunity for Y12 & Y13 to check out this campus during the school holidays and find out about the courses on offer. Cost of \$298 includes bus, accommodation & all meals. www.pihms.ac.nz

Would you like to know more about the **University of Waikato in Hamilton**? They are having an open day on Friday 11 May, and we can book a free return bus between Lynn Mall and the university for you if you would like to go and check it out.

Y12 & Y13 interested in studying the following at MIT, might be interested in trying one of their Experience Days in one of the following areas – shipping, freight & logistics, early childhood, business, nursing. www.manukau.ac.nz

Visitors To Our School:

- **Massey University, Tuesday 20 March, 12.40pm, A1 - info about courses available, enrolment requirements, application details**
- **Victoria University, Monday 2 April, 12.40pm, A1 – info about courses available, enrolment requirements, application details, etc**

Open Days & Information Evenings:

- **Swiss Hotel Management School** – Monday 19 March, 7pm, Hilton Hotel, City
- **Pacific Hotel Management School** – Friday 30 March, New Plymouth. \$30 incl return bus and lunch and tour etc
- **Cut Above Academy** – Sat 31 March, 10am-4pm, Lvl 6, 242 Queen St, City
- **Crown Institute of Studies** – Thursday 19 April, 11am-2pm, 10 Lorne St, City (business, hospitality, travel tourism & airline)
- **Dunedin Tertiary Open Day (University of Otago & Otago Polytechnic) – On Campus, Dunedin, Monday 30 April**

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Blockhouse Bay Primary School Fundraiser

BHB Primary will be holding regular car boot sales, beginning Saturday 31 March 9am – 1pm, \$15. For more information phone Shari on 021 629 5469.