

## NEWSLETTER 5

4 May 2012



### Coming Events:

Week 3	Mon 7 <b>May</b>	<i>A week of in-class priority time. Students should not make appointments during class time.</i>
	Wed 9	Senior Student Council Meeting, Period 4
	Fri 11	Year 12 Music Performance Evening, 7pm in the staffroom
	Sun 13 – Mon 14	(The Crosscountry event has been postponed to Term 3)
Week 4	Mon 14	Year 13 Geography trip to Rotorua
		<i>A week of in-class priority time. Students should not make appointments during class time.</i>
	Tue 15	Year 12 WorkChoice Day
	Wed 16	Year 13 Music Performance Evening, 7pm in the staffroom
	Thu 17	Senior Mathematics Competition
		Pasifika Parents Evening, 6 – 8.30pm in the staffroom
Week 5	Mon 21	4 <sup>th</sup> House Meetings
	Tue 22	4 <sup>th</sup> House Meetings
		ICAS Computer Skills competition
	Wed 23 – Fri 25	SENIOR ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Week 6	Mon 28	Maori Camp to Rotorua (returning Thu 31)
		Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm in the Admin Building
	Tue 29	Prefects Training Programme, session 2
	<b>Fri 1 Jun</b>	<b>Mid-Term Break – no classes on this day</b>
Week 7	<b>Mon 4</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday public holiday</b>
	<b>Tue 5</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – no classes on this day</b>
	Wed 6	House Competition – Football begins
		ICAS Science competition
	Thu 7	Year 13 Careers Expo
Week 8	Mon 11	GATEWAY Project Possum
		Year 9 Tip Top trip
	Tue 12	GATEWAY Project Possum
		Year 9 Tip Top trip
		Year 13 Childcare-Alongside Work Experience
	Wed 13	Year 9 Tip Top trip
Week 9	Mon 18	ICAS Writing competition
		PRODUCTION WEEK – Shakespeare's <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>
	Tue 19	Matinee performances for local schools
	Wed 20 – Sat 23	Production Evening Performances
	Fri 22	All Year 10 English classes attend Production performance P 5 & 6
	Sun 24	Year 11 GEO trip to Rotorua (returning 25 Jun)

Dear Parents/Caregivers

During March/April Lynfield College hosted a cultural exchange group from Germany and I would like to thank those families for their role in making this exchange successful. The wonderful weather at that time gave our hosts and staff the opportunity to present Auckland as the exceptional city it is. Another group of our students visited Hangzhou, China and were hosted by students from Greentown Yuhua School. Read more about this exchange below.

The Lynfield College Robotics team competed very successfully at the World Championship in Los Angeles, USA during the holidays and an account of this experience is also included in this newsletter.

### New In Zone Streets

From 2013 our College Home Zone will extend further west than previously; the main change is the addition of all streets in the area between Blockhouse Bay Rd and Portage Rd. A map and list of streets can be found on our website [www.lynfield.school.nz](http://www.lynfield.school.nz)

### Enrolment process for 2013

At its recent meeting the Board of Trustees confirmed that the College will be accepting all category 2, 3, 4 & 5 out of zone applicants for Year 9/2013 and these students should enrol at the same time as the home zone students.

Please note that last year a new out of zone category was brought in (*Fourth Priority: child of a former student of the school*). Below are the important dates for your information.

Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 July	Open Day – guided tours of the College
Monday 23 July	Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm in the College Hall
Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 July	Year 9/2013 home zone enrolment starts (late night Thursday 26 July)
Saturday 28 August	Year 9/2013 enrolment 9am – 12pm
Wednesday 5 September	Year 9/2013 category 6 out of zone applications close (ballot date is Tue 11 Sep)
Tuesday 23 October	Out of zone applications for Years 10 – 13/2013 close (ballot date is Wed 24 Oct)

More detailed information about enrolment is available from our website [www.lynfield.school.nz](http://www.lynfield.school.nz)

### Senior Assessment Opportunities in week 5 (Wednesday 23 May – Friday 25 May)

A timetable of the assessment events being held on these days will be published for students on Monday 14 May. All students in Years 11, 12 and 13 should download a copy of this special assessment timetable from e-LynC or the web page or should pick up a printed copy from their Form Teacher. It is important that every student checks the assessment timetable carefully and reports any clashes to Mr Waddington immediately. Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 will have study leave during the days of the assessments (Wed 23 – Friday 25) which means they must be at school for their assessment activity but at other times they should be studying at home, either preparing for their assessments or completing other course work.

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/extension 729), 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.

Students in Years 9 and 10 have normal class timetables during the assessment days, although there will be some room changes they will need to follow from the daily notices each day (these are also published on e-LynC and the web page). If you have any questions about assessment activities please contact Mr M Black through the school office.

We would love to hear if your child has had success in any cultural or sporting events outside the College. Please email details to [welldone@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:welldone@lynfield.school.nz)

S W Bovaird  
Principal

### Student Leader Profile – Arts & Cultural Captains

Kia Ora!

We are Michael Howell and Shantrelle Pendigrast. This year we are pleased to have the opportunity to be the Arts and Cultural Captains of Lynfield College. Hot off the Leadership Camp, we were put straight to work at the start of the term. Our main event, Cultural Day required nearly a term of preparation. However it was a great success, if we do say so ourselves. There was a lot of participation from the community, staff and students, coming together for some tasty food and outstanding performances. As well as organising the Cultural Day, there were also lunchtime events throughout the week which were superb in showcasing the students' diversity and talent. We had students performing traditional Henna tattoos, a Zumba class, a fashion show and musical performances to keep students entertained.

Michael performed in some of the musical events as he is a passionate guitarist and hopes to continue with music studies next year or move into chemical engineering. Shantrelle generated enthusiasm within the student body, involving the juniors in various activities and plans to continue being a leader who can make this year as memorable as possible. In the future she is aiming to pursue a career in psychology through a Bachelor of Science.

We have events coming up later in the year such as Talent Quest, Arts Week and Festival Awards Evening, which we are excited about organising! We are sure these events will be as successful as cultural week and day. So far 2012 has been fantastic and we will continue having an intense interest in the arts and culture at Lynfield College.



## Lynfield Robotics Achieve World Championship Finals

At the NZ National Vex Robotics Championships in March 2012, three Lynfield College robotics teams qualified to participate in the Vex Robotics World Championships in the USA. After flying in to Los Angeles, 10 Lynfield Robotics team members joined more than 10,000 students from 20 different countries to contest in an exciting and competitive environment over the three days of the World Championships. Each Lynfield team played in a different division in the competition with our Year 9 students, coached by Nick Waddington of 12ME, competing against American Middle school students while the other two teams competed against High Schools.

All three Lynfield teams made their division playoffs with the two senior teams gaining awards for being Division finalists. Justin Attwood, Max Gruebner, and Harry Loughnan (from Linwood College in Christchurch) gained the prestigious award of Division Champions and competed in the World Championship Finals. In addition Jack Barker and Justin Attwood gained a ranking in the top ten in the world for driver skills demonstrating yet again the expertise and capability Lynfield Robotics has built since joining the competition when it first began in New Zealand in 2008.

Lynfield Robotics gratefully acknowledges the sponsorship and support of **Kiwibots** – the local organisation that manages the New Zealand competitions, **Vista**, **Schneider Electric** and **Tunnel and Civil Ltd** who enabled the trip to proceed as well as inspiring the achievements attained in this competition.

Lynfield Robotics Team 2915A: Jack Barker, Akash Charles, Nadia Gozon  
Lynfield Robotics Team 2915B: Justin Attwood, Max Gruebner, Harry Loughnan  
Lynfield Robotics Team 2915S: Nick Waddington, Steven Barker, Robert Mi, Grun Wua Wong



## 2012 China Trip

This year on 31 March, a group of 19 Lynfield College students, along with four students from Waitakere College, were involved in the Greentown Yuhua School exchange in China. The trip was led by Mr Aitken, Mr Welsh, Ms Fang and Ms Smith. Over the course of 18 days, students were given the opportunity to participate in a range of activities in which they could experience Chinese customs, traditions and cuisine. This included travelling to famous places such as Tiananmen Square, The Great Wall of China and The Forbidden City as well as taking part in Chinese cooking, taekwondo and tea ceremonies. This year the cities visited included Beijing, Hangzhou, Nanjing and Shanghai with the majority of time spent in Hangzhou. It was great to see students form friendships with their host partners at Greentown Yuhua School and get involved in the activities planned each day.



*The Great Wall of China*





*Shanghai Chenghuang Temple*



*The Old Summer Palace*

### **Tauranga Jazz Festival**

On Easter Friday, 14 Lynfield College students from Years 10 - 13 travelled down to Tauranga for the National Youth Jazz Festival. On Friday night they attended an amazing concert by the Roger Fox Wellington Jazz Orchestra with special guests from the USA, Eric Marienthal (Alto sax) and Kurt Elling (Grammy award winning vocalist). Saturday was spent at the Baycourt Theatre watching and participating in the Youth Jazz Festival. The results were fantastic, with the Jazz Band (directed by Mr Matthew Flockton) winning a silver award for the second consecutive year and the Jazz Combo (directed by Mr Paul Norman) won a gold award.

The Jazz Combo is also eagerly awaiting the release of the CD they recorded last year alongside the Lynfield College Big Band. This professional quality product is scheduled to be available by the end of term and will be celebrated with a CD launch concert.

### **Attendance System**

Students are expected to be punctual and to attend all classes. Attendance of all our pupils is vital in sustaining our learning environment and in meeting individual learning needs. Not all reasons for a student's absence are acceptable. The College has limited discretion, according to Ministry of Education Attendance Codes, over whether a reason for absence falls into the Justified or Unjustified categories.

The acceptable reasons for absence are in the left hand column of the table below.

The right hand column lists some of the other reasons that Lynfield College students give for being absent. These are not acceptable reasons for missing school. These are coded as E (Explained, but not Justified) in the attendance register. Similarly, notes that do not give a reason for an absence will be coded E and will contribute to students' unjustified absence totals for the year.

<b>Justified Reasons for Absence</b>	<b>Unjustified Reasons for Absence Explained but unjustified = E No Explanation = T (Truant)</b>
Cultural or sporting representations at regional or higher level	Being an interpreter for family
Illness (including hospitalisation)	Religious festival
Medical/dental appointments	Looking after ill family members
Bereavement	Babysitting
Exceptional or special family circumstances or occasions – may include travel for special occasions (application should be made to the Principal) / may be sensitive and involve other agencies	Part-time job commitments
Vehicle breakdown/train, bus delay/car accident/natural disaster	Parents work schedule
Citizenship ceremony	Holiday
Ballet/music/speech exam	Birthday
Drivers licence	Unresolvable wet clothing
Bullying (follow up)	Hair appointment
Accident before school – may include injury to an animal	Visa/passport/consulate business
	Taking exams overseas
	Moving house
	Going to the airport

## School Ball and Attendance Conditions

Ticket purchase is conditional on the student meeting all outstanding obligations to the College and having less than 10% unjustified absences. Some students in Year 13 and Year 12 have not provided reasons for absences and may be unduly disadvantaged by the coding of those absences. They need to attend to bringing in notes which account for absences during Term 1 so that they can be correctly coded.

Should you wish to comment, or have a question, on the Attendance System please email Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal, on [lmunro@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:lmunro@lynfield.school.nz)

## NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

The 2012 NZQA fee for domestic students is \$76.70, with a maximum of \$200 per family. This includes up to three Scholarship subject entries. Extra Scholarship entries are \$76.70 per subject.

Invoices and instructions for payment were issued to students on Wednesday 2 May. **The deadline for payment is Friday 29 June** (last day of Term 2). The invoice **MUST** be returned when payment is made. Cheques should be made out to Lynfield College.

The cost for International fee paying students is \$383.30. This does not include Scholarship entries, which are \$102.20 per subject. Financial assistance cannot be claimed for International fee paying students.

Financial assistance is available for those who:

- are receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or
- have a Community Services Card, or
- have a joint family income that would qualify for a Community Services Card, or
- have two or more children entered as candidates this year with fees totalling more than \$200.

(Where fees are payable for more than one candidate, a maximum of \$100 per child and \$200 per fee payer)

The fee for those qualifying for financial assistance in the first three categories is \$20, with a maximum of \$30 per family.

**You must fill in an application form to receive financial assistance. A new application has to be filled in each year – if you received financial assistance last year it does not carry over.**

Financial assistance application forms are available from the Deans' Secretary.

## 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**

Have 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 the following students

3<sup>rd</sup> ranked junior in the world for **Action Pistol shooting**, Cora Munt travels to America this month to compete in an international competition for the Bianchi Cup. We wish her every success.

**Fencing** – In March, Sean Wolsey (10BN) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U15 Mixed Foil event at the Fencing North U15 Champs.

**Netball Waitakere Representative Teams** - It is great to see a number of our girls have proved themselves at trials for these teams. Unna Harder and Cassidy Wilson - U17 rep team, Alice Neville-Smith - U15 rep team

### **Other Representative Team and Academy Selection**

Grace Kukutai - Captain Auckland U15 Maori and named in national tournament U15 team  
Tasia Sissing and Grace Kukutai - High Performance U15 Academy  
Unna Harder and Grace Kukutai - NZSS talent ID programme  
Tiffany McGregor – High Performance Umpires Academy

### **Swimming**

Congratulations are due to the Intermediate Boys Relay team who competed at the Champion of Champions Meet at the end of last Term. Even qualifying for this event is a major achievement as only swimmers with the top eight times over the four Greater Auckland Zone Meets are eligible to compete. The team qualified for three events, including the Open butterfly. They gained 5<sup>th</sup> placings in both the Intermediate Boys freestyle and medley races. Team members: Leland Clarke 10CN, Matt Roach 11HT, Brecon Rose 10MK and Kieran Sumner 11KM.

### **Sports Round-up**

Regular winter sports competitions are now under way and we look forward to some really competitive games in a wide variety of codes. In particular, our U-19 Boys Basketball team is one of the top 8 school teams in Auckland and are in the Premier grade. They have home games in our gym on 8 June and 18 June.

**Message from the Sports Office - If any family members are willing and able to help with coaching or managing a sports team this winter, please contact the Sports Office on 627 0600 ext 595.**

### **CAREERS NEWS**

**Y13** considering studying at **Unitec** next year might like to take a look at the campus and facilities by attending their “**Try It For A Day**”. Available in the following areas: Electrical, Plumbing, Marketing and Management, Communication Studies, Contemporary Dance (Beginners & Advanced). Please see Mrs Hughes during your break further details.

**Y12 & Y13** interested in studying **Shipping, Freight & Logistics, Early Childhood, Business, or Nursing** at **MIT** (Manukau Institute of Technology) might like to try one of their “Experience Days”. Please see Mrs Hughes during your break for further details.

### **Visitors to our School:**

**Queenstown Resort College** (Hospitality Management, Adventure Tourism): Wed 9 May, 12.50pm, A1 (Careers Rm)

**Open Days & Information Evenings** (Full details on school website “Career Events”):

**Elite International School of Beauty & Spa Therapies** – Sat 5 May, 9am-6pm, 3 Broadway, Newmarket  
[www.elitebeautyschool.co.nz](http://www.elitebeautyschool.co.nz)

**University of Waikato, Hamilton Campus** – Fri 11 May (9am-3pm) [www.waikato.ac.nz](http://www.waikato.ac.nz)

**Wintec, Hamilton** – Fri 11 May [www.wintec.ac.nz](http://www.wintec.ac.nz)

**Massey University, Albany Campus** – Saturday 12 May [www.masseyopendays.ac.nz](http://www.masseyopendays.ac.nz)

**Crown Institute of Studies (Business, Hospitality, Travel, Tourism & Airline)** – Wed 16 May, 10 Lorne St, City  
[www.crown.ac.nz](http://www.crown.ac.nz)

**Swiss Hotel Management** – Mon 21 May, 7pm, Hilton Hotel, City [www.shms.com](http://www.shms.com)

**University of Auckland Parent Info Seminar** – Tue 29 May, 7.30pm, Owen G Glen Building, Grafton Rd, City  
[www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)

**AUT Info Sessions** – various dates in May, 6pm-8.30pm. Full details at [www.aut.ac.nz](http://www.aut.ac.nz) Register at [course.information@aut.ac.nz](mailto:course.information@aut.ac.nz)

- Parent/Student Seminar, Thu 10 May, North Shore Campus
- Sport & Recreation, Tue 15 May, AUT Millennium Campus
- Business, Wed 16 May, City Campus
- Law, Wed 16 May, City Campus
- Sciences, Wed 16 May, City Campus
- Engineering, Thu 17 May, City Campus
- Creative Technologies, Thu 17 May, City Campus
- Computing & Mathematical Sciences, Thu 17 May, City Campus
- Language & Culture, Tue 22 May, City Campus
- Social Sciences, Tue 22 May, City Campus
- Hospitality, Tourism & Event Management, Tue 22 May, City Campus
- Te Ara Poutama, Maori Development, Tue 22 May, City Campus
- Art & Design, Wed 23 May, City Campus
- Health – Thu 24 May, North Shore Campus
- Education, Thu 24 May, City Campus
- Communication, Thu 9 Aug, City Campus

**University of Auckland Futures Evening** – Y12/13 girls interested in science - explore possible careers Wed 6 June, from 4.30pm  
**University of Melbourne** – Thu 7 June, 7pm, Mercure Hotel, 8 Customs St, City [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebrations

St Dominic's (Blockhouse Bay) Catholic Primary School is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee on Queen's Birthday Weekend, 1 & 2 June 2012. We invite all ex-pupils, staff, PTFA and BOT to join us. For further information and to register go to [www.stdominics.school.nz](http://www.stdominics.school.nz)

**Is CHALLENGING/UNACCEPTABLE ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOUR a problem in your home?**

**ToughLove** can help with a wide range of problems by helping you to regain control in your home.

Confidential meetings are held weekly at New Lynn Community Centre  
and  
the NZ Ethnic Social Services Centre  
(56 Colwill Road, Te Atatu) at 7.30pm every Thursday

For more information call ToughLove Auckland on 624 4363 or visit [www.toughlove.org.nz](http://www.toughlove.org.nz)