



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 7

31 MAY 2012

Coming Events:

	Fri 1 Jun	Mid-Term Break – no classes on this day
Week 7	Mon 4 Tue 5 Wed 6 Thu 7	Queen's Birthday public holiday Teacher Only Day – no classes on this day House Competition – Football begins ICAS Science competition Year 13 Careers Expo
Week 8	Mon 11 Tue 12 Wed 13	GATEWAY Project Possum Year 9 Tip Top trip Ball ticket sales this week Teachers Paid Union Meeting – students released at 12.40pm GATEWAY Project Possum Year 13 Childcare-Alongside Work Experience Year 9 Tip Top trip
Week 9	Mon 18 Tue 19 Wed 20 – Sat 23 Fri 22 Sun 24	ICAS Writing competition Year 9 Tip Top trip PRODUCTION WEEK – Shakespeare's <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> Matinee performances for local schools Production Evening Performances All Year 10 English classes attend Production performance P 5 & 6 Year 11 GEO trip to Rotorua (returning 25 Jun)
Week 10	Mon 25 Wed 27 Thu 28 Fri 29 Fri 13 Jul	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm in the Admin Building Age Concern Mid-Winter Concert, Hall 10am – 12pm Student Council Meeting (Senior & Junior), Period 5 in the Hall Senior Quizzex, lunchtime Issue Mid-Year Reports Term 2 ends School Ball (last Friday of the holidays)
Week 1	Mon 16 Jul Tue 17 & Wed 18	Term 3 starts Open Day – Tours of the College
Week 2	Mon 23 Tue 24 Thu 26 Sat 28	Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm in the College Hall Enrolment begins for Home Zone and Out of Zone Category 2–5 students Enrolment Evening, 6-8pm Enrolment 9am – 12pm

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Mid-Year reports are now being prepared and these will be issued on Friday 29 June to senior and junior students. Progress Conference evenings will be held for students and their parents on 2 and 7 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.

At this time of the year colds and flu are on the increase. 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. Our school nurse, Mrs Glynne Newton is available on 627 0600 extension 755. 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 in the first instance, who will contact parents or caregivers.

Spare uniform

Now that winter is here, we are in need of school jerseys and jackets to loan to students who for a number of reasons do not have them. If you have any of these items that are no longer required by your family we would appreciate having them. You can deliver them to the reception desk at any time during the school day.

Teachers' Paid Union Meeting

The New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association has informed us that there will be a paid union meeting on **Tuesday 12 June**. Students will be sent home at the end of Period 4 (12.40pm). However, supervised study will be available for students if they are waiting for a bus or to be collected by family. These students should report to the Hall at 1.00pm. The HCD school bus will depart from Boundary Road at 12.50pm.

Student Lunches

Our Deans' reception desk is receiving an increasing number of lunches being brought in for students by parents/caregivers. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your sons/daughters to be responsible for ensuring that *they* bring their lunch to school as, with the very busy demands on the Deans' reception area, there is no guarantee students will receive these lunches before the end of the day.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – International Student Representative

Hello, Kia Ora, 哈囉, こんにちは, 안녕하세요. My name is Matthew Ng, your International Student Representative for 2012. It has been three years since I first came to New Zealand from Hong Kong. So many people have asked me why I came to New Zealand rather than the UK or USA. One of the reasons is that when I researched a possible destination it appeared that New Zealand had an excellent environment for study, as well as offering life experience that could not be found in Hong Kong. I think that my experience is applicable to every international student.

Our school has had international students for 18 years. There are over 100 international students from 15 different countries enrolled so far this year with most of them planning to graduate from Lynfield and continue with university studies in New Zealand or go back to their home country. Some of them come on an exchange programme, which allows them to stay in New Zealand for a short period of time.

Improving our English skills is the most common reason why international students enroll at New Zealand schools like Lynfield College. Some students have limited English skills so they avoid chatting in English and keep chatting in their first language. That is very sad because they will not improve their English skills as quickly even though there are lots of opportunities to speak in English. Speaking in English is promoted by the International Office, their parents and also me. So in my role, I have a responsibility and opportunity to help International Students, as I know what the feeling is like to be studying overseas and staying away from parents and friends. Fortunately, we have got classmates, teachers and International staff, as well as host families who can make things much easier for us.



Many international students are living with host families, which gives us lots of opportunities to speak in English, gain amazing life experiences in New Zealand and have someone to talk with when we need help. I have been staying with my host family since I first came to New Zealand and they have been very nice and kind. They always chat with me so I can improve my English and let me join their family gatherings, so it makes me feel I am part of their family.

Just two months ago, Lynfield held a Cultural Festival which was a great day and I was glad to see so many international students involved in different cultural groups. It was lovely to see Lisa, Maya, Yuka and Mayuko wearing their Japanese kimono, walking around the campus, taking pictures with others.

At the beginning of next term, about 30 new international students will join our school, and they will definitely need some help from us to adapt to this new environment. So, if any of them join your class, but are sitting at the back of the room full of fear, please go and say hi and introduce yourself! I am sure this will help them a lot, by giving them an opportunity to chat in English and adapt to our school much more quickly.

Matthew Ng, International Student Representative

Enrolment process for 2013

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

The Board of Trustees has 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*).

More detailed information about enrolment is available from our website www.lynfield.school.nz

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)

2012 School Ball

This year the Lynfield College School Ball will be held in the Guineas Ballroom at the top of the Ellerslie Events Centre. Dress is formal and will be guided by a theme of *'Crystal Aurora'*. Information concerning the night of the event was issued to all Year 12 and Year 13 students on Thursday 24 May. Our school ball has developed an excellent reputation for being enjoyable, well run and trouble-free.

Date:	Friday 13 July (Note: this is the last Friday of the school holidays)
Time:	7pm to 12 midnight
Tickets:	\$95

The ticket price has not increased this year and covers the cost of photography. Students will be able to download unlimited prints and two photographers will be circulating throughout the evening as well as providing more traditional photography against a backdrop. Photo booths will also be provided for less formal photography.

Our Ball Committee is conscious of the considerable expenses some of our students incur in preparing for the ball and is 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 meeting all outstanding obligations to the College, having less than 10% unjustified absences, having paid all fees owing to the College and having presented signed and completed permission forms (these have also been issued to students). 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 706.

Tickets will be sold in Week 8 to:

- Year 13 on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 June
- Year 13 & Year 12 on Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 June

2012 Production – Romeo & Juliet

Lynfield College's modern telling of the classic tragic romance.

This year Lynfield College departs from its tradition of musical productions to bring you the classic but ever contemporary romance - Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Lynfield's version promises a modern perspective on the famous play, using modern music, costumes and some outlandish make up. One ancient item remains - the swords. Our actors have been honing their sword skills through regular practice, and the sword fighting will provide much excitement and tension during the play. With plenty of violence, tension and romance, this is a show teenagers will lap up.

Unusually, this production will be 'in the round' – a central stage with the audience in scaffolded seating on four sides of the hall. Another modern aspect is the dancing at the Capulets' party, where energetic hiphop and Latin dance skills will be on display. The set, costumes and performances will create anew Shakespeare's story in the modern world, as lovers meet while their feuding families go to war and prove unable to stop their fighting, with bitter consequence.

Starring in "Romeo and Juliet" are experienced drama students. They include Dion Pritchard as Romeo, winner of Best Supporting Actor at the AML awards last year, and Emily Jenkins as Juliet. Other cast members are Holly Stokes as the very comical nurse, Breanna Blackwell as Lady Capulet, Josh Edmonds as Lord Capulet, Tom Jaeger as Mercutio, Billy Scarfe as Benvolio, James Olsen as Tybalt, James Heskett as friar Laurence, Ben Fleming Yates as Balthasar and Gregory, Anup Menon as Sampson, Brayden Silby as Lord Montague, Samantha Holland as Lady Montague, and playing the prince as a Queen instead, is Zoe Vickery. As well, a large number of students are participating in the chorus, sword fighting and dancing.

The show opens on Tuesday 19 June with matinee performances for local intermediate schools. This year we are having a special matinee for Year 10 on Friday 22 June.

Evening Performances	Wednesday 20 – Saturday 23 June, starting at 7.30pm
Ticket Cost	Adults \$10
	Senior Citizens, Students, Children \$5
Door sales from 7pm	
Food and drinks are on sale at interval	

Dress warmly, bring a cushion and let the ancient Bard and Lynfield students give you a moving and powerful experience.

Tickets are now on sale and students are able to purchase tickets from a sales desk during lunchtimes. Members of the public may also purchase tickets from Reception.

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.

If any students who are entering NCEA have not yet received an invoice, they should see Mr Delgrosso urgently.

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 now available from the Deans' Reception. The form should be completed and returned to school as soon as possible to ensure that students receive an invoice for the reduced amount when the billing run is done.

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)**

Caring for our Community Project

Recently we received a letter from the South Auckland Health Foundation, thanking us for the beanies and singlets made by the staff, adult ESOL students and mainstream students from the Caring for our Community Project. Well over a hundred garments were delivered to them, which will provide babies born in Middlemore Hospital with some warm clothes. These will be distributed to those who leave the hospital and go to unheated homes.

We have a group of keen adult students who knit and crochet for a period on Friday mornings (and also in their own time). However, we have a problem – **our supply of wool is getting very low**. If anyone in the community could help us with, preferably, double knitting wool or acrylic, in bright colours rather than white, we would be most grateful. Donations of wool can be left at College reception.



THE EXTRA CURRICULAR SCENE

CONGRATULATIONS! Our students continue to have success in a wide variety of sports:

Baseball

After only one season playing this sport, Nick Weaver (Y11) has been selected as a member of the NZ U17 Baseball team to compete in the Asia Pacific Little League U17 Senior League Championships. This tournament will be played in Guam in July.

Golf

Five students took part in the Auckland Secondary Schools Strokeplay Golf Championships this week. Congratulations to Shantael (Y9) and Esmeralda Lialiga (Y10), whose "nett scores" placed them 1st and 2nd respectively in this section of the tournament.

Bowls

Liam van Rijn (Y12) and Brayden Silby (Y12) are the top qualifiers for the Auckland Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Pairs Championships ¼ Finals. This event was rained off this week and has been re-scheduled to 11 June. These bowlers are 2 of only 8 boys selected to represent Auckland in an Auckland v Waikato tournament on 9 June.

Cross Country

Four students competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships this week. Maddy Poland (Y9) and Amy Pitout (Y9) finished 13th and 18th respectively in the Junior Girls in a field of 100 runners. Dale Pitout (Y11) finished 18th out of the 135 boys entered in the Intermediate Boys. Excellent results! These athletes will now go on to the National Cross Country Champs being held mid-June.

Aotearoa Maori Womens Sevens team

Sports Captain, Tyla Nathan-Wong, was a member of this team who had three comprehensive wins on the first day of the Rome Sevens beating Georgia 34-0, Kazakhstan 28-0 and Italy 52-0. Tyla had a great debut at this international level scoring 4 tries against Italy! The team won the semifinal 38-5 against Ukraine and then went on to win the event for the third year in a row beating Russia 24-19 in a close final.

Hockey

This year the Girls 1st X1 Hockey team has been moved up into the Open B Grade. A competitive grade, demanding a high level of skill, the team has started the season with three excellent wins 3-0 v Marist College, 8-0 v Henderson High School and 3-0 v Rutherford.

Football

Our 1st XI Boys team scored a crucial win over Sancta Maria last Saturday. This result relieves some pressure with regard to retaining their place in their current grade.

Netball

With grading games now completed our 13 netball teams have begun their 1st 'round robin'. The Premier 2 team had a well-deserved win over Avondale Prem 2 who they had drawn with the previous week. This year we have a Premier Development team comprised of Y9, 10 and 11 players who have the potential to become Premier players in the future. This team has made an excellent start to their season including a convincing win over Avondale's corresponding team.

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

CAREERS NEWS

Y12 & Y13 – Unitec are offering \$2000 START Awards for those wanting to start studying fulltime at Unitec in Semester 2 (July) this year. Students must also be confirmed in their intended programme of study to receive the award. Applications close 25 June and can be made online or email studentfunding@unitec.ac.nz

Y11 – if you are interested in science, technology and engineering, you might like to do a 3 day course in the July holidays at AUT. Cost \$95. If you want to enjoy a more advanced practical experience, are curious about science, want to increase your knowledge and broaden your understanding of science, then this could be for you. You will be given the opportunity to meet and work with leading experts in the fields of science, engineering and technology, take part in interesting activities and experiments, realise the importance and diversity of science and technology, be part of the learning environment at a tertiary institute, develop known interests and explore new ones, plus lots more. Limited places. www.sci-tech.org.nz or admin@sci-tech.org.nz

Y11, Y12, Y13 – There is an opportunity to attend a Science Open Day on Wednesday 11 July and/or an Engineering Open Day on Thursday 12 July at the University of Waikato, Hamilton. At Science Open Day, students will spend the day moving through different laboratories and learning about the different science majors on offer through hands-on activities. Lunch is provided and students who are interested will also be able to tour the halls of residence. Engineering Open Day follows a similar format, yet focuses on the engineering programmes. Day runs 9am-5pm. Registration essential. www.sci.waikato.ac.nz

Be A Law Student For A Day – University of Waikato, Hamilton, Tuesday 31 July. Discuss your study options, one-on-one with a student ambassador, attend a lecture/tutorial, visit the law library and be a jury on a case in history, take part in a law quiz in the computer lab, take an optional tour of the campus, have lunch at one of the halls of residence plus more. www.waikato.ac.nz/law

Y12 & Y13 MIT Experience Days – Shipping, Freight & Logistics 10 & 31 Aug, Early Childhood 27 Aug, Nursing 13 Sep. For students seriously considering studying at MIT, you can "experience" these areas of study. www.manukau.ac.nz

Y12 & Y13 Unitec Try It For A Day – Carpentry 31 Aug, Civil Engineering 27 Aug, Electrical 17 Aug, Marketing & Management 24 Aug, Sport 13 June. www.unitec.ac.nz

Visitors to our School

- **Defence Careers Presentation (Army, Navy, Air Force)** – 12.50pm, Wed 13 June, A1 Careers Room
- **University of Otago** – 12.40pm, Thu 21 June, A1 Careers Room

Open Days & Information Evenings (Full details on school website "Career Events")

- **Monash University, Melbourne** – Thu 7 June, 6pm, Auckland City Library, Whare Room, Level 2, 44 Lorne St, City.
- **University of Melbourne** – Thu 7 June, 7pm, Mercure Hotel, 8 Customs St, City
www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au
- **NZ College of Chiropractic** – Thu 7 June, 6.30pm, 6 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington www.chiropractic.ac.nz
- **Crown Institute of Studies (Business, Hospitality, Travel, Tourism & Airline)** – Wed 13 June, 11am-2pm, 10 Lorne St, City
- **College of Camille** – Sat 16 June, 10am-4pm, Lvl 4, 393 Khyber Pass Rd, Newmarket
www.collegeofcamille.co.nz
- **SAE Institute (Film Making & Audio Engineering)** – Sat 16 June, 12pm-4pm, 12 Heather St, Parnell

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Queensland Fruit Fly

As from 26 May the Ministry for Primary Industries revoked the Avondale Fruit Fly Controlled Area Notice. There are no longer restrictions on the movement of fresh fruit and vegetables from that area.