

## NEWSLETTER 4

1 April 2011



### Coming Events

Week 10	Mon 4 <b>Apr</b>	CULTURAL WEEK Y9 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation
	Wed 6	<b>Progress Conferences, 4 - 7pm (student surnames A – L)</b> National Bank Maths Competition
	Thu 7	Prefects that Peak session for Student Executive, 8am Lunchtime Cultural Fashion Show for students Cultural Mufti Day
	<b>SAT 9</b>	<b>LYNFIELD COLLEGE CULTURAL FESTIVAL 11.30 – 4pm</b>
Week 11	Mon 11 Tue 12	13BIO trips to Liggins Institute SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS
	<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>Progress Conferences, 4 - 7pm (student surnames M – Z)</b> <b>Term 1 ends</b>

### TERM 2

Week 1	<b>Mon 2 May</b>	<b>Term 2 begins</b> Greentown School Cultural Exchange group at Lynfield College
	Wed 4	Dawn Chorus
	Thu 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> House Meetings
	Fri 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> House Meetings Junior Student Council Meeting, Period 4 Hall
Week 2	Mon 9	<i>This week is a period of uninterrupted class time – students should not make appointments during school time this week.</i> Dawn Chorus
	Wed 11	Cross Country
	Thu 12	Pasifika Parents Meeting, 6.30pm Staffroom
	Fri 13	Senior Student Council Meeting, Period 4 Hall
Week 3	Mon 16	<i>This week is a period of uninterrupted class time – students should not make appointments during school time this week.</i> WorkChoice Day
	Tue 17	Eton Press Senior Maths competition
	Thu 19	Year 12 & 13 Drama Theatre trip
Week 4	Mon 23 – Fri 27	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK
Week 5	Thu 2 <b>Jun</b>	Prefects that Peak seminar for Student Executive and House Captains Mardi Gras
	Fri 3	MID-TERM BREAK (no classes on this day for Lynfield College students)
Week 6	Mon 6	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (public holiday)
	Wed 8	ICAS Science competition
	Thu 9	Senior Careers Day
	Fri 10	Y9 & 10 Student Council Leader training day

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Monday we hold the first of two Student Progress Conferences evenings, with the second evening on Tuesday 12 April. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days and the interview appointments are from 4 – 7pm.

These conferences give you the opportunity to discuss your son's/daughter's progress with their teachers and we look forward to seeing as many parents/caregivers as possible. I am sure our new on-line booking system will be a more efficient way of making appointments with all the teachers you wish to meet. Students should bring their reports and student handbooks to these conferences. Maintaining dialogue over the academic and pastoral welfare of all students is a clear goal of Lynfield College. I hope the advice given by the subject teachers will prove valuable for continuing classroom focus. The senior students have a week of assessment in week 4 of Term 2 and need to have a revision schedule underway at the beginning of that term.

An invitation is extended to students, families and friends of Lynfield College to attend our **Cultural Food and Performance Festival** next **Saturday, 9 April**. This annual festival begins at 12-midday with a powhiri, then continues until 4pm with food stalls and performances from at least 14 different cultural groups. The festival is a special day out in our school calendar and the student groups are looking forward to being able to share aspects of their culture with the wider school community. During next week there will be a variety of cultural events for students at the College, including foreign films, a mufti day and fashion show.

With the cooler weather approaching, it is important that students are prepared for Terms 2 and 3 with winter uniform items. Our uniform shop currently has a range of uniform at sale price, with over 15% savings on some items (long and short sleeve polo shirts, sweatshirts, boys and girls trousers, business shirts and black scarves). Please ensure as well that your child has wet weather gear to wear. We are often asked for dry clothing by students and this demand is not possible for us to meet.

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Acting Principal

### **Student Leader Profile –Sports Captains**

Kia ora. We are Kirby Wotherspoon and Chad Wright, the Sports Captains for 2011. We are very excited to be a part of the Student Executive this year with our aim being to encourage students to get more involved with and to enjoy the various sporting activities available to them at Lynfield. Our role as sports captains is to be ambassadors of sport for the school, acting as a link between the staff and students.

We began our responsibilities as sports captains with Athletics Day and have recently been busy organising and running the touch competition between the different houses within the school. We have had great weather and the event has so far been a success, with lots of students taking part and enjoying themselves. We look forward to the rest of 2011 with the house netball and soccer competitions still to come. If Athletics Day and the touch competition are anything to go by, 2011 will be a great year for sport at Lynfield College.

*Kirby Wotherspoon & Chad Wright*



### **Progress Conferences**

Progress Reports were issued today. Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname. If this is not possible, please attend on the most suitable evening.

Monday 4 April (student surnames A – L), 4 - 7pm  
Tuesday 12 April (student surnames M – Z), 4 - 7pm

All parents/caregivers are expected to visit their child's teachers on one of these days 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.

## Booking Progress Conference Times On-line

On-line booking sheets are available for parents to set the interview times with the teachers they wish to meet on Monday 4 and Tuesday 12 April.

This is the first time Lynfield College has used this method for booking appointments. It 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 have been given an instruction sheet that includes the password and a printed copy of their courses and teachers' codes. This information is 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 are being sent to the junk-mail / spam folder of the 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 number - ph 6270600. 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 hope our parents will be pleased that we have moved to on-line interview booking; it is certainly a more efficient means of ensuring Progress Conferences proceed in a scheduled and timely manner. We would appreciate any feedback about your use of this new system – please contact Deputy Principal, Mr Black.

### **Do we have your current phone numbers, email and postal addresses?**

Please ensure that we have appropriate contact details for you that enable you to receive this fortnightly newsletter and any other notices, reports, etc. Email our Dean of Administrative Services, [rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz), indicating your child's name and form class in your email message.

## NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

The 2011 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.

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. The deadline for this is the end of term (15 April). This will ensure that students will receive an invoice for the reduced amount when the billing run is done during the holiday period.

Fee collection will be during next term, with a deadline for payment of 8 July. Please budget for this expenditure so that you can meet the payment deadline. Further instructions regarding payment will be included on the invoice issued at the start of next term.

## **Polyfest 2011**

Polyfest was held 16-17 March and is one of the main festivals that celebrate the different cultures in Auckland. Charlie, Jessica, Kieran and I were excited to be invited, especially as our own school was performing. Arriving at the Manukau Superbowl, the sun shone brilliantly, almost predetermining a great day. We watched many fantastic performances from different schools and of course, cheered, took photos and videoed when Lynfield rocked the stage with the Indian Group performance. There was tempting food everywhere, perfect weather and also an unseen chance of a day of bonding for the Arts and Culture Captains! It proved to be a very enjoyable day and a multicultural celebration with an undeniable kiwi twist. Lynfield was represented proudly and everyone went home happy!

*Esther Zhuang, Arts & Culture Captain*

## **The Great Anchor Milk Run**

Anchor is giving New Zealand schools the chance to win their share of a total \$500,000 prize pool. The *Great Anchor Milk Run* starts on 4 April and over 80 days schools and consumers have the chance to win a share of this prize pool by purchasing any specially marked Anchor milk. Every litre of milk equals 1 entry into the draw. Enter the unique code on the reverse of Anchor milk bottles by texting to 311 or enter on-line at [www.anchormilkrun.co.nz](http://www.anchormilkrun.co.nz)

## **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 850) if you would like any further information.

## **Mathematics Clinic 2011**

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available! Where? G5  
When? **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday after school)**

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT**

Congratulations to Landen Wade 9RA who recently competed in the New Zealand National Water-Ski Championships held in Christchurch, where he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for the U14 Boys. At an earlier event Landen broke the U14 Boys Water-ski Trick record (the previous record had been held for 6 years).

## **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

### **Tennis (Saturday 19 March)**

Boys Senior 1 lost 3/6 to Avondale College  
Boys Senior 2 won 6/3 v Massey High  
Boys Intermediate won 5/4 v Green Bay

Girls Senior 1 lost 1/8 to Maclean's College  
Girls Senior 2 lost 2/7 to Mt Roskill Grammar  
Girls Junior won 5/4 v St Dominic's

Matches from 5 March are still to be played as they have been postponed twice due to rain. Congratulations to the Senior Boys 2 and Intermediate Boys teams who remain unbeaten so far.

## **Cricket**

Lynfield teams have been competing well this term with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI still unbeaten. With such a young team this is an outstanding result. The weather washed out the last weekend of cricket for this term.

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys**

Lynfield College 200/9 dec. (Shyam Mehta 56)  
Howick College 132 all out. (Maity Sriskandarajah 2/19)  
Lynfield won on first innings

## **Intermediate A**

Lynfield vs Rosmini

Rosmini – 168 all out (Ricoch Kumar 3 for 12 off 7 overs)

Lynfield – 78 all out (first innings), 59 all out (second innings)

Lynfield lost on first innings

## **Wrestling**

Lynfield students did very well at the Auckland Secondary Schools Wrestling Championships, held at Dilworth School on Thursday 17 March. Congratulations to:

### **Seniors**

1<sup>st</sup> 58kg Aidan Bradley 12HL

3<sup>rd</sup> 63kg Mac Wynn 12KR

### **Juniors – Female**

2<sup>nd</sup> 56kg Chantal van Weelie 11ME

## **From the Sports Office**

The sports office is in desperate need of coaches and managers for the upcoming winter sports season. We especially need volunteers for Netball, Hockey, Rugby and Football (Soccer). No matter what your coaching level or experience, if you are able to help out please email Greg Burne.

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## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **SPCA – School Holiday Experience – April 2011**

A variety of programmes for ages 5 – 7, 8 – 12 and 13 – 17 year olds, from Monday 18 – Friday 29 April at the SPCA Auckland Education and Conference Centre, 50 Westney Road, Mangere, Auckland. For further information about costs per session and to make a booking contact Kathy Turner (09) 256 7300 ext 827, [holiday@spca.org.nz](mailto:holiday@spca.org.nz)

### **FREE! BREAK AWAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Free registration only applies to residents of Panmure, Tamaki, Glen Innes, Pt England, Mt Wellington, Waterview, Pt Chev, Mt Roskill, Three Kings, Waikowhai, Owairaka, Avondale, Grafton, Auckland City Centre, Sylvia Park.

Free bus service from Avondale Community Centre and Glenavon School.

For the first step to register go to [www.youthtown.org.nz](http://www.youthtown.org.nz)

For more information, contact:

Youthtown Central, 68a Nelson Street, Auckland, Ph 379 5430, fax 309 0607, email [programmes@youthtown.org.nz](mailto:programmes@youthtown.org.nz)