

NEWSLETTER 5

15 April 2011



Coming Events

Week 1	Mon 2 May	Term 2 begins Greentown School Cultural Exchange group arrives at Lynfield College
	Wed 4	Dawn Chorus – EnviroGroup
	Thu 5	3 rd House Meetings
	Fri 6	3 rd 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>
	Wed 11	Dawn Chorus
	Thu 12	Cross Country
	Fri 13	Pasifika Parents Meeting, 6.30pm Staffroom 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>
	Tue 17	WorkChoice Day
	Thu 19	Eton Press Senior Maths competition Year 12 & 13 Drama Theatre trip
Week 4	Mon 23 – Fri 27	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK
Week 5	Thu 2 Jun	Prefects that Peak seminar for Student Executive and House Captains
	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	Mardi Gras Y9 & 10 Student Council Leader training day Newsletter No.8 emailed
Week 7	Tue 14	Reserve day for Leader Training Day
	Thu 16	4 th House Meetings Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience
	Fri 17	Pasifika Parents Meeting, 6pm in Staffroom 4 th House Meetings
Week 8	Tue 21	House Football Competition begins
	Thu 23	ICAS Writing Competition Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thanks to all those students, parents and staff who supported our annual Cultural Festival on Saturday 9 April. We have a wide variety of cultures at the College and this was a wonderful opportunity for the extended school community to share the features of their culture which make it so special and unique. Students spend hours practising their items to ensure the community gets to see the performance at its very best. The food is prepared by students and their families and again aims to give us an appreciation of the diversity and sophistication of the dishes available from each group. With the weather on our side, the day could not have been a more positive and enjoyable experience.

The aim of the day is to spread understanding and increase appreciation of the contribution each group makes to our school and the wider community. The day is not a fund raiser. It is self-funding with the cost for each dish expected to cover the cost of ingredients. The performers pay all their own expenses. The College contributes through meeting expenses of security, cleaning, waste disposal etc.

I would like to thank Mr Muni Ratnam our Cultural Co-ordinator and his team of students, especially the Arts and Culture Captains, and all students, staff and parents who so generously gave their time and expertise to ensure this was such a successful event.

The Progress Conference Evenings held in the last two weeks were both very well attended and we are pleased with the efficiency of our new online appointment booking system. I hope this was a successful opportunity for you to get feedback on your child's progress during this first part of the school year. 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 begin a revision schedule early in that term.

I wish everyone safe and happy holidays and look forward to our students returning refreshed and ready for a busy and productive Term 2.

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Acting Principal

Student Leader Profile – Arts and Culture Captains

Hi! I'm Esther and I am an Arts and Culture Captain for 2011! Ever since I was a junior, I have been dreaming of getting this position as I am very passionate about cultural diversity and arts, and I am ecstatic that I was elected to the role. I am very excited about the upcoming events this year, and our main event, Cultural Week successfully sailed through without a hitch. Cultural Day on Saturday was a blast and enjoyed by everyone. It was great to see so many past pupils and it will be something I will definitely come back to see next year! Next year I am planning on beginning a Bachelor of Communications at AUT.

Hello, I am Charlie and am also Arts and Culture Captain for 2011. I decided to stand for the Arts and Cultural portfolio because I really wanted to support diverse culture and increase the number of performances around the College. Sadly, I wasn't able to make it to Cultural Week or Cultural Day this year because I was (and still am while writing this) in Germany. However, I have heard from Esther and the two deputies Jess and Kieran that both events went very smoothly. It has been great working with Mr Ratnam, Esther, Kieran and Jess so far and I look forward to all the upcoming events this year. Next year I plan to do a Bachelor of Music in Jazz at Auckland University.



Esther Zhuang & Charlie Isdale

2011 Lynfield College Cultural Week

The 4th of April kicked off our annual Cultural Week in Lynfield College. Each year, Cultural Week is a week-long celebration of the different cultures and the diversity represented in the school. On Monday we immediately got into the spirit, with free henna tattoos from the Indian group on offer at lunchtime. The next day was a Kiwi day, with lunchtime competitions on the field such as a gumboot toss, a three legged race and a wheelbarrow race, with the winners getting pineapple lumps as their prizes. Wednesday was the Year 9 Cultural Market Day, with a haka being performed alongside it. On Thursday it was mufti day and the ever popular fashion show at lunchtime. Ms Han won best dressed teacher and the Samoan group won best dressed group. All the proceeds of this mufti day went to charity, and it was beautiful seeing the different costumes of the world around the school. Friday was a day for the music students to shine, with guitar performances at lunchtime.

Saturday, however, was the long awaited Cultural Day! Jessica, Kieran, Charlie and I had been working nearly all term for this day, and we were very eager for it to start! This year, Cultural Day was bigger than ever, with two venues - the hall and the PAC. Cultural Group leaders had also been busy working towards this day, and were rewarded with successful stall sales and food seemingly flying off their tables during the food buying rush. When it was time for the performances, the crowd went wild as the school and the community supported their culture, their family and their friends that were performing. The concert went seamlessly and according to plan, and everyone had a great time. Anyone who participated in Cultural Day should be proud of themselves for representing their culture and their school so magnificently! Cultural Week was a huge success, and definitely a highlight in the school calendar.

Esther Zhuang, Arts & Culture Captain

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.

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* competition started 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.anchormlkrun.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 afterschool)**

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 to notices@lynfield.school.nz, indicating your child's name and form class in your email message.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding sporting achievements:

- **Football** – Katie Bowen 13KM, has been selected for the NZ Football Ferns (senior women) World Cup training squad.
- **Hockey** – Kate Hughes 12FS, has been selected for the Auckland U18 Girls B Hockey team.
- **Touch** – Tyla Nathan-Wong 12JN, has been selected for the Touch Blacks Open Womens World Cup team.
- **Hockey** – Akshay Chauhan 11AL, has been selected for the Auckland U18 Premier Hockey team.
- **Football** – Danielle Bradley 11DN, has been accepted into the NZ Football National Talent Centre.
- **Taekwondo** – Nataly See 11WL, won Gold, two Silver and Bronze medals at the recent NZ Open Taekwondo Championships. This is an international competition held annually in Auckland.
- **Squash** – Juee Bhide 10CS, has been selected for the Auckland U15 Squash team.

Sportsperson of the Month (February/March)

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved very highly in their sporting codes.

- Callum Magee 9MK – **Tennis**: Committed and reliable member of the Senior Boys Tennis team. Always shows great sportsmanship.
- Jason Pimenta 10ST – **Tennis**: Jason is the school No. 1 who has won all his singles games this season. He is talented, reliable and shows great sportsmanship.
- *Nominee* – Max White 10NG – **Waterpolo**: *Prolific scorer for junior team. A committed and enthusiastic player.*
- Rugved Deshpande 11ME – **Cricket**: Outstanding batting in the Gillette Cup wins over Western Springs and Dilworth.
- Tyla Nathan-Wong 12JN – **Touch**: Outstanding leadership in both practice and games.
- Rachel Nabalara 13CW – **Volleyball**: Consistent high level of performance and commitment to team and trainings.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Tennis

Results from 5 March (played to 2 April).

Boys – Senior A3 won 8/1 v Massey, Senior West results still to come, Intermediate lost 3/6 to MAGS.

Girls – Senior A1 lost 3/6 to MAGS, Senior A3 lost 2/7 to MAGS, Junior won 8/1 to MAGS.

Swimming

This term has been a busy one for swimming, with the time trials for team selection, the Zone Meet and the Champion of Champions. A team of eleven competed at the Zones, gaining some good results.

The most successful swimmer was Stephanie Hett 9RS, whose times qualified her to compete in two events at the Champion of Champions Meet. Congratulations are due to Stephanie for her placings of 3rd in the 50m Junior Girls freestyle and 4th in the 50m butterfly.

Only the top eight swimmers over the four Auckland Zones qualified for this next stage. Other team members performed well, but could not reach the 'top eight' times in Auckland required for the Champion of Champions.

Zone team: Maddy Butler 9LN, Jordan Hearn 9HS, Becky Henwood 9LN, Stephanie Hett 9RS, Sam Jenkins 13BW, Matt Roach 10HT, Brecon Rose 9KK, Kieran Sumner 10AG, Max White 10NG, Sam White 13CW, Natalie Woodgate 11BK.

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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CAREERS NEWS

Upcoming Tertiary open days and information sessions. Details online.

Unitec Course Advice at Lynfield College	Tue 3 May
International Travel College of NZ	Fri 29 April
Dunedin Tertiary Information Day, Dunedin	Wed 4 May
University of Waikato, Hamilton (free bus to/from Auckland)	Fri 13 May
Air Force Evening Careers Presentation	Mon 16 May
Auckland Coca Cola Careers Expo	9 – 11 June
University of Otago (Science), Dunedin. Presentation in Auckland	Thu 16 June
Law Information, University of Otago, Dunedin. Presentation in Auckland	Mon 20 June
Unitec	Wed 22 June
Air Force Open Day	Tue 5 July
University of Waikato, Hamilton. Presentation in Auckland	Thu 7 July
Massey University, Manawatu Campus	Wed 3 August
AUT Business and Law	Tue 9 August
AUT Art & Design & Communications	Wed 10 August
AUT Engineering, Maths, Computing & Creative Technology	Thu 11 August
Victoria University, Wellington. Presentation in Auckland	Thu 11 August
Massey University, Albany Campus	Sat 13 August
Faculty of Education, University of Auckland	Wed 17 August
AUT Applied Humanities	Wed 17 August
AUT Health, Sciences, Sport & Recreation and Education	Thu 18 August
Massey University, Wellington Campus	Fri 26 August
Victoria University, Wellington Campus	Fri 26 August
University of Auckland Courses & Careers Day	Sat 27 August
AUT Te Ara Poutama	Tue 30 August

Careers Office

Wendy Keir, Careers Advisor – ext 862
Raewyn Fairley, Gateway & AWE Co-ordinator – ext 653
Karen Hughes, Secretary – ext 867

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

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

For more information, contact:

Youthtown Central, 68a Nelson Street, Auckland, Ph 379 5430, fax 309 0607, email programmes@youthtown.org.nz