

NEWSLETTER 7

27 May 2011



Coming Events

Week 5	Fri 3	MID-TERM BREAK (no classes on this day for Lynfield College students)
Week 6	Mon 6 Wed 8 Thu 9 Fri 10	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (public holiday) ICAS Science competition SENIOR CAREERS DAY Mardi Gras Student Executive attend Prefects that Peak Leaders' Summit, AUT Y9 & 10 Student Council Leader training day Newsletter No.8 emailed
Week 7	Tue 14 Thu 16 Fri 17	Reserve day for Leader Training Day 4 th House Meetings Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience Pasifika Parents Meeting, 6pm in Staffroom 4 th House Meetings
Week 8	Mon 20 Tue 21 Wed 22 Thu 23 Fri 24 Sun 26	Year 9 Tip Top trip (9WS) House Football Competition begins ICAS Writing Competition Year 9 Tip Top trip (9RS & 9ST) Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience Newsletter No. 9 emailed Year 11 Geography trip to Rotorua
Week 9	Mon 27 Tue 28 Wed 29 - Sat 2 Jul	PRODUCTION WEEK Year 11 Geography trip returns Production matinees for local primary schools Production evening performances
Week 10	Tue 5 & Wed 6 Tue 5 Thu 7 Fri 8 Sun 10	Open Day – guided tours of the College Pasifika Parents and University of Auckland Meeting, 6pm in the Staffroom LEADERSHIP & CULTURAL PHOTOS Newsletter No. 10 emailed Year 13 Geography trip to Rotorua (returns Mon 11 Jul)
Week 11	Mon 11 Tue 12 Thu 14 Fri 15	Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm in the Hall Home zone enrolment for Year 9/2012 begins Australian National Chemistry Quiz Year 12 Biology Zoo trip Full student council meeting, Period 2 in the Hall Senior and Junior Mid-Year Reports issued Trash to Fashion parade, lunchtime in the Hall Term 2 ends
Week 1	Mon 1 Aug Tue 2 Thu 4 Thu 4 & Tue 9	Term 3 begins Course Selection for 2012 begins ICAS English competition Australian Mathematics competition Progress Conference Evenings

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our senior students have now completed the assessment week activities and normal timetable resumes on Monday. They undertook a wide variety of assessment tasks, including exams, practical sessions and in-class assignments. The complexity of timetabling the week's organisation, with the aim of keeping it all within that short time frame, meant that some students had three activities on one day, while others had an opportunity to study for an up-coming task. I was impressed with the way students coped with the pressure of the week. Teachers are now busy marking the students' scripts and results will be made available over the next week.

Mid-year reports are now being prepared and these will be issued on 14 July to senior and junior students. Progress conference evenings will be held for students and their parents on Thursday 4 and Tuesday 9 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.

All students are reminded that their conduct around the school grounds must comply with the Taking Responsibility for Safety agreement they signed at the time of enrolment.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – International Student Representative

Privet! I am Ksenia, your International Representative for 2011. I came to New Zealand at the beginning of 2009 from Russia and it has been three years since I first came to Lynfield College. So many people keep asking me why I decided to move to New Zealand. One of the reasons was to gain an amazing life experience and the other one was to study and gain knowledge that wasn't provided in my home country. This is applicable to every international student.

Lynfield College has welcomed international students for more than thirty years and takes over 100 enrolments from around 15 countries each year. Most of the students come here on exchange programmes, which allow them to stay in New Zealand for a short period of time but some of them plan to graduate from Lynfield College and have an ability to enter a university in New Zealand.

Learning English is the most common reason why international students enrol at Lynfield College. Some of them just know the basics and usually avoid talking to Kiwis. It can be a tough and lonely time for them, as they do not have their friends and family to support them. I have been through this and know how it feels and I am glad that in my role I can work to increase communication knowing how confusing it can sometimes feel. International students really appreciate conversation with English speaking students so that they can improve their language and feel more a part of the community. As a student I also want to say that I am really grateful for our International Department staff, Ms Austin, Ms Foley, Mrs Way, Mrs Arnold and Ms Henriksen who take care of us and make things so much easier!



Not long ago, Lynfield College had a cultural day. So many international students got involved and joined diverse groups. It was lovely to see that the French group was quite popular on that day. Thanks to our new French student, Elodie, who shared her culture and delicious food with others!

A big thank you to all the students who reach out and make friends with international students! You make their stay in New Zealand so much more enjoyable. If you ever see a new international student sitting at the back of the class full of fear - just say hi! It will make their day!

Kshusha Vistovskaya

Mardi Gras

Planning is well underway for the annual Lynfield College Mardi Gras on Thursday 9 June, 7-10pm, cost \$10.00. This is a well-supervised evening of fun activities and dance, available to current Lynfield College students only. Drinks and snacks will be on sale during the evening. The theme is "*Michael Jackson – Thriller*" and students are encouraged to dress up as the man himself or channel their own favourite pop star magic.

Tickets will be on sale from Thursday 1 June at lunchtime until sold out. Students will be eligible to purchase a ticket if they bring a signed permission form and have fewer than 10% unexplained absences. Students will be bringing home further information concerning the planning for the evening as well as a permission slip on Monday 30 May.

Student ID cards must be presented to gain entry on the night. Tickets can only be bought prior to the evening – there will be **NO** door sales. Doors open at 6.45pm and close at 7.30pm, with entry refused after this time. Students will not be able to leave before 9.45pm. Any queries can be addressed to Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal, 627 0600 extension 871.

Year 13 Students – Careers Day

On Thursday 9 June, our Year 13 students will have the opportunity to spend some time thinking about their future career dreams and goals. The day will start with a former Lynfield College student talking about his career journey and experiences. After this, all Year 13 students will attend the Careers Expo (www.careers-expo.co.nz) at ASB Show Grounds, Greenlane, from 10am-11.15am. Normal timetable will apply period 4 – period 6. The cost for the morning will be \$5 per student. Further information will be coming home with students shortly.

Auckland Careers Expo 2011, Thursday 9 June – Saturday 11 June

This event will provide a great opportunity for all students to check out their options (courses, careers, jobs, apprenticeships) for future. The Careers Expo has become a key place for young people to explore their available career, study and training options, get first hand advice and shape future plans with greater confidence. This expo presents all the main education and training providers as well as the growing opportunities available through the large array of industry training organisations. We encourage parents to support their sons and daughters by attending the expo with them if possible. All age groups will be able to benefit from this event. For further information see their website on www.careers-expo.co.nz

ASB Show Grounds, Greenlane

- Thursday 9 June, 10am-3pm and 5pm-7pm
- Friday 10 June, 10am-3pm
- Saturday 11 June, 10am-4pm

2011 School Ball

This year the Lynfield College School Ball will be held at the Events Centre on top of the Auckland War Memorial Museum. The Event Centre is situated under the copper dome and is a circular, fully glazed room with fantastic views of Auckland City and the harbour. Dress is formal and will be guided by a theme of 'Cirque de Lumieres'. Information concerning the night of the event will be sent home to all Year 12 and Year 13 students on Tuesday 31 May. Our school ball has developed an excellent reputation for being enjoyable, well run and trouble-free.

Date:	Saturday 30 July (Note: this is the last Saturday of the school holidays)
Time:	7pm to 12 midnight
Tickets:	\$95

The ticket price has increased this year to cover the cost of increased venue pricing, GST and inclusive photography. Students will be able to download unlimited prints and a photographer will be circulating throughout the evening as well as providing more traditional photography against a backdrop.

Our Ball Committee is conscious of the considerable expenses some of our students incur in preparing for the ball and are 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% unexplained absences and having presented two signed and completed permission forms (to be sent home with students next week). 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 871.

2011 Production – 'Guys and Dolls'

This year Lynfield College will be presenting a production of the classic "Guys and Dolls". This Hollywood musical promises drama, laughs and catchy musical numbers that will have you tapping your toes and dancing in your seats. Once again we have a talented cast, with Shawn Cleaver, Chantal Van Weelie, Dion Pritchard and Holly Stokes playing the lead roles. Arneet Singh and Billy Scarfe provide some comic relief with their interesting characters Benny and Nicely. There is also a fabulous chorus of dancing girls for your entertainment.

Guys and Dolls, by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows with lyrics and music by Frank Loesser, is the story of a hardened gambler who arrives in town only to fall for a trick bet with Nathan Detroit. He bets that he can take any woman he likes to Havana for the night. To his horror, Nathan Detroit selects Sarah Brown, a Salvation Army member who is full of religious fervour, as the woman he must persuade. As the unlikely couple fall in love, the rest of the gamblers are forced to confront their sins.

The show will have some surprising visual touches which will be revealed on opening night. Suffice to say, technology will be well-employed. This year's band will be larger than usual to accommodate the wider range of instruments. Mrs Lisa Norman the musical director, has assembled some fine talent to play one of Hollywood's most famous musical scores.

The show opens at 7pm, on Wednesday 29 June in the Lynfield College Hall and runs until Saturday 2 July. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$15 for adults. To purchase tickets, please contact reception.

NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

Invoices were issued to students at the beginning of term. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact Mr Delgrosso urgently. **The deadline for payment is Friday 8 July.** The invoice **MUST** be returned when payment is made. **Cheques should be made out to Lynfield College.**

Financial assistance applications are well overdue. If you have any queries please contact Mr Delgrosso, Dean of Administrative Services, 627 0600 extension 872 or rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz

National Excellence in Teaching Awards - Nominate a Great Teacher

Nominations have opened for the 2011-2012 ASG National Excellence in **Teaching** Awards and the Cognition Education Excellence in **Leadership** Awards. This is an opportunity to acknowledge those who positively influence learning and performance in our school. Parents, secondary student councils, boards of trustees, management committees and community organisations can nominate teachers and leaders for professional development grants from a pool worth \$35,000. Entry closing date is 31 August 2011. Nominations can be done online at www.neita.co.nz or forms are available from College reception and local libraries.

Enrolment Process for 2012

Because of the altered school term dates this year we will be starting the enrolment process at the end of this term, instead of at the beginning of Term 3. Please note that there is a new out of zone category for 2012 (*Fourth Priority: child of a former student of the school*).

At its recent meeting, the Board of Trustees confirmed that the College will be accepting all out of zone applicants for Year 9 in 2012 students from Categories 2 (sibling of current student), 3 (sibling of a former student), 4 (child of a former student), 5 (child of a Board member or employee). Students from these four categories must be enrolled by Thursday 1 September.

Below are the important dates for your information:

Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6 July	Open Day – guided tours of the College
Monday 11 July	Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm in the College Hall
Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 July	Year 9/2012 Home Zone enrolment starts
Holiday enrolments	Enrolments can be made each morning, 9am – 12pm on weekdays during the holidays, no appointment necessary.
Saturday 6 August	Year 9/2012 Enrolment 9am – 12pm
Thursday 1 September	Year 9/2012 Category 6 (no existing association with the College) out of zone applications close (ballot date is Thu 8 Sep)

Monday 3 October Out of zone applications for Years 10 – 13 closes (ballot date is Fri 7 Oct)

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

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.anchor milkrun.co.nz Closes Sunday 26 June.

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)**

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Netball

Congratulations to Alice Neville-Smith 9KK who has been selected for the Year 9 Netball Waitakere rep team.

National Youth Jazz Orchestra

Two Lynfield College students have been selected for the NZ Youth Jazz Orchestra which is held annually in Wellington. Entry is by audition and is open to secondary school and university music students under 19 years. The band will spend two weeks rehearsing and performing under the direction of Rodger Fox and guest tutors from America. Congratulations to Michael Howell 12AT (Guitar) and Charlie Isdale 13BW (Saxophone).

Both students play in the College's premier Jazz Groups; the Big Band and Jazz Combo A under the direction of Paul Norman as well as playing in a semi-professional jazz band, Queen City Big Band, outside of school.

SPORT ROUNDUP

Cross Country Results

Congratulations to those who participated in the Cross Country on Thursday 12 May. Winners of each year level are below:

Senior Boys	1 st	Gage Loomans 12HL	Senior Girls	1 st	Tyla Nathan-Wong 12JN
	2 nd	Acelin James 12AT		2 nd	Sarai Kennerley 12AT
	3 rd	Mac Wynn 12KR		3 rd	Penelope Walbran-Oakley 13WI
Year 11 Boys	1 st	Jason Sun 11DN	Year 11 Girls	1 st	Holly Sun 11ME
	2 nd	Giacomo Gambassi 11MN		2 nd	Grace Smith 11PL
	3 rd	David Otter 11PL		3 rd	Sophie Smith 11PL
Year 10 Boys	1 st	Brock Dormer 10MH	Year 10 Girls	1 st	Juee Bhide 10CS
	2 nd	Kieran Sumner 10AG		2 nd	Kalei Kennerley 10CS
	3 rd			3 rd	Aaisha Basar 10FN
Year 9 Boys	1 st	James Edwards 9HL	Year 9 Girls	1 st	Alice Neville-Smith 9KK
	2 nd	Filmon Neguse Kahsay 9BT		2 nd	Andrea Kapua 9WS
	3 rd	Callum Drew 9BN		3 rd	Shana Sharma 9WS

Boys Football

The 1st XI boys have had a successful fortnight, winning their 2 matches 2-1 against One tree Hill College and 3-0 against Pakuranga. Outstanding for Lynfield against One tree Hill was Shamal Bhorik and against Pakuranga, Soroush Dousti and Jason Lewis.

The 2nd XI boys had a fine win against Kings College 2-0. The Junior Premier team lost heavily to Auckland Grammar's top team and the Junior B team went down 5-1 to Westlake Boys.

Girls Football

The 1st XI girls have had a tough run over the last two weeks. The girls went down 4-2 to Marist in a hard fought match. On Wednesday they played Epsom Girls' and went up 2-0 at half time. Unfortunately they were not able to hold that lead and went down 3-2.

The junior girls' team drew 3-3 against western springs last week. On Wednesday the team travelled over to Waiheke to play their team and won 3-0. Player of the day for Lynfield was Kelly Pinner who scored 2 goals. Fellow striker Ellie Postlethwaite also played well scoring a goal and goalkeeper Teneil Pillay performed admirably.

Rugby

The 1st XV boys are improving as the season progresses. Last week they played Sacred Heart. In a hard fought encounter the lead changed hands on several occasions, but the boys lost 27-26. On Saturday the team travelled to Selwyn College and drew 10 all. The team is starting to find its feet as the boys' fitness improves and combinations develop.

The U15 team played Liston College. In a tight game, Lynfield went up 12 nil at half time. They were unable to match Liston in the second half and eventually lost 25-12.

Basketball

No games were played last week due to a concert at trusts stadium. The U17 played Massey High last night, winning 38-29.

A note to parents

If your son or daughter has made an Auckland or New Zealand provincial rep team or has been placed at a provincial or national tournament, could you please send in this information in writing, with evidence such as a certificate or letter, to the sports office. This information is used to update the honours board.

All sports fees are to be paid before the first game. The sports office will not allow students to participate if they have outstanding fees. Fees can be paid to accounts office.

Football \$25 - Rugby \$30 - Hockey \$60 - Netball \$65 – Badminton \$40 – Basketball \$65

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School Sport – SKY TV Rugby Channel Fundraiser

SKY TV will donate \$15 to Lynfield College Sport for each customer who subscribes to the Rugby Channel for 6 months. Call SKY on 0800 759 759, quote the **code 6803** and let them know the name of the school they wish to support. Easy!

CAREERS NEWS

NASDA (National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art) Student for a Day Opportunity – if you are interested in pursuing a career in the arts, then you might like to experience NASDA's classes at Christchurch Polytechnic. Choose from tap, jazz, ballet, singing, acting, performance or chorus classes in the morning, then attend rehearsals in the afternoon for their upcoming productions. Details at Student Services. www.cpit.ac.nz

Wanting to study for your Learner's Licence? Check out www.drivingtests.co.nz – it is free and has all the road code questions on it (with the permission of NZTA).

University of Canterbury Open Day in Christchurch Friday 8 July. If you are interested in perhaps studying at UC, please come and see Mrs Hughes for further information. www.canterbury.ac.nz

Year 12 and Year 13 students who missed out on taking **Automotive and/or Carpentry** as a subject this year, and are still interested in learning more about these courses, please come and see Mrs Keir ASAP.

SPCA Animal Poster competition – details on Student Services noticeboard or download at www.sPCA.org.nz

NZ Business Week - a one week intensive residential programme in Palmerston North, 17-22 July, for senior high school students where they interact with the local and national business community. Details at Student Services or www.nzBW.com

Open Days/Information Evenings (full details at Student Services or online)

- **Careers Expo** – 9 – 11 June, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane www.careers-expo.co.nz
- **College of Camille** – Wed 8 June, (10am-5.30pm), 393 Khyber Pass Rd, Newmarket
- **Monash University, Melbourne** – Fri 10 June, 12.40pm, A1 (Careers Room)
- **Police Career Advice** - Tue 14 June (7pm), 111 Great South Road, Greenlane. www.newcops.co.nz
- **The University of Melbourne** - Thu 16 June (7pm-8.30pm), Mercure Hotel, 8 Customs St, City
- **University of Otago - Physical Education or Science & Applied Science** - Thu 16 June (6pm-8pm), 385 Queen St, City.
- **University of Otago – Law** – Mon 20 June (7pm-9pm), 385 Queen St, City
- **Unitec** – Wed 22 June (3.30pm – 6.30pm) www.unitec.ac.nz

Careers Office

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

6th Auckland Girls Brigade (Blockhouse Bay)

Attention all girls! Come to Girls' Brigade for fun, friendship, camps, crafts and more. All girls from 5 years of age are most welcome. We meet on Thursdays from 6 – 8pm at Iona Presbyterian Church, 38 Donovan Street, Blockhouse Bay. Come along and check us out! For more information, phone Dorothy on 442 5055 or check out our website www.westaucklandgirlsbrigade.org.nz

Mercy Hospice Shops

Your local Mercy Hospice Blockhouse Bay shop (at the roundabout) offers a huge range of quality new and second hand clothing and accessories (great for the Ball season!), home ware, CDs, books and more! Other Mercy Hospice shops are at Point Chevalier, Royal Oak, Ponsonby, Mt Eden and Ellerslie. Shop funds directly support the care of patients. Visit www.mercyhospice.org.nz