



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

14 February 2013

Coming Events:

Week 4	Mon 18 Feb Tue 19 Wed 20 Fri 22	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Year 9 Parents' Evening, 7pm in the Hall 12SPL First Aide Course 1 st XI Cricket Boys Gillette Cup match at Rutherford College Athletics Rain Day
Week 5	Tue 26 Thu 28 Fri 1 Mar	Year 9 Student Leaders Camp Parents' Meeting, 6pm in the Staffroom NCEA Parents' Information Evening, 7pm in the Staffroom Badges Presentation Assembly, 2.30pm in the Hall Lumino Dental depart
Week 6	Mon 4 Tue 5 Wed 6 Thu 7 Fri 8	TEACHER ONLY DAY – no classes on this day Student Council Meeting Tennis Champs, senior and junior 2 nd House Meetings Year 10 Leadership Students high ropes course Maori Whanau BBQ 2 nd House Meetings
Week 7	Mon 11 – Fri 15 Tue 12 Wed 13 – Sat 16	12PHE Camp, Tawharanui Year 10 Business Ports of Auckland trip ASB Polyfest
Week 8	Mon 18 – Fri 22 Fri 22	ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES <i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i> House Touch Rugby competition begins
Week 9	Mon 25 Wed 27 Thu 28 Fri 29	Year 9 and Year 11 Student Leaders Camp (return Tue 26 Mar) Student Council Committee Meeting 13 Physics trip to Rainbow's End (rain day Fri 5 Apr) Mid-Term Break (school closed) Easter Good Friday
Week 10	Mon 1 Apr Tue 2 Thu 4 Fri 5 Sat 6 Sun 7	Easter Monday Easter School Holiday SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS Student Council Meeting Germany trip departs (returns Fri 3 May) 12 Geography trip to Tongariro <i>Daylight Savings ends</i>
Week 11	Tue 9 Wed 10 Thu 11 Sat 13	12 Geography trip returns Cultural Week Progress Conferences (surnames A – L), 4 – 7pm CULTURAL FESTIVAL
Week 12	Tue 16 Wed 17 Thu 18 Fri 19 Mon 6 May Thu 30 May	Progress Conferences (surnames M – Z), 4 – 7pm Peer Mediation Training 13 Drama Performance Evening Term 1 ends Term 2 begins Board of Trustees Election

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On behalf of the Board and staff I would like to welcome all parents, especially the new Year 9 parents to this first newsletter for 2013. The newsletter is published every second Friday and is emailed to all parents on the email list (taken from the enrolment form at the time of enrolment). It is also available on the website.

I look forward to meeting Year 9 parents at the Year 9 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 19 February at 7pm in the hall. This is a special opportunity for you to meet your child's form teacher and receive information on their academic programme and expectations for Year 9.

The holiday period has been a very busy time for development work at the College. The Lynfield College Sport Centre was completed as were four new science labs and we are preparing for site work development around the Sport Centre and lower drive area. There were also changes to a number of existing spaces.

Unfortunately the construction of the new student Café has come to a stop at the moment as it is being built by Mainzeal. It was due for completion at the end of February, hence the demolition of the old tuckshop. We are awaiting further developments once the receivers have looked into our site.

Novopay issues continue to cause concern for our staff working in the payroll area. They are under considerable pressure. Twenty percent of Lynfield staff (40) were incorrectly paid or not paid at the start of February.

e-Payments

We encourage all families to pay their course costs and other payments through our new online payments section of the college website www.lynfield.school.nz

From the bottom right of the Home page there is a link (e-payments) to this new facility where you can pay for stationery, uniform, course costs, sports fees, itinerant music lessons, course trips, camps and other school outings.

Payment is by credit card or direct credit and this secure payment method is already proving an extremely convenient way of making these important payments.

2012 Results

The following is a summary of last year's NCEA results.

Y11	83% gained Level 1 57% gained Level 1 with Merit or Excellence 94% gained Level 1 Literacy 94% gained Level 1 Numeracy	Y13	70% gained Level 3 36% gained Level 3 with Merit or Excellence 96% left school with Level 2 NCEA
Y12	85% gained Level 2 42% gained Level 2 with Merit or Excellence		

Scholarship Exam Results

32 Scholarships were awarded to Lynfield College students in 2012 – an outstanding result which indicates the high achievement by this group of students.

Five students gained an "Outstanding Scholarship" - the top 0.3% in each subject.

The five students who successfully gained three scholarships (Marisha Aya, Nalin Choudhary, Wendy He, Stephanie Love and Ashley Walters) will receive a '**Scholarship Award**'.

All the students who gained a scholarship are given a monetary award for their university study. The College is very proud of each student who gained one of these top academic awards and also recognises the work done by the teachers to prepare and tutor these achievers.

Scholarships were achieved in:

Art History (2)	Biology (5)	Chemistry (2)	Classical Studies (1)
Design (4)	English (1)	Geography (1)	German (1)
Graphics (4)	History (1)	Maths with Calculus (3)	Media Studies (2)
Statistics and Modelling (5)			

Two successful students (Tim Hight and Nick Waddington) were from Year 12.

The statistics published by NZQA are used by the teachers and faculties within the school to analyse their teaching programmes and look for ways to enhance student achievement in subsequent assessments. This will ensure that achievement results continue to improve and that students leaving Lynfield College take with them qualifications that allow them to continue studying and to reach their potential. An Achievement Report including an analysis of NCEA results is presented to the Board of Trustees in April.

All national qualifications results are confirmed by NZQA during March and will be entered on to each student's Record of Achievement on the NZQA website.

Lynfield College staff will be available to answer your questions and explain all the details and expectations of standards-based assessment within NCEA at a special **NCEA Parents' Evening** to be held on **Thursday 28 February at 7.00pm in the College Staffroom**. This will be open to all parents who wish to find out about the assessment methods and how to help students achieve. If you have any queries, please contact the Deputy Principal for Assessment, Mr Murray Black, through the school office.

Assessment Dates 2013

e-LynC is Lynfield College's on-line learning environment which can be accessed from <http://lynfield.moodle.school.nz>. On the e-LynC home page is a **Google Calendar** which will have all the assessment times for the internal standards in the Years 11 – 13 courses on our 2013 timetable. Students and parents can view the calendar and download relevant dates into their own Google calendar. Students will be encouraged to use this resource to assist them in their management of study time and assessment preparation.

Staffing for 2013

The College is fully staffed and we have been fortunate in attracting a very high calibre of new staff. These people are:

Sara Corry	Science	James Lowe	Mathematics
Cheryl Pook	Science	Sheena Matheson	Technology
Alaric Southern	Science	Christine McGrath	Technology
Nicoleta Vasile	Science	Craig Yearbury	Technology
Lucy Kajzer-Hughes	Social Science		
Jess Tabak	Social Science		

We welcome back from leave Grant Angus (Health and PE), Esther Buetow (Language and Languages), Jenny Han (Mathematics), Natasha Hemara (Health and PE).

Staff on leave this year are Jennifer Leauga (Te Reo Maori), Brooke Lunjevich (Social Sciences), Rhonda Weeks (Technology) and Sonia Wensor (Technology).

General Purpose Donation

The General Purpose donation is \$180 per child or \$250 per family. **A 10% discount applies for donations made on or before 28 February (\$162 per child or \$225 per family)**. The donation, approved annually by the Board of Trustees, is the parents' contribution to the school's operational funding and is the MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE COLLEGE YEARBOOK AND OTHER ITEMS, SUCH AS EXTENDING COMPUTER ACCESS.

Keep the receipt for Income Tax refund purposes. The Board is most grateful to those parents who have already paid their General Purpose donation and subject material fees.

An ID card costs \$5.00. It is not essential for school, but is required to access photocopying and can be used for age verification use on public transport, at cinemas, etc.

The rest of this Newsletter contains a great deal of very useful information about the College. Please read it carefully and put it somewhere safe for future reference.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the course of the year, whether it be on the sports field, at cultural activities, parent evenings or outside of school. Please be active in supporting your son/daughter in their time at Lynfield.

Best wishes

S W Bovaird
Principal

YOU WILL FIND THE NEWSLETTERS ON THE HOMEPAGE

<http://www.lynfield.school.nz>

- ☒ Our fortnightly newsletters for the year will be sent by email, posted on the College website and a paper copy made available from the office to those who do not have internet access.

Please ensure that we have an appropriate email address for you so that you receive the fortnightly newsletter and any other notices. Email our Dean of Administrative Services, rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz indicating your child's name and form class in your email message. During Term 1 further newsletter dates will be:

Friday 1 March – Friday 15 March – Friday 27 March – Friday 12 April

- ☒ Other relevant information pertaining to specific form levels will be given to students from time to time to bring home.

Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving Successes in 2012

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent achievements in 2012. They have set a fine example for their peers and should feel very proud of themselves.

Year 10 Dux Harsham Choksi

Year 9 Dux Katherine Heslop

Year 10 Academic Honours

Pyong Kang Her
Shirley Xiao
Taeo Kim
Kieran van Leeuwen

Year 9 Academic Honours

Atrey Gajjar
Numa Wadhwanian
Zifei Sofie Lin
Nithya Narayanan

Year 10 Honours Awards

Michael Chua
Akanesi Fakafanua
Tottah Laulu
Mariah Scott
Juhi Shah
Hyrum Johansson
Harshaa Prasad
Milika Tagicakiverata

Year 9 Honours Awards

Steven Barker
Kiriffi Leilua
Sophie Lin
Cody Marsh
Elizabeth Fa'amamafa
Reshika Fonseca
Oliver Stuart
Tone Xie

Year 10 Merit Cups

Naomi Moraes
Jake Krishnamurti

Year 9 Merit Cups

Madeline Poland
Joel Boasman

Stewart Dawson Junior Speech Cup (Year 10)

Erica D'Souza

Kelvin Glassey Cup for Junior Short Story (Year 10)

Shirley Xiao

Year 9 Speech Award Cup

Elysha Negi

Munden Cup for Creative Writing (Year 9)

Katherine Heslop

Excellence in Junior Music Cup

Jake Krishnamurti (Year 10)

Excellence in Junior Drama Cup

Madeline Wynn (Year 10)

Most Promising Junior Debater Cup

Gauri Prabhakar (Year 10)

Excellence in Sport (Top Year 10 Sportspeople)

Noel D'Souza
Stephanie Hett

Excellence in Sport (Top Year 9 Sportspeople)

Madeline Poland
David Bedingfield

Transporting Students to School

- Please avoid driving into the school grounds to deliver and pick up students. Arrange to meet your child at a safe point outside the school grounds.
- If you have reason to deliver or pick up your child in the school grounds, please use the drop-off bay, accessed via Gate 1, and do not stop on the roundabout.
- Only left turns are permitted when exiting and entering Gate 2.

Board of Trustees Student Representative

Tena Koutou Katoa and Happy New Year! My name is Kylie Clarke, and I am the Lynfield College Student Representative on the Board of Trustees.

The New Year brings challenges and experiences which I have definitely faced late January this year. Attending the OPC Governance Challenge at the Edmund Hillary Pursuits Centre on Great Barrier Island will absolutely be considered as one of the few events I will never forget.

The purpose of this camp was to ensure Student Trustees all around New Zealand come together, and among other skills, develop an understanding of the role of a Student Representative. One hour sessions were facilitated, every morning and evening, outlining how the Ministry of Education works in relation to the Student Trustee, and how this important role is related back to the Government and school. The majority of my time at the camp however, utilised many physical challenges, which were aimed at building confidence and leadership through demanding activities like rock climbing, sea kayaking and coasteering, where team cooperation was essential.

During my stay at Great Barrier, the largest fire the island has had in years, spread not too far away from where we were staying. We were outside the evacuation zone, but there was still some tension circulating the campsite. The airport that I flew into the day before the fire was shut down for the week, causing strain on the staff at OPC who were trying to find a way that was safe to send students back to Auckland at the end of the camp. Last day of camp and students were told that flights could be delayed 24 hours, though a solution was reached, and we arrived back in Auckland later that day.

I want to thank the Board for funding this journey for me. The experiences I had were thrilling, and designed to push us out of our comfort zone. I also gained some friendships that I intend to continue, and keep in contact with. I look forward to representing Lynfield College on the Board this year.



Photo: Kylie is standing fourth from the left.

2013 Senior Leadership and Team Building Course, 29 and 30 January

The AUT Leadership camp was a great way to get my first taste of leadership. As soon as we arrived at AUT, we found out the schedule was jam-packed with a perfect mixture of intellectual and outdoor activities. I found the two most interesting lectures were Zayn and Jordan's presentation, *Attitude* about leadership and Lexie Matheson's presentation about event management. Other students really enjoyed the presentation by the Resilience Institute particularly in relation to us all making sure we are getting enough sleep! One of the key things I took from the attitude presentation was that leaders should show empathy and that increasing interaction between year levels will increase school morale. Perhaps one of the most important lessons I learned from the event management lecture, was to enjoy the event and to remember who you are throwing the event for. This may be an important thing to keep in mind when our Executive throws the school ball. The AUT chase was a very good opportunity to get to know our executive as we opened clues and ran around the campus trying to complete the set tasks. Overall, the AUT leadership camp was a great way to start the year and it's safe to say that the Lynfield College Executive is energized and ready to go!



Rugved Deshpande, Head Boy

Leadership Badge Presentation Assembly

On Friday 1 March there will be a special assembly where the Student Leaders for 2013 are presented with their badges of office. Families of these students will receive invitations to attend this assembly, which will run from 2.30 until 3.00pm, followed by tea and coffee in the staffroom.

Safety at the School Gate Programme

Our school is participating in the Auckland Council's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Below is a message from Auckland Transport. Please help us to keep students safe and minimise congestion by parking only where parking is permitted. Look for the signs that inform of restrictions.

Parents should drop or pick up students away from the school unless there are medical reasons for entering the grounds.

Park safely and keep our kids safe

This term Lynfield College is participating in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance' – There will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence.

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.

Security at the College

CCTV cameras are installed around the College to assist student safety. Cameras also monitor movement in the school grounds at nights and in the weekends. There are also a few cameras inside buildings at strategic locations to provide protection for student property.

Please keep the following in mind

- Students and members of the public should only be in the grounds after dark when attending organised functions.
- Any rubbish brought into the grounds should be taken away and disposed of at home.
- Any community groups wishing to use College facilities such as the sports fields, cricket nets, etc need to contact the Property manager.
- Access to the school should be through one of the three gates and never over the fences that surround the College or over our neighbouring properties.
- Access to the fields after hours should only be through gate 2 on the lower White Swan Road entrance.

Any queries about these matters should be referred to Mr Alistair Aitken, Deputy Principal.

A Safe Environment at Lynfield College

- **Peer Support Programme** – This programme was run during the Y9 Orientation. The Year 12 and 13 Student Leaders attended training and have run 4 Peer Support sessions in total with the Year 9 students. The feedback has been very encouraging and the Peer Support Leaders will remain connected to their allocated Y9 classes during the course of the year.
- **Travellers Programme** – Year 9 students will soon complete the survey for this and the Travellers Group will run in Term 2.

How you can make a difference

For many years, Lynfield College has monitored and endeavoured to improve the physical and emotional safety of all its students and staff. There is no room for complacency here, particularly in this technological age of rapid and unsupervisable electronic communication which allows more subtle and often undetectable bullying.

At the start of the year, we are really concerned that the students settle quickly into school and enthusiastically into their learning. Parents of Year 9 students are likely to be particularly anxious that their children transition well from their intermediate schools.

We encourage all parents to talk with their children about how their year has started, and invite any caregivers concerned about the possible bullying or isolation of their children to contact the school as soon as possible. The names and phone extensions of the staff who can help you are: Mrs Sofia Hameed, Year 9 Dean (ext 725), Mrs Deborah Kevany, Guidance Counsellor (ext 747), Mr Brian Tonks, Guidance Counsellor (ext 746)

Gateway Programme

The Gateway Programme provides opportunities for 50 senior students to participate in workplace learning one day a week for a set period of time, approximately 10 weeks. It delivers hands-on practical learning that leads to nationally recognised qualifications (minimum 10 NCEA credits) and builds students' workplace experience, helping them to move smoothly from school to work. Learning can be assessed in the workplace and is a great opportunity to blend school study with the workplace learning and experience. The Gateway co-ordinator at Lynfield College is Raewyn Fairley (ext 745).

AWE (Alongside Work Experience) Programme

This work experience programme provides opportunities for senior students to gain workplace experience and an appreciation of what skills, disciplines and attitudes are required in the work force. The AWE co-ordinator is Raewyn Fairley.

Homework Centre

The College Library remains open after school every day until 3.40pm, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

Mathematics Clinic 2013

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available! Where? **G15**
When? **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday afterschool)**

Itinerant Music Lessons (Instrumental)

Most instrument lessons are now full. There are some spaces for flute, violin, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. All students who have signed up are on a waiting list and will be notified through their form teacher if space becomes available.

Concert Band (Wednesday lunchtimes in the hall) and Orchestra (Thursday lunchtimes in the hall) have also begun for the year. New members are always welcome. These groups are for students who have played their woodwind, brass or string instrument for one year or more.

Please note that if your son/daughter is taking part in itinerant music lessons there is a \$20 material cost for the year. If they are also renting an instrument there is a hireage cost of \$20 - \$35 per term depending on the instrument. These are both payable to the Accounts Office or on the website (e-payments) within a week of their first lesson.

Any questions may be emailed to HOD Music on lnorman@lynfield.school.nz

PhotoLife Online Ordering System

This year Lynfield College class photographs will be available for you to view and order online with PhotoLife Studios.

Your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. This Shoot Key will automatically display your child's class photograph. It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photograph you want. The College will also receive a number of order envelopes for those of you who do not have access to the internet or do not wish to use this system.

If you place your order within two weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring the photographs home.

Any orders placed after this period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$5.00 postage and packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

Auckland Transport Integrated Ticketing System

You may be aware that Auckland trains have gone through a transition from onboard ticketing to the AT HOP integrated ticketing system. All customers need a valid ticket to travel on trains, either purchased prior to boarding from Ticket and Top-Up machines at platforms, at Ticket Offices, or with the appropriate student concession loaded on to an AT HOP card. AT HOP cards can be purchased at Ticket Offices at Britomart, Newmarket, New Lynn and Papakura.

Britomart and Newmarket stations now have electronic gates, and customers who start or end their journeys at these locations need to show a valid ticket or tag on/off with their AT HOP card to use train services. At the other stations on the network there are no gates and there have been issues with some school students taking advantage of this and not travelling with a valid ticket. Trains are also now considered designated paid areas, so customers travelling without a valid ticket will face penalties for misuse. Students should be aware that ticket inspectors are now operating on the network and will be regularly auditing trains and performing ticket checks.

Customers who do not have a valid ticket will be required to pay a flat onboard fare of \$10.30, regardless of journey length. Auckland Transport's rail operator, Veolia Transport Auckland, does not wish to remove students from trains, but will need to consider all options if the issue of some students not paying continues.

School Organisation

Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Mr B Cadzow
Parents' Representatives	Mrs J Harding (Deputy Chairperson), Mrs M Johansson, Mrs K Mellor, Mr C Hudson
Co-opted	Mr P D'Souza
Staff Representative	Mrs R Kaniuk
Student Representative	Kylie Clarke
Principal/Secretary	Mr S W Bovaird

The Trustees meet in the Board Room at 6.30pm once a month – *usually* the fourth Monday of the month (ring the office prior to check). Copies of minutes and policies are available at the School Office.

Management Staff

Principal	Mr S W Bovaird
Associate Principal	Ms L Ridling
Deputy Principals	Mr M Black, Ms L Munro, Ms C Knell, Mr A Aitken
Deans	Mrs S Hameed
Year 9	Mr D van Dijck
Year 10	Mr M Sizer
Year 11	Mrs R Prasad
Year 12	Mrs G Clark
Year 13	Mrs M Lane
Adults	Mr R Delgrosso
Dean of Administrative Services	Mr N Waddington
Academic Advisor	Ms G Austin
Director of International Education	

Student and Community Services Staff

Counsellors	Mrs D Kevany, Mr B Tonks
Careers Adviser	Mrs W Keir
Learning Support Co-ordinator	Ms J O'Hanlon

In matters affecting any student the first approach should be to the Dean. The Counsellors provide educational and vocational guidance, as well as personal and family counselling.

2013 Student Leaders

Head Boy	Rugved Deshpande	Head Girl	Wiki Maihi
Deputy Head Boy	Brayden Silby	Deputy Head Girl	Alana Murphy
Sports Captain	David Otter	Sports Captain	Rebecca Smith
Arts and Culture Captain	Johnson Zhuang	Arts and Culture Captain	Samantha Holland
Academic Captain	Tim Hight	Academic Captain	Lydia Choo
International Student Rep	Pam Komnatchanan	BOT Student Rep	Kylie Clarke
Asst Sports Captain	Jaheer Firowze	Asst Sports Captain	Khusboo Patel
Asst Arts and Culture Captain	Bryan Chong	Asst Arts and Culture Captain	Annie Lee
Asst Academic Captain	Mason Ng	Asst Academic Captain	Hannah Joyce

Year 13 Student Executive

Megan Lobo
Giacomo Gambassi

Merlyn Lobo
Euan Reilly

Year 13 Ambassador Co-ordinators

Bridget McCarthy

Ambassador Co-ordinators - Year 12

Rohan Botica

Jessica Yao

Year 12 Student Executive

Boaz Competente
Eddie Kennedy
Grace Kukutai
Jonty Pendigrast

Bailee Hughes
Eli Kaleta
Jemma Read

House Captains

Bray
Fatialofa
Faumuina
Lewis
Reid
Zoricich

Kalei Kennerley and Josh Worthington
Isaac Kora and Grace Kukutai
Shee Nathan-Wong and Eddie Fa'amamafa
Holly Sun and Dale Pitout
Zion Faletolu and Sang Youn Yeo
Pam Chia and Eddie Kennedy

Other School Information

1. Communication between Home and School

School

- Newsletters are published every two weeks and emailed home. Hard copies are available.
- The web site is kept up to date with school news.
- Full written reports go home twice a year (mid-year and end-of-year) and there is a Progress Report at the end of March.
- All students going on trips will bring home a permission form to be signed and returned to school.

Parents

- Please contact the school if your son/daughter is absent and leave a message on the absentee line answer phone (627 0600 ext 729) or email absence@lynfield.school.nz
- Provide written notes to explain absences on day of return. Refer to section 4. Attendance below
- Phone your Dean if you have a concern – Deans' Reception extension 731.
- You can email the school on any matter to admin@lynfield.school.nz . It will be forwarded to the appropriate person.
- Notify us of change of address, phone number, email address, custody arrangements.

Please Note

The College is regularly updating the email addresses of parents/caregivers. If you have changed your email address or require it to be added to a student's file, then please contact the Deans' Reception (extension 731).

Concerns

If you have a concern about an aspect of school activity, please phone the person listed below. If your concern is serious or not dealt with to your satisfaction, then put your concern in writing to the person below. If the matter remains unresolved, please write to the Principal.

- Student issues - the form level Dean or Guidance (Student Services)
- Staff issues - Ms L Ridling
- Day to day functioning of the school – Mr A Aitken
- Homework/student achievement/enrolment – Ms C Knell
- NCEA/NZQA/timetable – Mr M Black
- Student behaviour outside of the school – Mr A Aitken
- Learning Support – Ms Josie O'Hanlon

2. Reports

Progress Reports will be issued to all pupils before the end of Term 1. A second report will be issued in Term 2 and a final report in Term 4. Twice during the year Progress Conferences provide opportunity for discussion with all the subject teachers. The first of these are on Thursday 11 April (family names A – L) and Tuesday 16 April (family names M – Z), 4 – 7pm.

3. Attendance

Attendance is not only compulsory for enrolled students but also absolutely critical for success at secondary school. Lynfield College's attendance rate for last year was very good. However, there are still some students who are too often absent from class without satisfactory explanation. Illness, family bereavement or similar unplanned events are legitimate reasons for absence. We ask that family holidays are not planned during term times, and advise that students must attend school up until course completion in December. If a family does wish to withdraw a student from a class during term time for a special reason, a letter to the Principal is required, seeking permission to do so. This should be done before any tickets are purchased, as permission is not automatic.

The College is open for 380 half days in 2013. For senior students undertaking NZQA assessments there are fewer days, due to the examinations. The last school day for junior students in 2013 is Friday 13 December.

Students are expected to be in form period/assembly by 8.40am, except on Wednesdays when they are expected to go straight to period 1 by 8.55am. Year 13 Students who have a study period at period 1 Monday to Thursday are not required to attend until period 2. On Fridays they are required to attend the Year 13 Assembly or form time at 8.40am. Year 13 Students who have study timetabled at period 6 may go home after period 5.

The last period ends at 3.10pm. Some students will be required to remain after that time for detentions, sport or cultural activities. (Students need to inform their parents or guardians if they are required to remain behind.) If a student has a detention ending after 3.40pm, 24 hours' notice will be provided (by email wherever possible). There may be occasions when a student is required to remain behind for a reasonable period of time.

Where pupils are absent without permission the matter will be treated as truancy and they will have to make up the time by way of after-school detentions. Senior students absent from an assessment will not automatically have a re-assessment opportunity. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their absence is explained.

Lynfield College operates a fully electronic attendance system. We encourage you to use an email address for notifying us of absence, absence@lynfield.school.nz. Please use this or the telephone absence line 627 0600 ext 729 on the first day of absence. Please help us keep our data up-to-date and accurate with immediate notification of your child's absence. Please include name and form class, reason for absence, expected length of absence, and your name.

Please be aware that notes, emails, or telephone messages covering unspecified dates of absences, lateness, etc. are not acceptable. For example: "Please excuse my child for all absences in the months of April and May due to illness" is inadequate.

If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding attendance processes, please contact Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal (email address lmunro@lynfield.school.nz or by letter handed in to her office).

Thank you for supporting the College as it seeks to improve the reliability and completeness of the data surrounding absences from school.

4. Conduct of Pupils to and from School

Parents are reminded that pupils represent the school from the time they leave home in the morning until they arrive back in the afternoon. Misbehaviour during this period and the wearing of non-regulation uniform may be treated as a matter of school discipline. Local residents can best assist by contacting the school and helping to identify offenders. In any matters relating to public safety, the Police should be contacted immediately. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time during the day, without permission.

5. After-hours access to the school grounds

Unless there is a school function, please stay out of the school grounds, especially after dark. Please do not jump the fence; use the front gates after-hours. If you wish to make a booking for use of the fields or facilities, contact the Property Manager, Alan Carter on extension 720.

6. Motor Vehicles

We discourage students from driving cars or motorcycles to school, except in special circumstances. Details of vehicles brought to school should be provided by parents to the Year 13 Dean, Mrs Gabrielle Clark, as our data base can be helpful should any issue arise involving vehicles and students. Students must abide by the conditions of their current licence. Vehicles brought to school must be parked in Boundary Road or one of the other nearby roads because there is no adequate parking in the College grounds. Students are not to drive their vehicles into the school grounds. **Any student vehicles found in the school grounds will be towed.** No responsibility can be taken for any damage done to vehicles. We would remind students on restricted licences that they are not to carry passengers. Breaching the law can result in a \$400 fine.

7. Parents Transporting Students to School by Car

Parents transporting students to school by car should drop them off at the marked Drop Off zone, which is located on the left-hand side of the main driveway, Gate 1. Please do not cause congestion by stopping right at the driveway entrance, or on the roundabout by the Administration block. Then please drive through the car park and exit via the lower White Swan Road Gate 2.

N.B. There is no right hand turn in or out of the lower White Swan Road gate (Gate 2).

Collecting Students in Boundary Road at the end of the school day

We ask parents not to enter the school grounds to pick up their son or daughter at the end of the day. A lot of students exit by foot along the Boundary Road drive and it is not safe when vehicles enter or exit at this time. Please be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the Boundary Road entrance at the end of the day – please look for the signs on the poles. It would be much safer if you were able to park a distance away and get your child to walk to the car. This will help cut down the traffic at the Boundary Road gate and make it safer for students to cross the road. Thank you for your co-operation.

8. Cycle Safety

In accordance with the Transport Act 1993 it is compulsory for all pupils travelling to school by bicycle to wear safety helmets. **OFFENDERS WILL HAVE THEIR BICYCLES IMPOUNDED** and their names given to the Police who may issue infringement notices.

9. Uniform

We are very pleased with the standard of uniform so far and appreciate the support you as parents and caregivers have obviously given to ensure the standard is met. The uniform is being worn very well indeed. There is a full description of the uniform on the website. Form teachers and senior staff have worked hard during the first week to ensure that students are wearing their uniform well and representing the College with pride. Students are expected to wear full and correct uniform on their way to and from school, at school and whenever representing the College.

All items of uniform except shoes are available from the College shop.

**Shop hours are: Monday - Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm and 12.30 – 1.30pm
Friday 8.00 – 11.30am**

Our aim is to work in partnership with parents and ask that you support us as we ensure our students are correctly dressed. You can help in the following ways:

1. Please check that your children are in correct uniform before they leave for school. Some common issues to look out for:
 - White t-shirts or singlets are able to be worn under the school polo, shirts and blouses. No other colour is allowed and the white undershirt must not hang down below the shirt.
 - Ties must be worn correctly, i.e. tied correctly to the top button which is done up.
 - Canvas shoes or boots of any kind are not permitted.
 - Regulation black socks from the uniform shop are the only black socks to be worn by boys or girls.
 - The senior girls' blouse must not be worn unbuttoned with camisole exposed.
 - The girls' skirts are knee-length or floor-length and must not be shortened.
2. When there is a medical or financial reason for a non-uniform item to be worn on a particular day, please write and sign a note which must be presented to Lexie Ridling, Associate Principal, before school begins. A uniform pass may be issued, or the school may provide temporary uniform items to be worn for that day. Medical reasons for asking for dispensation from a particular uniform item must be accompanied by an explanatory note from an appropriate specialist professional. Financial considerations should be addressed to the Principal, Mr Steve Bovaird, who will ensure appropriate assistance is accessed.
3. The only jewellery permitted is a wristwatch and small stud earrings in gold or silver. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.

Consequences for students wearing non-uniform items without permission, or wearing their uniform incorrectly include:

- Confiscation of the incorrect item which will be returned to parents only.
- If a senior student wears the tie incorrectly, he or she will forfeit the right to wear it for a period of time.
- Being sent home to get appropriately dressed. We will send senior students home after 2 warnings.

10. School Bags

It is essential that students bring the appropriate books, folders and writing equipment to school every day in a suitable schoolbag. A small handbag, boot bag or beach bag is unsuitable and we appreciate parental assistance in ensuring all students are adequately equipped in this respect.

11. Homework

As indicated in all the course statements, which the faculties distribute to students, homework is a regular and valuable aspect of learning. A leaflet on the value of homework activities is enclosed with this newsletter.

12. Forbidden Articles

- Dangerous materials, weapons, tools, explosives (includes craft knives and fireworks).
- Drugs and equipment associated with their use, solvents, cigarettes, tobacco, matches, cigarette lighters, alcohol, spray paint, permanent marker pens.
- Skateboards.
- Bubble gum and chewing gum.
- Any form of pornographic material.

NB: Over the years the use of digital technology has developed. It has now become the norm for most students to own a device of some type. These items can be useful communication tools, educational tools and forms of entertainment. They may be used as part of a lesson **when** the teacher has given permission, for example to be used as a voice recorder or camera, etc.

These devices can also create issues.

- They should **not** disrupt lessons (for example, a ringing phone, texting in class, using text functions in a test, etc). MP3 players and i-pods are not to be used without permission from the teacher during class time. Teachers may ask students to turn off any device and put it away, or they may choose to confiscate it where reasonable requests have not been met.
- Any confiscated items are treated with the utmost care and handed to the Dean in their office with the student's name and details of the reason for confiscation or handed into the Deans' reception with an incident report.

13. Lynfield is a Totally Smokefree School

Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings or in the grounds. This applies at all times including after school hours and at weekends.

THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCENE

The award of Lynfield College 'Colours' for extra-curricular activities

Our school website contains information about all activities and the awards given:

www.lynfield.school.nz/Extra-Curricular.html

Sports Talk

The Sports Office has moved into the new Lynfield College Sports Centre and is extremely busy getting a large number of summer sports underway. **Students will need to keep a very close eye on the Daysheet and Noticeboards in the Sports Centre** in order to receive information on signing up and paying fees for these teams, as well as the training and game times.

Two new sports are being introduced this year:

- **Dragon Boating** - With the goal of competing in the Auckland Secondary Schools tournament in March. All participants must prove they can swim 50m.
- **Orienteering** – Targeted at Y9 and Y10 this year, but we are keen to know if other age groups are also interested.

Sports played, and their competition **start** dates in Term 1 are:

Cricket	Boys, Saturday 16/2; Girls, Wednesday 20/2
Dragon Boating	TBA
Golf	Monday 25/2
Orienteering	Wednesday 20/2
Softball	Boys, Monday 18/2; Girls, Wednesday 20/2
Tennis	Saturday 23/2
Touch	Tuesday 12/2
Volleyball	Thursday 14/2
Water polo	Friday 15/2

We are delighted to have had a huge response from students wanting to participate in school sports. Each team must have a coach and a manager before the team can be entered into the relevant competition.

If you are able to help coach or manage a team, or can recommend someone with skills in these summer codes we would very much like to hear from you. Please email fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz or phone the Sports Department (627 0600 ext 595).

Planning for winter codes is well under way. Low key netball fitness sessions for many of this year's players have already occurred. Similarly, meetings with those interested in being involved in the new Football training programme for both boys and girls have also taken place. We are on track to meet the needs of a greater number of our winter sports players.

Individual Honours

Our students continue to excel in regional, national and international competitions. Congratulations to these committed and determined athletes:

Ice Skater, **Michael Durham (Y11)** became the Australian Intermediate Men's Ice Figure Skating Champion after skating his way to the Gold medal in Brisbane in December.

Ocean Swimmer **Natalie Woodgate (Y13)** again performed extremely well in the recent Harbour race from St Heliers to Tamaki Yacht Club, a distance of 3.78 km. She finished 3rd overall in a field of 260 competitors and was the first female swimmer, two minutes ahead of her nearest rival! This is an exceptional result. Natalie is preparing for further swims in the Series.

Sheê Nathan-Wong (Y12) was the youngest player in the Open Women's Tag tournament when she competed as a member of the NZ Women's World Cup Tag team which finished 3rd of seven teams in this competition. As a result of Sheê's recent performance in the Touch Football Maori Tournament she was named in the NZ U16 Girls Tournament Team which will compete in Australia this year.

Grace Kukutai (Y12) was one of 60 girls nationwide to be invited to take part in the Netball NZ Talent ID squad last December. As a result of her performance there she is among the 27 who have been selected to trial for the NZ Secondary Schools Netball Team. This is a huge achievement and well deserved reward for the many hours of dedication Grace has given to netball.

Mario Sinovcic (Y10) has been a valued member of both junior and senior Lynfield College water polo teams. He also plays for Waitakere Water Polo Club and was the top scorer for his team in the Pan Pacific Water Polo Youth Festival in June/July. Over 130 teams from USA, Australia and NZ competed at this biannual tournament, which is the biggest water polo tournament in the Southern Hemisphere.

Mario came back with two medals after competing in a water polo tournament in Rotorua in June/July 2012. His Waitakere City Water Polo Club team won first place! Mario was the top scorer for his team. He was also awarded a Tournament Team medal as one of seven players selected for the Tournament "Dream Team".

Photo: Mario is the middle student.



Basketball 2013

We are looking for coaches for the upcoming season for our boys and girls teams that play in the Waitakere/West Auckland schools competition. If you would like to volunteer to coach a team, please email Teacher in Charge Basketball, Greg Burne gburne@lynfield.school.nz or get in contact with the Sports Office on 627 0600 ext 595.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Toughlove

Raising teenagers can be tough but because we love them - there's Toughlove. Toughlove provides shared knowledge and experience of other parents who understand, provides tools and strategies for managing behaviour and promotes new ways of responding (rather than reacting) to unacceptable behaviour. This all happens at our weekly support group meetings for a one off cost of \$40. Run by parents for parents.

No need to book, just turn up to one of our groups around Auckland and you will receive a warm welcome. Want to know more? www.toughlove.org.nz or phone 624 4363.

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 Thursdays 6 - 8pm at Iona Presbyterian Church, 38 Donovan Street, Blockhouse Bay. Our first night for 2013 is on 21st February.

Come along and check us out! For more information, phone Dorothy on 442 5055 (daytime), email dorothyf@girlsbrigade.org.nz or check out our website www.westaucklandgirlsbrigade.org.nz

Youth Programme – 12 – 24 year olds female only programme

Every Saturday 6.30 – 8.30pm at Cameron Pools. Only \$2.50.

- Learn to swim with trained instructo
- Safe environment with cultural support
- Gym instructor available
- Water safety and much more