



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 2

1 March 2013

Coming Events:

Week 6	Mon 4 Wed 6 Thu 7 Fri 8	TEACHER ONLY DAY – no classes on this day Tennis Champs, senior and junior 2 nd House Meetings Year 10 Leadership Students high ropes course 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 Maori Whanau BBQ 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 & Year 11 Student Leaders Camp (return Tue 26 Mar) 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 Sat 6 Sun 7	Easter Monday Easter School Holiday SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS 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	Progress Conferences (surnames M – Z), 4 – 7pm Peer Mediation Training 13 Drama Performance Evening Term 1 ends
Week 1	Mon 6 May Thu 9	Term 2 begins Year 10 Attitude presentation
Week 2	Mon 13 – Fri 24 Wed 15 Thu 16 Sun 19	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i> Year 13 Solo Music Performance Evening, 7pm in the Hall Senior Mathematics Competition Year 13 Geography Rotorua trip
Week 3	Mon 20 Tue 21	Year 13 Geography trip returns Year 12 WorkChoice Day
Week 4	Mon 27 Thu 30 May Friday 31	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK Board of Trustees Meeting Board of Trustees Election Mid-Term Break – College closed on this day
Week 5	Mon 3 Jun	Queen's Birthday – College closed on this day

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the second newsletter for the year.

Our Year 9 students have settled well into their school life at Lynfield, with the majority making the most of the new opportunities that are available to them. I would encourage our junior students to become involved in some of the many extra-curricular activities offered at the College. This is a great way for students to develop pride and commitment to others within the school community. Students should read the Daysheet during form time to keep informed about cultural and sporting opportunities that may arise. The Daysheet is also posted on student noticeboards and on e-LynC.

In the past two weeks, we have held two successful parents' evenings – Year 9 Parents' Evening and NCEA Parents' Evening, both very well supported by parents keen to monitor the development and opportunities of their sons and daughters. It is very useful for parents and staff to exchange ideas and learn from each other about how to enhance student learning. If you attended these evenings and have any further questions that may have arisen, please contact Deputy Principal Cath Knell (Teaching and Learning) or Deputy Principal Murray Black (Achievement, Assessment and Reporting). On Tuesday 12 March we will have a Maori Families Evening.

Our Athletics Sports day was very successful despite some heavy showers at the start of the day. The House system encourages participation from all levels with some fierce competition in a variety of point-allocated events. There were some outstanding results and from this day students were selected to take part in the Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. Results from the day appear in the sports section of this newsletter.

Ms Natasha Hemara has joined the Senior Management Team until 12 April. She will be working from Ms Ridling's office while she is on sick leave.

We are almost half way through Term 1 with teaching staff having undertaken assessment activities with all students. Writing of the Progress Reports begins next week, which will indicate the academic progress, effort and organisation and lessons missed of students in each subject. As such they will provide an indication to you of how focused and settled your children are in their learning and where support is required. All families received a copy of the homework pamphlet with Newsletter No. 1. This is a guide on how you can help with homework and what the school's expectations are. If you did not get one, please phone reception or email rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz and request one. **Progress Reports will be issued on Wednesday 27 March.**

Progress Conferences

Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname.

Thursday 11 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm
Tuesday 16 April (student surnames M - Z), 4 - 7pm

All parents/caregivers are expected to visit their child's teachers on one of these afternoons as it is a part of the school/home partnership so vital to a student's progress. Information about our on line appointment booking schedule will be made available in our next newsletter. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days. The HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm.

e-Payments

We are continuing to receive positive feedback on our e-payments process and suggest parents make all payments to the school via this very safe and convenient option.

From the bottom right of the Home page of our website www.lynfield.school.nz there is a link to e-payments 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.

Board of Trustees Elections

These elections for five parent representatives are being held over the next three months. Please consider this opportunity to become involved in the governance of Lynfield College for the period 2013 – 2016. Details of the election process and what is involved with becoming a trustee accompanies this newsletter as a separate attachment.

Teacher Only Day – Monday 4 March

This will be a Teacher planning day and there will be no classes for students. Normal timetable resumes on Tuesday 5 March.

I encourage you to regularly access our website and e-LynC for current information on news and events at Lynfield College. www.lynfield.school.nz

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Head Girl & Head Boy

Kia Ora

Our names are Rugved Deshpande and Wiki Maihi and we are very privileged to have been elected as head students for 2013. Our aim is to inspire and motivate students to get involved in school activities and also to encourage school pride and school spirit.

Throughout the year, our role will be to lead the Student Executive and to ensure that we work together to help the students of Lynfield College make the most of their opportunities. Rugved and I will personally set as high an example as possible in the sporting, academic, cultural and social life of Lynfield College.

Our number one priority at the moment is to form the ball committee and get the ball planning underway.

We have got a strong student executive who are willing and eager to work hard on the students' behalf. We wish every student a successful, enjoyable year at LC!



Wiki Maihi, Head Girl & Rugved Deshpande, Head Boy

2012 NCEA Scholarships

Congratulations to the following students who achieved at scholarship level in the NCEA examinations at the end of last year.

An 'O' indicates a scholarship "with outstanding achievement" and five students reached this level (they are in the top 0.3% of the students who sat the subject).

Five students gained three scholarships each – Marisha Aya, Nalin Choudhary, Wendy He, Stephanie Love and Ashley Walters – and they have received a "Scholarship Award".

Wendy Shuwen He	Biology, Geography, Maths with Statistics and Modelling (O)
Marisha Aya	Art History, English, Graphics (O)
Nalin Choudhary	Biology, Chemistry, Maths with Statistics and Modelling (O)
Stephanie Love	Art Design, Graphics, Media Studies
Ashley Walters	Art History, Classical Studies (O), Media Studies
Manisha Sharma	Art History, History
Hannan Kashkari	Biology
Anuradha Nagahaula	Biology
Maddie Hughes	Biology
Kerryn Smith	Art Design
Tia Yidan Feng	Art Design
Beer Watthanasin Kaewsa-Pullen	Art Design (O)
Kristin Unruh	German
Mehul Patel	Graphics
Joshua Edmonds	Graphics
Tim Hight	Mathematics with Calculus
Nick Waddington	Mathematics with Calculus
Jack Wei Cao	Mathematics with Calculus
Jacob Couper	Mathematics with Statistics and Modelling
Daniel Tianshi Huang	Mathematics with Statistics and Modelling

Homework Centres

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

Pasifika Homework Centre

This homework centre is held in the Library 3.10 – 4.30pm Mondays and Wednesdays.

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)**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Sports Talk

Lynfield sport has many opportunities from a wide range of sports on offer this term. Some are lunchtime activities, others after school or weekends, while two big events have taken place throughout the day.

Athletics

Athletics Day - 15 February

Add a variety of events and weather to highly competitive athletics and throw in plenty of good humour and House spirit, and you have a very successful and enjoyable day! All students completed a circuit of 11 different events in the morning ranging from Tug of War and 3-legged races to high jump and discus. After lunch our top athletes competed in finals then junior form class and senior House relays. House competition became more intense as the mascots were judged on strict criteria and the Best Dressed House was announced.

Finals results and overall points for the House competition were:

Fatialofa	1150	1 st
Faumuina	1150	1 st
Zoricich	1050	3 rd
Lewis	950	4 th
Bray	900	5 th
Reid	875	6 th

Western Zone Athletics – 27 February

Following our successful in-school Athletics Day, a team of 30 of our most talented track and field athletes represented our school in the Western Zone Athletics meet at the Trusts Stadium, Henderson. A number of our athletes placed in finals and some have qualified to compete in the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools meet late March. Of note are:

Maddy Poland	1 st Junior Girls High Jump
	1 st Junior Girls 800m
Amy Pitout	1 st Intermediate Girls 800m (with a winning margin of 33s!)
Dale Pitout	1 st Senior Boys 800m
Noel D'Souza	2 nd Intermediate Boys 400m
Yana Dombrowsky	2 nd Intermediate Girls High Jump
Holly Harrison	2 nd Junior Girls 100m
Adeleena Lee-Hussien	2 nd Intermediate Girls 400m
Brad Rodler	2 nd Intermediate Boys Triple Jump
	2 nd Intermediate Girls Relay
Maria Vehikite	3 rd 70m Hurdles

Team Talk

Summer sports are well under way. We currently have teams in interschool competitions as follows:

Cricket – 3 boys; 1 girls
Dragon Boating – 1 (mixed)
Golf – 1 (mixed)
Orienteering – 12 (competing individually)
Tennis – 5 boys; 3 girls
Touch – 1 senior boys; 1 senior girls
Volleyball – 1 senior girls; 1 senior boys
Waterpolo – 1 junior; 1 senior
Yachting – 2 (competing individually)

Of particular note is our 1st XI Cricket team who have had some very competitive games, usually coming out on top! In a recent game they scored 214-1 from 29 overs with an exceptional innings from Darshan Mehta scoring 109 not out! Scoring over 100 runs in school cricket is a very rare event. The other opening batsman was Saharsh Dhankawade who scored 47 not out.

Lynfield then bowled Liston College out for 194 from 26.5 overs – a win by 20 runs. Our star bowlers were Rugved Deshpande (2 for 16 from 5 overs) and Akshay Chauhan (3 for 8 from 2.5 overs). A Lynfield College win by 20 runs!

Individual Honours

As this goes to print, 2 of our top swimmers, **Kieran Sumner** (Y12) and **Matt Roach** (Y12) are competing in the New Zealand Age Group Swim Champs in Wellington. The next newsletter will have an up-date on their successes.

Michael Carswell (Y10) won gold at the Auckland Age-Group Track Cycling Championship in the weekend. This medal will join the gold medals he won for the Individual Pursuit and 500m Time Trial. He also placed 4th in the Points race and 6th in the Scratch race. Michael has also been selected to represent Auckland at the Nationals in Invercargill.

Sheé Nathan-Wong (Y12) has been selected as a member, and named as captain, of the Auckland U17 Girls Touch team. She has also been selected as a member of the Auckland U19 Girls Touch team and the NZ Maori U16 Girls Touch team which travels to the Gold Coast in October.

During the holidays **Danielle Bradley** (Y13) went with a team from Auckland Futsal to Australia and competed in the Australian Futsal National Championships. Her team went through the tournament undefeated against Australian state rep teams and are now the current Australian Futsal National 16 grade girls Champions. This is the first time this tournament has been won by a NZ team!

Jordan Hearn (Y11) will be representing his club in a Football tournament in Dallas, Texas 19/3 – 2/4.

CAREERS

Visitors to our school

Information on courses, admission requirements, enrolment procedures, scholarships, etc.

- **AUT University** – 12.40pm, Tue 5 March, PAC
- **Massey University** – 12.40pm, Thu 7 March, A1
- **Victoria University** – 12.40pm, Thu 14 March, PAC

Open Days & Information Evenings

- **Building Careers BCITO Open Day** – Sat 16 March, 101 Station Rd, Penrose (1-4pm)
- **CTC Open Day** - Sat 16 March, CTC Training Centre, Hamilton. (Pilot Training) www.ctcswings.com/nz
- **Cut Above Open Day** - Fri 22 March, Level 6, 242 Queen St, City (10am - 4pm)
- **Cut Above Open Day** – Thu 28 March, 5A Ryan Place, Manukau City (10am - 3pm)

University of Otago Maori & Pacific Island On Campus Experience – available to Y13 students with a strong interest in studying at University of Otago. Costs for flights, accommodation at the Halls of Residence and meals provided. Great opportunity to experience life on campus as a student and find out more about studying and living in Dunedin and the support networks available. See Mrs Keir ASAP. www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents Completed applications to Mrs Keir by 8 March.

Law Student For A Day, University of Waikato – visit the University of Waikato campus for a day and find out what life is like as a Waikato Law student. Attend a law lecture, attend a law moot, chat with current law students, participate in activities in the computer lab and the law library, tour the campus and find out about student facilities. Choose from Wed 29 May, Wed 7 Aug, Wed 18 Sep. Book with Mrs Hughes. www.waikato.ac.nz/law

University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic Open Day - Monday 13 May in Dunedin. You must pay for your own flights to Dunedin, but if you would like an open day programme or info about accommodation, please see Mrs Hughes in S/S.

Gap Tutorships in the UK for 2014 – closing date for applications Friday 8 March. Full details www.tutorsworldwide.org

Help to find sports scholarships to universities in the USA – www.playatlantic.com