



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 4

5 April 2013

Coming Events:

Week 10	Sat 6 Apr	Germany trip departs (returns Fri 3 May)
	Sun 7	Big Band performs at Blockhouse Bay 'End of Summer Blues Festival'
		12 Geography trip to Tongariro
		<i>Daylight Savings ends</i>
Week 11	Mon 8	Cultural Week
	Tue 9	CULTURAL MUFTI DAY – gold coin donation
		12 Geography trip returns
	Thu 11	Progress Conferences (surnames A – L), 4 – 7pm
	Sat 13	CULTURAL FESTIVAL, 12 – 4pm
Week 12	Tue 16	Progress Conferences (surnames M – Z), 4 – 7pm
	Wed 17	Peer Mediation Training
	Thu 18	13 Drama Performance Evening
	Fri 19	Term 1 ends
Week 1	Mon 6 May	Term 2 begins
		Greentown School, China Cultural Exchange visit (6 – 9 May)
	Thu 9	Year 10 Attitude presentation
Week 2	Mon 13 – Fri 24	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i>
	Wed 15	Year 13 Solo Music Performance Evening, 7pm in the Hall
	Thu 16	Senior Mathematics Competition
	Sun 19	Year 13 Geography Rotorua trip
Week 3	Mon 20	Year 13 Geography trip returns
	Tue 21	Year 12 WorkChoice Day
Week 4	Mon 27	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK
		Board of Trustees Meeting
	Thu 30 May	Board of Trustees Election
	Friday 31	Mid-Term Break – College closed on this day
Week 5	Mon 3 Jun	Queen's Birthday – College closed on this day
	Tue 4	3 rd House Meetings
	Tue 4 – Thu 6	Year 9 Business Tip Top trips
	Wed 5	ICAS Science Competition
	Thu 6	Year 13 Careers Day
	Fri 7	3 rd House Meetings
Week 6	Wed 12	Lynfield College ROAD RACE
	Thu 13	Student Council Meeting
	Fri 14	House Football Competition begins
Week 7	Mon 17	ICAS Writing Competition
	Tue 18	Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience
		Prefects that Peak
	Wed 19	Year 11 Musical Performance Evening
Week 8	Mon 24	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Tue 25	Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience
	Fri 28	Teacher Only Day – there are no classes on this day
	Sun 30	11 Geography trip to Rotorua departs
Week 9	Mon 1 Jul	11 Geography trip returns
		PRODUCTION WEEK

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Next Thursday 11 April we have the first of two Progress Conference evenings for this term, with the second evening on Tuesday 16 April. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days and the interview appointments are from 4 – 7pm. We urge all parents/caregivers to take this opportunity to discuss your son's/daughter's progress with their teachers. If you have not yet made appointments, information on how to use our online booking systems is contained in this newsletter. Progress reports were issued to students on Wednesday 27 March and students should bring these to the conferences. I hope the advice given by the subject teachers will prove valuable for continuing classroom focus. Senior students have a week of assessment in week 4 of Term 2 and need to have a revision schedule underway at the beginning of that term.

Cultural Day

An invitation is extended to students, families and friends of Lynfield College to attend our Cultural Food and Performance Festival next Saturday 13 April. This annual festival begins at 12-midday with a powhiri, then continues until 4pm with food stalls and performances from many of our cultural groups. The festival is a special day out in our school calendar and the student groups are looking forward to being able to share aspects of their culture with the wider school community. During next week there will be a variety of cultural events for students at the College, including foreign films, a mufti day and fashion show.

With cooler weather approaching, it is important that students are prepared for Terms 2 and 3 with winter uniform items. Please ensure as well that your child has wet weather gear to wear. We are often asked for dry clothing by students and this demand is not possible for us to meet.

I will be on sabbatical leave for all of Term 2. In my absence Lexie Ridling will be Acting Principal for the first five weeks and Cath Knell will be Acting Principal for the second five weeks. During Term 2 Robin Eyre will be Acting Deputy Principal.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Sports Captains

Hi, my name is David Otter and I am one of the Sports Captains at Lynfield College for 2013. I have always loved to play sports, ever since I was a kid and I started doing athletics. Since then I haven't stopped playing sports and I am looking forward to the challenge and responsibility of being Sports Captain this year. The main sports I participate in are football and athletics and I have had the privilege of competing in these sports for our school and also for club. For my future studies I plan to go to university to study a Bachelor of Sport so I can have a career in the sports industry.



Hi, my name is Rebecca Smith and I am one of your Sports Captains for 2013. I am very passionate about sport and I represent the school in a number of codes including golf, netball, waterpolo, touch and cricket. My main code would have to be golf, in which I have represented Auckland.

David and I both feel really privileged to be Sports Captains of our school and we will attempt to get as many students as possible involved in Sports at Lynfield. As Sports Captains, we are responsible for organising the House Competitions and promoting sport within our school. We assisted on Athletics Day, which was a great success, and now we are running the House Touch competition. Later on in the year we will have House Netball, Soccer and the Quiz, which we will look forward to running. With support from the House Captains, we hope that 2013 will be a great year for Sports at Lynfield.

Rebecca Smith & David Otter

Keep up-to-date with what is happening now at the College. Go to
www.lynfield.school.nz

Progress Conferences

Progress Conferences were issued on Wednesday 27 March and the progress conferences will be held over the last two weeks of this term.

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. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days. The HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm.

Booking Parent Interview times Online

Online booking sheets are available for parents to set the interview times with the teachers they wish to meet. Access to the School Interviews website is through the internet using the URL address <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> (If you are reading this online you can click on this link to make your booking.) Once logged in to the 'School Interviews' web page there are three simple steps to follow in order to complete the booking process. All students have been given an instruction sheet with their report – this includes the password and a printed copy of their course codes and teachers' codes. This information is used to ensure the interview times are made with the relevant staff member. Parents should print out the email confirmation and bring it to the interview to enable the booking times to be followed. (Please note that some email confirmations get sent to the junk-mail / spam folder of the email system – please check this if a reply does not appear immediately in your inbox.)

Any parents unable to access the booking website should complete the manual booking slip on the instruction sheet and send this back to the school office with their child. Receptionist staff will also be able to make bookings through the school office number - phone 6270600. The exact times for the interviews that you request will be confirmed either by email or on the student's slip.

If you have any queries or suggestions about our online bookings please contact the Deputy Principal, Mr Black.

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

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

NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

The 2013 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 to ensure that students receive an invoice for the reduced amount when the billing run is done.

Invoices will be issued early next term, with payment due by the end of the term (12 July). Please plan for this payment so that you can help us to meet our NZQA deadlines. For most students, the fee will be \$76.70.

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.

ESOL Homework Centre

On Thursdays afterschool from 3.10pm – 4pm in **L6** there is help and support for students whose first language is not English.

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)**

Cup / Trophy Return

If you have a cup or trophy which was awarded in 2012 (Festival Awards, Senior or Junior prizewinnings), please return them to the main reception desk in the Admin Building by **Friday 19 April 2013**. It is *not* necessary to polish cups before return. Thank you.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Sports Scene

Team Talk

As the summer season comes to an end for some sports, for others it merely marks the half-way point in the competition which will resume towards the end of Term 3 or the beginning of Term 4. Senior Touch finished recently with our girls' team runners-up in the 2nd division and the boys having a convincing win in their final game. Senior Volleyball finals will be played in the next two weeks. Junior Touch and Volleyball competitions occur in Term 4.

This term has been marked by a number of significant successes. Success is not only measured in wins and losses but also in the numbers of keen and enthusiastic students who have gained real pleasure from being part of a competing team. Sport helps to build this important dimension in a teenager's life, as well as school spirit and pride.

Cricket

This year has seen a 100% increase in the number of cricket teams. Cricket continues in Term 4.

Female team - Girls from all year levels combined to form this team coached by Mrs Connaw. A significant number of them had not played this sport before yet thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately they did not end up playing as many games as expected but performed very, very impressively, winning their competition!

Junior Boys - Mr Burden coaches this team of enthusiastic boys. They are all still building skills but were thrilled to score a win last Saturday against St Peter's, scoring 96/6 in 19.5 overs in reply to St Peter's 95/4 in 20 overs.

2nd XI Boys - This team has performed consistently well throughout the season and were leading their grade with Sunderland College who they met in game mode last weekend. Coach, Mr Joseph, reports it was a very tight game throughout but unfortunately Lynfield lost by 1 run!

1st XI Boys - Lynfield 1st XI played Kings at Kings on Saturday 16 March. Lynfield batted first and scored 155-7 off 24 overs with Saharsh batting at #3 scoring 52, Rugved chipped in with 27 and Adhitya Walanj with 26. We restricted Kings to 104-7 off their 24 overs. Kings were caught on the back foot when Darshan Mehta opened the bowling with 5 overs, 5 maidens 0-0! Astounding bowling stats!!

On Saturday 23 March, Lynfield batted first against Auckland Grammar and scored 192-6 off 28 overs. Again, some excellent batting from Darshan Mehta (73), Saharsh Dhankawade (31) and Rugved Deshpande (39 not out). Auckland Grammar replied with 171-4 with Darshan, Akshay, Rugved and Johny each taking 1 wicket giving Lynfield a win by 21 runs.

Overall, a successful first half of the year winning 5 out of 6 Saturday games, with some absolutely outstanding batting from Darshan and Saharsh. Mr Southern comments he is working hard on bringing the fielding and bowling up to the same consistent standard as the batting. Congratulations to Akshay Chauhan whose bowling statistics were the most consistent.

Orienteering

Ms Bowen introduced this to our sporting calendar for the first time this year. Each Wednesday afternoon an enthusiastic group of juniors have competed at various schools in central Auckland. They have had mixed success but each week the smiles at the end of the race say it all! Congratulations to Maddy Poland (Y10) who has qualified for the Sprint Finals on Saturday 6 April, when she will compete in 2 races.

Dragon Boating

After many years' absence, Lynfield is back on the dragon boating scene! Initially relatively few students knew anything about this sport. As word spread about the fun involved, the numbers grew – many had not played any sport for the school before but having 22 paddlers in a boat is a really good leveller! We entered a girls' team and a mixed team in the Auckland Secondary Schools Regatta on Sunday 24 March at Lake Pupuke, Takapuna. Amidst a very friendly atmosphere with 30 other teams we found the initial races tough paddling. After some serious debriefs run by team members following each race, all learned what was needed to lift their game. The girls finally pulled together to win the Plate Final. The mixed team suffered from having only 16 paddlers rather than the usual 20, but performed very well in their Plate Final finishing 3rd. Special thanks to Linden Rose (Y13), who recognised the dilemma of only one coach for 2 teams and volunteered to coach and sweep for the mixed team even though he too was new to the sport.

Greater Auckland Athletics Championships

These were held in blistering heat at Mt Smart Stadium on Tuesday. Nine of our top athletes competed after qualifying as a result of their performances at the Western Zone meet earlier in the term. On the track, Dale Pitout (Y12), Maddy Poland (Y10), Holly Harrison (Y10) and Nathan Pike (Y9) qualified for finals. Maddy also competed successfully in the High Jump. Unfortunately she injured her knee so did not compete in the 800m final. Our other athletes all performed very creditably. Finals placings were as follows:

Dale	5 th Senior Boys 800m (2:07.20)
Maddy	3 rd Junior Girls High Jump (1.50m)
Holly	2 nd Junior Girls 100m (12.9s; a personal best)
Nathan	5 th Junior Boys 300m (42.19)

Lynfield College 2013 Tennis Championship Results

Almost 70 students took part this year, held on Wednesday 6 March. Congratulations to the following winners and runners up:

Event	Winner/s	Runner/s Up
Senior Boys Singles	Jason Pimenta	Jason Sun
Senior Girls Singles	Brooklyn Chitty	Maddy Dryland
Senior Boys Doubles	Jason Pimenta, Liam van Rijn	Jason Sun, Junhyuk Lim
Senior Girls Doubles	Maddy Dryland, Kayla Englehardt	Brooklyn Chitty, Tialena Evening
Year 11 Boys Singles	Callum Magee	Jerome Schischka
Year 11 Boys Doubles	Callum Magee, Jerome Schischka	Andrew Sampson, Robin Vortanov
Year 11 Girls Singles	Fleur Skeen	
Year 11 Girls Doubles	Fleur Skeen, Adya Choudhary	
Year 10 Girls Singles	Adya Choudhary	
Year 10 Boys Singles	Simon Stanimiroff	Kiriffi Leilua
Year 10 Boys Doubles	Simon Stanimiroff, Jaeyoung Heo	Caleb Mellor, Scott Out-O'Reilly
Year 9 Boys Singles	Felix Barrett	Casey Newbrook
Year 9 Boys Doubles	Felix Barrett, Casey Newbrook	Andrew Isdale, Filip Trifunovic
Year 9 Girls Singles	Casey Scott	Neve Stanimiroff
Year 9 Girls Doubles	Casey Scott, Neve Stanimiroff	Mia Osborne, Kitty Yu Sun

Winter Sports

Trials for most teams are now complete and team lists will be posted on the Sports Office noticeboard in the next few days. A very sincere "thank you" to those who have offered to help manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year. Without your help we definitely could not provide sporting opportunities to such a large number of students.

More HELP, please!

With the increase in the number of teams in most codes we are still searching for suitable coaches and managers for every team! Remember, to manage a team you do not need knowledge of the sport, just to be a channel for communication between coach and players as needed and help organise (not necessarily provide) transport to games.

We will not enter a team into a competition unless it has both a coach and a manager.

If you or anyone you know is able to help us in any way we would really like to hear from you. There are plenty of openings available!! Currently we still need help with:

Basketball	U15 boys, U15 & U17 girls
Netball	juniors and seniors
Football	2nd XI boys junior boys
Badminton	all levels
Table tennis	all levels

Please email fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz if you are able to help.

Individual Honours

Congratulations to the following students who have gained recognition regionally or nationally. All show commitment, determination and the self-discipline needed to succeed in their sport, training with and without their coach, as well as successfully managing their academic studies.

Maddy Wesche (Y9), Maria-Agatha Vehikite (Y9), Nathan Pike (Y9), Maddy Poland (Y10) were selected in the Auckland Interprovincial 12/13 Age Group Athletics team to compete in Timaru over Easter weekend.

Keegan Maisey (Y12) has returned from the 2013 World Ice Hockey U18 Championships in Taiwan with a silver medal! The team beat Chinese Taipei 9 – 4, Mexico 2 – 0 and Bulgaria 6 – 2 before meeting China in the final. The Chinese team have come down this year from the division above NZ and they were a class act. They had cleaned up every team in the competition and no other team had managed to put a single goal on them. NZ opened the scoring with a goal in the first 4 minutes of play and held the Chinese out in the first period. Unfortunately this fired the Chinese up to a level NZ could not hold on to and the second period ended 5 – 1 up to the Chinese. In true NZ style, the Kiwis were not going down without a fight and a beautiful pass from Keegan to his team mate saw the Kiwis gain one back. Not satisfied with that, Keegan let fly a powerful shot from the top of the blue line to plant one behind the Chinese goalie. The ability to score from this position has become a trademark of Keegan's play and he is currently one of only a few NZ U18 players who can do this on the international scene. The final score saw China come out on top, but NZ can be very proud of their silver medal against this team who play at an almost professional level with good financial support. Keegan was also the kapa haka leader and an example of the team haka can be found on You Tube (NZ 2013 U18 Hockey Team Haka at the Great Wall of China) where they performed to a large crowd of Chinese tourists at the top of the Great Wall of China! He has now been invited to train with the NZ Ice Blacks before they depart for Turkey and the World Champs.

Last Wednesday Dale Pitout (Y12) became Auckland U18 Men's 10,000m champion having raced a gruelling 25 laps of the Mount Smart track! Five days later he was fortunate to gain a starting position in the Golden Mile race down Queen St. This was the first time this race had been run and Dale ran an excellent race to finish 3rd in the U19 Men's category, with a very impressive time of 4m30s!!

Shée Nathan-Wong (Y12) captained the Auckland Girls U18 Touch team to victory and a gold medal in their recent tournament team won GOLD!

Tayla Wesche (Y11) and Alice Neville-Smith (Y11), both members of our Premier 1 netball team, have been selected to train in Netball Waitakere's U17 High Performance squad.

Free holiday programme at Cameron Pool

WaterSafe Auckland is running a free holiday programme for the two weeks of the April holidays. Week 1 runs from Monday 22 April – Wednesday 24 April, and week 2 is from Monday 29 April – Wednesday 1 May. Activities will include swimming, water safety, snorkelling and team games. Anyone aged 11-17 is eligible to join in. The daily programme commences at 8.30am and finishes at 3.30pm.

To enroll email breakaway@watersafe.org.nz or call 368 5611

If your son/daughter has achieved representative status (Auckland or NZ) or has competed in such events, the Sports Office would very much like to hear about this. Please either ask them to bring proof of the team they made/level they achieved (eg certificate, letter of selection, etc) so we have the exact wording of their achievement, or email these details to fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

CAREERS

Victoria University Scholarships – 400 Victoria Excellence Scholarships will be awarded for those wishing to study at Vic in 2014. These scholarships are awarded competitively, so no offers will be made ahead of the closing date for applications which is 15 September. All those with their NCEA Level 2 endorsed with excellence are encouraged to apply. Further details online or at Student Services.

Y12 & Y13 – excited about the future of science and technology? Are you a tech wizard? Passionate about conservation biology? Curious about the psychology of society? Come along to a free workshop to help develop winning ideas for the upcoming Eureka! Competition and to communicate, convince and engage people with your ideas. Full details at S/S or eureka.workshops@gmail.com

2014 University of Auckland & 2014 AUT prospectus - now available from Student Services.

Latitude Global Volunteering – Gap year and international volunteering placements for young NZ 17-25 years. Closing date for applications for 2014 departures is 15 April. Choose from 16 countries and lots of different placement options. www.latitude.org.nz

Want to work in the **dairy or agriculture industry** in the future? Check out www.agnz.co.nz and see Mrs Hughes.

Free Animation Workshop – Last Saturday of every month. 1/75 Ellice Road, 10am – 1pm. Book by phoning 0508 SOUTHSEAS (768 847) or book on the website www.southseas.co.nz. South Seas is a Film, Television & Animation School

Visitors to our School

MIT – Fri 12 April, 12.40pm, A1 Careers Centre

Open Days & Information Evenings

Student Exchange Australia & NZ Info Evening – Wed 10 April, 7.30pm, Copthorne Hotel Harbour City, 196 Quay St, City.

Crown Institute of Studies Open Day (Hospitality, Travel & Tourism, Business) – Tue 23 April, 9am-4pm, 10 Lorne St, City.

University of Canterbury Info Day, Christchurch Campus – Friday 26 April, 9am – 5pm

University of Auckland Parent Info Seminar – Thu 9 May, 7.00pm, Owen G Glenn Business School, 12 Grafton Rd, City. Please register your attendance online www.auckland.ac.nz/parentseminar

Park safely and keep our kids safe

Next 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.