

LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 9 5 July 2013

Coming Events:					
Week 10	Tue 9 Thu 11 Fri 12	Senior Quizzex, lunchtime Hall Mid-Year Reports issued to students Year 12 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation Period 6 meeting in the Hall for all students attending the Ball TERM 2 ENDS			
	Fri 26 Jul	Lynfield College Ball (last Friday of the school holidays)			
Week 1	Mon 29 Jul Tue 30 Wed 31	TERM 3 BEGINS Blood Donor Day, Lynfield College Hall 9am – 2pm Enrolment Open Day, tours at 1.30 and 4pm ICAS English Competition Lynfield College Exhibition, Upstairs Gallery, New Lynn (until Sat 3 Aug)			
	Thu 1 Aug	CULTURAL and LEADERSHIP PHOTOS Australian Mathematics Competition			
	Fri 2	Year 13 Geography Muriwai Beach trip Enrolment Open Day, tours at 11am			
Week 2	Mon 5	COURSE SELECTION (WEEKS 2 – 4) Enrolment Information Evening 7pm			
	Tue 6	Enrolment of in zone and out of zone Category 2-5 Year 9/2014 students begins, further information contained in this newsletter Australian Chemistry Competition Student Council Committee Meeting Board of Trustees Meeting			
	Thu 8	4 th House Meetings Enrolment evening, 6 – 8pm Pasifika Parents Evening			
	Fri 9	4 th House Meetings			
	Sat 10	Enrolment morning, 9am – 12pm			
Week 3	Tue 13	Prefects that Peak House Netball Competition begins			
	Wed 14	Year 12 and 13 Music Performance Evening			
	Thu 15	Year 10 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation PROGRESS CONFERENCES (A – L), 4 – 7pm			
	Fri 16	Year 13 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation Student Council Meeting			
Week 4	Mon 19 – Thu 22	KBB Music Festival			
	Tue 20 Thu 22	PROGRESS CONFERENCES (M – Z), 4 – 7pm House Quiz			
	Fri 23	Teacher Only Day - there are no classes on this day			
	Sun 25	KBB Gala Concert			
Week 5	Mon 26	Arts Week Year 9 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation			
	Tue 27	WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS Netsafe Parents' Evening Access-It Roadshow, Library (closed on this day)			
	Wed 28 Thu 29 – Fri 30 Fri 30	Access-it Roadshow, Library (closed on this day) Jazz and Soul Concert Arts at the Bay Exhibition House Netball competition ends			
Week 6	Mon 2 Sep	In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.			

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This is the last newsletter of Term 2, with students finishing for holidays next Friday 12 July. Mid-Year reports will be issued to senior and junior students on Thursday 11 July. These documents are an important indicator of your child's current progress and signal what they should do in order to continue to improve. The overall standard of the reports is very high with Deans delighted at the effort of most students. Progress Conferences will be held for students and their parents in weeks 3 and 4 of next term (Thursday 15 and Tuesday 20 August).

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in our production *Back to the 80s* which has been running this week. The week began with two very well received matinees for local intermediate students on Tuesday, opening to the general public on Wednesday evening. The production provides a wonderful experience for the numerous students involved and an opportunity for the school community to enjoy the musical, dramatic and technical talents of the students involved. If you haven't yet attended a performance, the finale is on tomorrow night. I would like to congratulate everyone involved, students and staff, with special thanks to Ms Celia Nicholson for her excellent direction of the production.

Great progress has been made towards finishing the new pavilion complex over the past few weeks. The concrete paths were laid on Tuesday and the site shed was lifted out by crane on Wednesday. This means that the pathway to the Kimberhall Gate is now clear for use. The Kimberhall Gate we will reopen for students to use on their way to and from school as of next Monday. Term 3 will see us being able to provide full tuckshop services with a wider range of food items on sale.

I wish everyone safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing the students return refreshed and ready for the challenges and rewards of the second half of this year.

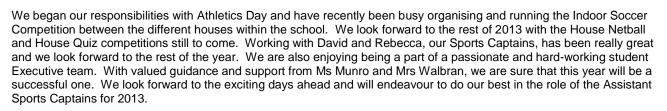
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Student Leader Profile – Assistant Sports Captains

Jaheer: I was selected to be Deputy Sports Captain with Khusboo Patel for 2013. I would like to say I am truly honoured to be elected by my fellow peers and the staff to this position, and glad to know that I will be serving the school this year. My main sports are cricket, hockey, tennis and badminton and have competed in all of these sports for both the school and club. Next year I hope to build on experience gained in my role, by undertaking a conjoint degree in Commerce and Engineering. I am thankful for this opportunity and super keen for the rest of the year!

Khusboo: This year I was voted into the position of assistant sports captain for Lynfield College alongside Jaheer. I am thankful to my peers and staff who put me in this spot as I have always wanted to be a sports prefect in high school. I play a range of sports at school, but the two sports that I wish to excel in are cricket and hockey. During the summer months I represent the Auckland Under 18 and Auckland Under 21 Women's Cricket teams as well as play in the Premier 1 team for Cornwall Cricket Club. I am hoping to break into the Women's Domestic team in the near future. During winter I like to keep fit by playing hockey. Next year I am planning to go to Victoria University in Wellington where I hope to take a conjoint degree of Law and Arts.

We are very excited to be a part of the Student Executive this year with our aim being to encourage students to get more involved with and to enjoy the various sporting activities available to them at Lynfield. Our role as Assistant Sports Captains is to help organise and run inter-house competition, acting as a link between the staff and students.



Jaheer Firowze and Khusboo Patel





Uniform

Please check your child's uniform over the holiday break. Black leather shoes are the only shoes allowed - no canvas, boots, hightops or sports shoes. Winter jerseys, jackets, beanies and scarves are available from the uniform shop. Non-uniform sweaters and jackets are not permitted. Similarly, black jeans are not part of the school uniform and are not acceptable under any circumstances.

Please note that items are to be worn as designed - for example, the girl's senior pencil skirt is to be worn at knee length and if shortened will have to be replaced. From Term 3 we will send senior students home if they are incorrectly dressed so that they can change into the correct uniform.

Thank you for your support of the College.

For the Parents of Year 11 Students

As you know, Year 11 students are the last to wear the old style uniform. As Year 11 students out-grow or wear out their existing uniform, from now on they are able to replace it with the senior uniform. However, girls should only purchase the knee-length pencil skirt, as the long skirt is reserved for students who are in Year 12 or Year 13 only.

School Ball

Venue: Rendezvous Grand Hotel, Mayoral Drive, Auckland City

- Date: Friday 26 July (Note: this is the last Friday of the school holidays)
- Time: 7pm to 12 midnight (doors close at 7.30pm)

Students should ensure that they are at the venue before 7.30pm. We recommend that parents pick up their son or daughter from the venue at the conclusion of the event and doors will be open from 11.45pm.

Special Assembly for students attending the Ball

A special assembly will be held on the last day of this term for Year 12 and Year 13 where students will receive final verbal and written instructions for the ball, their ball pack and their ball ticket. If you have any queries about the ball over the holiday period please do not hesitate to email <u>Imunro@lynfield.school.nz</u>.

Parents Email

Thank you to parents who have returned their updated address, phone and email details. The primary caregiver email is particularly important as this email address will be used early next term to send your personalised password which will enable you to login to our Parent Portal. The Parent Portal will allow you to check your son or daughter's attendance and also their NCEA entries and results where this is relevant.

If your email address has changed, please notify admin@lynfield.school.nz

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to email or call Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal on extension 706, <u>Imunro@lynfield.school.nz</u> Thank you for your support.

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

Attendance at School

Students are expected to be punctual and to attend all classes. Attendance of all our pupils is vital in sustaining our learning environment and in meeting individual learning needs.

Year 12 and 13 Attendance, Term 3

In Term 3 students in Year 12 and Year 13 may begin to argue that a better use of their time is to remain at home completing tasks towards internal assessment especially when deadlines are imminent. Our experience does not support this perspective. All teachers work conscientiously towards preparing every lesson to maximise student achievement. Students miss out on opportunities for feedback towards improving their work and they miss key messages which prepare them for final assessments and external examinations. As parents you can support the College by ensuring your son or daughter's attendance at school, every day, except in the instance of medical illness. Please do not plan holidays that occur during the school term. The July and October breaks from school should be considered study opportunities for students.

Lateness to School Year 9 - 13

An increasing number of students are arriving late at school citing transport difficulties. Whilst we acknowledge the congestion on Auckland roads, lateness to school means your child is not getting off to the right start each day. Form time is organised to ensure that your son or daughter receives all of the messages for the day that ensure full engagement with life at College. It allows them the time to transition into school mode and to find their focus for the day. Please make arrangements that support your son or daughter to be on time to school. This is a basic way that parents and caregivers can support our College.

Students generally do not achieve to their potential if they are regularly absent from school. Not all reasons for a student's absence are acceptable. The College has limited discretion, according to Ministry of Education Attendance Codes, over whether a reason for absence falls into the Justified or Unjustified categories.

The acceptable reasons for absence are in the left hand column of the table below.

The right hand column lists some of the other reasons that Lynfield College students give for being absent. These are not acceptable reasons for missing school. These are coded as E (Explained, but not Justified) in the attendance register. Similarly, notes that do not give a reason for an absence will be coded E and will contribute to students' unjustified absence totals for the year.

Justified Reasons for Absence	Unjustified Reasons for Absence Explained but unjustified = E No Explanation = T (Truant)	
Cultural or sporting representations at regional or higher level Illness (including hospitalisation) Medical/dental appointments Bereavement Exceptional or special family circumstances or occasions – may include travel for special occasions (application should be made to the Principal) / may be sensitive and involve other agencies Vehicle breakdown/train, bus delay/car accident/natural disaster Citizenship ceremony Ballet/music/speech exam Driver's license Bullying (follow up) Accident before school – may include injury to an animal	Being an interpreter for family Religious festival Looking after ill family members Babysitting Part-time job commitments Parents work schedule Holiday Birthday Unresolvable wet clothing Hair appointment Visa/passport/consulate business Taking exams overseas Moving house Going to the airport	

If you have any queries regarding attendance at the College please contact Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal (ext 706) or email <u>Imunro@lynfield.school.nz</u>

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. <u>A new application has to be filled in each</u> <u>year</u> – if you received financial assistance last year it does not carry over.

Financial assistance application forms are now overdue. If you think you qualify for financial assistance, please contact Mr Delgrosso urgently on 627 0600 extension 728.

Invoices have been issued to senior students, with **payment due by the end of this term** (**12 July**). For most students, the fee will be \$76.70.

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.

Enrolment Process for 2014

We begin our enrolment process for 2014 from Week 1, Term 3, with Open Day guided tours of the College and an Enrolment Information Evening. More detailed information about enrolment is available from our website www.lynfield.school.nz

Out of zone application forms can be printed from our website or picked up from our school office. They must be received at College reception by 4 September.

Below are the important dates for your information

Wednesday 31 July and Friday 2 August	Open Day – guided tours of the College		
Monday 5 August	Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm in the College Hall		
Tuesday 6 August	Year 9/2014 home zone enrolment starts		
Thursday 8 August	Late night, 6 – 8pm		
Saturday 10 August	Year 9/2014 enrolment 9am – 12pm		
Wednesday 4 September	Year 9/2014 category 6 out of zone applications close (ballot date is Wed 11		
Sep)			
Tuesday 22 October	Out of zone applications for Years 10 – 13/2014 close (ballot date is Wed 23		
Oct)			

The New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) will be collecting blood at the Lynfield College Hall Tuesday 30 July 2013, 9am to 2pm

Information for Parents, Guardians and Whanau

NZBLOOD Te Ratonga Toto O Aotearca

It is important that we encourage students into a lifetime habit of donating blood and making a worthwhile contribution to their community.

The Care of Children Act 2004 allows people 16 years and over to make their own decisions about whether or not they wish to give blood. Students may choose to donate blood at this session.

NZBS recommends students discuss becoming a blood donor with their family. If families have a particular objection to the student choosing to donate blood, please make this known to the student and to the school before the collection date stated above. More information about blood donation will be available on the day of collection.

Parents are also welcome to come to the school to donate blood at this collection session.

If you require any further information please call 0800 GIVEBLOOD or visit www.nzblood.co.nz

Becoming a Blood Donor...

Age:	First Time Donors	Existing Donors
	16 to 65 years of age	Up to 71 years of age

Weight: Weigh at least 50 kg

Health:

- You must be in good health.
- You cannot donate if you have a cold, flu, sore throat, cold sore, stomach bug or any other infection.
- If you have recently had a tattoo or body piercing you cannot donate for 6 months from the date of the procedure.
- If you have visited the dentist for a minor procedure you must wait 24 hours before donating; for major work wait a month.

Travel: You must not have lived in the United Kingdom, France or the Republic of Ireland between 1980 and 1996 for more than 6 months or received a blood transfusion in ANY of these countries since 1980.

Food: You must have eaten some food during the four hours prior to donation.

Identification: You must bring suitable identification with you. Acceptable ID is a document or combination of documents containing three (3) separate identifiers (e.g. NZBS Donor ID number, Full name, Photograph, Date of Birth, Home Address). A Student ID Card is acceptable if it features a photograph and two of the identifiers listed above. With your consent we may also ask the school to confirm you are at least 16 years of age.

Important Facts About Blood:

- There is no substitute for human blood—healthy donors are the only source of our blood supply.
- Only 4% of New Zealand's population currently donate blood.
- 42,000 patients are treated with blood or blood products in New Zealand each year.
- A blood donation is separated into different components, each of which is used to treat different patients—accident trauma, patients undergoing surgery, people with leukaemia, transplant patients and many others. Blood products are also used for immunisation to help prevent diseases such as hepatitis A and B, tetanus and chickenpox.
- Each donation is able to help up to three people blood donors are literally lifesavers.

Homework Centres

The College Library remains open after school every day <u>until 3.40pm</u>, 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

Got a maths question?Stuck on your maths homework?Help is available!Where?G15When?Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday afterschool)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Individual Honours

Our Lynfield students continue to be successful in a wide variety of sports. In the last newsletter we congratulated Liam van Rijn on winning The Auckland Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Singles. This time around, we have the following outstanding achievements to report:

Juee Bhide who competed in her first ever Senior International Match against World No 145 and she won it. Squash NZ is very pleased with the win and posted good comments about it.

Michael Durham has advanced two ice skating grades and is now competing at Junior Men Level. He was placed a very creditable 4th in a competition in Hollins/Sydney even though he was only in this grade a matter of 7 weeks.

Nathan Maisey has been named in the NZ Cross Whites U14 Soccer team to compete in Perth in September.

Keegan Maisey continues to make outstanding progress in his Ice Hockey. He was recently included in the West Auckland Admirals, playing in the NZ Ice Hockey League.

Other sporting successes of past pupils

Josh Maisey won Gold in both the 5,000m and 10,000m (Open Men's) at the Oceania Track and Field Championships held in Tahiti. He continues to train and race with the goal of making the NZ team to the Commonwealth Games in 2018.

Tyla Nathan-Wong has just returned from Russia with the New Zealand Women's Sevens Team plus the Women's Sevens World Rugby Cup. A big congratulations to Tyla and the team.

Sports Scene

Team Talk

All our winter teams are now well into their competition season with some teams going into final playoffs. We have had some wins and some losses but good to see the great enthusiasm and commitment the students bring with them each week.

Couple of results worth mentioning are the Lacrosse Girls team who won 3 - 1 against MAGS (13/6). Many of the MAGs team have played for 3 years and our girls are all beginners. Also, our Junior Hockey girls had their first win of the season beating St Mary's 1-0. Well done girls!

Sports Office Staff

If parents/caregivers have any questions or concerns about sport at the College, please contact us on 627 0600 extension 595

Felicity Walbran, Sports Director <u>fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz</u> Joanne Smith, Sports Co-ordinator Su Yim, Sports Administrator

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

July School Holiday Programmes

- Bubble Dome has many different workshops available over the July school holidays. Web development and mobile apps; minecraft inventions and challenges; minecraft tekkit; 3D animation and games design; lego engineering and robotics, ultra minecraft – java and plugins; app building for ipad and ipod; ultra games and 3D animations. <u>www.bubbledome.co.nz</u>
- Vanity Walk Modelling and Grooming Course 10% discount for school students. <u>www.vanitywalk.co.nz</u>

Want to learn more about a career in agriculture? Interested in being a rural banker, farm consultant, environmental advisor, technician, fertilizer rep, stock agent or perhaps in another area of agriculture? See the Careers Advisor for info on a mentoring opportunity.

Y12 and Y13 - During the school holidays, AUT is hosting a 2 day event for **Maori and Pasifika** students specifically interested in further studies in Art and Design. Students will have the chance to meet lecturers and participate in workshops to gain the skills on how to begin a career in the world of art and creativity. You will find out about all the different Art and Design programmes available at AUT and be guided in how to put a successful portfolio together. www.aut.ac.nz/art-design/canvas

Y13 students considering studying one of AUT's Art and Design degrees next year might like to attend AUT's school holiday Portfolio Day. Learn about the entry requirements for their programmes, including how to create a portfolio and what to include in it. Registration is compulsory. www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/study-areas/art-design/beyond-the-classroom/news-and-events/portfolio-day2

Be an Animation College Student For A Day Saturday 31 August www.animationcollegenz.com

Victoria University Open Day, Wellington Campus, Friday 30 August www.victoria.ac.nz

Open Days and Information Evenings

Crown Institute of Studies Open Day (Hospitality, Business, Travel and Tourism) – Tue 16 July, 10 Lorne St, City (9am-4pm)

Crown Institute of Studies Taster Day (Be a student for the day) – Thu 18 July, 10 Lorne St, City (10am-2pm) University of Waikato Engineering Open Day – Thu 18 July, Hamilton Campus (9am-3.30pm) University of Waikato Science Open Day – Fri 19 July, Hamilton Campus (9am-3.30pm) Nelson Aviation College Open Day – Sat 20 July, Motueka Base (12pm- 4pm)

Scholarships available for tertiary study in 2014

University of Auckland Scholarships including:

- academic excellence
- top Maori and Pacific Island scholars
- academic achievement and financial hardship
- · academic merit, the potential to succeed at university and financial need

Closing date 4 September. Students must apply for admission to the university BEFORE they can apply for a scholarship.

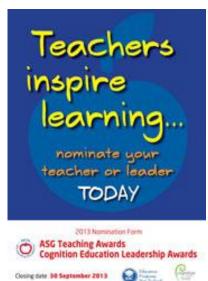
Details at <u>www.auckland.ac.nz</u> – key word entry-level and first-year scholarships.

Keystone NZ Property Scholarship - If you are wanting to study a property relaxed degree course next year (eg. property management, engineering, planning, valuation, real estate, building science, architecture, quantity surveying, construction, environmental management planning, landscape architecture, etc) and would greatly benefit from having financial assistance, then you should apply for this scholarship. Applications close 27 August and further details can be found at <u>www.keystonetrust.org.nz</u>

IPENZ Scholarships for those planning to study engineering. Closing date 4 October. www.ipenzfoundation.org.nz

AUT Scholarships are now open for applications. The Vice Chancellor's Scholarship Awards are available for all schools in Auckland as long as the students meet the academic criteria. Our Significant Student Scholarships are available nationally; the application can be downloaded from <u>www.aut.ac.nz</u>

Vote for your outstanding teacher



Teachers are top-of-mind for families with the winter school term underway and nominations now open for the ASG Teaching Awards and Cognition Education Leadership Awards.

Every two years parents, Boards of Trustees, parent associations, secondary student councils and community organisations can nominate the outstanding teachers and leaders in their school community who inspire learning.

Terry O'Connell, chairman of the NEiTA Foundation, which facilitates the awards programme, says these awards are an opportunity for the consumers of education to acknowledge those teachers and leaders whose inspirational approach stimulates student learning and success. "Your nomination demonstrates recognition of outstanding teachers and leaders at early childhood education centres, primary, intermediate and secondary schools nationwide who provide children with the desire, confidence and enthusiasm to learn and do well."

Nominations are open until September 30 online at <u>www.neita.co.nz</u> or download a nomination form. Forms are also available at schools and early childhood education centres nationwide, or through the NEiTA Foundation on 09 308 0576 or email <u>mventer@asg.co.nz</u>

Nominated teachers and leaders receive a NEiTA Certificate of Nomination once verified, with 20 area representatives selected to go forward to receive Regional Awards in Wellington in May 2014. From these, 10 will receive National Awards and professional development grants of up to \$5000 at their schools or centres later in the year.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Girls-only Futsal and Badminton is on each Tuesday at the Lynfield Recreation Centre, Margaret Griffen Park. For further information go to <u>www.connect2sport.org.nz/girlsonly</u>

Rotary Australia - New Zealand Student Exchange 2014

This exchange runs between families in Australia and New Zealand during Term 2 and Term 3 of the school year. Each student spends one school term living in the other's home and attending their school. In 2014, the Australian students will live in New Zealand for school Term 2 and in Term 3 the students from New Zealand will live in Australia. It is available to students aged between 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 16 years on 1 January 2014 (a date of birth between 1.1.1998 and 1.7.2000), usually Year 10 – 11. Each student is sponsored by a Rotary Club and the student's school must agree to support the exchange. For further information visit www.ranzse.org

Holiday Study Programme

NCEA CAMPUS is a youth-led, not-for-profit organisation striving for educational equality in New Zealand. It is offering 2 – 3 day tutorial courses during the July school holidays which aim to intercept gaps in knowledge and confidence early on and to set students up with learning and study skills that will help them throughout the rest of the year. They cover a wide range of courses and cost \$20 - \$30 per course. They offer on-going tutor support until your final exam as well as further courses in the October holiday break.

Go on line (www.nceacampus.org) to enrol in a course or pick up a flier from Mr Black to find out more information.