



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 10

9 August 2013

#### Coming Events:

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| Week 2 | Sat 10 Aug      | <b>Enrolment morning, 9am – 12pm (no appointment necessary)</b>   |
| Week 3 | Tue 13          | Prefects that Peak<br>House Netball Competition begins  |
|        | Wed 14          | Year 12 and 13 Music Performance Evening  |
|        | Thu 15          | Year 10 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation<br><b>PROGRESS CONFERENCES (A – L), 4 – 7pm</b><br>Students released at 2.20pm, HCD bus departs Boundary Rd 2.30pm |
|        | Fri 16          | Year 13 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation<br>Student Council Meeting   |
| Week 4 | Mon 19 – Thu 22 | KBB Music Festival<br><b>PROGRESS CONFERENCES (M – Z), 4 – 7pm</b><br>Students released at 2.20pm, HCD bus departs Boundary Rd 2.30pm                   |
|        | Thu 22          | House Quiz  |
|        | <b>Fri 23</b>   | <b>Teacher Only Day - there are no classes on this day</b>  |
|        | Sun 25          | KBB Gala Concert  |
| Week 5 | Mon 26          | Arts Week<br>Year 9 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation  |
|        | Tue 27          | WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS<br>Netsafe Parents' Evening<br>Access-It Roadshow (Library closed on this day)   |
|        | Wed 28          | Jazz and Soul Concert   |
|        | Thu 29          | Mt Maunganui – Lynfield College Sports Exchange (away)  |
|        | Thu 29 – Fri 30 | Arts at the Bay Exhibition  |
|        | Fri 30          | House Netball competition ends  |
| Week 6 | Mon 2 Sep       | <i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i><br>Winter Tournament Week                    |
|        | Tue 3           | Student Council Committee Meeting   |
|        | Wed 4           | Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Parents' Meetings (times to be advised)  |

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#### Enrolment dates for Year 9 in 2014:

Enrolment continues for home zone and out of zone students in categories 2 – 5.

#### Please note:

**There will be enrolment sessions Monday – Friday 3.20 – 4.30pm during Weeks 3 – 7 this term.**

**Guided tours of the College will be available every Thursday at 4pm during August, starting from reception.**

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| Sat 10 Aug - TOMORROW | Enrolment morning 9am – 12pm   |
| Wed 4 Sep             | Out of Zone applications close 5pm for Year 9/2014 Category 6 students |
| Wed 11 Sep            | Out of Zone Category 6 applications ballot date                        |

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| Tue 22 Oct | 2014 Year 10 – 13 Out of Zone applications close 5pm   |
| Wed 23 Oct | 2014 Year 10 – 13 Out of Zone applications ballot date |

*Out of zone, category 6 applications for 2014 will be taken at any time up until the closing date; application forms are available from our website or reception.*

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 3, which has particular importance for senior student achievement. We have progress conference evenings on Thursday 15 and Tuesday 20 August from 4 – 7pm. Students will be released at 2.20pm on those days. This is an opportunity to get feedback on your child's progress and find out what work may need to be done for successful results in the senior exams that begin in week 7 of this term. Further information is contained in this newsletter about booking interview times online.

Course selection for 2014 began this week when this year's Year 10 and 12 students were issued with Senior Course Information booklets. This year's Year 11 students will be issued with their booklets at assembly next Tuesday. A file copy of the Senior Course Information booklet can be opened from the front page of e-LynC or from our website. Students are briefed on the importance of making careful and informed choices and are encouraged to talk to their subject teachers about which courses to take. I would urge parents and caregivers to spend time discussing possible courses with their child, while being guided by the important qualifications, awards and prerequisite information contained in the Senior Course Information booklet.

Students are required to hand their completed course selection forms to their Form Teachers by **Friday 30 August**. This year parents are encouraged to enter their child's selections on the Parent Portal. If you have been unable to do this, please indicate that on the form. As the Parent Portal is so new, we will be using the two systems simultaneously this year, with the backup of a paper copy.

### Parent Portal

Last week families were emailed information about our new Lynfield College Parent Portal, which will allow you to check your child's attendance, see their NZQA results and access historical reports. To access this portal, please go to the following Web address <https://lynfield.mystudent.school.nz/>. Your login is your child's National Student Number (NSN) and each parent has been issued with a password, which was contained in the emailed information.

The SMS Student Portal is accessed through e-LynC and students can view their timetables, attendance, NCEA results and entries and externals. If students have any difficulty with access, they should see Mr Black, Deputy Principal.

### ask.fm

This site was blocked at Lynfield College four months ago because of the dangerous way in which it can be used. The site is of no educational benefit. NetSafe recommends that:

- Young users of ask.fm prevent anonymous questions being posted by choosing "Do not allow anonymous questions" in their privacy settings.
- It is possible to block an abusive user after receiving a second message from them, by pressing "block" next to each question.
- Users can also use a "report" button to notify the site of abuse.

Details of our NetSafe Parents' Evening on Tuesday 27 August are below.

Enrolment for Year 9 students in 2014 is continuing. We have an enrolment morning tomorrow from 9am – 12noon for home zone and out of zone category 2 – 5 students. If you have an out of zone student at the College and wish to enrol a brother or sister for next year, this must be done by Wednesday 4 September. Further information about enrolment is contained in this newsletter and on our website.

I would like to remind parents/caregivers that if you are thinking about taking your child out of school for family events, holidays overseas or sporting events, then it is necessary to make an application in writing addressed to the Principal.

S W Bovaird  
Principal

### NZQA Overdue Fees

NZQA fees were due at the end of Term 2. Our deadline for late payment is **Wednesday 21 August**, after which students will have to deal directly with NZQA in Wellington (after that time we will no longer accept payments). At the beginning of this term our Accounts Office posted home statements of any overdue course-related costs and included on these statements were overdue NZQA fees. Please pay these fees at the Accounts Office AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. The NZQA invoice must be included with payment.

NZQA will not release results to students who have not paid the fee. From mid-September, NZQA imposes an extra \$50 late fee.

If you have lost your invoice, please contact Mr Delgrosso, Dean of Administrative Services at [rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz)

## Student Leader Profiles

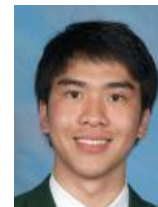
### Assistant Arts and Culture Captains

Kia Ora! We're Bryan and Annie and we are the Arts and Culture Assistant Captains for 2013. Term 3 has arrived – surely the time is flying by! Our role in the executive team is to help the Arts and Culture Co-ordinator to organise events that occur through the year. Unfortunately we were unable to complete the year with Mrs Norman who is taking maternity leave, but we look forward to working with Mrs Wagner for the rest of the year.



Our most recent buzz would be the school's annual production at the end of Term 2 and the feedback from students was that it was one of the best shows so far! A big thanks to the cast, bands and of course Ms Nicholson, Director and Ms Allpress for their hard work.

Our next big event is the annual Talent Quest. It's one of the most popular occasions for students from any year level. This will be happening at the end of Term 3, where students get the opportunity to show off their skills and open new possibilities for extra-curricular activities in the future. We are very excited about showcasing the number of talented students at this school.



In the future:

Annie: I have a dream of becoming a paediatrician. I have always loved science and I want to become a doctor who is accessible to everyone. I may even go for missions overseas to help the poor. I am currently working at an afterschool childcare centre and that has led me to gain more interest and knowledge about children. My first step to achieving this goal is to study Biomedical Science at Auckland University and I am looking forward to challenging myself to get consistently high grades next year! As a Year 13 student, 2013 has been great fun and challenging at the same time. I plan to make the most of it in terms of fun and studies with the remaining time that I have left at school.

Bryan: My plan is to study engineering at the University of Auckland next year and specialise in civil or mechanical engineering. As far as I can remember, I have always taken an interest in the technical aspects of objects and I wish to carry on this interest in the coming years. 2013 has been a fun and challenging year that really gives a different taste of high school. There are ups and downs, but they all count for experience.

We both wish all Lynfield College students the best for the future and encourage them to make the most of their college life.

*Annie Lee and Bryan Chong*

### Assistant Academic Captains

We are the Assistant Academic Captains for 2013. Our role is to promote academic achievement. To cater to that, we run a number of academic activities. We aspire to make academics an undertaking worth pursuing. We are stoked with what we have been able to achieve so far and are super excited about the rest of the year to come.

This year we have already run both the Senior Quizzex and Junior Quizzex - general knowledge quizzes played in teams, spanning ten categories. We are sure that the dozens of participants can attest to the fun and success these events were. Still to come in Term 3 is our annual Academic Mentoring programme for Year 9 students, where we impart key study tips to aid them in their preparation for the end of year examinations. These study tips will also be crucial to their success in academic achievement at Lynfield College in years to come.



Mason: The key to my academic success here in Lynfield College is motivation. Since I was young, I've wanted to become an astrophysicist, to study the Universe and the phenomena and processes that govern it. The immense curiosity that I have drives me forward to learn new things and to extend my knowledge. I believe it is this motivation that will carry me on in life as I progress through my career as an astrophysicist. I plan to take a Bachelor of Science majoring in Physics at the University of Auckland, before moving on to graduate and postgraduate studies in Astrophysics overseas.



Hannah: The key to my academic success here at Lynfield College has been enthusiasm. An excitement in what I am learning has been a huge driving force in helping me to work hard and to persevere even when things seem difficult. I also believe that determination has been important in making me focus, work hard and to strive for excellence. Next, I plan to study Medicine at Auckland University and I am currently thinking about specializing in Paediatrics.

*Mason Ng and Hannah Joyce*

**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](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz), indicating your child's name and form class in your email message.

**NetSafe Parents' Evening - Tuesday 27 August, 7pm in the College Staffroom**

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER IS DOING ONLINE?**

Are you interested in your child's online activities? If so come along and find out the results of a survey completed by Year 9 – 13 Lynfield College students on their use of the internet, mobile phone and other devices. A speaker from NetSafe will also be speaking about topical issues such as Cyber safety and Digital Citizenship. Students from the Cyber Action Committee will be present to give you an insight into how teenagers are using the internet and their mobile phones. There will also be an opportunity for you to talk to other parents about what they are doing to keep their children safe online.

**2013 Lynfield College Ball – Award Winners**

Congratulations to this year's award winners.

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| Queen of the Ball (Year 13) | Julie Cleaver                      |
| King of the Ball (Year 13)  | Wahhaaj Bhajjee                    |
| Belle of the Ball (Year 12) | Tialena Evening                    |
| Beau of the Ball (Year 12)  | Eli Kaleta                         |
| Cutest Couple               | Liam Hunt and Aalihah Ali-Gardiner |
| Best Dancer                 | Joseph Durana                      |
| Best Dressed Male           | Daniel Speck                       |
| Best Dressed Female         | Ashley Gerlach                     |
| Best Dressed Teacher        | Mrs Wagner                         |

Thank you to parents for collecting their students from the venue at the end of the evening.

**Youth Parliament**

Every 3-4 years, the Ministry of Youth Development, in collaboration with the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Office of the Clerk, Parliamentary Services and New Zealand's 121 Members of Parliament organise a Youth Parliament. It is a chance for the youth of New Zealand to participate in the Parliament decision making processes. Along with the Youth Parliament, a Youth Parliamentary Press Gallery is also set up to help with the replication of Parliament Press Gallery.

Labour MP Phil Goff came to speak to interested students at a leadership meeting in Term 1 and then Ms Munro accepted 5 nominations and we all applied in our various electorates and categories.



I was privileged to be one out of 20 youth from around New Zealand to be selected for the Youth Press Gallery. I had the opportunity to learn about how the Press Gallery operates, sat in on debates and hearings and then wrote reports so that members of the public could read about the suggestions that the Youth Parliament members put forward. This was a great honour and a huge stepping stone for me. The experience will certainly inform my future career aspirations to be a journalist.

Rugved Deshpande our Head Boy and Peter MacClure (also pictured here) were also selected as Youth Parliament Representatives for New Lynn and Mt Roskill electorates. This was a significant achievement for the College as not all schools even manage to get one representative selected into the Youth Parliament.

I would like to thank the College for assisting me with this leadership opportunity.

*Erica D'Souza*

## Lynfield College Kapa Haka

Our Kapa Haka group performing for Citizenship Ceremonies held yesterday at the Fickling Convention Centre, Mt Albert Road. Eighty Candidates were awarded citizenship. Candidates' families and friends were also present to celebrate this occasion. Our students were congratulated on the high standard of performance. Auckland City Council and Internal Affairs Representatives were also grateful for our contribution when they had only given Lynfield College two day's notice regarding the performance opportunity. Our thanks to Mrs Leauga, HOD Maori, for her organisation and support of students.



## Booking Parent Interview Times Online

Progress Conference evenings are to be held at Lynfield College on Thursday 15 August (A – L) and Tuesday 20 August (M – Z). On-line booking sheets were issued to all students with their Mid-Year Reports at the end of last term. These sheets should help you set the interview times with the teachers you wish to meet. On line bookings offer you as parents the opportunity to directly select the time at which you wish to meet teachers.

Access to the School Interviews website is through the internet using the URL address <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> All students have been given written instructions on how to access the School Interviews website. Included with both this email and the information sheet is the special password for the Term 3 interviews – **FG42M** - use this to access the appointment booking sheet.

Once logged in there are three simple steps to follow in order to complete the booking process. The information sheet given to students includes a printed copy of their courses and teachers' codes; this information is used to ensure you make interview times with the relevant staff. Parents should print out the email confirmation and bring it to the interview to enable the booking times to be followed.

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 627 0600. The exact times for the interviews will be confirmed either by email or on the student's slip.

We trust you will continue to find the on-line interview bookings efficient - it has certainly ensured Progress Conferences proceed in a scheduled and timely manner.

Any feedback or queries can be addressed to Deputy Principal Mr M Black on 6270600 extension 705.

## 2013 ICAS Computer Skills Results

ICAS Computer Skills results are back and we are very proud of the students' achievement.

Fifteen Year 9 students participated and two students, Jia Dua and Daniel Adams, gained Distinction Awards. A further nine students gained Credit Awards (Caitlin Clow, Reeve D'Cunha, Dhruv Johar, Karan Kalsi, Phoebe Liu, Sukrit Singh, Nancy Sun, Gillian Xie and Carrie Zhang) and four gained Participation Certificates.

Seven Year 10 students entered the competition, two of whom gained Credit (Armin Chhiba and Jeet Upadhyay) and seven gained Participation Certificates.

Three Year 11 students entered with Ishmeen Dhaliwal gaining Distinction and Raynil Laxmidas gaining Credit.

## 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

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

### Individual Honours

Again several of our students have excelled in their chosen sport(s). Congratulations to:

**Juee Bhide (Y12)** who won the North Island U17 Girls Squash title.

**Brayden Silby (Y13)** and **Liam van Rijn (Y13)** who have been named in the North Island Lawn Bowls team to play Queensland in December as well as in the Auckland Secondary Schools team competing in a tournament in Whangarei next month.

Two of our students have had amazing success in Karate at national level. **Pam Chia (Y12)** has won four NZ titles (two Kata and two Kumite) and one bronze medal, while **Sonia Mehta (Y11)** won four NZ Karate titles (three Kumite and one Kata) as well as two silver medals in these disciplines. For both girls, some of these titles are in the age group above that in which they usually compete!

**Ashleigh Pinner (Y9)** has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics in September.

**Maddison Wesche (Y9)** is a part of the "Field of Dreams" sports programme and recently competed in an athletics meet where she threw 14.46m in the Shot Put event. This distance is a personal best, is a record distance for her age group within Auckland and puts her in a very competitive position to take the NZSS title later this year.

**Grace Kukutai (Y13)**, Captain of our Premier 1 Netball team, was selected in the tournament team at the NZ U17 Netball Championships during the holidays.

**Phoebe Liu (Y9)** has been selected in the Auckland Badminton U15 (3) team.

**Aiden Moffatt (Y11)** went to Canberra in Australia in the last week of Term 2 with Auckland Football Federation to referee in the Kanga Cup - the largest International Youth Football Tournament in the Southern Hemisphere. He performed extremely well and was awarded "Referee of the Tournament" - out of 130 young referees and is currently the youngest referee to be awarded it.

**Yedelin Harken (Y13)** competed in the AKSS Trampoline Champs and was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the C Grade.

**Luke Foley-Martin (Y10)** was placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 80 in North Island Cycling Champs. A very creditable performance.

## Sports Scene

### Team Talk

All our winter teams are now almost finished the competition season. Without exception, their performance has improved dramatically in the last few weeks! The 1<sup>st</sup> XV plays its final game tomorrow against Rutherford College at Rutherford, with kick off at 12 noon. Some excellent results have been achieved in all codes and many teams are playing in semi-finals or finals over the next two weeks. This week the Premier 1 Netball team played Massey High for a place in the final. It was a very tight game with both teams giving a display of skilful, tough, entertaining netball. A draw at full time meant extra time was needed to find a winner. Unfortunately Lynfield lost by 2 goals. Next Tuesday 13



August at Netball Waitakere, in their last game this team plays Rutherford for 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> in the top grade. (All other netball teams have at least three more games.) It would be great to see a strong contingent of Lynfield supporters on the sidelines of these final games. As results come to hand a full season round up will be possible and this will be featured in the next newsletter.

#### Sports Office Staff

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

Felicity Walbran, Sports Director [fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)  
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](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)*

## CAREERS

**Would you like to know more about becoming an electrical apprentice?** See Mrs Hughes about an information seminar you can attend if you are interested in this area of work. [www.etc.co.nz](http://www.etc.co.nz)

**Y13 – if any students are considering studying at Lincoln University next year**, please see Mrs Hughes so she can arrange for you to meet up with the liaison person from Lincoln. [www.lincoln.ac.nz](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz)

**Unitec and Rangitoto College are holding NCEA Revision classes** during the term 3 holidays and term 4 weekends. These exam preparation courses can be very helpful in getting ready for your external NCEA exams. These programmes fill up very quickly, so if you are interested please visit the websites or see Mrs Hughes. [www.stepup.unitec.ac.nz](http://www.stepup.unitec.ac.nz) [www.rangitoto.school.nz](http://www.rangitoto.school.nz)

All **University of Auckland** degree programmes are now open for application, as are their online scholarships. Check the closing date of the degree you are applying for, and note that scholarship applications close 4 September.

**University of Auckland Scholarship applications are now open**, but close 4 September. To apply for a scholarship, applicants will first need to apply for admission to the university. Details at [www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz) or see Mr Waddington.

**Y13 planning to study at Otago Uni next year** – a Physics Summer School course is available for those that might need some extra tuition and background knowledge before commencing their degree in 2014. [www.physics.otago.ac.nz](http://www.physics.otago.ac.nz)

**Y13** wanting to know more about **studying Fine Arts at Elam next year**, might like to take part in one of their upcoming events, such as:

**Portfolio preparation workshop** (Sat 7 and 14 Sep, 10am-12pm – bookings essential at [e.janman@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:e.janman@auckland.ac.nz)), **guided tours** (fortnightly on a Thursday at 1pm until 26 Sep), and **'student for a day' visits**. You can also view "how to prepare your portfolio", online sample portfolios, "creative showcases" and you tube videos on their website. Bookings essential for these. Visit [www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz)

#### Visitors To Our School:

**University of Auckland Application Process** – Thu 15 Aug, 12.40pm, PAC

**NZ College of Chiropractic** – Fri 16 Aug, 12.40pm, A1

**StudyLink Applications** – Fri 30 Aug, 12.40pm, E6 (Bring IRD #, bank account #, birth certificate or passport)

#### Open Days and Information Evenings:

**Media Design School** – Sat 10 Aug, 92 Albert St, City. [www.mediadesignschool.com](http://www.mediadesignschool.com)

**Swiss Hotel Management School** – Mon 12 Aug, 7pm, Hilton Hotel, City [www.shms.com](http://www.shms.com)

**University of Auckland Education** – Wed 14 Aug, 4pm, Epsom Campus [www.education.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.education.auckland.ac.nz)

**Electricity Training Open Day (ETCO)** Tue 20 and Wed 21 Aug plus other dates. Info on apprenticeships etc. [www.etc.co.nz](http://www.etc.co.nz)

**Crown Institute of Studies Taster Day** – Thu 22 Aug, 10am-2pm, 10 Lorne St, City [www.crown.ac.nz](http://www.crown.ac.nz)

**Swiss Hotel Management School** – Mon 26 Aug, 7pm, Hilton Hotel, City [www.shms.com](http://www.shms.com)

**Unitec Info Evening** – Tue 27 Aug [www.unitec.ac.nz](http://www.unitec.ac.nz)  
**Massey University Open Day, Wellington** – Fri 30 Aug [www.massey.ac.nz](http://www.massey.ac.nz)  
**Victoria University Open Day, Wellington** – Fri 30 Aug [www.victoria.ac.nz](http://www.victoria.ac.nz)  
**Animation College Student For A Day** – Saturday 31 Aug, Level 9, 242 Queen St, City  
**University of Auckland Courses and Careers Day** – Saturday 31 Aug, City Campus  
[www.coursesandcareersday.ac.nz](http://www.coursesandcareersday.ac.nz)  
 (free bus from Lynfield College at 8.30am, and back to the college at 3pm)

#### Y13 Scholarships for study in 2014:

- **Keystone NZ Property Scholarship** - If you are wanting to study a property related 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 [www.keystonetrust.org.nz](http://www.keystonetrust.org.nz)
- Details of the **University of Canterbury Scholarships** are now available [www.canterbury.ac.nz](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz)
- Online applications now open for **University of Otago**, and close 15 August. [www.otago.ac.nz](http://www.otago.ac.nz)
- **IPENZ Scholarships for those planning to study engineering.** Closing date 4 October. [www.ipenzfoundation.org.nz](http://www.ipenzfoundation.org.nz)
- **Victoria University School Leaver Scholarship** details are now available online <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admission/payments/scholarships#undergrad>
- **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 [www.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.auckland.ac.nz) – key word entry-level and first-year scholarships.
- **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 [www.aut.ac.nz](http://www.aut.ac.nz) See Mr Waddington for more details.
- **Lifeway College Digital Media School** - worth over \$10,000. If you are considering studying here next year, you might like to apply. Entries close 31 October. [www.lifeway.ac.nz](http://www.lifeway.ac.nz)

#### 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 [www.neita.co.nz](http://www.neita.co.nz) 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 [mventer@asg.co.nz](mailto:mventer@asg.co.nz)

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.

