



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 11

23 August 2013

#### Coming Events:

Week 4	Sun 25 Aug	KBB Gala Concert
Week 5	Mon 26	Arts Week
	Tue 27	Year 9 <i>Attitude</i> Presentation WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS Netsafe Parents' Evening Access-It Roadshow (Library closed on this day)
	Wed 28	Jazz & Soul Concert
	Thu 29	Mt Maunganui – Lynfield College Sports Exchange (away)
	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> Winter Tournament Week 2014 Student Leader expression of interest forms submitted by today
	Tue 3	Student Council Committee Meeting
	Wed 4	Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Parents' Meetings
Week 7	Wed 11	SENIOR ASSESSMENT begins
Week 8	Mon 16 – Fri 20	SENIOR ASSESSMENT continues
	Mon 16 – Wed 18	Year 9 Business Tip Top trips
	Thu 19	Year 11 Drama Performance Evening
	Fri 20	2014 Student Leader applicants' speeches due in by today
Week 9	Mon 23	Board of Trustees Meeting Tickets on sale for Festival Awards Evening
	Wed 25	Year 9 Business classes market day
	Thu 26	Technology Evening and Fashion Show
	Fri 27	Talent Quest Term 3 ends
Week 1	Mon 14 Oct	Term 4 begins Festival Awards Evening, 6pm at the Crowne Plaza

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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.**

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

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

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who attended the student progress conferences held during weeks 3 and 4. Over 3,000 interview bookings were made over the two evenings, which ensured that valuable feedback on students' progress was gained by parents and teaching staff. Over the next two weeks senior students should follow through on any advice and revision guidelines recommended by their teachers to ensure success in the senior exams which begin in week 7 of this term.

Many parents and students also took this opportunity to gain further information and advice on course selection for 2014. All Year 10 – 12 students have now been issued with the 2014 Senior Course Information booklet. Students who were absent at the time these booklets were distributed should see their form teachers. Please take time to discuss option choices and career paths with your children. It is essential that pages 2 – 7 of this booklet are read very carefully, particularly the course prerequisite and University Entry requirements, before making course selection decisions. Within these introductory pages are listed the school staff who are able to assist you in making these important decisions. 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 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.

#### **Student Representative, Board of Trustees 2013 - 2014**

Students are invited to nominate themselves or another student to be the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees for 2013 – 2014. The role of the student representative is to provide input to the BOT, based on the perspectives of the students they represent. They can make valuable contributions to decisions that affect the strategic direction of the school. Nomination forms and additional information are available from the Returning Officer, Mr Waddington. Nominations will close at noon on Tuesday 10 September and the election will be held on Tuesday 24 September. Results will be announced Friday 27 September.

S W Bovaird  
Principal

#### **Student Leader Profiles – Social Co-ordinators**

Hey Guys, we're Megan Lobo, Giacomo Gambassi, Euan Reilly and Merlyn Lobo and we are the Social Co-ordinators for 2013. Our role involves assisting the Ball Committee in organising the annual School Ball, which went really well. Everyone looked amazing and it was a real fun night. Besides planning the Ball, we were also responsible for designing and issuing the Leavers' gear for the Year 13 students. The Year 13 students will receive a jacket which will not only keep them warm during the remainder of winter, but also looks cool and definitely encourages school pride. Finally, we are in the midst of organising the Leaver's Dinner at the end of the school year. Our role involves plenty of responsibility, time management and creativity, which each of us possesses.

Because we are all very creative, we have all decided to take a creative approach in our careers as well.

Megan is planning to attend university next year studying Education. She wants to be a teacher because of her love of learning and the creativity involved in helping students to learn. Euan is taking a gap year and moving to Melbourne to pursue a career in street art and elite gymnastics. Merlyn is planning to attend university next year studying a Bachelor of Science whilst majoring in Food Science. She would like to translate her passion for Chemistry into discovering and creating new flavours and products. Giacomo wants to go to Hawaii and surf at Banzai pipeline, then study and become an air traffic controller.

We've enjoyed our role immensely so far and are now all excited about the upcoming Leavers' Dinner.



*Social Committee: Megan Lobo, Giacomo Gambassi, Merlyn Lobo, Euan Reilly*

### NZQA Fees for 2013

Payment of NCEA fees must now be made directly to NZQA in Wellington, using the appropriate form.  
NZQA will not release results to students who have not paid the fee.  
From mid-September, NZQA imposes an extra \$50 late fee.

### Parent Portal

Information has been emailed to parents 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.

### 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.

### BYOD Information Evening – Year 10 2014

In 2014 Lynfield College is going to be implementing a programme in which students will bring their own device to school in support of their learning. This programme will involve all Year 10 students in 2014. The aim of the programme is to enhance student learning through the integration of technology into the classroom. BYOD will enable teachers to work in new innovative ways that will be more interactive and engaging for students. It will also challenge students to collaborate with one another and extend their learning beyond the classroom walls.

Lynfield College has been resourced to meet the changes that are happening in our society with its upgrade of the network, including Ultra-fast Broadband, installation of a Wi-Fi network throughout the school, introduction of Google Apps and development of its online learning environment, e-LynC.

Student and Parent portals also provide timely information for parents and students. A Lynfield College App for both Android and Apple has been developed and will be introduced by the end of the year. BYOD is the next step in the journey.

Further information about this will be available on **Wednesday 4 September** in the College Staffroom, when we will be running sessions for parents about this programme in 2014. Please join us at one of the sessions listed below. These times are flexible so please feel free to attend at an alternative time, if the time your child's form class has been given does not suit you.

Time	Form Class
4.00 – 5.15pm	9GD, 9LW, 9PK, 9HB
5.30 – 6.45pm	9HL, 9SH, 9DS, 9RM
7.00 – 8.15pm	9FS, 9JS, 9WL, 9ZM

### The Trusts Community Foundation Scholarships

There will be ten TTCF academic scholarships and three non-degree scholarships available to Lynfield College students this year. Students must be permanent NZ residents. Scholarships will be awarded to students with academic or technical ability, who have demonstrated a contribution to the school and other attributes and will definitely be studying in 2014 (not taking a gap year.)

Application forms and more information will be available from the Deans' corridor in week 9 of this term and these are to be returned to Mr Waddington before 3.15pm Friday 18 October 2013.

If you have any questions see Mr Waddington [nwaddington@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:nwaddington@lynfield.school.nz) or Mrs Clark [gclark@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:gclark@lynfield.school.nz)

**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.

**Year 9 and 10 Health Programme**

Year 9 and 10 Health students are soon to be starting a Sexuality unit. I would like to inform parents of the topics we will be focusing on and to invite parents to discuss these with us. Parents are encouraged to suggest further topics that they feel are important for their students to explore.

**Year 9 – Main Objectives**

Students will identify the characteristics of positive relationships and explore relationships in their own lives.

- To identify the physical and emotional changes of puberty.
- To encourage greater acceptance of their own body, by helping students to become aware of the negative influence of the media.

**Year 10 – Main Objectives**

Students will identify the characteristics of positive friendships and relationships.

Students will explore and learn to recognise assertive behaviours in themselves and others and how this can enhance relationships.

- To identify appropriate methods of contraception and how to use them, with an emphasis on abstinence.
- To identify appropriate protection against sexually transmissible infections.
- To identify services available to teenagers at Lynfield College and in the wider Auckland area.

Students will learn the dangers of 'sexting' and using internet chat rooms.

Students will explore the pressures that they face from peers and from the media regarding sexuality.

If you have any questions about any of these topics please contact Kathryn Wells HOD Health [kwells@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:kwells@lynfield.school.nz)

**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

Our students are involved in a very wide variety of sports at regional, provincial or national level. Congratulations to:

**Nataly See (Y12)** has been selected to represent New Zealand at the 8th World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships to be held in Bali, Indonesia in the first week of November.

**Bianca Leilua (Y12)** has been selected to represent Samoa in sailing in the 9<sup>th</sup> Pacific Mini Games to take place 2 – 12 September. This sporting event, held every 4 years, involves 22 countries competing in 104 events over 8 sports. This year they are being hosted by Wallis and Futuna, a French territory in the middle of the South Pacific. Bianca will be sailing a Laser Radial in 12 races during the 10 days of the games. She has been regularly out on the water in Auckland's winter weather as she works through her tough training regime for these games. We wish her well and look forward to hearing results when she returns.

**Ashleigh Pinner (Y9)** was placed 3rd overall in Level 5 at the NZSS Gymsports Artistic championships.

**Darius Mafoe (Y13)** plays 2<sup>nd</sup> row, prop or loose forward for Richmond Rovers U17 Rugby League team which played in the Grand Final against Otahuhu recently. Talent scouts from the Gold Coast Titans NRL Club were watching that game and were so impressed with Darius' performance that they offered him a 2 year contract! He will begin pre-season training with the Titans Development Squad in January. If he does well in 2014 he will then be considered for the "20s" and the Toyota Cup competition.

**Patrick Whitford (Y13)** has also impressed Australian Rugby League selectors. This time it is the Sydney Roosters who have seen and spoken to Patrick as a result of his performance for his Waitemata Rugby League Club where he plays as hooker or loose forward. They have offered him the opportunity to attend pre-season training in January with the possibility of being selected to play for the Roosters feeder club.

**Grace Kukutai (Y13)** has recently been named as the MVP for the Netball Waitakere U17 Rep team. She was also awarded the "Netball Waitakere Senior Player of the Year" trophy – an exceptional achievement for a player still at school.

### SPORTSPERSON OF THE MONTH

Two awards have been made for May/June. You will have read about their achievements in previous newsletters.

**Shantael Lialiga** who is the Auckland Secondary Schools Girls Golf Strokeplay Champion

**Liam van Rijn** who is the Auckland Secondary Schools Lawn Bowls Singles Champion

### Sports Scene

#### Team Talk

With only one week of winter competition this year it is time to reflect on the season for the various sports. Over the next two newsletters we will cover all codes.

#### Basketball

This year we have had 7 Lynfield teams competing weekly - the most we have ever had! Our premier boys had a tough year in the top schools' competition in NZ. Although no teams made the finals, our teams improved enormously, achieving very good results in a year where the focus has largely been on re-building basketball at all levels. The top achieving teams were the U17 Girls and the U 15 Boys B (development) who both lost by only 1 point in very close and hard fought semi-finals. The U15A and U17 Boys both had strong teams with potential but could not quite make finals. Both these teams finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place but are well placed for next year. The U19 and U15 Girls were made up of largely novice players. They gained valuable experience throughout the season and we look forward to seeing the younger players develop their skills next year. Next year we intend to include a U17 development team. We are planning to get coaches in place early later this year or at the very beginning of 2014. This will allow us to start the year with a structured pre-season basketball programme meaning they will get the best possible start to the competition season.

#### Hockey – Girls 1<sup>st</sup> X1

It was a very challenging season for the Girls 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Hockey team as they were placed in a grade higher than we had entered. However, the team rose to the challenge and were very competitive, winning some hard fought games. Kate Hughes did a magnificent job taking on a coaching role. The team was comprised of several new young players who worked hard to develop and improve their individual skills. Maddy Poland was consistently outstanding in defence as was Sena Akpalu. Khusboo Patel scored some fantastic goals, Bonita Wong's work rate was amazing and Freya Rose did superbly taking on the goal keeper's role during the season.

A very big thank you must go to Neville Clarke (Kylie's father) for his bus driving skills.



### Squash - Boys

Lynfield Senior Boys B had a strong year in squash, reaching the second stage championship pool of the Auckland competition for the Boys B teams. Within the second stage of the championship they performed well in their group and only lost to the team from Auckland Grammar, who went on to the Auckland final. During the year our number one player Henry Styles attained F grade in men's squash, which could mean that Lynfield can field a team at the next level up next year.

The first week of September is the NZ Secondary Schools Tournament Week – a chance for the top team in a code to compete against other such teams from throughout the country. Two Lynfield teams will be entering this year:  
Premier 1 Netball – playing 10 games over 5 days at Howick Pakuranga Netball (Lloyd Elsmore Park)  
Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football – playing 6 games over 5 days at Papakura

We wish them well and will include a summary in the newsletter on their return.

#### 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 [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

**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)

**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 & 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:

**AUT Course Planning & Enrolment Info Session** – Mon 26 Aug, 12noon – 3pm, A1. Registrations essential at S/S.

## Open Days & Information Evenings:

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

**Unitec Info Evening** – Tue 27 Aug Mt Albert Campus and Wed 28 at Albany & Waitakere/Henderson Campus  
[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 & Careers Day** – Saturday 31 Aug, City Campus [www.coursesandcareersday.ac.nz](http://www.coursesandcareersday.ac.nz)

(Free bus from Lynfield College at 8.25am, and back to the college at 3.30pm)

**Electricity Training Open Day (ETCO)** Tue 24 & Wed 25 Sep. Info on apprenticeships etc. [www.etco.co.nz](http://www.etco.co.nz)

## Scholarships:

Y13 students considering tertiary study next year are encouraged to visit [www.breakout.org.nz](http://www.breakout.org.nz). This site is free to access on the school computer network and holds a database of thousands of scholarships (ie. money you don't have to pay back!) available to secondary school students who are going on to university or polytechnics in 2014. University and polytechnic websites also have details of the scholarships they have available. Most scholarships applications are now online. Please familiarise yourself with the application process as these can be quite involved eg. essays, principal endorsement, verified copies of documentation, etc. We are happy to help you with any questions you may have. Please drop by during your break.

**University of Canterbury Scholarships** – Many available. Check online for full information -

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships). Canterbury's Law Scholarships closes 1 Sep, and further info can be found at [www.laws.canterbury.ac.nz](http://www.laws.canterbury.ac.nz)

**Victoria University Excellence Scholarships** – check out [www.victoria.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/scholarships) for full details.

**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.

**Scholarships for study at Unitec and AUT are available specifically for students from our school.** Please see Mr Waddington immediately if you are interested in applying for either of these.

## 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.



2013 Nomination Form  
ASG Teaching Awards  
Cognition Education Leadership Awards  
Closing date: 30 September 2013

**Discovery Foundation Inc - *Discovery for Teens***

**Auckland FREE Information Evenings 2013**

**Thursday 29 August  
Tuesday 17 September**

**All Welcome 7.30pm – 9pm**

**Youthline House 13 Maidstone Street, Grey Lynn Auckland**

**Confidence - Motivation – Goal Setting – Self-awareness**

*Discovery For Teens* is a powerful and incredibly successful seven day programme designed for all Kiwi teenagers from 14 -18 years. It provides teens an opportunity to discover their true potential and use it.

**Find out more about our next exciting *Discovery for Teens* programme happening soon October 6 - 12 at our new Auckland venue.**

Led by a team of New Zealand acclaimed educators, *Discovery* is presented in a dynamic format that is interactive, stimulating and fun!