



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 3

15 March 2013

Coming Events:

Week 8	Mon 18 – Fri 22 Mar	ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES <i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i> House Touch Rugby competition begins
	Fri 22	
Week 9	Tue 26	Year 9 and Year 11 Student Leaders Camp (return Wed 27 Mar)
	Wed 27	Germany trip parents meeting, 6.30pm in the Staffroom
	Thu 28	13 Physics trip to Rainbow's End (rain day Fri 5 Apr)
	Fri 29	Mid-Term Break (school closed) Easter Good Friday
Week 10	Mon 1 Apr	Easter Monday
	Tue 2	Easter School Holiday
	Thu 4	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS
	Sat 6	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	Tue 9	12 Geography trip returns
	Wed 10	Cultural Week
	Thu 11	Progress Conferences (surnames A – L), 4 – 7pm
	Sat 13	CULTURAL FESTIVAL
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
	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
	Thu 30 May	Board of Trustees Meeting
	Friday 31	Board of Trustees Election Mid-Term Break – College closed on this day
Week 5	Mon 3 Jun	Queen's Birthday – College closed on this day
	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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are now half way through this term and our students can feel proud of what they have achieved both in the classroom and in their extra-curricular involvement. Our College website has the latest information on students who have excelled at zone, regional and national competitions and we wish them well as they endeavour to qualify at higher levels.

Preparations are well underway for our annual Cultural Food and Performance Festival which will be held on Saturday 13 April. This is a wonderful opportunity for families of the school and the local community to celebrate the cultural diversity of our College. There will be a variety of cultural performances to view and ethnic foods to purchase. The day will run from 12.00 until 4.00pm.

Wireless Network

Lynfield College has just installed a comprehensive wireless network throughout the school. It has been trialled with the staff to ensure that any setup issues have been resolved. We are now in a position to open up the network to students so that they can use mobile devices at school to enhance their learning. The use of mobile devices in schools is becoming increasingly common and we believe that by providing access to the internet, students will be able to use it to gather, process and share information in support of their learning.

The school network comes with restrictions on its use and these are available to students in the "Acceptable Use Agreement (Wi-Fi)" which students must agree to follow before they can log in.

We currently have a number of classes in the junior school trialling iPads to support their learning. In 2014 we intend extending this by encouraging students to bring their own devices. At this stage we are still determining how we will implement this and incorporate the use of devices in class activities. Later in the year published guidelines will be made available to students and families.

I expect that students will appreciate the College's moves to enhance the learning opportunities for them through this initiative and will use the network in a responsible manner.

Progress Reports

These will be issued on Wednesday 27 March and the progress conferences will be held in 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. Information about our on line appointment booking schedule will be made available in our next newsletter. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days. The HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm.

e-Payments

Thank you to the families who are using this convenient and safe method of payment. A request from our Accounts Office – when paying online, please remember to include your child's name and form class. Thank you.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Deputy Head Girl and Boy

Ki Ora

Our names are Brayden Silby and Alana Murphy and we are the Deputy Head students of Lynfield College for this year. As deputies, our duties lie not only in a supporting role for our Head students, but also with fundraising activities within our school and those that contribute to the wider community.

The first event we are supporting is Shave for a Cure, created by the national organisation Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC). For this fundraising event, the proceeds raised will help support those living with a blood cancer or a related blood condition.

With the assistance of an enthusiastic Year 12 Executive, the year that unfolds before us looks promising. Through our combined efforts we hope to create not only a series of successful events, but also a legacy to leave behind us, for the students who fill our roles next year. Next year we both plan on attending the University of Auckland, where Alana plans to do a Bachelor of Commerce degree and Brayden intends to do a conjoint degree of Law and Commerce.



Alana Murphy and Brayden Silby

Homework Centres

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

Pasifika Homework Centre

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

Mathematics Clinic 2013

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available! Where? **G15**
When? **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday afterschool)**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Sports Scene

Term 1 continues to be very, very busy in Lynfield sport. In the Sports Office we are working hard to increase the number of our students experiencing the enjoyment of participating in sport as well as promoting commitment, team spirit and school pride. Already we have increased the number of cricket teams from 2 to 4, table tennis from 0 to approximately 8 (TBC after trials currently being held), lawn bowls from 1 to 3 (possibly 4) and rugby teams from 1 to 3. Other winter sports are still holding musters and/or trials and at this stage, numbers for football, hockey, basketball and netball have increased to the point where there is likely to be at least one more team than last year in each code. We have also introduced 3 new competitive sports (dragon boating, orienteering and archery) to cater for a wider variety of skill bases and interests.

HELP, please!

Our biggest challenge now is to find committed, suitable coaches and managers for every team! 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.

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 are seeking help with:

- Basketball U15 and U17 girls
- Netball Juniors and Seniors
- Football 2nd XI boys
 Junior boys
- Badminton all levels
- Table tennis all levels

Please contact the Sports Office 627 0600 ext 595 or email fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz if you can help in any way.

1st XV wins 2013 Adidas Schools Sports Scholarship

Recently our Year 13 rugby players put together a three minute video entry to apply for this scholarship. They had to convince the judges that our 1st XV team members are “All in!” by displaying the Adidas values of fun, sportsmanship, dedication, camaraderie, school pride and community spirit. This week the boys were ecstatic when they found out they are the winners of the 2013 scholarship. All team members and management will be kitted out in uniforms, footwear and tracksuits custom designed by the team and supplied by Adidas. This will all be presented, with the help of some All Blacks, to the team at an assembly later this term. Special thanks to **Jason Cowley (Y13)** who filmed, edited and uploaded the video for us at the eleventh hour! The winning video entry can be viewed on You Tube.

Team Talk

Cricket

Our 1st XI Boys team continues to shine with some exceptional batting statistics and final results.

- Against Onehunga High 1st XI on 2 March, Lynfield batted first and scored 201-7 off 25 overs. In reply, Onehunga scored 144-7 off their 25 overs giving Lynfield a 57 run win. **Akshay Chauhan (Y13)** had a fantastic all round performance being the highest scoring batsman with 33 not out as well as taking 4 wickets for 19 runs.
- Last Saturday they played a home game against St Peter's 3rd XI. Lynfield scored 197-4 off 30 overs. Opening batsman, **Jonty Pendigrast, (Y12)** scored 39, then **Saharsh Dhankawade (Y13)** came in at #3 and notched up 112! This is an exceptional score in school cricket and the 2nd century this team has achieved this season. St Peter's were bowled out for 134. **Rupin Kumar (Y9)** took 4 wickets for 33 runs and **Akshay Chauhan (Y13)** took 3 for 21.
- Our **Girls 1st XI** comprises students from Y9 – 13. They remain undefeated and at the top of the table. On Wednesday they played McLean's College. It was a very, very exciting and tight game as McLean's chased our total of 113-4. **Kayla Kesby (Y13)** retired on 40. McLean's was bowled out for 92 after some outstanding fielding by **Irisha Inamke (Y9)** and **Caidyn Kita (Y9)**. Irisha took 3 wickets for 20 runs off 4 overs, playing a significant part in securing a 21-run win for Lynfield.
- Our **2nd XI** team played Mt Roskill Grammar last Saturday at Lynfield. Mt Roskill was all out for 112 runs in 21 overs. Lynfield reached their target of 113 for the loss of only 1 wicket on the 16th over, beating Mt Roskill's 3rd XI by 9 wickets! Well Done to **Parthiv Patel (Y11)** who took 5 wickets in his 5 overs and **Esmat Ayoub (Y11)** who scored 58 runs not out.
- Our **Junior Boys** team is having mixed success but all members are learning a lot and enjoying themselves immensely.

Orienteering

This is the first year Lynfield has entered the Secondary Schools Orienteering competition. Our team is Y9 and Y10 only and each week they compete at a different school each Wednesday afternoon. Lynfield hosted the schools in the western zone competition on 6 March. Congratulations to **Maddy Poland (Y10)** who won the Junior Girls grade while all others in our team finished in the top 2/3 of their grades.

Individual Honours

Congratulations to **Natalie Woodgate (Y13)** who is currently Auckland's top female ocean swimmer. The State Ocean Swim Series is held annually with increasingly large fields of males and females, amateurs and professionals. Natalie has had enormous success in these while competing in the women's non-wetsuit division. In the recent Rangitoto – St Heliers swim (4.6km) Natalie was 1st female to finish. Her time of 1hr 11min 2s also placed her 6th overall (9 min ahead of her nearest rival) in a field of men and women which included a number of professional ocean swimmers. This means that Natalie has won all three trophies of the Auckland Masters Harbour Swims this season. If she was old enough to actually be a member of a masters club, she would have won that trophy too! Natalie is significantly faster than any other amateur open water swimmer in the area, and has her sights set on catching the professionals. She is competing internationally (in Australia last month) and this will help build her experience to take on the professional women soon.

CAREERS

A unique opportunity for **top Y13 students** to visit the University of Canterbury in Christchurch for two days, with all expenses paid. If you have NCEA L2 with a merit or excellence endorsement, then you might like to apply to attend. One hundred students from around NZ will have the chance to experience hands-on learning, meet the lecturers, enjoy a live-in halls experience and take part in a tour around the campus. Applications close 27 March. Further information and application forms at www.ucexplorer.co.nz

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

Y13 – University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic Open Day, Monday 13 May in Dunedin. You must pay for your own flights to Dunedin, but if you would like an open day programme or info about accommodation, please see Mrs Hughes if interested.

Y13 – University of Waikato Open Day in Hamilton on Friday 17 May for those students wanting to learn more about studying here. Free bus available to and from Hamilton. See Mrs Hughes if interested.

Y12 and Y13 Maori and Pacific Island budding engineers

If you would like to find out more about engineering as a career, please see Mrs Keir ASAP.

Y12 and Y13 students who are interested in taking part in a **Unitec “Taster Experience”** in the following areas, should see Mrs Hughes ASAP. www.unitec.ac.nz

- 3 April Landscape Architecture (Bachelors) / Music Introductory
- 4 April Communication Studies (Certificate)
- 8 April Marine Engineering
- 10 April Music Introductory
- 15 April Graphic Design / Nursing
- 22 April IT Certificate / Diploma in Computing / Bachelor of Computing
- 9 May Communication Studies (Bachelor)
- 10 May Furniture and Cabinet Making
- 14 May Early Childhood Education
- 15 May Acting
- 20 May Nursing
- 21 May Electrical

Y9 and Y10 – Would you like to know more about **computer illustration and photography**? The “Get Framed” 2-day junior programme at Media Design School in the April holidays might be something you are interested in.

Open Days and Information Evenings

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

New Windsor School Gala – Saturday 16 March, 10am – 3pm

This promises to be a fun family day with loads of entertainment, delicious food, craft, cake, book and bric-a-brac stalls and quick fire raffles.

Blockhouse Bay Library

This library will be closed on Thursday 21 March from 1.00pm. All Auckland Libraries staff will be attending a special staff development event and all Auckland Libraries will be closed either in the morning or in the afternoon. Auckland Council apologises for any inconvenience.



The Auckland Down Syndrome Association is organising their 8th annual Buddy Walk at Tahaki Reserve, 250 Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden on Sunday 24 March. Registration opens at 9.00am, walk begins at 10.00am.

Buddy Walk is a 3.5 km walk followed by a carnival with clown, rides, spot prizes, silent auction, raffles, stalls, music, entertainment and more.

The goal of Buddy Walk is to celebrate individuals and families living with Down syndrome and it is a fundraiser for our association. It is a wonderful, heart-warming event that celebrates the many abilities and accomplishments of people with Down syndrome. Whether you have Down syndrome, know someone who does, or just want to show your support, come and join us on Sunday 24 March.

Cost: Family registration (up to 2 adults and 2 children to the age of 15 - under 5's free) **\$25**. Individual registrations **\$10**.

Group registration (for groups of 10 or more people) **\$7pp**.

For more information, please call Christel van Baalen on 636 0351 or 021 1362537 or go to our website www.adsa.org.nz click on Buddy Walk.