



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

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Coming Events:

Week 1	Mon 6 May Wed 8 – Fri 10 Thu 9	Term 2 begins Greentown School, China Cultural Exchange visit (6 – 9 May) Visiting students from Hwa Chong International School, Singapore Year 10 Attitude presentation
Week 2	Mon 13 – Fri 24 Wed 15 Thu 16 Sun 19	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i> Year 13 Solo Music Performance Evening, 7pm in the Hall Senior Mathematics Competition Year 13 Geography Rotorua trip
Week 3	Mon 20 Tue 21	Year 13 Geography trip returns Year 12 WorkChoice Day
Week 4	Mon 27 Thu 30 May Friday 31	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK Board of Trustees Meeting Board of Trustees Election Mid-Term Break – College closed on this day
Week 5	Mon 3 Jun Tue 4 Tue 4 – Thu 6 Wed 5 Thu 6 Fri 7	Queen's Birthday – College closed on this day 3 rd House Meetings Year 9 Business Tip Top trips ICAS Science Competition Year 13 Careers Day 3 rd House Meetings
Week 6	Wed 12 Thu 13 Fri 14	Lynfield College ROAD RACE Student Council Meeting House Football Competition begins
Week 7	Mon 17 Tue 18 Wed 19	ICAS Writing Competition Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience Prefects that Peak Year 11 Musical Performance Evening
Week 8	Mon 24 Tue 25 Fri 28 Sun 30	Board of Trustees Meeting Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience Teacher Only Day – there are no classes on this day 11 Geography trip to Rotorua departs
Week 9	Mon 1 Jul	11 Geography trip returns PRODUCTION WEEK
Week 10	Thu 11 Fri 26 Jul	Mid-Year Reports issued to students Term 2 ends Lynfield College Ball
Week 1	Mon 29 Jul Tue 30 Wed 31 Thu 1 Aug Fri 2	Term 3 begins Blood Donor Day Enrolment Open Day ICAS English Competition Culture & Leadership Photos Australian Mathematics Competition 13 Geography Muriwai Beach trip Enrolment Open Day
Week 2	Mon 5	Enrolment Information Evening

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last Saturday we held a very successful Cultural Festival at the College. Thanks to all those students, parents and staff who supported this annual event. We have a wide variety of cultures at the College and this was a wonderful opportunity for the extended school community to share the features of these cultures which make them so special and unique. Students spend hours practising their items to ensure the community gets to see performances at their very best. The food is prepared by students and their families and again the aim is to give us an appreciation of the diversity and sophistication of the dishes available from each group. With the weather on our side, the day could not have been a more positive and enjoyable experience.

The aim of the day is to spread understanding and increase appreciation of the contribution each group makes to our school and the wider community. The day is not a fund raiser. It is self-funding with the cost for each dish expected to cover the cost of ingredients. The performers pay all their own expenses. The College contributes through meeting expenses of security, cleaning, waste disposal etc.

I would like to thank Mrs Lisa Norman our Cultural Co-ordinator and her team of students, especially the Arts and Culture Captains, and all students, staff and parents who so generously gave their time and expertise to ensure this was such a successful event.

The Progress Conference Evenings held in the last two weeks were both very well attended. I hope this was a successful opportunity for you to get feedback on your child's progress during this first part of the school year. The advice given by the subject teachers will prove valuable for continuing classroom focus. The senior students have a week of assessment in Week 4 of Term 2 and need to begin a revision schedule early in that term.

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

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

I wish everyone safe and happy holidays and look forward to our students returning refreshed and ready for a busy and productive Term 2.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Arts & Culture Captains

Hey! We are Samantha and Johnson and we are your Arts and Culture Captains for 2013. Our job is to organise, as well as enjoy, the many Arts and Culture related events that our school provides, the most recent event being Culture Week. We both try our best to make sure that the students are able to experience what the arts (music, drama, visual art) has to offer as well as trying to make it as enjoyable as possible! Our next big event on our calendars is May - New Zealand Music Month. We plan to make sure all students know May is all about New Zealand singers, songwriters and bands. Next year Samantha plans to go straight into university and study Business with Sales and Marketing and Johnson plans to go as well into university to study either Law or Music.



Johnson Zhuang & Samantha Holland

2013 Cultural Week

On 13 April, we had our annual Lynfield College Cultural Day for 2013. We gathered at school on this day with friends and family to show off our cultures as well as learning about other cultures. The students prepared their cultural groups from day one of the school year in order to be ready for this special day where they would be able to present and highlight what is unique to their heritage.

We also had many different groups set up stalls where they sold delicious, traditional food items from their culture. The day was a big success with a larger turn out than Samantha and I had hoped for. Almost all the cultural group stalls sold out by the end of the day and friends and family left enlightened as well as delighted. Sam and I look forward to our next big event which will be New Zealand Music Month May where we hope to encourage the students to support New Zealand artists.

Big thanks to all the students who organised something for cultural day and a huge thank you to Mrs Norman, Cultural Co-ordinator and Head of Music as well as all the staff of Lynfield College for their on-going support for cultural day!

Board of Trustees Elections 2013

Nomination forms have been mailed to all parents and immediate caregivers, and nominations close on May 16. If you have not received this letter please let our Returning Officer know by emailing adavis@lynfield.school.nz or telephoning the College on 627 0600 and leaving a message.

It is possible we do not have your most recent address information on our database. Additionally, the changeover to our new database system occurred at the same time as the mailout was done, creating the opportunity for issues with the mailout. Our apologies if you have been affected; we will make every effort to have the electoral roll accurate by the time of the election at the end of May.

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

NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

The 2013 NZQA fee for domestic students is \$76.70, with a maximum of \$200 per family. This includes up to three Scholarship subject entries. Extra Scholarship entries are \$76.70 per subject.

The cost for International fee paying students is \$383.30. This does not include Scholarship entries, which are \$102.20 per subject. Financial assistance cannot be claimed for International fee paying students.

Financial assistance is available for those who:

- are receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or
- have a Community Services Card, or
- have a joint family income that would qualify for a Community Services Card, or
- have two or more children entered as candidates this year with fees totalling more than \$200.

Where fees are payable for more than one candidate, a maximum of \$100 per child and \$200 per fee payer.

The fee for those qualifying for financial assistance in the first three categories is \$20, with a maximum of \$30 per family.

You must fill in an application form to receive financial assistance. A new application has to be filled in each year – if you received financial assistance last year it does not carry over.

Financial assistance application forms are now available from the Deans' Reception. The form should be completed and returned to school as soon as possible to ensure that students receive an invoice for the reduced amount when the billing run is done.

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

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.

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

SPORTS SCENE

Team Talk

Congratulations to:

Senior Waterpolo who played their last game on Friday, facing Mt Roskill Grammar in the Plate final. At full time the score was drawn so they went into overtime and a "Golden Goal" situation. Three passes later we had scored a goal to take the victory!

Junior Waterpolo have played in three tournaments and had considerable success in these finishing 3rd behind two Auckland Grammar teams.

Front row: Nathan, Josh, Dylan

Middle row: Shaneel, Nick, Jatin, Back: Shaun, Mario, Cody, Jade

Absent: Poppy, Freya

Nice end of Term 1 season. 6:3 win over Parnell. You can tell that by their smiles!

Senior Girls Volleyball who were playing Marcellin and Onehunga for 4th place in the B grade. The girls narrowly defeated Marcellin who had just been beaten by Onehunga. Following this victory our girls had to dig very deep to find the energy, power and timing to face Onehunga immediately. The score was 1-1 as they entered the final set. Lynfield really showed their potential as they beat Onehunga 15-7.



Senior Boys Volleyball played for 3rd and 4th place in two hard fought games recently. They won both and finished 3rd in Division 2.

The **Swimming Team** has just competed in the Greater Auckland Champion of Champions meet at West Wave where they impressed. Max White, Matthew Roach, Kieran Sumner, Leland Clarke and Brecon Rose are all Year 12 students competing in the Senior grade. Provisional results place Max White 2nd in Senior Boys 50m freestyle, the butterfly relay team 4th and the Medley relay team 3rd. These are very impressive results. We look forward to seeing them compete in the same grade as Year 13s next year!

Winter Sports

We are gearing up for the start of all our winter sports competitions at the beginning of Term 2. If your son/daughter is a member of one of our Lynfield teams they should have brought home an information and commitment letter relevant to the sport in which they are involved. Please complete the tear-off strip with your son/daughter and return to the Sports Office this week. Winter sports fees are due now. To ensure fairness to all players, sports fees and sports uniform bond must be paid before a sports uniform will be issued. All sports begin in the first or second week of the term. For exact start dates please refer to the letter mentioned above.

Individual Honours

Juee Bhide (Y12) had a very successful weekend in Wellington. She was playing very tough squash matches - all of them against NZ seeded juniors. Juee won 3 of her 4 matches, making her 5th in NZ in Junior Open grade (U19) - not her usual U17 age group! This was one of the selection tournaments to select Top 6 NZ team. We wish her well for the other upcoming tournaments.

Akshay Chauhan (Y13) has just been named in the Auckland Under 18A hockey side.

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

CAREERS

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

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

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

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

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

Open Days & Information Evenings

- **Crown Institute of Studies Open Day** (Hospitality, Travel & Tourism, Business) – Tue 23 April, 9am-4pm, 10 Lorne St, City.
- **University of Canterbury Info Day, Christchurch Campus** – Friday 26 April, 9am – 5pm
- **University of Auckland Parent Info Seminar** – Thu 9 May, 7.00pm, Owen G Glenn Business School, 12 Grafton Rd, City. Please register your attendance online www.auckland.ac.nz/parentseminar