



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 6

17 May 2013

Coming Events:

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| Week 2 | Sun 19 May | Year 13 Geography Rotorua trip departs |
| Week 3 | Mon 20 Tue 21 Thu 23 Fri 24 | Year 13 Geography trip returns, approx. 4.30pm Year 12 WorkChoice Day Lunchtime Music Concert in the Hall for students YEAR 12 ASSESSMENT BEGINS |
| Week 4 | Mon 27 Thu 30 May Friday 31 May | 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 | Mon 10 Thu 13 Fri 14 | TravelWise Week Student Council Meeting Lynfield College ROAD RACE 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 Student Council Committee Meeting |
| Week 2 | Mon 5 Tue 6 | Course Selection (Weeks 2 & 3) Enrolment Information Evening Australian Chemistry Competition Board of Trustees Meeting |

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have a period of senior assessment in week 4, from Monday 27 to Thursday 30 May. Please note that for Year 12 students assessment begins on Friday 24 May. Senior students have been issued with timetables and exam instruction sheets. The timetable is also currently on the student e-LynC site and on the College website, which parents can access. Any assessment clashes should have been reported to Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor by now and an alternative time during the week arranged.

If a student misses an exam because of illness or an emergency, the College must be contacted on the day of assessment, using the absence phone line (627 0600 option 1/extension 729), leaving a message for the student's Dean. If the missed assessment is a final NCEA one, a doctor's certificate should also be given to Mr Black, Deputy Principal and arrangements made to sit the assessment before the end of the exam week.

Students in Years 9 and 10 have normal class timetables during the assessment days, although there will be some room changes they will need to follow from the daily notices each day (these are also on e-LynC and the school noticeboards). If you have any questions about assessment activities please contact Mr M Black through the school office.

NZQA Fees

As we have recently changed our Student Management System, we would appreciate parents/caregivers waiting until they have received an invoice before making payment for the 2013 NZQA fees. Students will be issued with their invoice within the next two weeks. This will give our accounts staff time to familiarise themselves with the new software. Please read the additional information contained in this newsletter concerning NZQA fees.

Mid-Term Break

The College will be closed on Friday 31 May for a mid-term break. Normal school timetable will resume on Tuesday 4 June, the Monday being Queen's Birthday public holiday.

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Acting Principal

Update of Student Details

We have recently changed our Student Management System (SMS) and it is essential that we check that the data has transferred from one system to the other accurately and in full. Your son or daughter will be bringing home the details we currently have entered on our SMS today.

It is also important that this information is up to date to ensure that you are receiving timely communication about your child's academic progress, attendance and any issues that may arise.

The Primary Caregiver's email is particularly important for receiving electronic information. This email address will be used later this 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.

Please support this process by asking your son or daughter for the information they were sent home with today. You are asked to check this information and make appropriate updates.

Students should return this sheet, whether there are updates required or not, to their form teacher as soon as possible. If you have any queries about this process please do not hesitate to email or call Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal on extension 706, lmunro@lynfield.school.nz Thank you for your support.

Student Leader Profile – Academic Captains

Hi everybody, it's Tim and Lydia, the Academic Captains for 2013. Our job is to organise a number of Academic activities around the school and promote educational achievement. We're thrilled to have this opportunity and look forward to a great second term.

In recent weeks we have been arranging our first event of the year, Junior Quizzex; a general knowledge quiz for Year 9s and 10s where they can compete against each other in teams. This is part of our intention to help the juniors transition into the high school arena. Later in the term we shall organise a similar event for the senior students. Furthermore, we're planning on resurrecting another event which the school has run in the past, the Spelling Bee. This should be running sometime in early Term 3, and will involve a knockout competition to find Lynfield's top speller.

Next year, Lydia is planning to study Dentistry at Otago University, while Tim is planning to study Engineering at Auckland Uni.



Tim Hight & Lydia Choo

Board of Trustees Elections 2013

Nominations for the new Board of Trustees closed yesterday, 16 May. Voting papers will be mailed to all parents and immediate caregivers next week with the election closing on Thursday 30 May.

Uniform

Lynfield College is a uniform school. Wearing the uniform affirms our identity as members of this learning community. Students are reminded that they are to be in approved uniform at all times of the school day, and on the way to and from school. Some current issues include the following:

- Shoes: black leather, not canvas or boots
- Trousers: from the uniform shop, not black jeans
- Hats: school cap or beanie only
- T-Shirt: plain white t-shirts only to be worn under school shirt, sleeves shorter than school shirt and tucked in

Please bear this in mind when replacing items that have been lost or worn out. If there are any issues with uniform, please contact Mr Eyre, Acting Deputy Principal.

2013 School Ball

This year the Lynfield College School Ball will be held in the Ballroom at the Rendezvous Grand Hotel, Mayoral Drive, Auckland City. Dress is formal and will be guided by a theme of *'Venetian Nights'*. Information concerning the night of the event will be sent home to all Year 12 and Year 13 students on Tuesday 4 June. Our school ball has developed an excellent reputation for being enjoyable, well run and trouble-free.

Date: Friday 26 July (Note: this is the last Friday of the school holidays)
Time: 7pm to 12 midnight
Tickets: \$95

The ticket price covers the cost of photography. Students will be able to download unlimited prints and two photographers will be circulating throughout the evening as well as providing more traditional photography against a backdrop. Photo booths will also be provided for less formal photography.

Our Ball Committee is conscious of the considerable expenses some of our students incur in preparing for the ball and is encouraging students to limit their spending by searching second hand shops and assisting each other with hair and makeup.

Ticket purchase is conditional on the student meeting all outstanding obligations to the College, having less than 10% unjustified absences, having paid all fees owing to the College and having presented signed and completed permission forms (to be sent home with students 2 June). Tickets will be on sale in Week 7 (17 June). Parents must ensure that they have arranged for their son/daughter to get home safely after the Ball.

If you have any queries, please contact Leisa Munro, Deputy Principal on 627 0600 extension 706.

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 shortly, 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.

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

Upcoming Career Events

WorkChoice Day is an annual event designed to give Year 12 and 13 students with career exposure, industry knowledge and the opportunity to see workplaces in action prior to committing themselves to a particular career path. On Tuesday 21 May, fifty Year 12 & 13 Lynfield College students will visit companies involved in Manufacturing & Distribution, Sport & Recreation and Beauty & Customer Service.

Year 13 Careers Day is on Thursday 6 June, Periods 2 - 4. Year 13 Form Teachers will be supporting all students when they attend the Auckland Careers Expo at the ASB Showgrounds. The Expo will be set up with exhibitors representing all vocational sectors and students will be well prepared prior, by completing a Career Expo Planner so they get the most out of the event.

Enrolment Process for 2014

New In Zone Streets - From 2013 our College Home Zone extended further west than previously; the main change is the addition of all streets in the area between Blockhouse Bay Rd and Portage Rd. A map and list of streets can be found on our website www.lynfield.school.nz

The Board of Trustees confirmed that the College will be accepting all category 2, 3, 4 & 5 out of zone applicants for Year 9/2014 and these students should enrol at the same time as the home zone students.

Below are the important dates for your information.

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| Wednesday 31 July & Friday 2 Aug | Open Day – guided tours of the College |
| Monday 5 August | Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm in the College Hall |
| Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 August | Year 9/2014 home zone enrolment starts (late night Thursday 8 August) |
| 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) |

More detailed information about enrolment is available from our website www.lynfield.school.nz

2013 Production – Back to the 80s

This year Lynfield College is presenting the teen favourite “Back to the 80s”. This is the story of a man looking back to his high school years during the 1980s and his painful coming of age as well as dealing with the school bully. It is studded with fantastic 80s hits like, “Girls just wanna have fun”, “Material Girl”, “Man in the Mirror” just to name a few.

The show opens on Tuesday 2 July with matinee performances for local intermediate and primary schools.

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| Evening Performances | Wednesday 3 – Saturday 6 July, starting at 7.30pm |
| Ticket Cost | Adults \$10; Senior Citizens, Students, Children \$5 |
| Door sales from 7pm | |
| Food and drinks are on sale at interval | |

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 24 June and students will be able to purchase tickets from a sales desk during lunchtimes.

Members of the public may also purchase tickets from Reception after 24 June.

Park safely and keep our kids safe

This term Lynfield College is participating in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance' – There will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence.

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.

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

The past two weeks have been extremely busy in the Sports Office as we work with over 550 students who are members of the 54 teams representing Lynfield College in weekly sporting fixtures this winter. Your support of our NO PAY = NO PLAY policy has been very much appreciated by coaches and all team members. Without such support there is no way we could successfully field this number of teams. Many, many thanks also, to those in our parent community who have volunteered their time and expertise to coach or manage a team – the students really do appreciate this.

Competition began last week for junior netball, football, badminton, basketball, lacrosse and 1st XV rugby. Hockey, squash, rugby league, senior netball, table tennis and all other rugby start this week. Results so far have been mixed but there have been some excellent wins for our top netball teams at each level and also in boys football (1st XI scoring a first game win – something we have not achieved for some time). Our 1st XV have been promoted to Premier grade, 3rd division and had an excellent game against Sancta Maria in which they were narrowly defeated by 1 point!! It is promising to be a very exciting season for our Lynfield teams.

Many of our teams have home games throughout the season. As this goes to print we have a rugby league game being played on our field. Other home games this week are as follows:

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| Thursday 16 May | 4pm | Girls Lacrosse |
| Saturday 18 May | 9am | Football - Junior Prem and 14 th Grade |
| | 10am | Football – 1 st and 2 nd XI |
| | Noon | Rugby - 1 st XV |

Please come and support our teams for their home games. They have been training hard for several weeks now.

Basketball

With Lynfield College fielding 7 teams across all the grades this year, it's a busy time for teachers, coaches and managers. The season got underway last week with the first round of grading games. The Under 15A boys team had a come-from -behind victory over Liston College 45-38 with Scott Out-O'Reilly dominating the score sheet. The U17 girls suffered a narrow defeat to Avondale College. The team showed glimpses of promise with Grace McGillivray the outstanding contributor for Lynfield. The U15B boys, U17 boys, U15 girls and U19 girls all put up spirited performances against tough opposition.

On Wednesday the U17 boys faced neighbours Green Bay High School and ran out comfortable winners 45-17. Scott Out- O'Reilly again top score with 18 points with Shamal Jit (9 points) and Numia Kennerley (8 points) also making useful cameos. Taleni Iopu's rebounding on defence was outstanding.

Premier Basketball

The Lynfield College Gymnasium was packed last Friday for the opening round of the Auckland Secondary Schools premier grade basketball league. First up was traditional foe Avondale College whom we both beat and lost to last season. This year's Avondale team proved to be too strong for our young team and were comfortable winners 85-34. While this was a heavy defeat it must be noted that the boys kept playing hard until the final hooter. Rakim Urale-Proctor was outstanding on a losing team, both on offence and defence and James Schuster showed glimpses of his talent. The next home game is on Monday 10 June at 7.30pm. Your support is welcome.

Individual Honours

Congratulations to our students who have attained representative status recently:

Nick Weaver (Y12) has been selected in the Auckland All Stars U17 Senior League Baseball team to represent NZ at the Asia-Pacific-Middle East Little League tournament in July.

Juee Bhide (Y12) is a member of the Squash NZ World Junior Girls Squad to travel to South Australia early next month.

The Auckland Football Federation Referees Committee has selected Aidan Moffatt (Y11) to attend the 2013 Kanga Cup Football Tournament in Canberra in July. Last year there were 250 teams in this competition so it is an honour to be asked to referee at such a fixture.

Taine Murray (Y11), Nathan Roberts (Y9) and Euan Reilly (Y13) are members of Tristar Gymnastics High Performance squad and will be travelling to compete in the Mens Artistic section of the Victoria Championships in Australia next month.

Many of you will remember Tyla Nathan-Wong, Y13, 2012. She continues to shine in Rugby 7s and has made the team to travel to Amsterdam for the NZ Women's Rugby 7s.

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

Community Sports Notices

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

Youthtown Snow Club

When: Thursdays starting May 14th for 8 weeks

Time: 3.45 - 7pm;

Age: 7-17

Level: Beginner - Freestyle

Location: Silverdale (NZ's only indoor ski slope)

Cost: \$380pp (which includes professional instruction, equipment and transport to and from Snowplanet)

For more info: phone Brian 09 379 5430 ext 823, mobile 021 923 384, email brian@youthtown.org.nz

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

Joanne Smith, Sports Co-ordinator

Su Yim, Sports Administrator

CAREERS

AUT Information Evenings

Register online at www.aut.ac.nz/infoevenings

North Shore Campus - AUT Conference Centre, AF Building, Tuesday 21 May, 5.30 – 8.30pm

Clinic tours start at 5.30pm, faculty presentations start at 6.30pm.

Course sessions will be held for the following subjects: Sport & Recreation, Health Sciences, Teacher Education.

City Campus – Sir Paul Reeves Building, Mayoral Drive, City, Wednesday 29 May, 5.30 – 9pm

Faculty presentations start at 6pm.

Course sessions will be held for the following subjects: Art & Design, Business, Communication Studies, Computing & Mathematical Sciences, Creative Technologies, Engineering, Hospitality, Tourism & Event Management, Language & Culture, Law, Sciences, Social Sciences, Teacher Education, Te Ara Poutama/Maori Development.

University of Otago Law Career Info Evening – Monday 17 June, Pullman Hotel, Corner Princes St & Waterloo Quadrant, 7-9pm. RSVP to Student Services ASAP. The structure of the Otago law degree and the career opportunities the degree offers will be explained. Practical examples of how the law is taught will be a major feature of the session.

Y11 Sci-Tech Experience – A holiday event, 16 & 17 July, for Y11 students interested in science, technology and engineering and their uses. It is for students wanting to enjoy a more advanced practical experience, and who are curious about science and want to increase their knowledge and broaden their understanding. Meet and work with leading experts in the fields of science and take part in interesting activities and experiments. Applications close 26 June and forms are available at Student Services. Cost is \$95 including lunch on both days. www.sci-tech.org.nz

ESITO Taster Course – the Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation is running a free course that will introduce students to a number of work relevant areas and activities within the industry. This may include how the NZ electricity supply industry works, practical activities such as electrical or mechanical workshop projects, health and safety, working at heights, a range of site visits to electricity supply companies, etc. More details at www.esito.org.nz Applicants must be at least 16 years, completed NCEA L1 with good literacy and numeracy skills and an interest in science and technology. Applications close 19 August.

Just the Job TV Series, TV2, 5pm – worthwhile TV viewing for a careers insight in certain areas.

18 May – Sheep and beef farming (agriculture is the #1 export earner for NZ)

25 May – NZ Defence Force (communication career options across Army, Navy & Air Force)

1 June – Building careers (concrete construction), fruit production, and graduate entry career opportunities with Coca Cola

8 June – Dentistry and oral health

6 more episodes after this ... full details at www.justthejob.co.nz

Youthtown Workshops & After School Classes:

Art classes - details at www.youthtown.org.nz or email art@youthtown.org.nz

Short film competition and workshops - details at www.youthtown.org.nz or email Dionne@youthtown.org.nz

US Embassy Education Blog posts a profile on a diverse range of US universities and colleges from Harvard to Walla Walla on this link [U.S. Embassy Education Blog posts - USA Colleges and universities](#)

No Major Drama is a free website for students to learn about majors for Bachelor degrees from across all 8 NZ universities and to rank them based on each student's skills and interests – to help with one of the most important questions: "What should I major (specialise) in at university". www.nomajordrama.co.nz

Open Days and Information Evenings

- **Massey University, Albany Campus** – Saturday 18 May, 10am-3pm, Albany
- **Swiss Hotel Management** – Monday 27 May, 7pm, Hilton Hotel, City
- **University of Otago, Auckland Session** – Wed 12 June, Auckland Girls' Grammar, 16 Howe St, Newton (6-8pm)
- **Victoria University, Auckland Session** – Tuesday 18 June, North Shore. Details TBA

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 dorothyf@girlsbrigade.org.nz or check out our website www.westaucklandgirlsbrigade.org.nz