



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 13

23 September 2013

Coming Events:

Week 9	Mon 23 Sep	Board of Trustees Meeting Tickets on sale for Festival Awards Evening – at the Sports Office
	Wed 25	Year 9 Business classes market day
	Thu 26	Mufti Day – gold coin donation (in support of Red Cross) Technology Evening and Fashion Show
	Fri 27	Talent Quest BOT Student Representative for 2013/2014 announced Term 3 ends
Week 1	Mon 14 Oct	Term 4 begins Festival Awards Evening, 6pm at the Crowne Plaza 2014 Student Leaders election week
Week 2	Mon 21	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments in school time during this week.</i> 5 th House Meetings – voting for 2014 House Captains Board of Trustees Meeting
	Tue 22	5 th House Meetings – voting for 2014 House Captains Year 10 – 13/2014 Out of Zone applications close
	Wed 23	Year 12 Music Performance Evening
	Thu 24	All Senior Drama students' trip
Week 3	Mon 28	Labour Day (public holiday)
	Tue 29	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments in school time during this week.</i>
	Wed 30	Year 13 Music Performance Evening
	Thu 31	Pasifika Parents' Evening
	Fri 1 Nov	<i>Last day for Year 13 – Final Assembly, issue reports and exam entry slips, Year 13 then released</i>
Week 4	Mon 4	<i>Last day for Year 12 – Final Assembly, issue reports and exam entry slips, Year 12 then released</i>
	Tue 5	<i>Last day for Year 11 – normal school day</i> SENIOR PRIZEGIVING, 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start in the Hall
	Wed 6	YEAR 11 PRIZEGIVING, 9am in the Hall <i>Year 11 reports and exam entry slips issued after prizegiving</i>
	Wed 6 – Fri 8	Junior Exams

Enrolment dates for Year 9 in 2014:

Home Zone enrolments can be made Monday to Friday between 3.20 – 4.30pm, no appointment necessary. These enrolments should be made as soon as possible. The student who is being enrolled must attend the enrolment interview.

Out of Zone applications closed on Wednesday 4 September for Year 9/2014 Category 6 students. *If you have missed this deadline, please submit an application form to be put on the waiting list.*

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The exam period for senior students finished today and they return to normal timetable on Monday. Teaching staff are busy marking assessment papers and students will have the opportunity to go through these with their course teachers to find out what areas of their studies require a higher level of revision in preparation for the external exams in November. Year 11, 12 and 13 students have only three weeks of school in Term 4 before they go on study leave for NCEA exams.

The first of our major prizegivings for the year, the Festival Awards Evening, will be held on Monday 14 October, first week back next term, and further details are contained in this Newsletter. I welcome family of students who are to receive nominations to join us in celebrating the 2013 sporting, arts and cultural achievements of our very talented and committed senior students. Further details are contained in this newsletter.

2013 ASB Bank Scholars

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who have been named this year's Lynfield College ASB Bank Scholars. These prestigious awards provide some financial assistance towards tertiary study and were presented at a regional luncheon held on Tuesday 17 September at Eden Park.

Andrew Coffin
Brayden Silby
Johnson Zhuang
Alanah Murphy
Merlyn Lobo

Ben Te Ninihi Tawhiti 1934 – 2012

On Tuesday of this week we held a very special ceremony to unveil a commemorative plaque in honour of Lynfield College Kaumatua Ben Tawhiti, who passed away in September last year. The unveiling was attended by members of Ben's whanau who planted a totara tree outside the Multi-Cultural Centre. Staff and students also attended.

New Buildings Opening

On Friday 20 September the recently constructed new buildings at Lynfield College were officially opened by Mr Brian Cadzow, the Board Chairperson who oversaw the projects. Over four million dollars were spent to produce the new Lynfield College Sport Centre, new Science laboratories and a new pavilion which includes a tuck shop and changing rooms for sports using the fields. Mr Cadzow thanked the Ministry of Education, the Portage Licencing Trust and the Lynfield Foundation for their generous donations. The students and staff are making great use of the new facilities.

S W Bovaird
Principal



Course Selections for 2014

Thank you to those families that entered their selections for 2014 courses through the Parent Portal. Access to the Course Selection function through the portal has now closed as we begin working on maximising student placement in the courses they have requested. Faculties are also checking to see that the students have selected appropriately and will be using the results from the current assessments to confirm placements. As a consequence some students may have changes to their programme. Year 11 and 12 students will be advised of their draft timetable on clearance day (5 December) and Year 9 and 10 students before the end of Term 4. Timetables are not finally confirmed until the results from the NCEA exams and/or the end of year exams are checked to see if course prerequisites have been met.

We will be encouraging all families to use this Course Selection facility again next year.

Cath Knell, Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning

2013 Festival Awards Evening

This prizegiving, which celebrates the school-based sporting, arts and cultural achievements of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students, will be held on the first day of Term 4.

Tickets for this popular event are being sold in the last week of this term, from Monday 23 September, at the Sports Office (parents may purchase tickets from the admin reception desk).

Date: **Monday 14 October**
Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albert Street, Auckland CBD
Time: 6.00pm (for a 6.15pm start)
Cost: \$29 per person
Transport: A bus will be available to and from the venue, departs Boundary Road gate at 5.00pm (please indicate when purchasing tickets)

Supper will be provided part-way through the evening.

Please note: All outstanding sports uniform must be returned and sports fees paid before tickets will be issued.

Junior sporting and cultural achievement will be recognised at the Junior Festival Awards Assembly on Friday 6 December.

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.

As we are no longer accepting NCEA fee payments at the College, PLEASE DO NOT make these payments by direct credit.

Technology Evening and Fashion Show

You are invited to attend the annual Technology Evening and Fashion Show where we will celebrate the achievements of our talented students. Displays of students' work from all areas of technology will be on show and the hospitality students will be providing finger food and refreshments.

Date: Thursday 26 September
Venue: College Hall
Time: Doors open at 6.30pm

There is an optional gold coin donation at the door to go towards fundraising for a digital photo frame for the Lynfield College Community Childcare Centre.

We hope to see you there!

Lost Property

There is a considerable amount of lost property (uniform, etc) that will be on display next week outside the PAC all day on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 September.

Do you shop at New World?

If you are not collecting the New World promotion toys, our Learning Support Department would appreciate them. Please send them to school with your son/daughter, where they can drop the toys into a box at student Services reception. Thank you.

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 are available from the Deans' corridor and these are to be returned to Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor **before 3.15pm Friday 18 October 2013**.

If you have any questions see Mr Waddington nwaddington@lynfield.school.nz or Mrs Clark gclark@lynfield.school.nz

Park safely and keep our kids safe

In Term 4 our school 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

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

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.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to **Jonathan D'Souza (Y9)** who won three trophies on piano at the 2013 South Auckland Performing Arts Competition recently. These also included the overall highest marks for Baroque performance and full Recital.

Our students continue to shine in a huge variety of individual sports. Congratulations to:

Shee Nathan-Wong (Y12) for her selection to the Auckland Secondary Schools Girls' Rugby team AND also the NZ Maori Touch team.

Michael Durham (Y11) who won the Junior Men's division of the North Island Ice Skating Championship and was awarded the trophy for most outstanding performance of the competition! He was also placed 2nd in the Junior Men's division at the ISU Skate Down Under competition in Sydney, coming home with a silver medal.

Cora Munt (Y13) who was placed 2nd in the NZ Junior Action Pistol Shooting championships and 4th female overall.

Jemma Read (Y12) who will be representing Auckland in the Senior Women's NZ Inter-Regional Inline Hockey Championships.

Bianca Leilua (Y12) who won a silver medal when sailing for Samoa in the 9th Pacific Mini Games in Wallis and Fortuna.

Natalie Woodgate (Y13) who swam in the Pacific Open Water Challenge (2 races in 2 days, 1st 10km, 2nd 5km) and finished 2nd Woman and 4th Overall in a field which included professionals! This completed an extremely successful year for Natalie. Her other results for the 2012/2013 Ocean swimming season were:

Auckland Central Masters Swimming Series: Herne Bay Race - 1st woman, won WaiWai Shield
Eagle Technology Bays Race - 1st Woman, won
Eagle Technology Rangitoto Swim - 1st woman
State Ocean Swim Series - 5th in Elite Women's standings

SPORTS SCENE

Team Talk

Winter competitions are now complete for all codes except badminton where semi-finals and finals are being played this week and next. By now you will have realised that each of our teams, whether beginners, social, experienced or elite is a valued member of Lynfield Sport. All have quality coaches, strong school support and enjoy their sport regardless of their ability level. This is the real strength of Lynfield Sport. In this "Team Talk" we celebrate those teams who won their competitions.

Congratulations to:

9D Netball team – winners of Netball Waitakere Y9, Grade 6

Many of the 9D Netball team had not played netball before this season but were really keen to learn. Finding coaches for 15 netball teams is no easy task and this team was in danger of 'folding' early in the season due to no coach. Then Tayla Wesche (Y12) offered to coach, giving these players the opportunity to enjoy the excitement of Saturday sport. With Tayla's enthusiasm, netball skills and support, these girls really came together as a team. 9D progressed from losing games by several goals to winning every game in the championship round, finally bringing home the gold medal for their grade!

2nd XI Football team – winners of the Senior B West Championship

This team got off to an unsettled start as their first coach was unable to continue. These boys were very keen and committed to continue playing so when Naresh Parsotam responded to my newsletter plea for a coach the team was 'stoked'!

Naresh writes: "I would like to thank the school for giving me this opportunity to work with the 2nd XI football team as their coach and manager. Without the helping hand from parents of the players in the team, I would have struggled a little. Therefore, a big thank you to all those parents who helped week after week. On a personal note, a BIG thank you to Liam Hunt (Captain 2nd XI) for being my "right hand" man, Mr Goulding for refereeing and Mr Rodler for doing the Linesman duties."

Throughout the season boys played with character and determination. They were fortunate enough to have Y11 - 13 students playing in the team. Senior players took charge of the game while giving younger players the opportunity to develop their game and contribute equally. Our international students also made a valuable contribution in the team's quest for the title.

Interesting statistics from this team are:

- Scored the highest number of goals in the league (32). Excellent job by our forwards for finishing off what our midfield started.
- Conceded the least number of goals (only 10). Thanks to our backline, aka "The Wall" lead by Scott Goulding.
- The only undefeated team in the league!!

Tournament Week

10 WINS + 0 LOSSES = GOLD for LYNFIELD NETBALL!

During the annual National Secondary Schools Tournament week our top netball team competed in the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament which has been a feature of secondary school netball since 1993. Only the top team from each school, from Taupo to North Cape, is able to compete in this prestigious week of competitive netball so there were 112 teams throughout the A, B and C grades.

After playing two 50 minute games in each of the first 4 days, Lynfield was the only school in the B grade which was undefeated and its smallest winning margin was 9 goals!

The semi-final was against St Mary's, our toughest opposition during pool play. Our girls were pumped and performed with flair, discipline and absolute precision to systematically outplay St Mary's, winning in convincing style 37 – 13. This game won us promotion to the A grade for 2014 and secured us a spot in the final.

Waihi, the only other undefeated team in our grade (although it had drawn one of their pool play matches) was to be our opposition in the B grade final. The side lines and stands were full of spectators from many different schools. Lynfield had huge support from the other West Auckland schools, while Waihi was being cheered on by the Waikato contingent. Again our girls showed the mental and physical toughness required and demonstrated what Lynfield netball dominance feels and looks like on court! The final score was 38 – 27, the B grade title and a GOLD medal!!

Huge congratulations to:

River Gavet (Y12) - named Shooter of B Grade

Grace Kukutai - named Mid-courter of B Grade

- named in the UNISS Tournament Team (top 20 players for the tournament)

Team members are: Grace Kukutai (Captain), Akanesi Fakafanua, River Gavet, Keeley Hall, Unna Harder, Bailee Hughes, Grace Kaleta, Alice Neville-Smith, Tasia Sissing, Tayla Wesche, Cassidy Wilson, Zoe Woolf, Debbie Neville (Coach) and Sheryl Kukutai (Manager).

Together.....Lynfield rugby players and 4 World Cups!

Eight of Lynfield's Y10 & Y11 rugby players were selected to join 110 players from nine other Auckland schools to take part in a closed (invitation only) All Blacks Coaching Clinic at Eden Park on Monday 9 September.

New Zealand Rugby and the Auckland Rugby Union offered this amazing opportunity to be personally coached by All Blacks. Players were divided into six groups based on their playing positions and two or three All Blacks worked with each group, improving specific skills and showing the boys how to reduce risks of rugby injuries.

The boys were also introduced to the captains of each of our 4 winning Rugby World Cup teams (men's and women's XV's; men's and women's 7s), each holding the World Cup their team had won. This is the 1st time all four Rugby World Cups have been in the same place at the same time!! With the Lynfield link to the Women's 7s Cup (ex-student Tyler Nathan-Wong was a member of the winning NZ 7s team) some of the boys got their t-shirts signed by the captain of that team, Huriana Manuel.

This day was such an awesome opportunity and these boys will always remember the time they were coached by an All Black.

Uniform Return

With winter sports now finished for the year **please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office as soon as possible**. When the uniform is returned most of the uniform bond will be refunded via your child, as per the letter your son/daughter brought home at the beginning of the season. The cash bond money that will be refunded upon correct return of uniform is listed below:

- Rugby 1st XV Boys - \$75 (uniform bond and Adidas tracksuit bond)
- Netball Premier Teams \$65 (uniform bond and tracksuit bond)
- 1st XI teams \$50 (uniform bond and premier jacket bond)
- Other teams \$25 (uniform bond)

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

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

Yoobee School of Design Taster Sessions – Free 4 hour session for the first 3 Wednesdays in October. Email Stephen.papps@yoobee.ac.nz to book. Details at www.yoobee.ac.nz

National Equestrian Academy, Rangiora, North Canterbury – www.equestrian.ac.nz Courses to help with a career in the equine industry, improve riding and horsemanship skills.

NZ Broadcasting School, CPIT, application closing date – 30 September www.cpit.ac.nz

MIT Performing Arts auditions commence Tue 1 Oct

Tertiary Visitors To Our School (to assist with course planning. Registrations at S/S essential)

Victoria University, Wellington – Tue 24 Sep, 12.40pm – 3pm, A1 (online enrolments open 1 Oct)

Unitec – Wed 25 Sep, 12.40pm – 2.20pm, A1.

University of Otago, Dunedin – Fri 18 Oct, 12.40pm – 3pm, A1

Scholarships:

University of Auckland Entry Level Scholarships:

- **Law** – applications close 15 Oct www.law.auckland.ac.nz
- **Teacher Education (primary, early childhood, PE, human services, social work)** – applications can be made 31 Oct – 31 Jan. www.education.auckland.ac.nz/startsmart

IPENZ – Wanting to study engineering in 2014? You might like to apply for this scholarship. Closes 4 October. www.ipenzfoundation.org.nz

GABA Tertiary Scholarship – this award is open to any GLBTI student who is enrolling in a full time degree course of at least 3 years in duration at an NZQA recognised tertiary institution. Application forms available at www.gaba.org.nz or S/S.

Y13 students considering tertiary study next year are encouraged to visit www.breakout.org.nz This site is free to access on the school computer network and public libraries, 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.

Open Days & Information Evenings

USA Universities Fair Sat 24 Sep, Aotea Centre, 11am – 3.30pm Representatives from 35 American universities present.

Electricity Training Open Day (ETCO) Tue 24 & Wed 25 Sep. 24A Allright Pl, Mt Wellington (9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm) Info on apprenticeships etc. www.etc.co.nz

AUT University South Campus Undergraduate Info Evening Thu 26 Sep, MD Bldg, Lvl 2, 640 Great South Rd, Manukau (6.30-8pm)

Best Institute of Education “Youth Guarantee” Student For A Day Visit Thu 26 Sep, Manukau Campus www.best.ac.nz

Urban Planning Tour, University of Auckland - Thu 3 Oct, 12pm, Bldg 421, Lvl 6, School of Architecture www.auckland.ac.nz

Architecture Tour, University of Auckland – Thu 10 & 31 Oct, 12pm, Bldg 421, Lvl 6, School of Architecture www.auckland.ac.nz

SIT (Southern Institute of Technology) Invercargill Open Day – Fri 18 Oct, 133 Tay St www.sit.ac.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 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

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.

Bubble Dome – Minecraft and Games Design courses (for students 6 – 18 years)

Learn the latest in Minecraft on one of Bubble Dome's four exciting Minecraft courses. Ph 622 0670, email Candice@bubbledome.co.nz, book online www.bubbledome.co.nz

Host an AFS Exchange Student in 2014

AFS is looking for host families for 2014 students who will arrive at the end of January for a year in New Zealand.

Rami (Finland) is 16 and enjoys sport especially football and fishing and is involved in school council. Haylee (USA) is also 16, concerned about the environment, enjoys theatre and volunteers as a helper to children's groups.

For more information call 0800 600 300 or 09 818 5520 or go to www.afs.org.nz