



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

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Coming Events:

Week 4	Friday 31 May	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	Thu 13 Fri 14	Student Council Meeting Lynfield College ROAD RACE House Football Competition begins
Week 7	Mon 17 Tue 18 Wed 19	TravelWise Week Year 13 Childcare – Alongside Work Experience Prefects that Peak Year 11 Musical Performance Evening ICAS Writing Competition
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, tours at 1.30 & 4pm ICAS English Competition Culture & Leadership Photos Australian Mathematics Competition 13 Geography Muriwai Beach trip Enrolment Open Day, tours at 11am Student Council Committee Meeting
Week 2	Mon 5 Tue 6 Thu 8 Fri 9 Sat 10	Course Selection (Weeks 2 & 3) Enrolment Information Evening 7pm Enrolment of in zone and out of zone Category 2-5 Year 9/2014 Students begins, further information contained in this newsletter Australian Chemistry Competition Board of Trustees Meeting COURSE SELECTION BEGINS 4 th House Meetings Enrolment evening, 6 – 8pm Pasifika Parents Evening 4 th House Meetings Enrolment morning, 9am – 12pm

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Mid-year Reports are now being prepared and these will be issued on Thursday 11 July to senior and junior students. Progress Conference evenings will be held for students and their parents on 15 and 20 August in Term 3. The time lapse between issuing reports and having progress conferences is deliberate. It gives students the opportunity to work on the advice offered in the subject reports and so improve their academic performance before receiving more feedback at the conferences.

At this time of the year colds and flu are on the increase. Students can take some simple precautions to reduce the impact of these illnesses on themselves and fellow students by wearing appropriate winter school uniform, having adequate wet weather protection and washing and drying their hands properly. Those who are not well should remain at home so that they can recover more quickly and not spread their illness.

If any student is on medication or has health issues which are likely to impact on any aspect of their schooling, parents/caregivers should directly contact our school nurse and discuss the situation with her. Our school nurse, Mrs Glynne Newton is available on 627 0600 extension 755. In an emergency, our nurse is likely to be the first medic on the scene. Nurse Newton also needs to be notified by a parent when a student requires medication during the day. All medicine required by a student during the school day must be stored in her office. Your child's Dean should also be notified. If a student feels unwell after arriving at school, then he or she should go and see the Nurse in the first instance, who will contact parents or caregivers.

Now that winter is here, we are in need of school jerseys and jackets to loan to students who for a number of reasons do not have them. If you have any of these items that are no longer required by your family we would appreciate having them. You can deliver them to the reception desk at any time during the school day.

Mid-Term Break

The College will be closed tomorrow, 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.

L Ridling
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 was given a print out of your details as they transferred. Could you please check that this sheet has now been returned to our Deans' Secretary or your son or daughter's Form Teacher.

It is very 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 if they have returned your checked printout.

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 – International Student Representative

Hello, Kia Ora, 你好,안녕하세요, こんにちは, ciao.

My name is Pam Komnatchanan, from Thailand. I am the International Student Representative for 2013. This is a fantastic opportunity for me but carries responsibilities which I take very seriously. I have been studying at Lynfield College for four years. I came here at the age of 14 and I started my first class at Year 10. Now I am 18 years old and this is my last year at the College.

So many people have asked me why I chose to come to New Zealand instead of the UK or USA. I looked really closely at all the information given about the school and my agent has been in touch with the International Department of Lynfield College for many years. I could see that New Zealand had an excellent environment for study, as well as offering life experiences that could not be found in Thailand. It was an easy choice to come to Lynfield College and I think that our other international students would share this point of view.



Our College has had international students for 18 years. There are over 100 international students from 15 different countries enrolled so far this year with most of them planning to graduate from Lynfield College and continue to study at universities in New Zealand or go back to their home country. Some of them come on an exchange programme, which allows them to experience New Zealand for a short period of time.

The most common reason for international students to study overseas is to improve their English skills. Another reason is that they prefer the school curriculum in New Zealand more than the school curriculum in their countries. Also, they have lots of opportunities to speak in English in New Zealand for everyday use.

Thus in my role, I have a responsibility and opportunity to help and listen to International Students, as I know what the feeling is like to be studying overseas, staying away from parents and making new friends. Fortunately, we have got classmates, teachers and International staff, as well as host families who can make things much easier for us.

Living with host families also gives us lots of opportunities to speak English, gain amazing life experiences in New Zealand and have someone to give us advice when we need help. I have been staying with my host family since I first came to New Zealand and they have been very kind and wonderful. They always chat with me so I can improve my English and take care of me, as I am part of their family. Also at school we have so many cultural groups that students can join, to make new friends and learn about different cultures.

So, I hope to not only support successful events and be a good helper for the international students who come from different countries, but also be part of the Lynfield College family that will give them valuable lifelong memories of their experiences in New Zealand.

Pam Komnatchanan, International Student Representative

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.

Wednesday 31 July & Friday 2 August	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

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 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.

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.

Year 13 Careers Day

This 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.

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 subject and extra-curricular fees owing to the College and having presented signed and completed permission forms (to be sent home at the beginning of next week). If there are financial hardship concerns regarding these fees, please contact Ms Lexie Ridling, Acting Principal. 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.

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 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.

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

Individual Honours

Huge congratulations to **Shantael Lialiga (Y10)** who, amongst some very stiff competition, shot a round of 76 to become the 2013 Auckland Secondary Schools Girls Golf Strokeplay Champion. She now has her name on the same trophy as Lydia Cho and Wenyung Keh and has her golfing sights set to emulate these two well-known young golfers.

SPORTS SCENE

The winter sports season is now under way for all sports and we continue to run two other weekly sports events as well as House Competitions and one off events such as the Road Race. An outline of these events is:

8M8S

This can be enjoyed by any of our students, whether they are already involved in a sport or not. It is **FREE** and **NO on-going commitment** is required. Students simply turn up when they can and stay for as long as they can. *It is just for fun and a chance to taste some new sports.*

It is a programme run in our Upper Gym every Wednesday after school from 3.15 – 4.15pm. Each week there are two sports offered by experts in these sports. There are 6 sports involved in this rotation – Ultimate Frisbee, Handball, Dodgeball, Basketball, Netball and Volleyball. Please encourage your child to come along and have a go.

Futsal

Again, this is run weekly on a Thursday at lunchtime in the Upper Gym. It is open to all students – girls, boys, Y9 – 13. It is **FREE** and there is **NO** on-going commitment required. Like 8M8S, it is *just for fun* and is an opportunity to try out something a bit different. Please encourage your child to come along and have a go.

House Competitions

We recently completed our second House Competition for 2013. In Junior Touch, Bray took out the final with Fatialofa runners-up, while Faumuina seniors were victorious over Fatialofa. These points combined with those from Athletics Day put Fatialofa in the lead with Faumuina snapping at their heels. Other houses are not far behind these two!

Our next on-going house competition is Indoor Soccer which begins 14 June and runs until the end of the term.

Road Race

The annual Lynfield Road Race will take place on the afternoon of 13 June. It is run around local streets with strict safety considerations in mind. The junior course is 3.3km and the senior is 5.5km. This is **compulsory for all junior (Y9 and Y10) students**. Seniors may only compete if they have signed up at the Sports Office by the designated date (Monday 10 June). All other seniors will be in their usual classes while the Road Race is being run.

TEAM TALK

All winter codes have had impressive results.

Our **Lawn Bowls** team of Liam van Rijn (Y13) and Brayden Silby (Y13) recently played in the AKSS Pairs Competition. After winning their first three games they were unlucky to lose in the quarter final to the eventual runners-up. Both players then competed in the AKSS Singles Championships where Liam bowled his way to the top 6. He will play in the semi-finals after Queen's Birthday weekend. Watch this space!

Our **1st XI Boys Football** played an awesome game on Tuesday at home against Long Bay College in a knockout tournament. Long Bay is actually near the top of the grade above Lynfield but we held them to a draw at full time. After extra time the score was 4 -4! This meant going to a penalty shootout situation and Lynfield lost out on their 3rd penalty. The margin doesn't get any closer than this!!

The **Premier 1 and Premier 2 Netball** teams have really shown the netball community we are a force to be reckoned with! Both have had very convincing wins in each of their games.

Our **2nd XI Girls Football** team have just finished their first game of the season. In a hard fought match with Massey High, the girls showed real determination to pull off a 1 – 0 victory. This team is comprised of Y9 – 13 girls, many of whom have not played football before!

The **1st XV Rugby** had a good win on Saturday and are showing much improvement as they start to gel as a team.

Despite being placed in a higher grade than expected, **1st XI Girls Hockey** have had 2 wins from 3 games and are punching well above their weight as they are in a re-building phase having lost several Y13 players at the end of last season.

The **1st XI Boys Hockey** have also been tasting success with their latest win this week being 2 – 0 against One Tree Hill College.

Girls 10-aside Rugby has been a steep learning curve for our team of novices. The girls started off a bit unsure about what to do against some tough opposition, but this was to be expected, especially given the size difference. Each game has seen the opposition score several tries in the first half but the score rate has been greatly reduced in the second half. The team is another one of our teams which is comprised of girls from all year levels and special mention must be made of the juniors Elaisa Glampe (Y9), Coral Avaiki (Y9) and Shanaia Panapa-Ruri (Y10) who have really taken up the challenge! Jasmine Karaitiana (Y13) scored our only try in our most recent game. Game experience has meant they are all now much more aware of the things they need to work on. Coach, Kirstyn Hackett, says they are motivated to improve quickly and are really enjoying the experience. She is looking forward to guiding and watching the development of this team.

HELP needed!! 2nd XI Boys Football - Coach - we are desperate for someone to coach this team of dedicated players. If you or anyone you know is able to help please contact the sports department at fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz or phone 627 0600 ext 595 URGENTLY. Thank you.

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



Wiki Maihi and Sarah Ball, 2nd XI Girls Football

Liam van Rijn and Brayden Silby, Lawn Bowls, AKSS Pairs Competition

CAREERS

University of Waikato, Open Days – During the July school holidays, the University of Waikato will be having two free open days – Engineering on Thursday 18 July and Science on Friday 19 July. Both events are full day sessions (9am – 3.30pm) at the Hamilton Campus for Y11, Y12 & Y13 students. Families are also invited. On Science Open Day, students will spend the day moving through the laboratories and learning about the different science majors on offer through hands-on activities. Lunch is provided and students who are interested will also be able to tour the halls of residence. Engineering Open Day follows a similar format, yet focuses on the engineering programmes. Registration is essential, so please register online at www.sci.waikato.ac.nz by Friday 5 July. Further information also available at science@waikato.ac.nz

School of Aviation Open Day, Massey University, Manawatu Campus – Saturday 21 September. Book a 20 minute trial flight for \$97. Halls of Residence Accommodation Tour, presentations on all Massey aviation programmes, aviation career talks (air traffic control, etc). Further info at Student Services or email aviation@massey.ac.nz

Nelson Aviation College Open Day - Saturday 20 July, 12-4pm, Motueka Base, Queen Victoria Street, Motueka Aerodrome. Join them to gain all the information you need for your future pilot training. Trial flights and tours will be available throughout the day. Purchase a helicopter or aeroplane trial flight on the day and go in the draw to win 3 hours

of flight training. Nelson Aviation is an Air New Zealand Aviation Institute FTO Partner, and will provide you with an Air New Zealand preferred pilot pathway - The New Zealand Diploma in Aviation, Airline Preparation Strand.

Y11 Sci-Tech Experience – A holiday event, 16 & 17 July, for Y11 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.

Victoria University of Wellington — 2014 accommodation brochures now available. Applications for places in halls of residence open 1 August. Application forms to be completed online www.victoria.ac.nz/accommodation/halls/applying.aspx .

Wanting to study at Unitec in semester 2 this year? There are some \$2000 study awards (called START Awards) available for domestic students. Full details at www.unitec.ac.nz – under scholarships, awards and grants or see Mrs Hughes.

Pharmacy Assistant Programme – there is a mid-year intake of the Pharmacy Assistant Programme at Academy New Zealand North Shore, commencing 10 June. This Level 3 National Certificate is the first step to a career in retail pharmacy and can lead to further training as a Pharmacy Technician. Full details at www.academy.ac.nz

International Travel College of NZ – free scholarships available for study in 2014. www.itc.co.nz

Open Days & Information Evenings

University of Otago, Auckland Info Session – Wed 12 June, Auckland Girls' Grammar, 16 Howe St, Newton (6-8pm)

University of Otago Law Career Auckland Info Evening – Mon 17 June, Pullman Hotel, Cnr Princes St & Waterloo Quadrant (7pm)

Victoria University of Wellington, Auckland Info Session – Tue 18 June, 6.30pm, Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna.

Full time Apprentice Drainlayer Wanted – An Otahuhu based drainage company is looking for a school leaver to train as a full time apprentice. Applicants should have L2, some practical experience and an interest in mechanical and machine operation. Full details at Student Services.

Part Time Jobs (please talk to Mrs Hughes in Student Services for full information about these positions)

Support Carer – A caring young adult with their full drivers licence is needed to be a buddy for a 19 year old man (living locally in the Lynfield area) with some developmental delays.

Y13 CHE, BIO and/or PXM students – 2 hours after school on a Tuesday and Thursday doing odd jobs around a local laboratory. Please talk to Mrs Hughes for full information.

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.

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

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