



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 7

30 May 2014

Coming Events:

Week 5	Mon 2 Jun Tue 3 – Fri 6 Thu 5 – Sun 8 Thu 5	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – public holiday, College closed on this day SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK NZ Chamber Music Contest NetSafe Parents' Evening, 7pm Staffroom
Week 6	Mon 9 – Wed 11 Mon 9 Tue 10 Wed 11 Thu 12 Fri 13	9BUS Tip Top factory trips 3 rd House Meetings 3 rd House Meetings 13CHC Alongside Work Experience Lynfield College ROAD RACE House Football Competition begins Trash to Fashion
Week 7	Mon 16 Tue 17 Wed 18 – Thu 19 Sat 21 Sun 22	ICAS Writing (this week) 13CHC Alongside Work Experience Prefects that Peak AUT programme 13BIO Liggins Institute trip Trash to Fashion semi-final date 11GEO Rotorua trip (return 23 Jun)
Week 8	Tue 24 Thu 26 Sat 28 – Sun 29	PRODUCTION WEEK (ticket sales from 12 June) Student Council Committee Meeting, lunchtime Pukewiwi Trash to Fashion semi-final dates
Week 9	Mon 30 Wed 2 Jul Thu 3 Fri 4 Fri 18	Board of Trustees Meeting 12SCI Stardome trip Mid-Year Reports issued 12DRA & 13DRA trip Term 2 ends College Ball
Week 1	Mon 21 Tue 22 Wed 23 Thu 24	Term 3 begins Open Day 11am & 4pm Open Day 11am & 1.30pm Australian Chemistry Quiz
Week 2	Mon 28 Mon 28 & Tue 29 Tue 29 Wed 30 Thu 31	Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm Hall 4 th House Meetings Enrolment begins 9.30-11am, 1.30-4pm ICAS English competition Student Council Meeting, P4 Hall House Netball Competition WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS Enrolment late night 6-8pm Pasifika Parents' Evening, 6.30pm staffroom Enrolment session, 9am – 12pm Admin Building
Week 3	Sat 2 Aug Sat 2 & Sun 3 Mon 4 Mon 4 – Fri 8 Tue 5 Thu 7	KBB Music Festival at Westlake Boys COURSE SELECTION BEGINS (until 15 Aug) KBB Music Festival continues 13GEO Muriwai trip (Wed 6 Aug reserve day) Australian Mathematics Competition Progress Conferences (A – L), 4 – 7pm Year 13 Attitude Presentation KBB Gala Performance
Week 4	Tue 12 Wed 13 Fri 15	Progress Conferences (M – Z), 4 – 7pm CULTURAL PHOTOS BLOOD DONOR DAY Teachers' WorkChoice Day
Week 5	Tue 19 Fri 22 Sat 23 & Sun 24	Prefects that Peak 13CHC – Work Alongside Experience Mid-Term Break – school closed on this day Trash to Fashion

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Mid-year Reports are now being prepared and these will be issued on Thursday 3 July to senior and junior students. Progress Conference evenings will be held for students and their parents on 7 and 12 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 which 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.

Parents Evening – Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Programme and NetSafe, Thursday 5 June at 7pm in the staffroom
We are half way through our first year of the BYOD programme at Lynfield College and I would like to welcome parents of junior students to this meeting where we will discuss the progress of this initiative. In the second part of the evening NetSafe will be showing parents what they should be alert to in order to keep their children secure and safe on the internet.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – International Student Representative

Hi, I'm Amy, the 2014 international student representative of Lynfield College. I'm from Taiwan, a beautiful island in Asia. I've been in New Zealand since July 2011 and I like everything about Lynfield. It's been such a good four years spending my school life here and this year I have another responsibility – being the representative of our international students. This means so much to me as I've always liked being a leader and, as I've been at Lynfield for a long time and have had wonderful experiences, I know how it feels being in a new country that has a foreign language. I enjoy being able to help the new international students get used to their new environment.

I still remember the very first day at the school. Even though I would have been in Year 10, I went into a Year 9 class so I had a chance to improve my English skills. I was nervous, scared and worried that no one would be able to understand what I said during break times so I hid myself away from the crowds and regretted coming here. Thankfully, my classmates were really friendly and also with the help of the teachers from the International Department, I slowly got accustomed to this new place and made many new, good friends.

When people have asked me why I chose to come to Lynfield, the first reason is because it is only a 10 minute walk away from my house, but more importantly it has high academic results and a good reputation. New Zealand has a very different study environment compared to Taiwan, where I had to get up every morning at 6am and finished school at 5pm. Being at Lynfield gave me many opportunities to join different groups like badminton, Squash, Dragon Boating and the Chinese group. These cannot be found in the high schools in Taiwan. As time passed by, my English improved tremendously and I have come to love this beautiful place.



Lynfield College has had international students for nearly 20 years now and there are currently over 100 students in the school from overseas, for example China, Chile, Germany, Italy and Thailand. I hope this year is successful, where I'm able to help other international students who do not feel confident, because I remember so well that feeling – leaving your loving family and friends in your own country and coming to a new environment where you cannot even express yourself properly. I really will try my best to help the ones that are in need.

Amy Liu

Lynfield LynC App

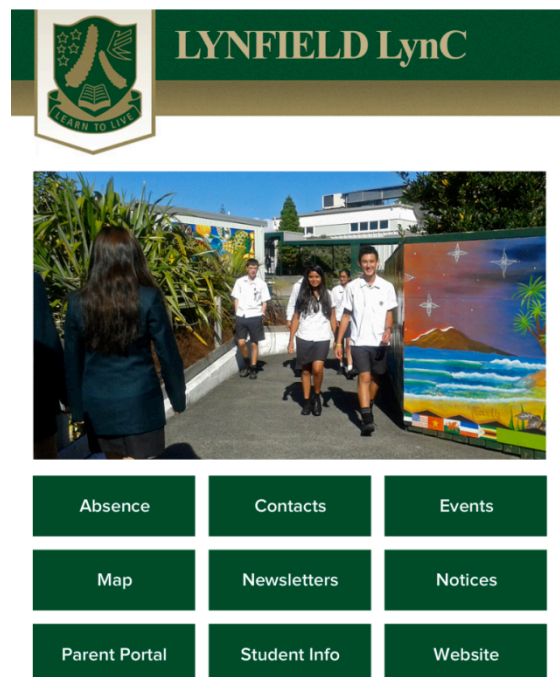
Two weeks ago the new Lynfield College app was launched to students and staff. This app enables the community to keep up to date with what is happening at Lynfield College. Features of the app include:

- Daily Notices
- Newsletters
- Events Calendar
- Absence Form
- Parent Portal access

The students are also able to access the:

- Senior Assessment Calendar
- Tuck Shop Price List
- Exam Timetable
- e-LynC

The app is available for free download from the Play Store on Android devices and the App store on Apple devices.



NZQA App

NZQA has launched a new mobile app called **NCEA Guide written for parents, whanau and employers**. The app will provide quick and easy access to key information about NCEA and makes practical information about NCEA more easily accessible. Parents and whanau will be able to access simple content about how NCEA works and how they can support family members studying in NCEA (no individual student result or progress information is available).

The NCEA Guide app is free to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

The 2014 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.

Full financial assistance details, including income thresholds for entitlement for a Community Services card can be viewed at:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/>

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 automatically 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 have been issued, with payment due by the end of this term (4 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.

Cup / Trophy Return

If you have cups or trophies which were awarded in 2013 (at Festival Awards, Senior or Junior prizegivings), please return them to the main reception in the Admin Building as soon as possible. It is NOT necessary to polish cups before their return. Thank you.

Enrolment Process for 2015

The Board of Trustees confirmed that the College will be accepting all category 2, 3, 4 & 5 out of zone applicants for Year 9/2015 and these students should enrol at the same time as the home zone students.

Below are the important dates for your information.

Tuesday 22 July	Open Day – guided tours of the College 11.00am
Wednesday 23 July	Open Day – guided tours of the College 1.30pm and 4.00pm
Monday 28 July	Information Evening 7pm in the Hall
Tuesday 29 July – Friday 1 Aug	Home zone enrolments 9.30-11.00am and 3.15-4.30pm (no appointment necessary)
Thursday 31 July	Enrolment late night 6.00-8.00pm
Saturday 2 August	Enrolment morning 9.00am-12noon

Year 9 category 6 out of zone applications close 5.00pm, 3 September 2014 (ballot date 10 September).

Year 10 – 13 out of zone applications close 21 October 2014 (ballot date 22 October).

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

2014 School Ball

This year the Lynfield College School Ball will be held at The Wharf, 2 Queen Street, Northcote Point, Auckland. Dress is formal and will be guided by a theme 'Big Lights Big City'. Information concerning the night of the event will be sent home to all Year 12 and Year 13 students. Our school Ball has developed an excellent reputation for being enjoyable, well run and trouble-free.

Date - Friday 18 July (Note: this is the last Friday of the school holidays)

Time - 7pm to 12 midnight

Tickets - \$110

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. Tickets will be on sale to Year 13 students in Week 6 (12 and 13 June) and to Year 12 students in Week 7 (16 and 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 Mrs Gabrielle Clark, Dean of Senior School 6270600 ext 722.

2014 Production – Midsummer Night's Dream

This year Lynfield College will be presenting Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream", a comedy involving two couples and a lot of confusion. The play takes place in the woods which are filled with magic trees and mischievous fairies. In this production the trees are played by dancers who perform two dance numbers. The play also involves a bunch of rough workmen who are rehearsing a play in the woods for the Duke's wedding. However, they are not good actors and their production looks like it could be a disaster. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" promises to be a physical and exciting performance which explores the absurdity of love. The show opens on Tuesday 24 June with matinee performances for local intermediate and primary schools.

Evening Performances

Ticket Cost

Door sales from 6.30pm

Food and drinks are on sale at interval

Wednesday 25 – Saturday 28 June, starting at 7.00pm

Adults \$10

Senior Citizens, Students, Children \$5

Tickets will be on sale from Thursday 12 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 12 June.

5,000 Poppies Project for ANZAC Day 2015

A project has started in Auckland to create 5,000 hand-worked poppies for display on ANZAC Day 2015 to commemorate the 100th anniversary. Donated poppies can be labelled in memory of servicemen and women from any generation, or just made for the display. Teachers have offered to run some lunchtime workshops to teach the students how to make the poppies. Students who would like to create poppies for this project need to come to B5 and speak to Mrs O'Hanlon.

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 from 3.10 – 4.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mathematics Clinic 2014

Got 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, rdeigrosso@lynfield.school.nz, indicating your child's name and form class in your email message.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Sports Scene

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

iPlay

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. *It is just for fun and a chance to taste some new sports.* So far Handball, Ultimate Frisbee and a variation of Non-stop Cricket have been taught by experts then played by those present. This is a popular way of enjoying an active lunchtime twice each week. **Students simply need to turn up, change into PE gear or similar and be ready to have some fun. All abilities and ages very welcome.** Please encourage your child to come along and "have a go".

House Competitions

Last term we completed our second House Competition for 2014. In Junior Touch, Zoricich took out the final with runner-up Bray while Fatialofa seniors were victorious over Zoricich. These points, combined with those from Athletics Day, put Lewis in the lead with only 12 points separating all 6 houses! Our next house competition is Volleyball which begins 13 June with all houses playing every lunchtime for 2 weeks.

Road Race

The annual Lynfield College Road Race will take place on the afternoon of 12 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 wishing to compete must sign up at the Sports Office by the designated time (interval, Wed 11 June). All other seniors will be in their usual classes while the Road Race is being run.

Basketball Academy

This has been running all year and a dedicated group of promising and talented students train hard twice weekly with coach, Ethan Miller. The members of this group are really enjoying the opportunity and they are reaping the rewards when on the court during games.

Team Talk

The number of teams for each sports code Lynfield has entered in winter competitions this year are as follows:

Badminton (8), Basketball – boys (5), Basketball - girls (2), Football – boys (5), Football – girls (3), Hockey – boys (2), Hockey – girls (3), Netball –senior (8), Netball – junior (8), Rugby League (1), Rugby (2), Squash (3), Table Tennis (2)

Huge thanks to those parents who have put their hands up to help with managing or coaching our teams. It is very much appreciated by the many students who would not otherwise have been in school teams.

All winter codes have had impressive results.

Our **1st XI Boys Football** played an awesome game on Tuesday at home against Onehunga High in a knockout tournament. Last year Onehunga finished the season near the top of the top grade while Lynfield was in the 3rd grade. Lynfield played an excellent game but with only a few minutes to go Onehunga scored a goal which gave them a 4-3 win. This score is very encouraging and is the result of the excellent football programme which is now run in our school. This team is certainly showing real potential!



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 – Y13 girls, many of whom have not played football before!

Despite being placed in a higher grade than expected, the **1st XI Girls Hockey** have had 3 wins from 3 games, this week's being 12–0 against St Cuthbert's. The girls are punching well above their weight as they are in a re-building phase having lost key Y13 players at the end of last season.

1st XI Boys Hockey have also been tasting success with their latest win this week being 8–0 against Sacred Heart.

The **Junior Girls Hockey** team played their first game last week and lost 0-1. This week they showed how quickly they are able to learn the skills needed for success as they convincingly beat EGGs 5-0. This is astounding as half of these girls had never held a hockey stick until the beginning of this term!

Although the **1st XV Rugby** lost their most recent game but they are showing excellent discipline, are really starting to think as a team and showing great improvement.



If your son &/or 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

Career Development Dates for your Calendar

University of Auckland will be hosting the annual series of **Parent Information Seminars** around Auckland in June. Register attendance online via the following website: www.auckland.ac.nz/parentseminar. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Schools Partnership Office via email: spo@auckland.ac.nz.

Tue 3 June: University of Auckland Scholarships applications open (<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/future-undergraduates/fu-scholarships-and-awards.html>)

Fri 6 June: AUT Auckland City Campus Information Evening from 4.30 pm (<http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/aut-course-information-evenings>)

Tue 10 June: University of Victoria Wellington Information Evening from 6.30 pm Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna, Auckland (<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/events/2014/06/auckland-information-evening>)

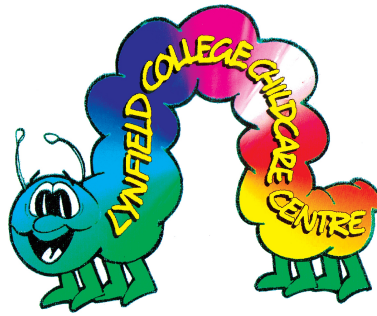
Mon 16 Jun: University of Otago Law Career Information Session 7-9 pm Pulman Hotel, Cnr Princes St & Waterloo Quadrant, Auckland City (<http://www.otago.ac.nz/law>)

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Spaces Available Now!

We are a small family friendly, not for profit community based early childhood centre. You can find us at 100 Boundary Road, Blockhouse Bay (situated at the bottom of the playing fields of Lynfield College).

We are open Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. We offer a range of sessions:

Full Day	8.00am – 5.30pm
Short Day	9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Morning Session	8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Afternoon Session	1.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Spaces are available now.

If you are interested in enrolling your child please contact us on:

Telephone: (09) 626 2464

Email: lynfieldcollegechildcare@xtra.co.nz

Auckland's new electric trains are coming.

The new trains are fast and quiet, so you need to **watch out**. Overhead wires are now live as well, so **stay clear**. They carry 25,000 volts – that's 100 times more powerful than your home power supply.

Children and young people need to know to never muck around near train tracks or overhead wires, as you won't get a second chance.

Make sure your family gets home safe every time.

See our videos at: At.co.nz/watchout

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