

NEWSLETTER 15

24 October 2014

Coming Events: Labour Day - public holiday, schools closed Week 3 Mon 27

Tue 28 Oct In-class priority time this week

BOT Meeting, 6.30pm Admin Building

Refugees and New Migrants Parents Evening, 5-9pm Staffroom Wed 29

Thu 30 Pasifika Parents Evening, 6-8pm Staffroom

Fri 31 Year 13 - Awards Assembly Year 12, Awards Assembly Week 4 Mon 3 Nov

Mon 3 – Wed 5 Y10 Business trips to District Court Tue 4 Senior Prizegiving, 6.30pm Hall

Year 11 Prizegiving, 9am Hall (then Reports & NCEA entry slips issued, Wed 5

students released on study leave)

Thu 6 2015 Year 9 catch-up testing at the College

Newsletter No. 16 emailed Fri 7 Mon 10 NCEA Exams begin

Week 5 Wed 12 – Fri 14 Junior Exams

Week 6 Mon 17 – Wed 19 Y9 Business trips to Tip Top Factory

Tue 18 – Fri 21 Year 10 Leadership Camp at Shakespear Regional Park Wed 19 Teachers Paid Union Meeting, students released 12.30pm

Newsletter No. 17 emailed Fri 21

BOT Meeting, 6.30pm Admin Building Week 7 Mon 24 Junior Softball Tournament Finals Thu 27

Week 8 Tue 2 **Dec** NCEA Exams finish

> Caring for our Community Programme (Year 9 & 10) Tue 2 & Wed 3 Year 13 Book Return and Clearance Day, 9am Hall Thu 4

2015 Student Leadership Team meeting, 11am I2 & I3

Year 13 Leavers Dinner

Junior Festival Awards Assembly, 1.30pm Lower Gym Week 9 Mon 8

> Wed 10 Year 9 Prizegiving, 9am Hall

Year 10 Prizegiving, 11am Hall

Term 4 ends

Senior Students

Fri 31 Oct

Last day for Year 13 – Awards Assembly, issue reports and NCEA exam entry slips

Year 13 then released on study leave

Last day for Year 12 - Awards Assembly, issue reports and NCEA exam entry slips

Year 12 then released on study leave

Last day for Year 11 - normal school day SENIOR PRIZEGIVING, 6.30pm start in the Hall

Wed 5 Nov

YEAR 11 PRIZEGIVING, 9am in the Hall

Year 11 reports and NCEA exam entry slips issued after prizegiving

Year 11 then released on study leave

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Many of you will have seen the announcement on our website that our Principal, Steve Bovaird is the recipient of a Woolf Fisher Trust Fellowship. Mr Bovaird was delighted to receive this prestigious award on behalf of Lynfield College and very appreciative of the Trust's acknowledgement and affirmation of all the hard work and commitment of College staff.

Against all measures Lynfield College continues to outperform many similar schools. Woolf Fisher Trust Fellowships are difficult to earn and can definitely not be applied for. But Lynfield College's record of achieving well above the expectations for a decile 7 school has not gone unnoticed.

The first Woolf Fisher Fellowships were awarded in 1960 and are now awarded to secondary, intermediate and primary principals and secondary teachers. Through the Fellowships, the Trust acknowledges and encourages excellence in educational leadership and 'in-school' practice in New Zealand.



The surprise element of this Fellowship is integral to the success of the award. The Fellows never know they will receive one until they are informed, and because of that no applications can be made for the award. On Monday morning Mr Nigel Evans of the Woolf Fisher Trust and I attended the morning staff meeting to announce and present the award to Mr Bovaird. The Fellowship will provide for a 10 week period of release from school, and for part of this time, next July, he will attend the Harvard School of Leadership in the USA.

Mrs Kristine Mellor Chairperson of the Lynfield College Board of Trustees

PPTA Paid Union Meeting

On Wednesday 19 November there will be a NZPPTA Paid Teachers Union Meeting. Year 9 & 10 students will be released at 12.30pm. However, supervised study will be available for students if they are waiting for a bus or to be collected by family. These students should report to the admin building at 1.00pm. The HCD school bus will depart from Boundary Road at 12.40pm. This will not affect the NCEA exams.

Student Leader Profile - The Social Committee

Ensuring that the students had a spectacular night was the bare minimum. However, when the teachers and head staff say that "it was the best school ball I have ever been to" - you know that you have done things right.

The year started off with an extremely valuable leadership camp at AUT, which lead to greater understanding of our role and discovering our leadership potential. Our aim for the year as Social Coordinators was to create and manage unforgettable events and memorabilia for our senior school, whilst being role models and trailblazers for the juniors coming through. On the top of our agenda was the annual school ball. Halfway through the first term, we began combining forces with the ball committee to start planning. It took us months, days, nights, lunch times and study periods to get everything prepared for "Bright Lights Big City", the sensational night that took place at The Wharf on the 18th of July. As aforementioned, the event took place without a hitch, allowing our guests to forge amazing personal memories and moments. Leavers gear for this year is a hoodie and a singlet. The process of planning this began in term three and our fellow students will have to eagerly wait with us until clearance day to receive them. We hope that they will be cherished relics of the time they have spent at this school that we love. The last event on our calendar is the leavers dinner, which is a final celebration of the togetherness and appreciation that the Class of 2014 have for each other before we individually embark on our own personal journeys outside of school.

We would like to thank the Heads and Deputies, Ball Committee, and Student Executive for helping us make this year a success. We would also like to give an honourable mention to the one and only Mrs Clark who has been the backbone of the Social Committee and has allowed us to achieve what we have this year as Social Coordinators. Thank You.









Mohammed Chiraagh, Rohan Botica, Tialena Evening & Natasha Sathyan

BYOD Update

In preparation for BYOD for Years 9 – 11 in 2015, a parents evening will be held on Tuesday 18 November at 7pm in the Lynfield College Staffroom. There will also be open nights at Noel Leeming, Lynn Mall on Wednesday 19 November and Harvey Norman, Stoddard Rd on Thursday 27 November for parents to come along and view the range of devices available to students. Please click **here** for more information.

Prizegivings

We warmly invite families to attend the following academic prizegivings, which will be held in the College Hall in Term 4.

Senior Prizegiving (Years 13 & 12) - Tuesday 4 November at 6.30pm

It is expected that Year 13 and 12 students attend this formal school occasion, but given the limited capacity of the College Hall it is not compulsory. Prizegiving will end at about 9pm.

Year 11 Prizegiving - Wednesday 5 November at 9.00am

Students attend form class at 8.40am. This prizegiving will end at about 10.00am. Students will then collect their NZQA candidate code slips and reports and will begin study leave.

Junior Festival Awards Assembly - Monday 8 December at 1.30pm in the Lower Gym

Year 9 Prizegiving - Wednesday 10 December at 9.00am

Students attend form class at 8.40am. At the conclusion of the prizegiving, students return briefly to form class to be issued with their Reports.

Year 10 Prizegiving - Wednesday 10 December at 11.00am

Students attend form class at 10.30am. At the conclusion of the prizegiving, students return briefly to form class to be issued with their Reports.

Year 13 Leavers' Dinner

The Year 13 Leavers' Dinner will be held on **Thursday 4 December** at Alexandra Park (Top of the Park) from 7 – 10pm. Tickets cost \$55 for a seated buffet. The dinner is limited to 250 so students are encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are now on sale during interval and lunchtime, outside the hall.

Uniform

Year 11 students may now purchase senior uniform items from the Uniform shop.

A reminder: The school uniform is sold only from our on-site shop.

Please note: Black trousers and grey sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform.

Year 13 – second-hand uniform items in good condition will be gratefully received in the Admin block. These can be used to help needy families.

Senior Clearance 2014

We are changing the way that we administer senior clearance this year, so that the Clearance Day on 4 December is ONLY for those who are leaving school.

Next week all Year 11, 12 and 13 students will receive in form class a list of things they need to clear. This could be money to be paid to the Finance Office, Books to return to the Library, sporting uniforms to the Sports department and other things to specific teachers. Students can complete these obligations during school hours but may wish to hold text books, etc until after they have sat relevant examinations.

Students who are returning next year will then receive an individualised clearance form with their school report. They can complete their clearance obligations any time and from 26 November can take their completed Clearance Forms to their Dean at Interval or Lunchtime to receive their yearbook.

Year 13 students will complete Clearance Day as in previous years, reporting to the school Hall at 9 am 4 December to receive their clearance form, then completing their obligations and receiving their Yearbook and Leaving Certificate.

Enrolment Process for 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 9/2015 home zone students and should be completed as a matter of urgency. **Enrolments can be made between 3.20 – 4.30pm Monday to Friday, no appointment necessary.**

Late Year 9 category 6 out of zone applications can be made by printing the application form from our College website www.lynfield.school.nz and either leaving it at our reception desk or posting it to the College. These applications will be put on a waiting list and places offered as and when they become available.

Year 10 - 13 out of zone applications closed 21 October 2014. There is a waiting list for late applications.

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

Year 9 and Year 10 - Caring for our Community (C4C) Programme, Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 December

At the end of each year Lynfield College runs a cross-curricular programme for our junior students. This is scheduled to take place after feedback on exams has been returned to the students. The theme is 'Caring for our Community' with both Year 9 and Year 10 students involved.

The aim of the C4C programme is to encourage the students to be actively involved in the community in which they live. This is a good opportunity to encourage them to look at the world from another point of view and to look beyond themselves. Doing something for someone else is a way of achieving this. This supports many of the principles, values and key competencies of the New Zealand curriculum, including community engagement, integrity, participating and contributing and relating to others.

The normal school timetable will not run on these days as ALL students and ALL teaching staff will be involved in the workshops. Approximately 30 different workshops will be offered to the students. Details of these will be available on e-LynC prior to registrations opening.

If you have an idea for a workshop that would be suitable for our students to be involved in or if you are linked to a community group that could use our services then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Cath Knell, cknell@lynfield.school.nz or Bronwen Wilson, bwilson@lynfield.school.nz

We are excited about the enthusiastic response that we have already received from the community groups we will be working with and look forward to having a focus on 'giving to others' at this time of the year. Further details about the programme along with a request for donated materials (e.g. ingredients for Christmas cakes and puddings, wool for knitting peggy squares to make blankets, etc) will be provided in the next newsletter.

Ms C Knell Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning Ms B Wilson Tic, Caring for our Community

Year 10

For Term 4 we have purchased access for Year 10 students to complete the FutureSelves online questionnaire. We encourage parents to have conversations with their Y10 child around their feedback report which shows the images, thoughts, feelings and senses a person has about themselves in the future. These link directly to a person's thinking and decision making, behaviour, motivation and performance.

School Leavers

"It's been great to see so many students from all year levels using the Careers Centre this year in a variety of ways - from using the career assessment tools available, to making online applications, undertaking research and partaking in careers counselling. There are always new work, apprenticeship, course and scholarship opportunities becoming available so please look out for these online, in the newspaper and on our Student Services at Lynfield College Facebook page. I will be available until 9 December for any student who would like to make an appointment to see me this year. The best way to contact me from mid-January with any questions or concerns you might have is by email (wkeir@lynfield.schoolnz). Best wishes for your NCEA results and enjoy your well-earned summer holiday." Mrs Keir, Careers Advisor.

Making the right decisions about jobs, training and careers can be difficult. Careers NZ can help you and your family make sense of the huge amount of information available to you. Careers NZ is the government agency that provides free and independent information and advice about jobs, courses, training and careers. Contact Careers NZ by talking online with a careers expert at www.careers.govt.nz, chat to an advisor on 0800 222 733, or free text CAREER to 434.

A Change to the HCD Bus Company School run

Students who previously caught this bus on Titirangi Road, just above the Pleasant Road / Titirangi Road intersection, will now have to wait at the bus stop **at the top of** Atkinson Road (just below Norman Road).

All other stops are as usual.

NZQA Fees for 2014

Payment of NCEA fees must now be made directly to NZQA in Wellington, using the appropriate form available either from the NZQA website or from the Deans' Secretary.

NZQA will not release results to students who have not paid the fee.

From the end of September students will be able to pay online through their NZQA login.

NZQA imposes an additional \$50 late fee after 1 December

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

Start dates for 2015

Fri 30 Jan

Year 9 – assemble in the Hall at 1.30pm, then go to form rooms (released at 3.00pm)

Mon 2 Feb

Year 9 - attend from 9.00am - 3.10pm

Year 11 - assemble in the Hall at 8.45am (released 10.40am), return on Wed 4 Feb, 8.45am - 3.10pm

Year 12 – assemble in the Hall at 9.30am (released 11.30am), return on Wed 4 Feb, 8.45am – 3.10pm

Year 13 – assemble in the Hall at 10.15am (released 12.15pm), return on Wed 4 Feb, 8.45am – 3.10pm

Tue 3 Feb

Year 9 - attend from 9.00am - 3.10pm

Year 10 – assemble in the Hall 9.00am (released 12.00pm), return on Wed 4 Feb, 8.45am – 3.10pm

Wed 4 Feb

Full day for all year levels, 8.45am form time and normal timetable, students released 3.10pm

Homework Centres

The College Library remains open after school every day <u>until 3.40pm</u>, 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)**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENT

Sports Scene

Team Talk

The final section of cricket competitions (which carried over from Term 1) began on Saturday. 1st XI Boys Cricket faced MAGS Sen A last week. Lynfield batted first, scoring 226-9 off 26 overs (Vivek Pundir (Y13) 68, Riucoh Kumar (Y12) 76. The best was yet to come as we bowled MAGS out for only 116 runs giving Lynfield a win by 110 runs. Jahanzeb Jahangir (Y12) captured a 5 wicket bag when he took 5 wickets for only 10 runs! Absolutely amazing bowling stats!!

Weekly games of volleyball and touch have begun as the summer competitions get under way for our juniors. Our senior students have really stepped up and are doing a great job of coaching most of these teams. The Y9 and Y10 students in these teams have already learned a lot from the 2 or 3 games they have played and are showing real potential.

Auckland Mens 7s head coach, Waisake Sotutu, came to train our senior Rugby 7s team last Tuesday after school in preparation for their tournament on Friday 24 October. He was accompanied by Shane King, Regional Development Co-

ordinator for Auckland Rugby and together they shared their practical expertise with our team. It was a very profitable 2 hour training session which our boys thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

Can you help?

We are currently seeking coaches and managers for our 2015 teams. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping in any way by becoming a part of the Lynfield Sport team, please contact the Sports Office. (Remember, to be a team manager, no knowledge of the sport is needed. It is simply a communication role.)

Uniform Return

Please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office as soon as possible unless they are currently being used for Touch, Volleyball or Cricket. 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.

Individual Honours

Congratulations to the following dedicated athletes who are reaping the rewards of many hours of training and careful time management to ensure they also meet their classroom commitments.

Grace Kukutai (Y13) is 1 of only 10 netballers Auckland-wide who have been invited to be a member of Pathway to Podium. Pathway to Podium is a national athlete development programme designed to prepare emerging athletes for the transition to high performance sport. Within Auckland there are about 70 athletes across 13 sports involved in the programme. The underlying philosophy of Pathway to Podium is one of education which is primarily achieved through workshop based delivery with practical support being provided in Strength and Conditioning.

Sarah Moxham (Y10) finished 2nd Overall in the NZ National Gymsports Championships (Step 6) 7-11 Oct. She won 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze which was a great reward for all the extra training she has done since the Auckland Champs in August.

Zac Eastabrook (Y9) represented Auckland at the Gymsports Nationals, achieving a 2nd on pommel and 3rd on high bar in artistic gymnastics, Level 6.

Kelsey Sutton (Y11) went to Brisbane recently for the Australasian Majors cheerleading competition. Her Team All Star "Galaxy Eclipse" won a Gold medal in the Level 2 division.

Michael Durham (Y12) won the NZ Junior Men Ice Skating title at the National competitions held in Dunedin during the holidays.

Joshua Head (Y11) continues his winning ways in motorcycle track racing. His most recent win was the Development class at Manfield.

STOP PRESS

Grace Kukutai (Y13) and **Jocelyn Katu (Y12)** have today been named as finalists in the ASB Young Sportsperson of The Year Awards. Nominations were sought from schools in the Greater Auckland area so to be selected as a finalist is very tangible, well deserved recognition of the outstanding level of excellence these 2 students have reached in their sport.

Grace is 1 of 3 finalists for netball

Jocelyn is 1 of 6 finalists for golf

The winners are announced at the ASB YSPOTY Awards to be held at Eden Park on the evening of 20 November.

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

Y13 - 5 x Unitec Natural Sciences Scholarships available - closes Friday 31 October

Available for Bachelor of Applied Science (\$3000); Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (\$2000); Certificate programme at Level 4 (\$1000). Email bsorensen@unitec.ac.nz

Y13 - 3 x Future Pacific Leaders' Scholarships at University of Waikato available — worth \$6000 per year for up to 3 years and include a tailored leadership and personal development programme. Closes 3 November. Mrs Keir has full details or visit the Pasifika at Waikato webpage. www.waikato.ac.nz

TeachNZ - www.TeachNZ.govt.nz/getqualified

Teaching offers a challenging, stimulating and rewarding career, and the chance to make a difference for children and young people.

Find out more about teaching as a career by visiting this website

- Check out the many study options on offer using the TeachNZ qualifications search tool, or download one of the complete qualifications guides
- Read "Getting Qualified: Frequently asked Questions"
- Contact tertiary providers for info on their teaching qualifications. You can find provider contact details when you use the qualifications search tool on this site
- Don't forget to check out the TeachNZ scholarship opportunities at TeachNZ.govt.nz/scholarships

University of Auckland Start Smart Scholarships – \$80,000 available to students intending to study teaching, physical education, social work or human services in 2015 at Epsom, Tai Tokerau or Manukau Campuses. Apply now www.education.auckland.ac.nz/start-smart

NZ Broadcasting School "Attitude Awards Trust CommunicationsScholarship" – this scholarship is available to support students with a disability to undertake a Bachelor of Broadcasting Communications degree at the NZ Broadcasting School, CPIT in Christchurch. Closing date 31 December. Email dan@attitudelive.com

Massey University in Wellington have a new Bachelor of Creative Media Production degree available from 2015. Work hands-on with projects across video and tv production, sound design, postproduction, interactive media development, app and game design, animation, motion and performance capture, and VFX. No portfolio required, as UE is the only prerequisite. www.massey.ac.nz/cmp

Unitec Costume Basic Sewing Skills Workshop in December. \$300, 4 days, includes materials. Full schedule and booking details at S/S or prees@unitec.ac.nz Suitable for seniors with an interest in working behind the scenes in stage, film, & tv, fashion and costume.

AMES IT Academy School Scholarship Available - 500 Queen St, City www.ames.ac.nz

AUT International Department will be visiting our school Tuesday 29 October at 12.40pm in A1. Any international students planning on studying at AUT in 2015 should attend as you will receive important course planning information and enrolment advice.

Upcoming Careers Events: More info on e-Lync or at S/S

MIT Information Sessions & Tours – October & November. Join MIT for info sessions on their Level 2-4 programmes and tours of their study areas to experience what MIT has to offer in 2015. Register at experience@manukau.ac.nz. Choose from the following areas at

MIT Otara:

Carpentry, Vehicle Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Early Childhood Education, Sport & Recreation, Accommodation (Portering & Reception), Electrical Trades

MIT Manukau:

Business Administration, Tourism & Travel

Other MIT Locations:

Motorsport, Plumbing & Gasfitting.

International Travel College of NZ Open Day – Sat 1 Nov & 6 Dec, Thu 13, 27 Nov, 11 Dec - Lvl 4, ITC House, 9 City Rd, City

Sir George Seymour National College of Airline, Travel & Tourism Open Day – Wed 5, 12, 26 Nov, 10, 17 Dec, 10am-2pm, 7 Queen St

Travel Careers & Training Open Day - Thu 6, 13, 27 Nov, 11, 18 Dec, Lvl 6, 131 Queen St, City

International College of Camille Beauty Therapy Open Day – Fri 14 Nov & Sat 6 Dec, 11am-2pm, Lvl 4, 393 Khyber Pass Rd

NZ College of Chiropractic Open Day – Sat 15 Nov, 1pm-4pm, 6 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington Massey University Enrolment Help Day – Fri 28 Nov, Albany Campus