

LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 18

10 December 2014

Start dates for 2015

In 2015 Year 13 and Year 12 students should email their Deans with any course change queries from 27 January.

Year 13 - Mr Christie rchristie@lynfield.school.nz

Year 12 - Mr van Dijck dvandijck@lynfield.school.nz

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

All students must wear full, correct uniform from the first day of school

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last week all Year 9 and Year 10 students took part in the special programme, Caring for the Community. The organisation of this programme is an enormous logistical exercise, accounting for over 700 students, who were divided into groups to work on projects that support the community.

The feedback from the community groups we have worked with has again been extremely positive. Thanks to those who have contributed resources for students to use, those who have provided contacts and those who have supported the students. It has been a wonderful learning experience for them all, challenging their level of comfort and at the same time benefiting the community.

A special thank you to Ms Knell, Deputy Principal and Ms Wilson, Director of e-Learning/HOD History, who co-ordinated the programme.

You will be aware through the media that the Government has recently completed the decile review of New Zealand schools following the 2013 census. The process for allocating decile values uses a ranking mechanism and a community is measured relative to the rest of the country.

As a result of the review 46% of Auckland schools had the decile rating of their communities reduced. Lynfield is no exception and our funding will now be based on a decile 6 formula. I am still waiting for more details from the Ministry of Education on how this figure is derived. It does mean that in three key areas of school funding we will see an increase in resourcing.

Further details can be found on the Ministry of Education website. See the link below. <u>http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/SchoolOperations/Resourcing/OperationalFunding/Decile</u> <u>s/RecalculationQuestionAndAnswers.aspx</u>

The 2014 Year Book has been distributed to students. Our thanks go to Mr Alec Hutchinson who has produced yet another fantastic record of all the events in our College Year. It is in full colour and includes a CD containing all the extra photos and information that is not able to be included in print. A tremendous amount of work has gone into creating a very polished and state of the art year book.

As this is the last newsletter of 2014, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our parents and caregivers for their support of the students and College staff over the past year. I wish you safe and happy holidays.

S W Bovaird Principal

BYOD Update

Until 18 January 2015, Noel Leeming is offering BYOD deals to Lynfield College students. See separate flyer under Newsletters on website.

Uniform

A reminder: The school uniform is sold only from our on-site shop. **Please note:** Black trousers, polo shirts and grey sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform.

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

Year 9 & 10 Prizegiving Successes in 2014

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent achievements in 2014. They have set a fine example for their peers and should feel very proud of themselves.

Year 10 Dux Jessica Zhang

Year 9 Dux Jacqueline de Pont

Year 9 Academic Honours Tikshan Ghoorah Emily Liston Manan Choksi Maya Micklefield

Year 10 Academic Honours

Xinyue Zhang Phoebe Liu Jia Dua Kitty Yu Sun Jenna Kumar Year 10 Merit Cups Kitty Yu Sun Karan Kalsi

Year 10 Honours Awards Andrew Isdale Phoebe Liu Zhongjin Huang Shahin Najak Vishakha Murthy Jia Dua Nathan Varney **Renee Prasad** Stewart Dawson Junior Speech Cup (Year 10) Kelvin Glassey Cup for Junior Short Story (Year 10) Year 9 Speech Award Cup Munden Cup for Creative Writing (Year 9) **Excellence in Junior Music Cup Excellence in Junior Drama Cup** Most Promising Junior Debater Cup

Junior Team of the Year

Junior Group of the Year

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year

Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year

Year 10 Runner-Up Performer of the Year

Year 10 Performer of the Year

Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year

Year 9 Performer of the Year

Year 9 Merit Cups Danielle Matthews Joshua Boasman

Year 9 Honours Awards

Jayshri Ratnam Emily Liston Joshua Moraes Caitlin Schischka Liam Waddington Tianyi Zhang Eve Gabor Aldi Ting

Karan Kalsi and Melissa Paet (equal) Phoebe Liu Shu Xin Wang Scarlett Chen Andrew Isdale (Y10) Vishakha Murthy (Y10) Harry Ashley (Y9) Hockey U15 Girls Team Lynfield 1 Debaters Daniel Adams and Jonathan D'Souza (equal) Maddison Wesche Karan Kalsi Andrew Isdale **Danielle Matthews** SinYoung Lee and Francis Loa (equal) Jayshri Ratnam