



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 3

21 March 2014

Coming Events:

Week 9	Mon 24 Mar	Summer Sports Tournament Week Year 10 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin Building
	Tue 25	Tennis Championships 11SCB Zoo trip Student Council Meeting China Trip Parents' Information Evening, 6 – 7pm Staffroom
	Wed 26	Year 9 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 German Exchange Group arrives
	Thu 27	12SCI Waitomo trip Progress Reports Issued
	Fri 28	TEACHER ONLY DAY (no classes on this day)
	Sun 30	12GEO Tongariro trip departs
Week 10	Mon 31	Year 10 Attitude Presentation, Period 1
	Tue 1 Apr	Year 11 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 10BUS Ports of Auckland trip 12GEO Tongariro trip returns Y9 & Y11 Leadership Camp Parents Meeting
	Wed 2	Junior Maths Competition
	Thu 3	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS 13SCI Stardome trip Pasifika Parents' Evening 6.00pm Staffroom (13PXM/PXA Rainbow's End trip rain day)
	Fri 4	Newsletter No. 4 emailed
Week 11	Mon 7	CULTURAL WEEK
	Thu 10	Progress Conferences (surnames A – L)
	Fri 11	China Exchange Group departs (returns 29 Apr)
	Sat 12	Cultural Festival Day at Lynfield College, 12 – 4pm
Week 12	Tue 15	Progress Conferences (surnames M – Z)
	Wed 16	Student Council Committee Meeting Farewell Evening for German Exchange Group 6.30-9.30pm Staffroom
	Thu 17	Year 12 Attitude Presentation, Period 1 Newsletter No. 5 emailed German Exchange Group departs Term 1 ends
	Fri 2 May	Te Reo Maori Group Rarotonga trip departs (returns 10 May)
Week 1	Mon 5 May	Term 2 begins
	Thu 8	CAREERS DAY
Week 2	Wed 14	Gifted and Talented Student Conference
	Wed 14 – Fri 16	Year 9 & Year 11 Leadership Camp
	Thu 15	Senior English students attend Writers & Readers Festival
Week 3	Mon 19	<i>In-class priority time – students should not make appointments during class time</i>
	Tue 20	WorkChoice Day
	Thu 22	NZ Senior Maths Competition NetSafe Parents' Evening, 7pm Staffroom
	Sun 25	13GEO – Rotorua trip (returning Mon 26 May)
Week 4	Mon 26	<i>In-class priority time – students should not make appointments during class time</i>
	Thu 29	Pasifika Parents' Evening 6.00pm Staffroom
Week 5	Mon 2 Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – public holiday, College closed on this day
	Tue 3 – Fri 6	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK
	Thu 5 – Sun 8	NZ Chamber Music Contest

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Congratulations to the Lynfield College Kapahaka group whose excellent performance at the ASB Polyfest last week saw them awarded first prize in the co-educational schools' Mau Rakau category. Photos of our performing Kapahaka and Indian groups are able to be viewed on the College website www.lynfield.school.nz along with other students who have excelled at a variety of zone, regional and national competitions.

Preparations are well underway for our annual Cultural Food & Performance Festival which will be held on Saturday 12 April. This is a wonderful opportunity for families of the school and the local community to celebrate the cultural diversity of our College. There will be a variety of cultural performances to view and ethnic foods to purchase. The day will run from 12.00 until 4.00pm.

Progress Reports will be issued on **Thursday 27 March** and the progress conferences will be held in the last two weeks of this term, on Thursday 10 and Tuesday 15 April. Further information about these days is contained in this newsletter.

Teacher Only Day – Friday 28 March

This will be a teacher planning day and there will be no classes for students. Normal timetable resumes on Monday 31 March.

Paid Union Meeting - Wednesday 9 April

The Post Primary Teachers' Association has advised us that there will be a paid union meeting on this day. Students will be sent home at 12.40pm. 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 Hall at 1.20pm. The HCD school bus will depart from Boundary Road at 1.00pm.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Deputy Head Girl & Deputy Head Boy

Malo e lelei, I am Eddie Kennedy and I am the Deputy Head Boy for 2014. It is a great honour for me to hold this position and I am really looking forward to meeting the challenges that this year presents. Next year I am intending to study Sports and Exercise Science at Auckland University.

Kia Ora my name is Grace Kukutai and I am very honoured to have been elected to the position of Deputy Head Girl for 2014. I would describe myself as an ambitious and dedicated person who is passionate about Netball. My long term aim is to move to Otago to study first year Health Science with the intention of going into Medicine or Physiotherapy.

Our year has already proved to be exciting and eventful, starting off with the AUT Leadership Camp where friendships were formed and strengthened within the leadership team. The particular group we work with is the Year 12 Student Executive plus Bailee Hughes, Ambassador Co-ordinator. Our major focus is fundraising and so far we have discussed the events we will run and charities we will support. The group's aim is to get a higher participation rate in our chosen events so that we can contribute as much as possible to our chosen charities. We feel that as Deputy Heads we will make a fantastic team because we are both competitive and consistently strive to do our best.

Below: Eddie Kennedy, Deputy Head Boy; Grace Kukutai, Deputy Head Girl; Mr Bovaird, Principal



Payments through the Parent Portal

Our apologies for the misleading information in the last newsletter regarding payments to the College. These are now paid online through the Parent Portal at the top of our website Home Page (the e-payments link has been discontinued).

Progress Conferences

Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname.

Thursday 10 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm
Tuesday 15 April (student surnames M - Z), 4 - 7pm

All parents/caregivers are expected to visit their child's teachers on one of these afternoons as it is a part of the school/home partnership so vital to a student's progress. Information about our on line appointment booking schedule will be made available in our next newsletter. Students will be released at 2.20pm on these days. The HCD buses will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm.

Booking Parent Interview Times On-line

All our parent interviews are booked using an **on-line booking** system. Access to make bookings will be opened for appointments after the reports are issued on Thursday 27 March.

The on-line booking system offers parents the opportunity to directly select the time at which they wish to meet teachers. Access to the School Interviews website is through the internet using the URL address <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>. (If you are reading this online you can click on this link to make your booking.) Once logged on to this web page there are three simple steps to follow in order to complete the booking process. Included with the report is a personalised instruction sheet that includes the password and a printed copy of the student's courses and teachers' codes. This information can be used to ensure the interview times are made with the relevant staff member. Parents should print out the email confirmation and bring it to the interview to enable the booking times to be followed. (Please note that some email confirmations can end up in the junk-mail / spam folder of an email system – please check this if a reply does not appear immediately in your in-box.)

Any parents unable to access the booking website should complete the manual booking slip on the instruction sheet and send this back to the school office with their child. Receptionist staff will also be able to make bookings through the school office - phone 627 0600. The exact times for the interviews will be confirmed either by email or on the student's slip which will be returned to you.

Further information about managing the interview process is given with the instruction sheet.

We trust our parents will continue to be pleased with the on-line interview booking; it is certainly a very efficient means of ensuring Progress Conferences proceed in a scheduled and timely manner. We would appreciate any feedback about your use of this system – please contact Deputy Principal, Mr Black.

Automobile Association Free Driving Lesson Programme

This programme was launched in Auckland at the beginning of March, after a very successful response in other New Zealand cities.

- The free driving lesson is with an AA driving instructor and is for new drivers, to help set them on the right path towards achieving the skills necessary to be safe and competent drivers. Most students who have taken up the offer already are ages 16, so many students in Lynfield College will be eligible.
- To be eligible for the free driving lesson, the new driver needs to have held their learner's driver licence for less than two months and be either an AA member or the son or daughter of an AA member.

For more information or a 'Drive the AA Way' booklet, contact our Student Services office on extension 743.

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 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

Individual Honours

Pam Chia (Y13) competed in the Junior World Karate Championships in Spain in November where only one person from each division from each country can compete. As New Zealand's top U59kg 16 or 17 year old, she performed exceptionally well, finishing in the top 16 for Kata and 7th in Sparring!

Grace Kukutai (Y13) has been selected in the U23 Netball Northern Zone (ie Auckland and north) training squad of 14 girls. She is one of only two school age players in this squad and impressed the selectors with her extremely high level of fitness. Grace trains three times per week with this squad and also has training for both her club and school teams.

She^e Nathan-Wong (Y13) She^e's Auckland U17 Girls' Touch Team won the national title recently.

David Nathan-Wong (Y9) David's Auckland U15 Boys Elite Touch Team won the silver medal at their Touch National Champs.

Mario Simovcic (Y11) has been selected to trial for the NZ team for his age group in Waterpolo.

Sports Scene

Greater Auckland Athletics Championships

Five students competed in this event this week. Results of note were:

Maddison Wesche (Y10) - 2nd Shot Put Intermediate Girls
Francis Loa (Y9) - 5th Long Jump Junior Boys

Zone Swimming

As a result of his performance at the Western Zone Swimming Competition, Fuga Iwafune (Y11) was the fastest Butterfly qualifier (from all 4 Auckland swimming zone meets) for AKSS Swimming Champs.

Team Talk

Summer Sports

These are now drawing to a close but we are proud of the performance at regional level of our senior volleyball team.

Volleyball Success

Last week the Senior Girls Volleyball Team competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools tournament at the Trusts Stadium. This is the first time for several years we have competed in this and the girls trained very hard in their build up to this competition. They went through pool play without a loss, winning each game in two straight sets. They continued their winning streak by defeating Glendowie College and completely dominated One Tree Hill College in the semi-finals with a disciplined display of technically sound volleyball and excellent teamwork.

In the final against Avondale College, Lynfield won the first set convincingly but were narrowly beaten in the second set. The third set saw some really exciting rallies with both teams determined to win. The scores remained locked together throughout this set causing the game to go into extra time. Finally, Avondale managed to score a 2 point win (18 – 16) making Lynfield **Runners-up in Division 2 of the AKSS Senior Girls Volleyball Championships**. Congratulations girls.

While the tournament was in progress selectors were talent scouting to find the best players of the entire tournament.

Congratulations to River Gavet (Y13) who was selected for the Auckland Secondary Schools Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament team. She was the only player from Division 2 to receive this honour which means she was the best player of Division 2 and one of the best 13 girls in the tournament!

Winter Sports

Trials are now taking place for winter sports so students must be sure to check dates and times carefully to ensure they turn up at the correct venue and time for their chosen sport(s). Once they have been placed in a team they must meet all training and game commitments, as well as pay their fees to secure their place in the team. All fees must be paid prior to the first game of the season.

We still need coaches for:

Football - 2nd XI Boys

Netball - Senior (games are on Tuesday night at Te Pai Place, Henderson)

Netball - Junior (games are on Saturday morning at Te Pai Place, Henderson)

Hockey - Junior Boys

Squash - Boys

Rugby - U65kg boys

Rugby - Girls

Without your help to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, we definitely could not provide sporting opportunities to such a large number of students. **Remember, to manage a team you do not need knowledge of the sport, just to be a channel for communication between coach and players as needed and help organise (not necessarily provide) transport to games.**

We will not enter a team into a competition unless it has both a coach and a manager!

If you are (or anyone you know is) able to help us in any way we would really like to hear from you. There are plenty of openings available!! Please contact the Sports Office 627 0600 ext 595 or email Felicity Walbran (Sports Director) fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

CAREERS

A reminder that the school website and e-LynC have full details of tertiary open days and information evenings. Please check it regularly.

“Like” Student Services at Lynfield College on Facebook to receive updates from careers, counselling and the health centre.

Mad Butcher #BeefWithBullies Competition – our school has been nominated to stand up against bullying with Sir “Mad Butcher” Peter Leitch. Make a two minute video with your anti-bullying message, and upload it to the Mad Butcher Facebook page before 23 May, www.facebook.com/MadButcherMeats Full details at S/S

Visitors to our school (Info on courses, entry requirements, scholarships, accommodation, etc)

University of Waikato – Tue 25 March, Lunchtime, A1

Victoria University – Fri 4 April, Lunchtime, A1

Upcoming Open Days & Info Evenings

International Travel College – Thu 10 April, until 6pm, 9 City Rd, City. www.itc.co.nz Airline, Travel & Tourism

Crown Institute of Studies – Thu 10 April, 80 Anzac Ave, City. www.crown.ac.nz Travel, Hospitality & Business.

Careers

NZ Broadcasting School Open Evenings, Christchurch Campus – 19 & 30 June, & 17 July www.cpit.ac.nz

Queenstown Resort College Careers Week – if you are interested in studying hospitality or adventure tourism management, then you might like to visit QRC during the school holidays to find out about the courses they have on offer, tour the campus and check out life in Queenstown. Details at S/S or www.queenstownresortcollege.com

CPIT's National Academy of Dramatic Art (NASDA) in Christchurch are looking to host Y12 & Y13 students who may seriously be thinking of pursuing a career in the arts, to give them a taste of what it would be like to train in a Performing Arts School. This year they will be giving students the chance to experience classes such as tap, jazz and ballet, singing, acting, performance masterclass and chorus, plus rehearsals in the afternoon for upcoming productions. www.cpit.ac.nz

Lifeway College Animation & Gaming School Holiday Camps – 28 April – 2 May; 7-11 July; 29 September – 3 October; 5 days per course; Snells Beach Campus; \$249 (includes meals on campus). Students must be at least 16 years old. Great opportunity to explore careers and full-time study options or wishing to develop digital media skills. www.lifeway.ac.nz

Y12 & Y13 - Are you interested in Speech and Language Therapy and wanting to find out more about what a career in this area entails? If so, you might be interested in the Massey University Speech and Language Therapy Campus Experience Day. The chance to observe speech and language therapy at work, meet current students and staff and take part in practical activities. Find out more from Mrs Keir

Calling Fathers and Sons for boys 13 – 15 years

PATHWAYS TO MANHOOD



Helping boys grow into good men

Young men in modern society need rites of passage as much as they did in traditional societies because initiation because initiation rituals enable young men to discover their masculine power in constructive ways.

Calling All Fathers

We offer our annual five day rite-of-passage and leadership programme for boys and their dads. It's packed with activity, challenge and fun and is having a profound impact on how young men see themselves in the world, their relationship with other men – in particular their fathers.

What to Expect

- **Fathers** – You will learn a huge amount about your young man and your own fathering!
- **Boys** – This positive male experience will resource you for your pathway into manhood over the next seven years.

Course dates: 22 -27 April 2014

Enquiries: 09 376 2386, pathways@essentiallymen.net

Venue: Mangawhai (1.5 hrs north of Auckland)

For boys 13 –15 years old and their father (or a significant man in their life).

www.essentiallymen.net

