



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 1

17 February 2015

Coming Events:

Week 4	Mon 16 Feb	Year 12 Assembly 8.45am Gateway First Aid course, Seminar Room
	Tue 17	2nd House Meetings – ALL houses 8.45-9.10am (Year 10 Assembly re-scheduled for Thursday this week) Gateway First Aid course, Seminar Room <i>13HIS – Auckland Museum, 9.15am-3pm</i> <i>13PE – Golf at Maungakiekie 2.20-4.30pm (BCH-Tuesdays until 24 Mar)</i>
	Wed 18	Year 9 Assembly 8.45am, Hall International Students Assembly 8.45am, PAC Y10 – Y13 students start at 8.55am on Wednesdays Careers Pathways lessons today: ALL students in form rooms Period 1
	Thu 19	Chinese New Year Year 13 Assembly 8.45am, Hall Year 10 Assembly 8.45am, Upper Gym <i>11ADM – Auckland Museum, 10.30am-2.45pm</i> <i>13PE – Golf at Maungakiekie 2.20-4.30pm (CRS-Thursdays until 26 Mar)</i>
	Fri 20	ATHLETICS DAY
Week 5	Mon 23	<i>13ARP & 12PHO – One Tree Hill Domain, 9.50am-2.50pm</i>
	Tue 24	ID PHOTO catch-up Lynfield College Athletics Champs, Griffen Park
	Wed 25	Year 9 Parents Evening, 7pm Hall Pacific students orientation Period 1 & 2 <i>13TFD – Newmarket and Museum, 9am – 3pm</i> <i>PSSP Training Hui – Otimai Lodge, Oratia, until 28 Feb</i>
	Thu 26	<i>12BUS – Rainbows End, 9am-3pm</i> Badges Presentation Assembly, 2.30pm Hall
	Fri 27	(Athletics rain day) <i>30 x Y9 Advanced Learners – Liggins Institute, 9am-3.10pm</i> Newsletter No. 2 emailed
Week 6	Mon 2 Mar	<i>12PE Land Camp – Shakespear Regional Park (returning 4 Mar)</i> Y13 attend Write that Essay presentation, Period 4 Hall
	Wed 4	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS
	Thu 5	<i>13ESS – Takapuna Beach</i>
	Fri 6	NCEA Parents Evening, 7pm Staffroom <i>11SCB – Karamatura Stream study</i> Lumino Dental mobile service departs
Week 7	Mon 9	<i>12PE Water Camp – Tawharanui (returning 13 Mar)</i>
	Tue 10	<i>11HIS – Auckland Museum</i>
	Wed 11	Whanau Hui, 6.30pm Te Ringa Āwhina Marae
	Fri 13	<i>13PXM – Rainbows End</i> Newsletter No. 3
Week 8	Mon 16	ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES
	Tue 17	Pacific Families Evening, 6.15pm Staffroom
	Wed 18	Otago Junior Maths Comp ASB Bank Polyfest
	Sun 22	<i>12GEO – Tongariro trip departs (returning 24 Mar)</i>
Week 9	Mon 23	NZSSSC Summer Sports Tournament Week CULTURAL WEEK
	Wed 25	Tennis Champs
	Fri 27	Newsletter No. 4 emailed
	Sat 28	Lynfield College Cultural Festival, 12 – 4pm
	Sun 29	<i>Germany trip departs (returning 24 Apr)</i>
Week 10	Mon 30	<i>9BUS – Tip Top Factory (also Tue 31 and Wed 1 Apr)</i>
	Thu 2 Apr	Progress Reports issued Term 1 ends (Term 2 begins Mon 20 Apr)

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On behalf of the Board and staff I would like to welcome all parents, especially the new Year 9 parents to this first newsletter for 2015. The newsletter is published every second Friday and is emailed to all parents on the email list (taken from the enrolment form at the time of enrolment). It is also available on the website.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet many of you at the Year 9 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 24 February, where you will be able to meet your child's form teacher and receive information on their academic programme and expectations for Year 9. If you are unable to attend, you will have another opportunity to meet with teachers and form teachers at the progress conferences on 30 April and 5 May.

Year 9 Form Teachers have indicated that students have settled in well to their form classes and their subjects. The Orientation Programme, which ran at the beginning of the term, was very successful and students are certainly taking advantage of the many opportunities available to them in the College. Year 9 Form Teachers stay with their form classes as they move through the year levels.

This year we have introduced BYOD at Years 9-11. This follows the successful introduction of BYOD to Year 10 last year. The novelty of students using a digital device as part of their class work has just about gone and students, staff and parents accept that this is the way the world is developing. For those students intending to go on to university or other study after school, the skills and knowledge they acquire here in a digital environment are fundamental to their future.

The College does lend out devices to students who do not bring a device, however it cannot be taken home. In the junior school we are recommending Chromebooks. These can be purchased for less than \$400. These are the devices we lend out. The junior school, in week 1, did work as part of their induction on accessing the school network and learning how to store work on Google Drive. The College will be doing a digital safety programme with all juniors throughout the year. If you are interested in sound advice on internet safety for your son or daughter have a look at www.netsafe.org.nz

Students in Year 12-13 are also encouraged to bring a device. For seniors we do encourage a laptop, depending on their option subjects. We do not expect students to have expensive software loaded on as there are always free downloads that can be used. If in doubt about any device issue, please contact your child's Dean.

We encourage all families to use our online payments system through the College website www.lynfield.school.nz. At the top of the Home page there is a link to the Parent Portal where you can pay for course costs, sports fees, itinerant music lessons, course trips, camps and other school outings and the General Purpose donation.

Uniform and stationery items (including work books) can be paid through the Shop link at the top of the Home page.

Payment through the Parent Portal is by credit card and this secure payment method is an extremely convenient way of making these important payments. Payment by direct credit can be made by obtaining the order number and this number is required as a reference for internet banking.

2014 Results

The following is a summary of last year's NCEA provisional (participation-based) results for each year group.

Y11	85% gained level 1 Certificate 58% gained level 1 Certificate with Merit or Excellence endorsement 94% gained level 1 Literacy 92% gained level 1 Numeracy
Y12	83% gained level 2 Certificate 54% gained level 2 Certificate with Merit or Excellence endorsement
Y13	76% gained level 3 Certificate 43% gained level 3 Certificate with Merit or Excellence endorsement 60% gained University Entrance 97% of Yr13 students left school with level 2 NCEA

Scholarship Exam Results

44 Scholarships were awarded to Lynfield College students in 2014 – this is a fantastic result and indicates the high achievement by this group of students. An "Outstanding Scholarship" is awarded to the top 0.3% in each subject.

Some high achievers in the Scholarship results were:

- Steven Ling – 5 Scholarships, including a Scholarship Award
- David Wu – 4 Scholarships, including an Outstanding Scholarship and a Scholarship Award
- Jahnvee Solanki – 3 Scholarships, including an Outstanding Scholarship and a Scholarship Award
- Bhavish Kapadia – 3 Scholarships, including a Scholarship Award
- Rebecca Gandhi – 2 Scholarships, including an Outstanding Scholarship
- Shannon Murray - 2 Scholarships, including an Outstanding Scholarship
- Jessica Yao – 2 Scholarships
- Simran Chandhok – gained an Outstanding Scholarship

All the students who gained a scholarship are given a monetary award for their university study. The College is very proud of each student who gained one of these top academic awards and also recognises the work done by the teachers to prepare and tutor these achievers.

Scholarships were achieved in:

Accounting (1)	Biology (15)	Calculus (2)	Chemistry (5)
Earth and Space Sci (1)	English (1)	Media Studies (1)	Painting (1)
Photography (1)	Physical Education (5)	Physics (7)	Statistics (4)

One successful student (Shirley Xiao) was from Year 12.

The statistics published by NZQA are used by the teachers and faculties within the school to analyse their teaching programmes and look for ways to enhance student achievement in subsequent assessments. This will ensure that achievement results continue to improve and that students leaving Lynfield College take with them qualifications that allow them to continue studying and to reach their potential. An Achievement Report including an analysis of NCEA results is presented to the Board of Trustees in April.

All national qualifications results are confirmed by NZQA during March and will be entered on to each student's Record of Achievement on the NZQA website. The same data is available through the Parent Portal and the Student SMS. There are links from the College website and e-LynC to these web pages.

Lynfield College staff will be available to answer your questions and explain all the details and expectations of standards-based assessment within NCEA at a special **NCEA Parents' Evening** to be held on **Thursday 5 March at 7.00pm in the College Staffroom**. This will be open to all parents who wish to find out about the assessment methods and how to help students achieve. If you have any queries, please contact the Deputy Principal for Assessment, Mr Murray Black, through the school office.

Assessment Dates 2015

e-LynC is Lynfield College's on-line learning environment which can be accessed from the College website www.lynfield.school.nz. On the e-LynC home page is a **Google Calendar** which will have all the assessment times for the internal standards in the Years 11 – 13 courses on our 2015 timetable. Students and parents can view the calendar and download relevant dates into their own Google calendar. Students will be encouraged to use this resource to assist them in their management of study time and assessment preparation.

Staffing for 2015

The College is fully staffed and we have been fortunate in attracting a very high calibre of new staff. These people are:

Nigel Farley	Faculty Leader, Health & PE	Catherine Christie	English
Henry Mackenzie	English	Belinda Mittermeier	Music
Kathy Dhillon	Mathematics	Aidan Daly	Social Sciences

We welcome back Lisa Norman, HOD Music from maternity leave.

Staff who are on leave this year are: Robin Eyre (Faculty Leader Science), Trisha Friel (Student ESOL).

General Purpose Donation

The General Purpose donation is \$190 per child or \$270 per family. **A 10% discount applies for donations made on or before 27 February (\$171 per child or \$243 per family)**. The donation, approved annually by the Board of Trustees, is the parents' contribution to the school's operational funding and is the MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE COLLEGE YEARBOOK AND OTHER ITEMS, SUCH AS EXTENDING COMPUTER ACCESS.

Keep the receipt for Income Tax refund purposes. The Board is most grateful to those parents who have already paid their General Purpose donation and subject material fees.

An ID card costs \$5.00, to be paid at main reception. It is not essential for school, but is required to access photocopying and can be used for age verification use on public transport, at cinemas, etc.

The rest of this newsletter contains a great deal of very useful information about the college. Please read it carefully and put it somewhere safe for future reference.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the course of the year, whether it be on the sports field, at cultural activities, parent evenings or outside of school. Please be active in supporting your son/daughter in their years at Lynfield.

Best wishes
S W Bovaird
Principal

YOU WILL FIND THE NEWSLETTERS ON THE WEBSITE – UNDER NEWS AND EVENTS

<http://www.lynfield.school.nz>

- ☒ Our fortnightly newsletters for the year will be sent by email, posted on the College website and a paper copy made available from the office to those who do not have internet access.

Please ensure that we have an appropriate email address for you so that you receive the fortnightly newsletter and any other notices. Email our Dean of Administrative Services, rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz indicating your child's name and form class in your email message. During Term 1 further newsletter dates will be:

Friday 27 February – Friday 13 March – Friday 27 March

- ☒ Other relevant information pertaining to specific form levels will be given to students from time to time to bring home.

Lynfield LynC App

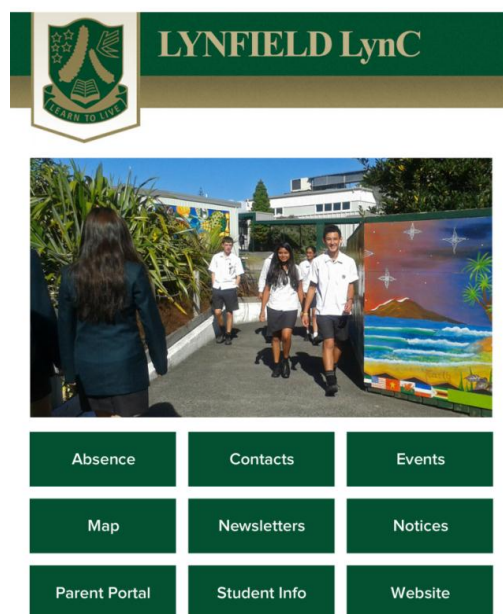
This app enables the community to keep up to date with what is happening at Lynfield College. Features of the app include:

- 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.



Transporting Students to School

Current construction work in Boundary Road is making driving conditions more challenging. Please be careful when delivering or collecting students.

- Please avoid driving into the school grounds to deliver and pick up students. Arrange to meet your child at a safe point outside the school grounds.
- If you have reason to deliver or pick up your child in the school grounds, please use the drop-off bay, accessed via Gate 1, and do not stop on the roundabout.
- **Only left turns are permitted when exiting and entering Gate 2. Please do not make a u-turn in this vicinity in order to enter Gate 2.**

2015 Senior Leadership and Team Building Course

The Lynfield College Student Leadership Team went on camp 30 and 31 January at the AUT City Campus. After being welcomed with a Mihi Whakataua, we settled into our apartments. Our busy afternoon began with a presentation by Arizona Leger, followed by Tom O'Neill, a published author who is regarded as a people interpreter. During Mr O'Neill's workshop, we took a personality quiz that identified our personality types within a Leadership group. It helped us understand our strengths and weaknesses, enabling us to know how we can work best as a team.

We then caught buses (with Lynfield getting a whole bus to ourselves as there were 41 of us) over to AUT's North Shore Campus to participate in a variety of fun team games. Hand in hand, we went up against the four other schools as we put our leadership and communication skills to the test. For the last activity of the evening, dubbed "AUT's Got Talent" - we came together as a team and performed a spirited, school chant, utilising our dominating student numbers to give us an advantage. Although we didn't win, it left us in high spirits, and ready for the next day.

The second day was just as jam-packed. We were up at 6am, for breakfast at 7am. We received a presentation about event management and then began a planning session, during which we came up with a mission statement and looked at the values we wanted to display as a cohort within the school.

After lunch we had another workshop by 'Attitude' speakers Allenzo and Jonny. Their life experiences both entertained and inspired us. Our concluding workshop was on 'Public Speaking and Presentation Skills' presented by the charismatic Maggie Eyre who has previously worked with prominent New Zealand figures. She had us up and about, as she gave us tools to help strengthen our confidence and further our public speaking abilities. Her workshop was eye opening and invaluable for us as we move into our leadership roles. We finished off the camp with a slideshow of our time there and a barbecue for our families.

Overall, we were extremely proud to represent Lynfield College. This was the first opportunity we had to get to know each other, and we came out feeling like a real team - ready to take on the year!

Andrew Sampson, Head Boy & Alice Neville-Smith, Head Girl

Board of Trustees Student Representative

I can't even begin to describe how amazing the Governance Challenge at Great Barrier Island was. The views were absolutely stunning (the sunset was right by our doorstep!), the food was fabulous, the instructors were unbelievably helpful, and the people I met will have a lasting impression on me for the rest of my life. I'll be honest with you, I was a bit apprehensive when I boarded my 10-seater plane, but I'm glad to say that I returned with a whole new set of skills that will definitely be of utmost use to me, not only in Board Meetings, but in my future endeavours.

In the 5 days that I was there, I was exposed to a completely new life, one that involved sea kayaking, tramping, coasteering (navigating your way around a small island), rock climbing, and my personal favourite - sleeping under the stars. I was astonished, and a bit jealous too, I might add, that there were people who lived on the island and experienced these activities every single day. I had to learn to do things that I'd never done before and it'd be fair of me to say that participating in the Outdoor Pursuits Programme was the furthest I'd ever been out of my comfort zone. At one point, I found myself on top of a 10m high cliff, looking down at the crashing waves, and wondering if I'd live to see another day if I jumped. What was rewarding about this was the fact that I was surrounded by other Board of Trustees Student Representatives who were just as terrified as I was, but continued to surround me with their support and encouragement.

I feel like that's analogous of how the real Board of Trustees meetings are - although I do get the occasional butterflies before I walk into one, I know that everyone in the room only wants what is best for me and our school. This leads on to how the outdoor challenges developed the relationship and dynamic between myself and my fellow Student Trustees and allowed me to foster my team-building skills further. We all learned the importance of working together and relying on one another, whether it was for something as simple as cleaning the dishes or forming a kayak raft and using a tent as a sail (yes that actually happened!).

And of course, we had morning and evening sessions conducted by the lovely Tricia Chapman from the New Zealand School Trustees Association, who came and taught us about our role and what the coming year entailed. I loved how genuinely passionate she was about us and I especially loved how she inspired me to take a step towards speaking up and expressing my opinions more in Board meetings. I learned more than I ever possibly could have imagined in those 5 short days and I will treasure this experience for the rest of my life. I'd like to thank the Board and Lynfield College for funding this trip and in return, I hope to rise in my role as the Board of Trustees Student Representative for 2015 and help to make a positive difference in the school.

Gauri Prabhakar



Leadership Badge Presentation Assembly

On Thursday 26 February there will be a special assembly where the Student Leaders for 2015 are presented with their badges of office. Families of these students have received invitations to attend this assembly, which will run from 2.30 until 3.00pm, followed by tea and coffee in the staffroom.

Safety at the School Gate Programme

Our school is participating in the Auckland Council's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Below is a message from Auckland Transport. Please help us to keep students safe and minimise congestion by parking only where parking is permitted. Look for the signs that inform of restrictions.

Parents should drop or pick up students away from the school unless there are medical reasons for entering the grounds.

Park safely and keep our kids safe

This term Lynfield College is participating in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance' – There will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence.

Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.

Security at the College

CCTV cameras are installed around the College to assist student safety. Cameras also monitor movement in the school grounds at nights and in the weekends. There are also a few cameras inside buildings at strategic locations to provide protection for student property.

Please keep the following in mind

- Students and members of the public should only be in the grounds after dark when attending organised functions.
- Any rubbish brought into the grounds should be taken away and disposed of at home.
- Any community groups wishing to use College facilities such as the sports fields, cricket nets, etc need to contact the Property manager.
- Access to the school should be through one of the three gates and never over the fences that surround the College or through our neighbouring properties.
- Access to the fields after hours should only be through gate 2 on the lower White Swan Road entrance.

Any queries about these matters should be referred to Mr Alistair Aitken, Deputy Principal.

A Safe Environment at Lynfield College

- **Peer Support Programme** – This programme was run during the Y9 Orientation. The Year 12 & 13 Student Leaders attended training and have run 4 Peer Support sessions in total with the Year 9 students. The feedback has been very encouraging and the Peer Support Leaders will remain connected to their allocated Y9 classes during the course of the year.
- **Travellers Programme** – Year 9 students will soon complete the survey for this and the Travellers Group will run in Term 2. A letter to parents and caregivers is included with this newsletter. [Please click here to download a copy.](#)

How you can make a difference

For many years, Lynfield College has monitored and endeavoured to improve the physical and emotional safety of all its students and staff. There is no room for complacency here, particularly in this technological age of rapid and unsupervisable electronic communication which allows more subtle and often undetectable bullying.

At the start of the year, we are really concerned that the students settle quickly into school and enthusiastically into their learning. Parents of Year 9 students are likely to be particularly anxious that their children transition well from their intermediate schools.

We encourage all parents to talk with their children about how their year has started, and invite any caregivers concerned about the possible bullying or isolation of their children to contact the school as soon as possible. The names and phone extensions of the staff who can help you are: Mrs Raneeta Prasad, Year 9 Dean (ext 723), Mrs Deborah Kevany, Guidance Counsellor (ext 747), Mr Brian Tonks, Guidance Counsellor (ext 746)

Gateway Programme

The Gateway Programme provides opportunities for 50 senior students to participate in workplace learning one day a week for approximately 10 weeks during the school year. It delivers hands-on practical learning that leads to nationally recognised qualifications and Vocational Pathway Awards (minimum 20 NCEA credits). It helps students gain important work and life-long learning skills in preparation for the transition from school to study or work. Students need to display a commitment to independent learning and have a good idea of the industry they wish to explore. Learning can be assessed in the workplace and is a great opportunity to blend school study with the workplace learning and experience. Contact the Gateway Coordinator on extension 745.

AWE (Alongside Work Experience) Programme

This work experience programme provides opportunities for senior students to gain workplace experience and an appreciation of what skills, disciplines and attitudes are required in the work force. Contact Student Services on extension 745.

Homework Centres

The College Library remains open after school every day until 3.40pm, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

Pacific Students' Homework Centre

This homework centre will begin in Term 2 and will be held in the Library from 3.10 – 4.30pm Monday and Wednesday.

Mathematics Clinic 2015

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available! Where? **G15**
When? **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday afterschool)**

Itinerant Music Lessons (Instrumental)

Most instrument lessons are now full. There are some spaces for flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. All students who have signed up are on a waiting list and will be notified through their form teacher if space becomes available.

Choir is on Tuesday lunchtime in A2. New students are always welcome. This group will attend the Big Sing held at the town hall on Tuesday 9 June.

Concert Band (Wednesday lunchtimes in the hall) and Orchestra (Thursday lunchtimes in the hall) have also begun for the year. New members are always welcome. These groups are for students who have played their woodwind, brass or string instrument for one year or more. These groups will perform at a school concert in July and attend the KBB Music Festival in August.

Please note that if your son/daughter is taking part in itinerant music lessons there is a \$20 material cost for the year. If they are also renting an instrument there is a hireage cost of \$20 - \$35 per term depending on the instrument. These hireage costs are both payable to the Accounts Office or online within a week of the first lesson.

Any questions may be emailed to HOD Music on lnorman@lynfield.school.nz

PhotoLife Online Ordering System

The Lynfield College class photographs will be available for you to view and order online with PhotoLife Studios.

Your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. This Shoot Key will automatically display your child's class photograph. It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photograph you want. The College will also receive a number of order envelopes for those of you who do not have access to the internet or do not wish to use this system.

If you place your order within two weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring the photographs home.

Any orders placed after this period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$5.00 postage & packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

School Organisation

Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Mrs K Mellor
Parents' Representatives	Mr C Hudson, Mr M Kaleta, Mr N Purdie, Mr S Taylor
Co-opted	Mr P D'Souza
Staff Representative	Mrs K Wells
Student Representative	Gauri Prabhakar
Principal/Secretary	Mr S W Bovaird

The Trustees meet in the Board Room at 6.30pm once a month – usually the fourth Monday of the month (ring the office prior to check). Copies of minutes and policies are available at the School Office.

Management Staff

Principal	Mr S W Bovaird
Associate Principal	Ms L Ridling
Deputy Principals	Mr M Black, Ms C Knell, Mr A Aitken, Mrs G Clark (Assistant Principal)
Deans	Mrs R Prasad
Year 9	Ms K Tattersall
Year 10	Mrs S Hameed
Year 11	Mr D van Dijck
Year 12	Mr R Christie
Year 13	Mrs M Lane
Adults	Mr R Delgrosso
Dean of Administrative Services	Ms G Austin
Director of International Education	

Student and Community Services Staff

Counsellors	Mrs D Kevany, Mr B Tonks
Careers Adviser	Mrs W Keir
Gateway Programme	Mrs E Harvey
Learning Support Co-ordinator	Ms J O'Hanlon

In matters affecting any student the first approach should be to the Dean. The Counsellors provide educational and vocational guidance, as well as personal and family counselling.

2015 Student Leaders

Head Boy	Andrew Sampson	Head Girl	Alice Neville-Smith
Deputy Head Boy	Ricoh Kumar	Deputy Head Girl	Sarai McKay
Sports Captain	Cree Braithwaite	Sports Captain	Adeleena Lee-Hussien
Arts & Culture Captain	Jairah Perida	Arts & Culture Captain	Oksana Zhang
Academic Captain	Raynil Laxmidas	Academic Captain	Sachi Rathod
International Student Rep	Kevin Liu	BOT Student Rep	Gauri Prabhakar
Asst Sports Captain	David Faautaga	Asst Sports Captain	Akanesi Fakafanua
Asst Arts & Culture Captain	Dylan Goodisson	Asst Arts & Culture Captain	Harshaa Prasad
Asst Academic Captain	Pyong Her	Asst Academic Captain	Meryl Saldanha

Year 13 Student Executive

James Asiata	Taine Murray
Teneil Pillay	Tottah Lau

Year 13 Ambassador Co-ordinator

Erica D'Souza
Bethany Edmonds

Year 12 Student Executive

Rosie Kennedy	Kiriffi Leilua
Grace Kaleta	Hamza Riazuddin
Elizabeth Fa'amamafa	Ryan Xavier
Aman Reen	Gianni Gambassi

House Captains

Bray	Mariah Scott & Ric Gozon
Fatialofa	Kiriffi Leilua & Pratik Chandra
Faumuina	Elizabeth Fa'amamafa & Rohan Menezes
Lewis	Eilish Out-O'Reilly & Kaleb Bowles
Reid	Ryan Williams & Pesi Sikalu
Zoricich	Alistair Maisey & Holly Harrison

Other School Information

1. Communication between Home and School

School

- Newsletters are published every two weeks in term time, emailed home and posted on the **website** and **e-LynC** (Lynfield College's personalised online learning management platform). Hard copies are available from reception.
- The web site is kept up to date with school news, student achievement and includes essential information on curriculum, rules and special features of the school.
- Full written reports go home twice a year (mid-year and end-of-year) and there is a Progress Report at the end of Term 1. Progress Conference evenings are scheduled twice a year.
- The **Parent Portal** provides information on attendance, school reports and timetables. It is accessed from the website or via the Lynfield College LynC App. Information for accessing the Parent Portal has been emailed to parents/caregivers. If you have not received this email you can obtain your student's ID number and password from the Dean.
- The Lynfield College **LynC App** enables parents/caregivers, students and staff to keep up-to-date with what is happening at the College (Daily Notices, Newsletters, Events Calendar, absence forms, Parent Portal access, Senior Assessment Calendar, Exam Timetable, e-LynC, Tuck Shop prices).
- Website: www.lynfield.school.nz Email: admin@lynfield.school.nz e-LynC: link from our website
LynC App: free download from the Play Store on Android devices and the App Store on Apple devices.
- All students going on trips will bring home a permission form to be signed and returned to school. Trip costs may be paid on line through the Parent Portal.

Parents

- Please contact the school if your son/daughter is absent and leave a message on the absentee line answer phone (627 0600 extension 729) or email absence@lynfield.school.nz
- Provide written notes to explain absences on day of return. Refer to section 3. Attendance below
- Phone or email your Dean if you have a concern – Deans' Reception extension 731.
- You can email the school on any matter to admin@lynfield.school.nz . It will be forwarded to the appropriate person.
- Notify us of change of address, phone number, email address, custody arrangements.

Please Note

The College is regularly updating the email addresses of parents/caregivers. If you have changed your email address or require it to be added to a student's file, then please contact the Deans' Reception (extension 731).

Concerns

If you have a concern about an aspect of school activity, please phone the person listed below. If your concern is serious or not dealt with to your satisfaction, then put your concern in writing to the person below. If the matter remains unresolved, please write to the Principal.

- Student issues - the form level Dean or Guidance (Student Services)
- Staff issues - Ms L Ridling
- Day to day functioning of the school – Mr A Aitken
- Homework/student achievement/enrolment – Ms C Knell
- NCEA/NZQA/timetable – Mr M Black
- Student behaviour outside of the school – Mr A Aitken
- Learning Support – Ms Josie O'Hanlon

2. Reports

Progress Reports will be issued to all pupils before the end of Term 1. A second report will be issued in Term 2 and a final report in Term 4. Twice during the year Progress Conferences provide opportunity for discussion with all the subject teachers. The first of these are on Thursday 30 April (family names A – L) & Tuesday 5 May (family names M – Z), 4 – 7pm.

3. Attendance

Attendance is not only compulsory for enrolled students but also absolutely critical for success at secondary school. Lynfield College's attendance rate for last year was very good. However, there are still some students who are too often absent from class without satisfactory explanation. Illness, family bereavement or similar unplanned events are legitimate reasons for absence. We ask that family holidays are not planned during term times, and advise that students must attend school up until course completion in December. If a family does wish to withdraw a student from a class during term time for a special reason, a letter to the Principal is required, informing the school of their intentions. This should be done before any tickets are purchased, as permission is not automatic.

The College is open for 380 half days in 2015. For senior students undertaking NZQA assessments there are fewer days, due to the examinations. The last school day for junior students in 2015 is Friday 11 December.

Students are expected to be in form period/assembly by 8.40am except on Wednesdays when Years 10 - 13 are expected to go straight to period 1 by 8.55am. On Wednesdays Year 9 students have assembly in the Hall at 8.40am. Year 13 Students who have a study period at period 1 Monday to Thursday are not required to attend until period 2. On Thursdays they are required to attend the Year 13 Assembly or form time at 8.40am. Year 13 Students who have study timetabled at period 6 may go home after period 5.

The last period ends at 3.10pm. Some students will be required to remain after that time for detentions, sport or cultural activities. (Students need to inform their parents or guardians if they are required to remain behind.) If a student has a detention ending after 3.40pm, 24 hours' notice will be provided (by email wherever possible). There may be occasions when a student is required to remain behind for a reasonable period of time.

Where pupils are absent without permission the matter will be treated as truancy and they will have to make up the time by way of after-school detentions. Senior students absent from an assessment will not automatically have a re-assessment opportunity. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their absence is explained.

Lynfield College operates a fully electronic attendance system. We encourage you to use an email address for notifying us of absence, absence@lynfield.school.nz. Please use this or the telephone absence line 627 0600 ext 729 on the first day of absence. Please help us keep our data up-to-date and accurate with immediate notification of your child's absence. Please include name and form class, reason for absence, expected length of absence, and your name.

Please be aware that notes, emails, or telephone messages covering unspecified dates of absences, lateness, etc. are not acceptable. For example: "Please excuse my child for all absences in the months of April and May due to illness" is inadequate.

If you have any specific concerns or suggestions regarding student attendance processes, please contact Julie Griffin, Attendance Officer (email jgriffin@lynfield.school.nz or by letter handed in to Deans' Reception).

Thank you for supporting the College as it seeks to improve the reliability and completeness of the data surrounding absences from school.

4. Conduct of Pupils to and from School

Parents are reminded that pupils represent the school from the time they leave home in the morning until they arrive back in the afternoon. Misbehaviour during this period and the wearing of non-regulation uniform may be treated as a matter of school discipline. Local residents can best assist by contacting the school and helping to identify offenders. In any matters relating to public safety, the Police should be contacted immediately. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time during the day, without permission.

5. After-hours access to the school grounds

Unless there is a school function, please stay out of the school grounds, especially after dark. Please do not jump the fence; use the front gates after-hours. If you wish to make a booking for use of the fields or facilities, contact the Business Manager, Robert Skeen on extension 720.

6. Motor Vehicles

We discourage students from driving cars or motorcycles to school, except in special circumstances. Details of vehicles brought to school should be provided by parents to the Year 13 Dean, Mr Russell Christie, as our data base can be helpful should any issue arise involving vehicles and students. Students must abide by the conditions of their current licence. Vehicles brought to school must be parked in Boundary Road or one of the other nearby roads because there is no adequate parking in the College grounds. **Students are not to drive or park their vehicles into the school grounds.** This is a matter of safety for other students.

Any student vehicles found in the school grounds will be towed away.

No responsibility can be taken for any damage done to vehicles. We would remind students on restricted licences that they are not to carry passengers. Breaching the law can result in a \$400 fine.

7. Parents Transporting Students to School by Car

Parents transporting students to school by car should drop them off at the marked Drop Off zone, which is located on the left-hand side of the main driveway, Gate 1. Please do not cause congestion by stopping right at the driveway entrance, or on the roundabout by the Administration block. Then please drive through the car park and exit via the lower White Swan Road Gate 2.

N.B. There is no right hand turn in or out of the lower White Swan Road gate (Gate 2).

Collecting Students in Boundary Road at the end of the school day

We ask parents not to enter the school grounds to pick up their son or daughter at the end of the day. A lot of students exit by foot along the Boundary Road drive and it is not safe when vehicles enter or exit at this time. Please be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the Boundary Road entrance at the end of the day – please look for the signs on the poles. It would be much safer if you were able to park a distance away and get your child to walk to the car. This will help cut down the traffic at the Boundary Road gate and make it safer for students to cross the road. Thank you for your co-operation.

8. Cycle Safety

In accordance with the Transport Act 1993 it is compulsory for all pupils travelling to school by bicycle to wear safety helmets. **OFFENDERS WILL HAVE THEIR BICYCLES IMPOUNDED** and their names given to the Police who may issue infringement notices.

9. Uniform

We are very pleased with the standard of uniform so far and appreciate the support you as parents and caregivers have obviously given to ensure the standard is met. The uniform is being worn very well indeed. There is a full description of the uniform on the website. Form teachers and senior staff have worked hard during the first weeks to ensure that students are wearing their uniform well and representing the College with pride. Students are expected to wear full and correct uniform on their way to and from school, at school and whenever representing the College.

All items of uniform except shoes are available from the College shop.

**Shop hours are: Monday - Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm and 12.30 – 1.30pm
Friday 8.00 – 11.30am**

Our aim is to work in partnership with parents and ask that you support us as we ensure our students are correctly dressed. You can help in the following ways:

1. Please check that your children are in correct uniform before they leave for school. Some common issues to look out for:
 - White t-shirts or singlets are able to be worn under the shirts and blouses. No other colour is allowed and the white undershirt must not hang down below the shirt.
 - Ties must be worn correctly, i.e. tied correctly to the top button which is done up, with the boys' shirt tucked in.
 - Canvas shoes or boots of any kind are not permitted.
 - Regulation black socks from the uniform shop are the only black socks to be worn by boys or girls.
 - The girls' blouse must not be worn unbuttoned with camisole exposed.
 - The girls' skirts are knee-length or floor-length and must not be shortened or taken in.
2. When there is a medical or financial reason for a non-uniform item to be worn on a particular day, please write and sign a note which must be presented to Lexie Ridling, Associate Principal, before school begins. A uniform pass may be issued, or the school may provide temporary uniform items to be worn for that day. Medical reasons for asking for dispensation from a particular uniform item must be accompanied by an explanatory note from an appropriate specialist professional. Financial considerations should be addressed to the Principal, Mr Steve Bovaird, who will ensure appropriate assistance is accessed.
3. The only jewellery permitted is a wristwatch and small stud earrings in gold or silver. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.

Consequences for students wearing non-uniform items without permission, or wearing their uniform incorrectly include:

- Confiscation of the incorrect item which will be returned to parents only.
- If a senior student wears the tie incorrectly, he or she will forfeit the right to wear it for a period of time.
- Being sent home to get appropriately dressed. We will send senior students home after 2 warnings.

10. School Bags

It is essential that students bring the appropriate books, folders and writing equipment to school every day in a suitable schoolbag. A small handbag, boot bag or beach bag is unsuitable and we appreciate parental assistance in ensuring all students are adequately equipped in this respect. *Students need to treat each other's bags with care as many will have an expensive device in them.*

11. Homework

As indicated in all the course statements, which the faculties distribute to students, homework is a regular and valuable aspect of learning. A leaflet on the value of homework activities is available. [Please click here to download a copy.](#)

12. Forbidden Articles

- Dangerous materials, weapons, tools, explosives (includes craft knives and fireworks).
- Drugs and equipment associated with their use, solvents, cigarettes, tobacco, matches, cigarette lighters, alcohol, spray paint, permanent marker pens.
- Skateboards.
- Bubble gum and chewing gum.
- Any form of pornographic material.

NB: Over the years the use of digital technology has expanded. It has now become the norm for most students to own a device of some type. These items can be useful communication tools, educational tools and forms of entertainment. They may be used as part of a lesson **when** the teacher has given permission, for example to be used as a voice recorder or camera, etc. These devices can also create issues.

- They should **not** disrupt lessons (for example, a ringing phone, texting in class, using text functions in a test, etc). MP3 players and i-pods are not be used without permission from the teacher during class time. Teachers may ask students to turn off any device and put it away, or they may choose to confiscate it where reasonable requests have not been met.
- Any confiscated items are treated with the utmost care and handed to the Dean in their office with the students name and details of the reason for confiscation or handed into the Deans' reception with an incident report.

13. Lynfield is a Totally Smokefree School

Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings or in the grounds. This applies at all times including after school hours and at weekends.

Sports Scene

Term 1 is very busy and exciting as we start our weekly summer sporting competitions immediately as well as running Athletics Day for the whole school, Athletics Championships for our talented athletes, House touch competitions for junior and seniors at lunchtimes. In March trials and selections for winter sports teams will get underway.

We are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coaching or manager of a team. *If you have skills in any sport and can spare some time to work with our students in some way please contact the Sports Office:*
Phone: 6270600 ext 595
Email: fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

Currently we need adults who have had experience in surf, waka ama or dragon boating to sweep for 1 of our 4 dragon boating teams over the next 5 weeks.

Team Talk

Summer Sports

We are delighted with the response from students to sign up for various summer sports! The Sports Office has been extremely busy organising well over 250 students into teams for weekly competitions in cricket, golf, dragon boating, tennis, touch, volleyball, orienteering and water polo. Senior touch, volleyball, water polo and cricket started this week as did dragon boating. Tennis, golf, orienteering and junior cricket begin next week.

All team members are required to wear an appropriate sports uniform which the Sports Office will supply. **Please ensure the bond for sports uniforms is paid, in cash, to the Sports Office (NOT online).** Please pay your sports fees to the accounts office, Sports office or online.

Cricket

After some key players moved on to tertiary education, our 1st XI is in a re-building phase. In the first Gillette Cup game last week against Papatoetoe High we scored 118-8 off our 20 overs. Papatoetoe made 104 all out off the last ball giving Lynfield a win by 14 runs. We wish them luck as they prepare for the next game, against Glendowie College at Glendowie. Another win means progression to the next round.

Dragon boating

The word is out that this sport is for anyone who likes a team sport which is heaps of fun! With no experience needed, no trials and 22 in each boat, Dragon boating has attracted over 80 very committed students who train weekly at Westhaven. They will compete in the Auckland Secondary schools regatta on Lake Pupuke on March 22. This is a 'full on' day with the 1st race at 8am and the last one about 5pm. After the fantastic fun the paddlers had last year, we are really looking forward to an awesome day!

Touch

Our Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams play each Tuesday at Cox's Bay reserve. They played their first games this week. The boys drew with Dilworth 2-2 while the girls lost to Onehunga and beat Diocesan B.

Individual Honours

While most of us were enjoying a lazy summer holiday many of our top sporting students continued with a gruelling training regime in their efforts to reach the highest level in their chosen sports. Several have already gained success this year:

At the beginning of December, **Maddison Wesche (Y11)** won the NZ Secondary Schools Junior Girls Shot Put title with a distance that outstripped the senior girls!

In January she qualified for the World Youth (U18) Athletics Championships in Colombia during July. She threw 15.75m, which was 0.25m further than the qualifying distance and 0.7m further than any other U18 female in NZ. This is really amazing as Maddi is only 15years old!! There is no doubt she has her eye on the prize. Her training regime is very structured and Maddi is rapidly learning the meaning of time management. She is coached by Walter Gill and trains twice each week at Takapuna, each Sunday at Manurewa (as a part of the "Field of Dreams" programme) as well as doing weights every day.

Three of our students have been selected in representative teams team for the 2015 National Tag Championships which will be held next week at Trusts Stadium:

Alex Falaniko (Y13) will compete in the Auckland 18s team

Shanaia Panapa-Ruri (Y12) will compete in the Waitakere U21 Women's team

Cree Braithwaite (Y13) will compete in the Waitakere U19 team

David Nathan-Wong (Y10) has been selected for the Auckland U15 Boys Touch team 2014-2015.

Michael Carswell (Y12) gained five silver medals at the Auckland Cycling Championships on Waitangi weekend for the Points race, Scratch race, 1 km Time trial, Individual Pursuit and Keirin race.

Former Lynfield College 1st XI cricketer **Vishi Kumar** (now known as **Vishi Jeet**) made his first-class debut for the Auckland Aces this past weekend. This is a fantastic achievement, not only for himself but for the school too. Vishi was in our 1st XI cricket team from Y10 – Y12 (2008 – 2010). He has been dominating Auckland cricket as a spin bowler and has also been playing club cricket in Birmingham. We will watch his progress with interest.