



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 17

27 November 2015

Coming Events

Week 8	Tue 1 Dec	Whānau Hui, 6 – 7.30pm, Te Ringa Āwhina Marae, Lynfield College
	Tue 1 & Wed 2	Y9 & Y10 Caring for our Community programme
	Thu 3	First meeting for 2016 Student Leaders, 9am in I2 & I3
		Leavers' Day – Y13 report to the Hall at 9am
		Leavers' Dinner
	Fri 4	NCEA EXAMS END
	Sat 5	Robotics Scrimmage, 9am – 4pm Hall
Week 9	Mon 7	Last trading day this year for the Uniform & Stationery Shop
	Thu 10	Early finish for students, released 12.40pm
	Fri 11	Y9 Academic Prizegiving, 9am Hall Y10 Academic Prizegiving, 11am Hall
		Term 4 ends

Enrolment dates for Year 9 in 2016

Home zone students who have not yet enrolled should do so as soon as possible. Out of zone category 2 - 6 students who wish to enrol should contact our reception desk for more information.

Please note: The enrolment sessions are Monday – Friday 3.30 – 4.30pm, no appointment necessary.

Course Confirmation for 2016

Year 13 and Year 12 students who are unsure about their courses, or need to change any, should email Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor nwaddington@lynfield.school.nz AND come into school to see him and the relevant Faculty Leader(s) for course confirmation on Thursday 28 or Friday 29 January 2016.

Start dates for 2016

Tue 2 Feb

Year 9 – assemble in the Hall at 1.30pm, then go to form rooms (released at 3.10pm)

Wed 3 Feb

Year 9 – attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm

Year 11 – assemble in the Hall at 8.45am (released 10.40am), return on Fri 5 Feb, 8.45am – 3.10pm

Year 12 – assemble in the Hall at 9.30am (released 11.30am), return on Fri 5 Feb, 8.45am – 3.10pm

Year 13 – assemble in the Hall at 10.15am (released 12.15pm), return on Fri 5 Feb, 8.45am – 3.10pm

Thu 4 Feb

Year 9 – attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm

Year 10 – assemble in the Hall 9.00am (released 12.00pm), return on Fri 5 Feb, 8.45am – 3.10pm

Fri 5 Feb

ALL Year Levels attend for a full day 8.45am – 3.10pm

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week our Year 9 and Year 10 students will take part in a special programme to promote their understanding of the community. The Caring for our Community programme arranges over 700 students to divide into groups to work on a project that supports the community.

Many community groups who were involved in the programme last year have extended an invitation to our students to return this year. This is a wonderful learning experience for our students, often challenging their level of comfort, but very beneficial to the community.

There is further information about this programme contained in this newsletter. If you are able to assist with any of the materials required for the activities, it would be greatly appreciated.

This week we held Junior Festival Awards Assemblies where we celebrated the efforts of our junior students in sport, arts and culture. Congratulations to all of our prizewinners, with particular mention of the students who have achieved special awards.

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 -

Early finish for Y9 and Y10 students

On Thursday 10 December we will be farewelling six of our long-serving staff, who are retiring. Students will be released at 12.40pm. The HCD Bus service will not be running on Thursday 10 or Friday 11 December and students who normally use this transport will need to make other arrangements. The last day this bus service will run this year will be on Wednesday 9 December.

Prizegivings

We warmly invite families to attend the following junior academic prizegivings, which will be held in the College Hall on the last day of term.

Year 9 Academic Prizegiving – Friday 11 December at 9.00am

Students attend form class at 8.40am. At the conclusion of the prizegiving, students will be issued with their Reports, then leave.

Year 10 Academic Prizegiving – Friday 11 December at 11.00am

Students attend form class at 10.30am. At the conclusion of the prizegiving, students will be issued with their Reports, then leave.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team, I wish you a safe and happy holiday period.

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Acting Principal

Leavers' Day 2015

Leavers' Day on 3 December is **ONLY** for those who are leaving school. ALL leavers **MUST** return to school on 3 December to formally complete the leaving process.

Students who are returning next year received 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. If they have lost their individualised form they should see Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor, for a replacement.

We recommend that students return their text books to the Library on the last day of their examinations.

Year 13 students will complete Leavers' Day as in previous years, **reporting to the school Hall at 9 am on 3 December** to return their completed clearance form, then receive their Yearbook and Leaving Certificate.

If Year 13 students lose their individualised clearance form, they should see Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor for a replacement.

Uniform

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 at reception in the Admin block. These can be used to help needy families.

Year 9 and Year 10 – Caring for our Community (C4C) Programme, Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 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.

Below is a list of materials that will be used in the workshops. Donations will be gratefully received and can be left at Admin reception.

WORKSHOP	MATERIALS REQUIRED
Christmas Cakes for Charity	Dried fruit, Nuts, Eggs, Flour, Butter, Sugar
Auckland City Mission	Tinned food, non-perishable general items
Santa Sacks for Starship Children's Hospital	Fabrics, ribbons, beads, buttons
Christmas Table Centres for Rest Homes	Old Readers Digests, Tinsel, baubles, Christmas wrapping paper, ribbon, Tin cans (washed) -450g
Gingerbread Stars	Butter, Sugar, Icing Sugar, Flour, Ginger, Lollies for decorations
Ronald McDonald House	Eggs, Flour, cheese, quiche dishes
Little Buddies	Felt, paint, craft supplies
Action for Animals	Wool, old sheets, fabric



**To you it might just be a cup.
To a refugee family, it's the start of a new life.**

This weekend, a donation drive has been organised as part of Lynfield College's Caring for the Community programme to collect items for New Zealand Red Cross.

Often new refugee families arrive with little more than a suitcase. Red Cross supports these families to begin a new life in New Zealand. To do this, they rely on the generosity of the community to help with their efforts.

We are looking for:

- Pots and pans
- Cutlery, plates, cups and glasses
- Small kitchen appliances (in good condition)
- Quality blankets, duvet inners, bed linen and towels
- New or good quality school supplies (schoolbags, pencil cases, pens, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.)

If you would like to help, you can donate from 9am – 12pm on Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th November.

We will be at:
Lynfield College, 191 White Swan Road
(enter through Gate 2).

Proudly supporting



Homework Centres

The College Library remains open after school until 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 3.40pm on Friday, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

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)**

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Maths Clinic

G15 Tuesday After School.
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri Lunch

BYO problem

\$10 per month
or
\$199 per 18 months

Sports Scene

Team Talk

All junior summer sport has now concluded for this year. It was great to see a revival of interest in softball and there were plenty of keen girls to form a competitive team. They enjoyed their experience enormously and are set on entering the competition again next year.

The **Junior Boys Cricket** team continued their winning ways and finished top of the table, winning the Junior B grade (in which they placed 2nd in Term 1). They have been committed to all trainings and produced some excellent statistics in bowling, batting and fielding. Thanks must go to coach (and former Lynfield student) Stephen Schaapveld and manager Pius Joseph (staff member).

Junior water polo has become very popular with 2 teams entered in weekly competitions this term. "**Lynfield Green**" team has played very well and finished the season at the top of the points table, meaning they are winners of the Junior C Grade. Congratulations to this team and their coach, Zoran Sinovcic and manager Cathy Bunce (staff member). Many of the team members are Y9 so we are looking towards a very bright water polo future for our school.

Can you help?

We are currently seeking coaches and managers for our 2016 teams. **If you 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** (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 as all sport is now finished for this year. 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.

Support our travelling teams

We have 3 netball teams travelling to a netball carnival on the Gold Coast, Australia next July. A part of their fundraising is a sausage sizzle at Bunnings New Lynn on Sunday 6 December. If you are in the area and fancy a carefully cooked sausage, please support our teams in this way.

Individual Honours

Congratulations to **Shantael Ligaliga (Y12)** who has been selected in the Auckland Senior Women's Golf Team to play at the interprovincial tournament at Ashburton Golf Club which starts Tuesday 8 December.

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

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 the Gateway programme and/or careers counselling. Congratulations to those who have apprenticeships, jobs or tertiary courses already confirmed for next year. There are always new work, apprenticeship, course and scholarship opportunities becoming available, so please look out for these online, in the newspaper and at our Student Services Centre. We will be available until 11 December for any student who would like to make an appointment to see either of us this year. The best way to contact Mrs Keir from mid-January with any questions or concerns you might have is by email (wkeir@lynfield.school.nz). Best wishes for your NCEA results and enjoy your well-earned summer holiday."
Mrs Keir, Careers Advisor and Mrs Harvey, Gateway Coordinator

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.

Y13 students planning on tertiary study next year should apply for their Student Allowances and Loans before 16 December. First time applicants can do this by using RealMe. Students can sign up online for their Real Me verified identity and then get a free photo taken to complete the process at participating Post Shops. This means students can prove who they are without having to provide copies of a passport or birth certificate. By applying early, students will allow enough time for all

the steps in the application process to be completed before their course starts. It's not necessary for students to have their NCEA results or have locked down all their study plans.

Agricultural and equine taster experiences, 14-17 December. A great opportunity to find out if a job in the primary industries is for you and what it's like to learn at Taratahi. Activities include hands-on experiences with quad bikes, chainsaws, fencing, engineering, stock handling, tractors and more. Equine activities take place at Panorama Equestrian Centre. Cost is \$100, excluding transport to and from Wairarapa. www.taratahi.ac.nz

University of Auckland Business School Open Day for Y13 Maori & Pacific Students – Thursday 3 & Friday 4 December.

The initial deadline for students applying to enrol in an undergraduate course at The University of Auckland Business School is 8th December (but note that students can still make late applications after that date). In our experience, many students want to go to university but are undecided up to the last minute as to what course they should enrol in.

The University of Auckland are offering undecided Maori & Pacific school students the chance to come in to the Business School after their exams to find out more about:

- Business as a career and studying business at the Business School
- The welcoming environment for Maori & Pacific students at the Business School

This is also an opportunity for students who have decided to apply for a place at the Business School to attend to gain more information. Students should arrive at the Business School at 10am either day, where they will be greeted. The visit will take a couple of hours and include refreshments. The Business School is located in the centre of the city, in the Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, Auckland.

Interested students should register to attend by sending an email to: a.deboyet@auckland.ac.nz or by phoning: 09 923 2501.

If some students would like to attend but have trouble getting to the university we may be able to assist them. Those students should email a.deboyet@auckland.ac.nz describing their difficulties.

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There is also an opportunity to be part of this team and gain experience in the media industry. Opportunities for interviewing/reporting, opinion writing, reviewing, photography, video, design & illustration and marketing.

To join the team (The Mavericks) email editor@tearaway.co.nz

Open Days & Information Evenings:

SAE Creative Media Institute Open Day (Audio Engineering & Film Courses) – Sat 28 Nov, 11am-3pm, 10 Heather St, Parnell

American Sports Scholarship Info Session (talented athletes looking to study & compete in USA) – Sat 28 Nov, 2-4pm, Crowne Plaza

AFS Intercultural Programme Info Evening – Sun 29 Nov, 5.30pm-6.30pm, St Mark's Church Hall, 95 Remuera Rd

MIT (Manukau Institute of Technology) Open Afternoon – Tue 1 Dec, 3.30pm or 5.30pm, School of Secondary-Tertiary studies, NK Block, Gate 11A, Otara Rd, Otara, Manukau

AUT Sport & Recreation Experience Afternoon – Wed 2 Dec, 4.30-7.30pm, AF Room, 90 Akoranga Dr, North Shore

Cut Above Academy Open Day – Fri 11 Dec, 10am-4pm, Level 6, 242 Queen St, City www.cutabove.co.nz

Crown Institute of Studies Open Day – Thu 17 Dec, 9am-4pm, 80 Anzac Ave, City www.crown.ac.nz

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