



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 5

1 May 2015

Coming Events:

Week 2	Sun 3 May	11GEO Rotorua trip departs
Week 3	Mon 4	11GEO Rotorua trip returns
	Tue 5	Progress Conferences (student surnames M – Z) 4 – 7pm
	Fri 8	Ugly Shakespeare Company, 9am Hall
Week 4	Tue 12	Scholarship Information Evening, 7pm Staffroom
	Wed 13	10WL & 9PR Auckland Writers Festival trip
		Gifted and Talented Students Conference
	Thu 14	12ENC & 13ENC Auckland Writers Festival trip
		Year 12 & 13 Workchoice Day
Week 5	Mon 18	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i>
	Tue 19	Mid-Year Reports started
		ICAS Digital Technology Comp
	Thu 21	Eton Press Senior Maths Competition
		12/13DRA - Maidment Theatre
	Fri 22 – Sat 23	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), AGGS
Week 6	Mon 25	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i>
		Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin building
	Thu 28	CAREERS EXPO
		Pacific Families Evening, 6.15 – 8.30pm
Week 7	Mon 1 Jun	Queen's Birthday – public holiday, school closed
	Tue 2	ASSESSMENT WEEK
	Wed 3	ICAS Science Competition
	Wed 3 – Sun 7	NZ Chamber Music Competition
Week 8	Tue 9	Big Sing Choral Festival
	Wed 10 – Thu 11	13SCI – Liggins Institute
	Thu 11	13CHC – AWE (Alongside Work Experience)
	Sun 14 – Mon 15	13GEO – Rotorua
Week 9	Mon 15	ICAS Writing competition
	Wed 17	11/12/13DRA – Q Theatre
	Thu 18	13CHC – AWE
Week 10	Mon 22 – Wed 24	9BUS Tip Top Factory trips
	Tue 23	PRODUCTION WEEK
	Thu 25	Tough Guy & Gal Competition
Week 11	Mon 29	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin building
	Wed 1 Jul	CULTURAL PHOTOS
		12MUS/MUP Group Performance Evening, 7pm Hall
	Thu 2	Mid-Year Reports issued
	Fri 3	Term 2 ends
Week 1	Mon 20 Jul	Term 3 begins
	Tue 21	Enrolment Open Day – tours 11am
	Wed 22	Enrolment Open Day – tours 1.30pm & 4pm
	Thu 23	Australian National Chemistry Quiz
Week 2	Mon 27	4 th House Meetings
		Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm Hall
	Tue 28	4 th House Meetings
		ICAS English competition
	Thu 30	WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS
		Australian Maths Competition
		Pacific Families Evening, 6.15 – 8.30pm
Week 3	Mon 3 Aug	Course Selection month begins
	Wed 5	11MUS/MUP Group Performance Evening, 7pm Hall
	Thu 6	Progress Conferences (student surnames A - L) 4 – 7pm
		Y9 & Y10 Workchoice Career Pathfinder
	Fri 7	Teachers Workchoice Day

Dear Parents/Caregivers

At the end of last term we held a very successful Cultural Festival at the College. Thanks to all those students, parents and staff who supported this annual event. We have a wide variety of cultures at the College and this was a wonderful opportunity for the extended school community to share the features of these cultures which make them so special and unique. Students spend hours practising their items to ensure the community gets to see performances at their very best. The food is prepared by students and their families and again the aim is to give us an appreciation of the diversity and sophistication of the dishes available from each group. Despite a few showers of rain, the day could not have been a more positive and enjoyable experience.

The aim of the day is to spread understanding and increase appreciation of the contribution each group makes to our school and the wider community. The day is not a fund raiser. It is self-funding with the cost for each dish expected to cover the cost of ingredients. The performers pay all their own expenses. The College contributes through meeting expenses of security, cleaning, waste disposal, etc.

I would like to thank Ms Sherry Wagner our Cultural Co-ordinator and her team of students, especially the Arts and Culture Captains, and all students, staff and parents who so generously gave their time and expertise to ensure this was such a successful event.

Last week was a very special week at the College. At each of the year level assemblies a special ANZAC commemoration was held. This included a brief history, poems, the last post by Jake Krishnamurti and a minute's silence.

Around the school we had our Peace Poppies (over 500) and white crosses for our Field of Remembrance. The Learning Support Department held a special ceremony on Friday afternoon, with Year 11 student Logan Collings playing the bagpipes. There have also been displays in the library and activities in classrooms.



The College was also represented at the unveiling of the new WW1 Memorial in May Rd on Tuesday 21 April.



On ANZAC day the school was officially represented at the May Road ANZAC service by student leaders.



I will be taking up my Woolf Fisher Trust Fellowship from week 3 of this term and will return to the College in week 2 of Term 3. In my absence Lexie Ridling will be Principal and Cath Knell will be Associate Principal. Deputy Principals are Murray Black, Alistair Aitken and Gabrielle Clark. Yvonne Townsend will be Assistant Principal and Russell Newbrook will be Faculty Leader, Technology.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Arts and Culture Captains

Kia Ora! We are Oksana Zhang and Jairah Perida and it is our honour to have been elected as Arts and Cultural Captains this year at Lynfield College. In this role we seek to primarily spread and encourage the growth of the Arts, both Visual and Performing Arts. Equally, we aim to foster the rich cultural diversity of our school, creating an atmosphere of rich cultural appreciation and understanding amongst the students of Lynfield College, through cultural groups and events.

Our role started with one of the largest events of the year for both the Arts and Cultural team and the school – Cultural Week and Cultural Festival Day. During the course of Cultural Week, culturally orientated activities run by teachers and students were held every lunchtime. These included henna and moko tattoos, Cultural Fashion Show, live band performances and the newly introduced origami workshop. The week finished off with the Cultural Festival Day to showcase our school's diversity, where we took the community on a "journey around the globe" with cultural performances and food. With Term 1 being extremely short this year, we managed to pull the event together in the end. Our reward? Success! Despite the rainy weather, the day turned out to be very successful and it proved that people didn't mind getting wet to taste the cultural foods!



We'd like to thank our Assistant Cultural Captains, Dylan Goodisson and Harshaa Prasad, the Cultural Co-ordinator, Mrs Wagner and all of the other teachers, students and parents involved in the process of making Cultural Week and Cultural Festival Day a massive success.

We are now moving on to some of our other events, such as Arts Week and speaking at the annual Festival Awards Evening. We also intent to bring back Talent Quest this year for the first time in three years, so we are excited to see how that will turn out! We look forward to representing the Arts and Cultural groups of Lynfield College throughout the rest of the year and hope to see more students involving themselves, friends and even the family in more Arts and Cultural events and groups.

We are both actively involved in the Music Department and various cultural groups. Next year we both plan to study Medicine or Health Science at the University of Auckland, with Oksana also seeking to study overseas.

Oksana Zhang & Jairah Perida

Uniform

With cooler weather approaching, it is important that students have the correct winter uniform items for Terms 2 and 3. Please ensure as well that your child has wet weather gear to wear. We are often asked for dry clothing by students and this demand is not possible for us to meet.

We are in need of school jerseys and jackets to loan to students who because of financial hardship do not have them. If you have any of these items which are no longer required by your family we would appreciate having them. You can deliver them to the reception desk at any time during the school day.

Black leather shoes are the only shoes allowed - no canvas, boots, hightops or sports shoes. Winter jerseys, jackets, beanies and scarves are available from the uniform shop. Please note that items are to be worn as designed - for example, the girl's senior pencil skirt is to be worn at knee length and if shortened will have to be replaced. From Term 2 we will send senior students home if they are incorrectly dressed so that they can change into the correct uniform. Thank you for your support of the College.

Progress Conferences Bookings Reminder

The second evening of Progress Conferences will be held between **4.00pm and 7.00pm on Tuesday 5 May**. This offers you a significant opportunity to meet your child's teachers. During the evening you will be able to discuss the achievement and progress in each course and help set goals or targets for the rest of the year.

If you have not already made an appointment there may still be time to do so and you will need to use an internet connection to login in to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The event code or password for this web page and the lists of course codes and teacher codes from your child's timetable are included on the instruction sheet issued with your child's report on Thursday 2 April.

If you need another copy of the instruction sheet or would like any assistance with making the interview appointments please contact the school office (627 0600) or email directly to Mr Black (mblack@lynfield.school.nz).

As school finishes early at 2.20pm on Progress Conference days there will be supervised study available in the school Library until the normal finish time of 3.10pm. The HCD school bus will depart from Boundary Road at 2.30pm.

You are encouraged to attend and can bring your child with you to be involved in the conversations with their teachers. We look forward to seeing you and trust that you will contact us if you need any help or advice.

M Black
Deputy Principal
Achievement, Assessment and Reporting

Cup / Trophy Return

If you have a cup or trophy which was awarded in 2014 (at Festival Awards, Senior or Junior prizegivings) you will have received a letter requesting their return. Please return them to the main reception in the Admin Building as a matter of urgency. It is NOT necessary to polish cups before their return. Thank you.

The Ugly Shakespeare Theatre Company – Hamlet

We are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity to our Drama, English, Classics and International Students groups at the College this year. Students will see professionally staged theatre from highly capable performers. This is an invaluable experience that will enrich their appreciation and enjoyment of visual and verbal language techniques used in live performance. The Ugly Shakespeare Company has been touring its adaptations of Shakespeare's plays in schools for 20 years and always presents a highly accomplished and entertaining show.

The show is arranged for Friday 8 May and students concerned will have received a permission letter to bring home, which must be returned to teachers

NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

The 2015 NZQA fee for domestic students is \$76.70, with a maximum of \$200 per family.

NB: Previously, three Scholarship entries were included in this \$76.70 NCEA fee. This is no longer the case. NZQA now charges a \$30 per subject fee for Scholarship entries. Payment of the standard fee should be made as soon as possible. Invoices for the extra amount for Scholarship candidates will be issued later when Scholarship entries have been finalised.

The cost for International fee paying students is \$383.30. This does not include Scholarship entries, which are \$102.20 per subject. Financial assistance cannot be claimed for International fee paying students.

Financial assistance is available for those who meet one of the following criteria:

- currently receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or have a current Community Services Card (benefit-based applications)
- are not currently receiving a benefit, or do not have a current Community Services Card, but do have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications)
- have two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income, and the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum (multiple candidate applications).

The fee for those qualifying for financial assistance in the first three categories is \$20, with a maximum of \$30 per family.

Full financial assistance details, including income thresholds for entitlement for a Community Services card can be viewed at:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/>

You must fill in an application form to receive financial assistance.

A new application has to be filled in each year – if you received financial assistance last year it does not automatically carry over.

Financial assistance application forms are now available from the Deans' Reception. The form should be completed and returned to Mr Delgrosso's office as soon as possible. Students with a full fee invoice (\$76.70) should return it when they bring in their completed Financial Assistance form. A new invoice for the adjusted amount will be issued. The process can be shortened if the student brings in the \$20 fee when they return the completed Financial Assistance form.

Invoices will soon be issued, with payment due by the end of this term (3 July). Please plan for this payment so that you can help us to meet our NZQA deadlines. For most students, the fee will be \$76.70.

NB: The invoice should be returned to the Accounts Office when payment is made. If paying online, please also return the invoice. Write a brief note at the top of the invoice that payment has been made online, together with the date of payment.

e-Waste Collect

There will be an e-waste collection at Lynfield College in the lower car park (access via Gate 2 only) on Saturday 13 June between 9am and 3pm. This is a drive-through event with people available to unload e-waste from cars.

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.

Pacific Students' Homework Centre

This homework centre is 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)**

Sports Scene

Team Talk

Again, we have about 50 teams entered in weekly interschool competitions. Some teams began their competitions last week while the rest start this week and next. Grading games are underway in some sports, while others have started their championship already.

Thank you for your support of both your child and the school in helping our students meet their sporting obligations. It has been great to see the majority of our players taking responsibility to meet all their sporting commitments. Full communication with the team coach or manager is the key factor in ensuring a team functions efficiently.

Help still needed

We still need some team managers for various teams. Please consider whether you are able to help by managing your child's team. **Please contact the Sports Office 627 0600 ext 595 or email Felicity Walbran (Sports Director)**
fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

Uniform care

To help us continue to provide quality uniforms for our sports teams it is really important that these simple washing instructions are followed for all our sporting garments:

Cold wash, NO dryer, NO iron

Uniform Return

All summer sports uniforms should now have been returned. If your son or daughter still has a uniform they used for summer sport we would really appreciate its return as soon as possible.

Physiotherapy service

Alastair Prentice of "Active Physio" is again offering a free, **on-site** physiotherapy service to **all our students who have injuries covered by ACC**. Alastair is a very experienced physio and treated a considerable number of our students last year when this service started. Clinics at school as follows:

Monday and Friday, 12 – 2pm.

Appointments should be booked through the school nurse, Glynne Newton.

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

Individual Honours

Congratulations to our students who have recently had great success at regional and national level:

Sam Hudson (Y11) won the silver medal in Division 1 match-play at the North Island junior champs in March. Sam uses a recurve bow which is the more traditional type of bow. There are also archers who use compound bows. With wheels on each limb, these bows are a lot more accurate. Archers using the different bow types do not compete against each other.

Samantha Martin (Y9) has qualified in 4 events for National age group swim champs. Samantha specialises in longer pool events and we wish her well in the North Island secondary Schools Champs to be held in May.

Freya Rose (Y11) was part of a 2 person crew which won the Auckland Sunburst Sailing Championship, held at Pt Chev on the weekend of the 11th/12th of April. She finished 1st on handicap for the Open Age Group. Sunbursts are 2 person sailing dinghies and her partner for this event was Andrew Stevens (not a Lynfield Student). Overall First on Handicap,

Maddison Wesche World Youth Champs

Maddison has been selected in the New Zealand World Youth Athletics Team and will compete in Cali, Columbia this year in July, representing New Zealand for shot put. Maddison is 15 years old and currently ranked 8th in the world for U18s. She will be the first shot put girl to represent NZ at these games since Valerie Adams and in March this year Maddison broke Valerie's record for North Island Secondary Schools Girls shot put. She also holds the NZ U19 and NZ U20 Womens shot put titles and recently won gold at the Australian Champs for U17 Girls shot put.

The 6 New Zealand athletes attending the World Youth Champs must pay for their own transport to Columbia, plus accommodation. They are required to travel to America 3 weeks prior to the event in order to acclimatise to the 32 degree temperature and high altitude. Maddison will be away for up to 4 weeks. As this event coincides with NCEA exams and internals, Maddison is also working hard on her academic commitments. If you would like to support Maddison in her quest to represent New Zealand, visit the following [givealittle](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/maddisonwescheworldyouth), Spark Foundation page.

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Careers

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

Visitors To Our School:

University of Waikato Info & Overview Session – Tue 5 May, 12.40pm, A1 www.waikato.ac.nz

University of Auckland Faculty of Education Info & Overview Session – Thu 7 May, 12.40pm, A1 www.auckland.ac.nz

University of Canterbury Info & Overview Session – Tue 12 May, 12.40pm, A1 www.canterbury.ac.nz

Upcoming Careers Events:

NZ Defence Force Info & Fitness Evening – Mon 4 May, 6-8pm, 204 Great North Rd, Grey Lynn

STS Student Travel School Info Evening – Tue 5 May, 7.15pm, Meadowbank Community House, 55 Meadowbank Dr

Crown Hospitality, Travel & Tourism Open Day – Tue 12 May and Thu 14 May See Mrs Hughes ASAP

Massey University Info & Enrolment Evening – Wed 13 May (for Business, Arts, Design & more) and Thu 14 May (for Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering, Health & more), 6pm, Gate 1, Dairy Flat Highway, SH17, Albany

NZ College of Chiropractic Open Day – Sat 16 May, 1-4pm, 6 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington

AUT University, North Shore Campus Info Evening – Wed 20 May www.aut.ac.nz

University of Waikato Open Day, Hamilton Campus – Fri 21 May www.waikato.ac.nz

Careers Expo, ASB Show Grounds, Greenlane – Thu 28, Fri 29 & Sat 30 May. Various times. www.careersexpo.org.nz

MIT Experience Days are available to Y13 & Y12 students seriously considering studying at MIT next year. You must be able to arrange your own transport to and from South Auckland to attend one of these events. Experience Days are available in Sport & Exercise Science, Nursing & Health Studies, Trades, Business, Computing, Engineering, Early Childhood Education and Travel & Tourism. See Mrs Hughes or Mrs Keir ASAP if you are interested.

Unitec Taster Experiences are available for Y13 & Y12 students considering studying at Unitec next year. You must be able to arrange your own transport to and from Unitec to attend one of these events. Taster Experiences are available in Acting, Animal Welfare & Management, Architecture, Automotive, Boat building, Canine Behaviour & Training, Carpentry, Civil Engineering, Communication Studies, Contemporary Dance, Design & Visual Arts, Early Childhood education, Furniture & Cabinet Making, Landscape Architecture, Landscape Design, Marine Engineering, Music Introductory, Nursing, Screen Arts, Social Practice, Sport, Vet Nursing and Welding & Fabrication. See Mrs Hughes or Mrs Keir ASAP if you are interested.

All Year 13 students will be visiting the Auckland Careers Expo at the ASB Showgrounds on Thursday 28 May, departing school at 12.40pm and returning by 3pm. Year 13 form teachers will be supporting their Y13 form class when they attend. The Careers Expo is a one stop shop for careers advice and information from the widest range of employers, training providers and industry bodies. Download the Careers Expo NZ app to view exhibitor information, favourite exhibitors you'd like to receive information from, chat with careers experts and receive exclusive promotions. careersexpo.org.nz/ap The World of Work exhibit is designed to showcase the many pathways from school into the workforce. With practical ideas on getting yourself work ready and improving your chances of landing the job you really want.

The Careers Expo being held at the ASB Showgrounds, is open to the public at the following times:

Thursday 28 May:	10am – 3pm and 5pm – 7pm
Friday 29 May:	10am – 3pm
Saturday 20 May:	10am – 3pm