



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 2

4 March 2016

Coming Events:

Week 6	Mon 7 – Wed 9 Mar	12PHE Land Camp – Shakespear Regional Park
	Mon 7	Junior Open Debating, round 1
	Tue 8	12BIA – Arataki
		Robotics Worlds trip parents' meeting 6-7.30pm in D1
	Wed 9	12BIO – Arataki
	Thu 10	11HIS – Museum
		12&13BUS – Rainbow's End
	Fri 11	Y9 & Y10 Digital Citizenship Project P1-4
		Learning Support Drama trip – Civic Theatre
		Whānau Hui, PAC/Te Ringa Āwhina Marae, Lynfield College, 6.30 – 8pm
Week 7	Mon 14	SENIOR ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEEK
		12HTH Listen Up programme
	Wed 16	ASB Polyfest begins
		11HIS trip
	Wed 16 – Sat 19	PSSP Residential Training, Kiwanis Camp, Huia
	Fri 18	Newsletter No. 3 emailed
Week 8	Mon 21	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin Building
	Tue 22	Pacific Parents Evening, 6.30pm Staffroom
	Wed 23	TENNIS CHAMPS
		Progress Reports Issued
		Germany Exchange Farewell Evening, 6.30pm Staffroom (or 24 th TBC)
	Thu 24	All 12HIS – Waikumete
	Fri 25	EASTER GOOD FRIDAY
		Lynfield College Music students at Tauranga Jazz Festival
Week 9	Tue 29	EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY
	Wed 30	School resumes
		CULTURAL WEEK
	Thu 31	11SCB – Zoo trip
	Fri 1 Apr	Newsletter No. 4 emailed
	Sat 2	LYNFIELD COLLEGE CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY 12 – 4pm
	Sun 3	12GEO – Ruapehu trip departs (returns Tue 5)
Week 10	Mon 4	11/12/13MUS&MUP Solo 1 Performances – in class this week
		Junior Open Debating round 2
	Tue 5	13ESS – Stardome
	Wed 6	13BIO&BIA – Zoo
	Thu 7	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS
		Progress Conferences (A – L), 4 – 7pm
	Fri 8	13PXM – Rainbow's End (rain day 13 Apr)
Week 11	Tue 12	Progress Conferences (M – Z), 4 – 7pm
	Thu 14	12ODE Assessment (TBC)
		Y13 PILOT
	Fri 15	Newsletter No. 5 emailed
		Term 1 ends
Week 1	Mon 2 May	Term 2 begins
		Jazz Combo – Melbourne trip departs (returning Mon 9 May)
	Tue 3	12ESS – Waitomo
		13CHC - Work Experience
	Wed 4	Otago Junior Maths Competition
		Y9 & Y11 Leadership Camp departs (returns 6 May)
	Thu 5	Y11 Attitude Presentation
	Sun 8 – Mon 9	11GEO – Rotorua
Week 2	Tue 10	13CHC – Work Experience
	Thu 12	13GEO – Muriwai
	Fri 13	Teacher Only Day – no classes on this day
Week 3	Mon 16	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i>
		13MUS Solo Performances in class this week
	Thu 19	11-13DRA – Auckland Theatre Co
		Senior Maths Competition

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the second newsletter for the year.

Our Year 9 students have settled well into their school life at Lynfield, with the majority making the most of the new opportunities that are available to them. I would encourage our junior students to become involved in extra-curricular activities offered at the College. This is a great way for students to meet different people and also to share in the wider community. Students should read the daily notices during form time to keep informed about cultural and sporting opportunities that may arise. The daily notices are also posted on student noticeboards and on e-LynC.

Our Athletics Sports day was very successful. The House system encourages participation from all levels with some fierce competition in a variety of point-allocated events. From this day students were selected to take part in the College's Athletics Championships. Results from the days appear in the sports section of this newsletter.

In the past two weeks, we have held two parents' evenings – Year 9 Parents' Evening and NCEA Information Evening - both very well supported by parents keen to monitor the development of opportunities for their sons and daughters. It is very useful for parents and staff to exchange ideas and learn from each other about how to enhance student learning. If you attended these evenings and have any further questions that may have arisen, please contact Deputy Principal Steven Mouldley or Deputy Principal Richard Winn.

On Friday 11 March a Whānau Hui will be held at the College Te Ringa Āwhina Marae at 6.30pm, where we especially look forward to seeing our Kapa Haka students perform before their participation in Polyfest.

We are half way through Term 1 with teaching staff having undertaken assessment activities with all students. Progress Report writing has begun. These reports will indicate the academic progress, effort, organisation and lessons missed by students in each subject. As such they will provide an indication to you of how focused and settled your children are in their learning and where support is required. In Newsletter No. 1 all families are made aware of the homework pamphlet that can be accessed on our website. This is a guide on how you can help with homework and what the school's expectations are. **Progress Reports will be issued on Wednesday 23 March.** An individualised information sheet about our on line appointment booking schedule will accompany reports.

Progress Conferences

These will be held in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term. Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname.

Thursday 7 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm

Tuesday 12 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. Students are released at 2.20pm on these days and the HCD bus departs from Boundary Road at 2.30pm.

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Acting Principal

Digital Devices at Home

The College has been approached by parents seeking advice on how to deal with students and their devices in the home, particularly late at night.

- Talk with your child about any concerns you have and why.
- Know what homework is being done on the device. Ask how long they think it will take. See evidence of what is achieved.
- For juniors it would be very unusual for a student to need to be doing homework after 9pm.
- If online activities such as gaming are an issue, turn off the WiFi between certain times.
- Devices used at school need to be charged each night and we suggest leaving the device in a shared space rather than in your child's bedroom.
- You can always keep the device for times that you think are appropriate.

Staff at NetSafe NZ are happy to discuss any digital issues with you or will respond to emails.

Phone: 09 3620971

Email: queries@netsafe.org.nz

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. To update email changes, email rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz indicating your child's name and form class in your email message.

Student Leader Profile – Head Girl & Head Boy

Our names are Grace Kaleta and Amanpreet Singh Reen and it is our honour and privilege to be the head students for Lynfield College 2016.

This year is set to be an exciting journey, which we are fortunate to be sharing with a talented student executive team. Our goal is to encourage and inspire students to make the most out of the opportunities that are provided at Lynfield College. Our ambition, that we will strive to achieve, is that all of our peers have a successful and enjoyable school year.

Currently we are in the process of making this year's Ball a memorable experience, through working with the Ball Committee which has recently formed.

Overall, we give our best wishes to our peers for 2016 and hope that we are able to fulfil our roles to the best of our abilities.



Aman Reen & Grace Kaleta

Student Leader Profile – Deputy Head Girl & Deputy Head Boy

Ciao, my name is Gianni Gambassi and I have had the honour of being elected as the Deputy Head Boy for 2016. I am eager to face the responsibilities and challenges that await me this year. I will work hard this year to bring pride to the school, while being a positive influence on the students.

Talofa lava, my name is Elizabeth Fa'amamafa and I have been blessed with the honour of being your Deputy Head Girl for 2016. In my eyes, this encompasses having pride in our school, myself, my peers, my work and others. My main goals for this year are contributing to raising the achievement level of Pacific students and being someone the Lynfield College community can take pride in being represented by.

The beginning of 2016 has already provided challenges but has also been highly rewarding. Having learned so much from the AUT Leadership Summit 2016 and working together with our entire Student Exec team at the Unitec High Ropes Course, we feel highly energized for the year and are ready to put our new found skills to good use. This year a major role for us will be co-ordinating fundraising events. This role will be in conjunction with the Year 12 Exec team and we hope our work with them will give them some ideas for when they are in similar positions to us in 2017.

Thank you for all your support and we hope to return the same support to the school and its students.



Gianni Gambassi & Elizabeth Fa'amamafa

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.

Homework Centres

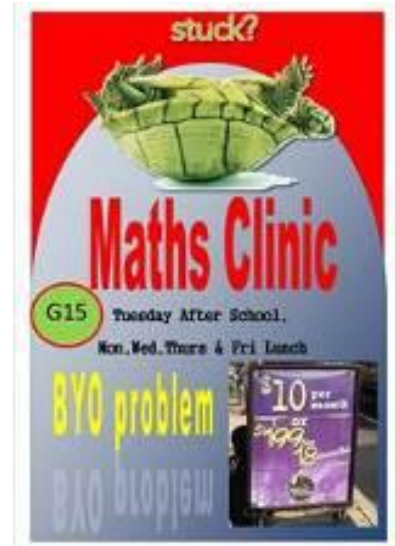
The College Library opens at 8.00am remains open after school every day until 3.40pm, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

Mathematics Clinic 2016

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

2016 Athletics Day

After two days of wet weather and more rain forecast late in the day, we were so lucky to have a fine day with a layer of high cloud.

The morning programme was a rotation of 11 events (a mixture of track and field and tabloid) which created a huge amount of fun and competition. The most noise and excitement was generated in the Obstacle Course and the Tug o' War as junior classes and senior houses tried to get as many participants involved as possible to boost their house points.

The House Captains worked extremely hard to involve all students in the presentation of their House Mascot. They came up with some interesting, creative and amazing ideas, ranging from batman to a tennis game involving a human tennis ball, to impress the judges. This competition and Best Dressed House, were both judged by an independent panel of staff who found it really difficult to find clear winners!

The house and form class sprint finals and relays were hotly contested in the afternoon and showed we certainly have talent at all levels in these track events.

Congratulations to overall winners, Reid house who have worked out that participation is the key to success as the whole house ran, threw, jumped and tugged to the max.

Final Tally

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Morning Events	25	45	35	40	50	30
Sprint Finals & Relays	15	25	12.5	21.25	17.5	21.25
Best Dressed	10	14	16	20	18	12
House Mascot	10	12	16	20	18	14
Rubbish	12	4.5	10.5	7.5	6	9
TOTAL	72	100.5	90	108.75	109.5	86.25
FINAL PLACING	6TH	3RD	4TH	2ND	1ST	5TH



Athletics Championships

We again held this event off site at Margaret Griffen Park a week after our Athletics Day. It allows our serious athletes a chance to really show their capabilities in field and middle distance track events in a more official setting. About 45 students were selected to compete, based on their performance on Athletics Day &/or performance during PE lessons relating to athletics. With places in our Central/West Zone team at stake, competition was tough. It showed we have some outstanding talent in a wide range of athletics events, gave us a reliable set of records for juniors, intermediates and seniors and provided a fair and robust system to determine our Athletics Champions.

This event was very much a community effort. Very special thanks must go to Roskill South Athletics Club for the use of their equipment and facilities, and to Alastair and Nathan Maisey and Numia Kennerly for their organisation of equipment, staff and Sports Captains who all pulled together to make this such a success. Thirty-one athletes qualified for the Central/West Zone meet at Mt Smart Wednesday 9 March - our biggest team for many years.

Swimming

The swimming team performed very creditably at the Central/West Zone Meet last Thursday, both in the pool and as representatives of the College and themselves. Special thanks to those who were able to assist with transport or officiating at the event. Such events rely on your support and cannot be run without it. Best performances at the zones were:

Individuals

Ben Henwood (Y9) 3rd Backstroke - Boys 13 + under

Aaron Tahu (Y10) 2nd Backstroke, 3rd Butterfly, 6th Freestyle, 2nd Freestyle - Boys 14-15yrs

Rohan Mukherjee (Y11) 2nd Freestyle - Boys 14-15yrs

Relays

Jackson Potauaine, Aaron Tahu, Taea Lambert, Rohan Mukherjee - 1st Boys 14-15yrs Freestyle

Dani Hewitt, Sophie Bradley, Jazdia Hagai, Sama Ibrahim-Jerrywo - 4th Girls 13+under Freestyle

The next stage is the Champion of Champions on 15 March, again at West Wave. To qualify for this event a swimmer (or relay team) must have one of the top eight times over the four Auckland Zones, so winning at the Zone event will not necessarily get a swimmer to the next stage. We are now waiting for all zones to complete their swimming events so we know which of our swimmers have qualified for the greater Auckland swim meet. Watch this space!

Academies

Academies in netball (Thursday afternoon) and football (Wednesday morning) are well underway and applications are currently open for the basketball academy. We are thrilled with the response to these, both in the number of students involved and their absolute commitment to their sport. These academies provide an excellent opportunity for our serious athletes to hone their skills, on and off the field/court in their chosen sport.

Getting Behind Lynfield Sport

Thank you so much to those from our community who have offered to help with Lynfield Sport whether it be coaching, managing or helping with transport to games. *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

Team Talk

Summer Sports

Fickle weather over the past week has caused several games to be cancelled; however there have been a large number of wins for the teams who have competed.

Tennis

As with most of our sports, we have some competitive and some social tennis teams. Consequently results are mixed but all are enjoying their sport.

Volleyball

Our senior boys' team remains at the top of their section of the weekly competition! These boys are training 5 times/week and have their sights firmly set on the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships to be held at The Trusts stadium next week (10 – 12 March). All supporters are most welcome.

The senior girls team is also involved in a rigorous training regime and improving noticeably each game.

Cricket

The 1st XI Girls team dominated EGGS this week when they bowled them all out for 82 runs. Lynfield scored 85 – 3 wickets, giving them a win by 4 wickets!

The 1st XI Boys played Selwyn College last Saturday. Lynfield batted first and scored 169 runs for 9 in 30 overs then bowled Selwyn out for 133 runs in the 28th over. This gave Lynfield College a 36 run victory! Everyone played well, particularly Rupin Kumar who scored 57 runs and bowlers Kiran Patel (4 wickets) and Yash Patel (6 overs, 2 wickets just for 2 runs)!

The **Junior A Boys** team had another big win on Saturday. Lynfield knocked up 120 runs for the loss of 5 wickets. In reply, Kingsway were all out for 42 giving Lynfield a win by 78 runs!

Our newly formed **Junior B Boys** cricket team played a good 1st game of the season, although the result was not what they might have wished for. Batting first, Lynfield set the pace low at 94 for 10 wickets. Although their bowling was far stronger than their batting, a strong batting side from De La Salle meant that once they passed 94, they called end of game. This group is hugely enthusiastic and committed. They are lucky to have Rupin Kumar (Y12) as coach and they will have lots to work on at training this week before the next game!

Orienteering

39 students from all year levels have now competed in the 1st 2 events (at Waitakere and Avondale Colleges) of the series which is held on the grounds of a different school each week. Each competes individually to find all the check points in the fastest possible time. All have really enjoyed the chance to combine physical and mental exercise get all check points in the right order in the shortest possible time. There have also been some excellent results with most finishing in the top half of their age group. Top results are:

Danielle Matthews (Y11) Int Girls - 3rd Waitakere, 2nd Avondale
Esther Tomkinson (Y11) Int Girls - 4th Waitakere, 4th Avondale
Gianni Gambassi (Y13) Sen Boys - 4th Waitakere, 4th Avondale

Touch

The Senior Boys team is showing that good team work is essential for success on the field and is enjoying the resulting success with far more wins than losses.

The Senior Girls team is also developing real unity which, combined with their drive, is making them a team to watch!

Dragon boating

The Auckland Secondary Schools Championships are now only 10 days away (13 March) so the training intensity is increasing, especially with a season shortened by training cancellations due to high winds. The regatta is held at Lake Pupuke starting at 8am and finishing late afternoon. It is always dominated by a huge sense of fun and friendly (on the land) and intense (on the water) rivalry. Come and enjoy an entertaining and relaxing day.

Winter Sports

- Pre-season training for all football is happening weekly.
- Rugby pre-season training will begin next week.
- Netball trials begin with Y9 trials this Friday and will be on-going over the next 2 – 3 weeks.
- Musters and trials for other winter sports will take place over the next 2 weeks.

As usual, all will be advertised in the Daily Notices.

Help needed

We expect to have approximately 50 winter sports teams as we try very hard to place in teams **all** students wanting to play a sport for our school. 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!**

Currently we need coaches and managers for:

- Rugby
- Football
- Basketball
- Netball
- Hockey

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

Individual Honours

Congratulations to:

Maddison Wesche (Y12) competed in the Auckland Track Challenge at Waitakere last week. Here she competed against Valerie Adams in the Senior Women's Shot Put.

Valerie won the event with an 18.85m throw and Maddi came second with a 13.53m throw. This was not Maddi's Personal Best but it is still very special to finish 2nd to the best in the world, especially as the field included Australian competitors.

Michael Carswell (Y13) was a member of the Auckland U19 cycling team which won the national title for the U19 men's 4000m Team Pursuit. They also finished 5th fastest team including all the elite men's teams! (*Michael is on the left in the photo below.*)



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 (e.g. certificate, letter of selection, etc) so we have the exact wording of their achievement, or email these details to fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

Careers

Y13 Tertiary Visitors

This term, all NZ universities will be visiting our school to present course overviews to Y13 students considering studying at university in 2017. Please make sure you attend.

Lincoln University, Tuesday 8 March, 12.40pm, A1

University of Canterbury, Thursday 10 March, 12.40pm, A1

AUT (Auckland University of Technology), Friday 11 March, 12.40pm, PAC

University of Otago, Monday 21 March, 12.40pm, A1

Victoria University of Wellington, Thursday 31 March, 12.40pm, A1

University of Waikato, Friday 8 April, 12.40pm, A1

MIT (Manukau Institute of Technology), Tue 12 April, 12.40pm, A1

Tertiary & Career Events 2016

CTC Aviation Pilot Open Day, Sat 5 March, Boyd Rd, Hamilton www.ctcaviation.com/events

Student Exchange Info Meeting, Tue 22 March, Meadowbank Community Centre, 7pm

Lattitude Global Volunteering Info Night, Thu 24 March, The Dominion, 234 Dominion Rd, 7pm

Get Ahead Expo Day-Primary Agriculture, Tue 5 April

Dunedin Tertiary Open Day, Mon 9 May (University of Otago & Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin)

University of Waikato Open Day, Hamilton Campus, Fri 13 May

Careers Expo ASB Showgrounds Greenlane, Thu 26 May

University of Otago Info Evening in Auckland, Mon 20 June

University of Canterbury Open Day, Christchurch, Thu 14 July

Lincoln University Open Day, Christchurch, Fri 15 July

Massey University Open Day Manawatu Campus, Wed 3 Aug

Massey University Open Day Albany Campus, Sat 20 August

Massey University Open Day Wellington Campus, Fri 26 August

Victoria University Open Day, Wellington, Fri 26 August

University of Auckland Courses & Careers Day, Sat 27 August

Are you a Y13 who would like to learn more about a career in Speech & Language Therapy? Massey University in Albany are hosting a Campus Experience Day on Thursday 14 April. If you would like to observe Speech & Language Therapy at work, meet current students and staff, as well as take part in practical activities related to the area, please come and see Mrs Keir ASAP. In order to attend you must be studying a L3 science or maths subject. www.massey.ac.nz