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Week 1 Mon 1 Aug		Term 3 begins	
		Course Selection for 2012 begins	
	Tue 2	ICAS English competition	
	Wed 3	Prefects that Peak	
	Thu 4	Australian Mathematics Competition	
		Progress Conference Evenings (A – L), 4 – 7pm	
	Sat 6	Enrolment for Year 9/2012, 9am – 12noon	
	Sun 7	Shinagawa Summer School arrives	
Week 2	Mon 8	5 th House Meetings	
	Tue 9	5 th House Meetings	
		Progress Conference Evenings (M – Z), 4 – 7pm	
	Thu 11	Mt Maunganui-Lynfield College Sports Exchange departs	
		Blood Donor Day, 9am – 2pm in the College Hall	
		Year 12 Drama Performance, 7pm PAC	
	Fri 12	Newsletter 11 emailed	

Week 3 Mon 15 Teacher Only Day (no classes on this day)

Tue 16 ARTS WEEK

Coming Events

Wed 17 WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS

Primary and Intermediate Art Competition Prizegiving Evening

Mt Maunganui-Lynfield College Sports Exchange returns

Thu 18 Senior Theatresports TYP Area Festival

House Quiz periods 5 and 6

Week 4 Mon 22 National Winter Tournament Week

In-Class Priority Time - This week is a period of uninterrupted class time and

students should not make appointments during school time this week.

Thu 25 Pasifika Parents Evening 6.30pm in the Staffroom

Week 5 Mon 29 In-Class Priority Time - This week is a period of uninterrupted class time -

students should not make appointments during school time this week.

Wed 31 - Fri 9 Sep SENIOR EXAMS

Enrolment for Year 9 in 2012

Fri 15 **Jul** Enrolment continues for Home Zone and Out of Zone students in categories 2 – 5,

9.30 – 11am, 3.15 – 4.30pm, (late nights Tue 12 and Thu 14 Jul, 7 – 8pm),

no appointment necessary

Mon 18 – Fri 22 Enrolment continues in the first week of the holidays, 9am – 12 noon,

Sat 6 Aug Enrolment 9am – 12 noon, no appointment necessary

Thu 1 **Sep** Out of Zone applications for category 6 students (no existing association with the College)

closes, 5pm (ballot date is Thu 8 Sep). Application forms are available from our website

www.lynfield.school.nz

Please note: There will be guided tours of the College every Thursday 4pm during Term 3.

Mon 3 Oct Out of zone applications for Years 10 – 13 close (ballot date is Fri 7 Oct)

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This is the final newsletter for Term 2, with students finishing for holidays tomorrow. Mid-year Reports were issued to senior and junior students today. These documents are an important indicator of your child's current progress and signal what they should do in order to continue to improve. The overall standard of the Reports is very high, with Deans delighted at the effort of most students. Progress Conferences will be held for students and their parents in Weeks 1 and 2 of next term (Thursday 4 and Tuesday 9 August).

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this year's annual production *Guys and Dolls* in Week 9. The cast first performed to local primary and intermediate schools at a matinee on Tuesday and gave wonderful evening performances from Wednesday to Saturday to appreciative audiences of all ages. It was an opportunity to showcase the tremendous amount of talent our students possess, whether it is playing an instrument, acting, singing or in technical roles such as costumes, sound and lighting.

As we come to the end of this very busy term, senior students are preparing for the annual school Ball which will be held on the last Saturday of the holidays. This is a wonderful occasion for senior students to take part in a formal social event. Past Lynfield Balls have always been highly successful and I expect the same this year.

Once the Ball finishes at 12am and students are allowed to leave, they become the responsibility of their parents. Parents need to know about the arrangements for their sons and daughters getting home afterwards. There was an indication of a large after-Ball gathering being planned, however this has been stopped. It does highlight the need for parents to communicate with their sons and daughters, be aware of their actions and set high expectations for appropriate, safe behaviour.

The Ball is a school function and alcohol has no place at such an event. Any student who arrives at the Ball having been drinking will not be allowed to enter and parents will be contacted and asked to take them home. All pre-Ball gatherings should be alcohol free for the students attending the Ball.

As a condition of entry to the Museum venue those attending will be searched and inappropriate items confiscated. In some cases these will be forwarded to the Police.

These conditions of the Ball are no different to previous years and work well in ensuring all those attending have a safe and enjoyable time.

Parent/Community Survey

Lynfield College uses feedback from parents to help us review and develop the programmes and resources we offer our students. This year we have invested in new technology for our internet and network facilities. In this survey we would appreciate your feedback to help us plan the development of ICT use in ways that support student learning both inside and outside the classroom. We appreciate you taking the time to answer the questions by clicking on the link below and following the instructions to complete the online survey. http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LCParentSurvey2011

S W Bovaird Principal

Student Leader Profile - Assistant Arts & Culture Captains

Hello everybody, I'm Kieran Bennett and I am one of the Assistant Arts and Culture Captains for this year with Jessica Holland and I can say that halfway through the year I am still excited about this position. I stood for this position last year as I thought that I had something to offer to the Arts and Culture aspect of Lynfield College. I've studied Art and Japanese since I started here at Lynfield and this has served me well during our school's Cultural Day where I even lead the Japanese cultural group.

I'm looking forward to our school's Art Week later in the year where we will be showcasing Lynfield's artistic talent at the Lopdell House Gallery. Next year I hope that I'll be accepted into AUT to study a conjoint degree of Communications and Graphic Design and then I would like to work for the JET program in Japan for a year as an assistant English language teacher. That is all in the future and for now I look forward to working with the rest of the Student Executive and the other Arts and Cultural Captains and whatever the year may bring.



I am Jessica, the Lynfield College assistant female Arts and Culture Captain for 2011. I was so happy to be elected to this leadership role, as I was given the chance to work with three other awesome students who all share my passion for the Arts. I love performing, and anything to do with drama and music. Throughout my years at Lynfield, I've been heavily involved within the Arts Department at school in areas such as taking part in our school productions, performing in talent quests and jazz bands, and entering in *Play it Strange* song writing competitions. I plan to extend my knowledge in this area next year by aiming to complete either a Bachelor of Arts at Auckland University, or a Communications course at AUT.

With this leadership role has come a lot of work as it has demanded dedication and commitment on our behalf as student leaders, but it has also been a lot of fun along the way. Cultural week has been our biggest challenge to date in this role, but it was a great success and so much fun, with the week running without a hitch. It has been a pleasure working with Mr Ratnam, Charlie Isdale, Esther Zhuang and Kieran and we look forward to tackling upcoming events, such as Arts Week.

Kieran Bennett & Jessica Holland

NZQA Fees for 2011

Payment of NZQA fees became OVERDUE at the College as from **Monday 11 July**. After **5 August**, they have to be paid directly to NZQA in Wellington, using the appropriate form. If paying here and you have lost your invoice, please contact Mr Delgrosso, Dean of Administrative Services on 627 0600 extension 872 or rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz

Enrolment Process for 2012

Because of the altered school term dates this year we have started the enrolment process at the end of this term, instead of at the beginning of Term 3. Please note that there is a new out of zone category for 2012 (*Fourth Priority: child of a former student of the school*).

The Board of Trustees confirmed that the College will be accepting all out of zone applicants for Year 9/2012 students from Categories 2 (sibling of current student), 3 (sibling of a former student), 4 (child of a former student), 5 (child of a Board member or employee). Students from these four out of zone categories must be enrolled by Thursday 1 September.

Please note that during Term 3 we will be having guided tours of the College each Thursday at 4pm, from 4 August.

Below are important dates for your information:

- Friday 15 July: Year 9/2012 enrolment continues for Home Zone and Out of Zone students in categories 2 5, 9.30 11am, 3.15 4.30pm, no appointment necessary
- Holiday enrolments (first week): Each morning, 9am 12pm on weekdays 18 22 July, no appointment necessary.
- Saturday 6 August: Year 9/2012 Enrolment 9am 12pm
- Thursday 1 September: Year 9/2012 Category 6 (no existing association with the College) out of zone applications close (ballot date is Thursday 8 September). Application forms are available from our website.
- Monday 3 October: Out of zone applications for Years 10 13 close (ballot date is Fri 7 Oct)

More detailed information about enrolment is available from our website www.lynfield.school.nz

Booking Parent Interview Times Online

Progress Conference evenings are to be held on **Thursday 4 and Tuesday 9 August** and online booking sheets are available for parents to set the interview times with the teachers they wish to meet.

Access to the 'School Interviews' website is through the internet at http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (If you are reading this online you click on this link to make your booking.)

Once logged in to the 'School Interviews' web page there are three simple steps to follow in order to complete the booking process. All students have been given an instruction sheet with their Report – this includes the password and a printed copy of their course codes and teachers' codes. This information is used to ensure the interview times are made with the relevant staff member. Parents should print out the email confirmation and bring it to the interview to enable the booking times to be followed. (Please note that some email confirmations get sent to the junk-mail / spam folder of the email system – please check this if a reply does not appear immediately in your in-box.)

Any parents unable to access the booking website should complete the manual booking slip on the instruction sheet and send this back to the school office with their child. Receptionist staff will also be able to make bookings from the start of Term 3 through the school office number, 627 0600. The exact times for the interviews will be confirmed either by email or on the student's slip.

Our Term 1 Progress Conferences were well attended and there was very positive feedback about the online booking system. If you have any queries or suggestions about our online bookings, please contact Deputy Principal, Murray Black.

Year 9 and 10 Health Programmes

Year 9 and 10 Health students are soon to be starting a Sexuality unit. I would like to inform parents of the topics we will be focusing on and to invite parents to discuss these with us. Parents are encouraged to suggest further topics that they feel are important for their students to explore.

Year 9 – Main Objectives:

Students will identify the characteristics of positive relationships and explore relationships in their own lives.

- To identify the physical and emotional changes of puberty.
- To encourage greater acceptance of their own body, by helping students to become aware of the negative influence of the media.

Year 10 - Main Objectives:

Students will identify the characteristics of positive friendships and relationships.

Students will explore and learn to recognise assertive behaviours in themselves and others and how this can enhance relationships.

- To identify appropriate methods of contraception and how to use them, with an emphasis on abstinence.
- To identify appropriate protection against sexually transmissible infections.
- To identify services available to teenagers at Lynfield College and in the wider Auckland area.

Students will learn the dangers of texting and using internet chat rooms.

Students will explore the pressures that they face from peers and from the media regarding sexuality.

If you would like to discuss this unit with Kathryn Wells, Head of Junior Health, please email kwells@lynfield.school.nz

Pink Ribbon Breakfast

The ideas for this year's first special catering occasion for our Year 13 Advanced Hospitality students came from our inspirational Technology Faculty Leader, Yvonne Townsend. The students in these classes plan, prepare and present two special occasions, focusing on the creative aspect of food preparation and presentation. With the supporting planning, budgeting and evaluation, these two units are worth a total of 10 Level 3 credits. In past years, the event has been a final graduation dinner for 40 guests, but this year, with the change in term dates and with breast cancer being close to all of us, it was decided to participate in the Pink Ribbon Breakfast Campaign.

The NZ Breast Cancer Foundation is a not-for-profit, non-government funded charitable trust and is totally reliant on grants and donations. It is one of the charities the Student Council support, with other fund-raising events during the year. So, our breakfast was another way Lynfield College could support this foundation, while guests enjoyed good company, good food and great coffee.

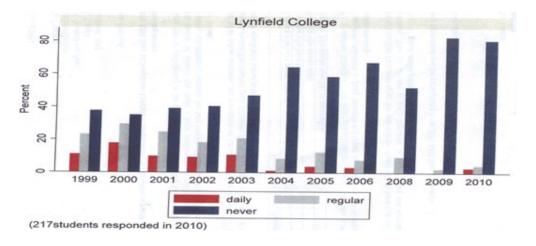
Who would have thought a school corridor could be turned into a restaurant! After the students had finished setting it with pink balloons, flowers and brightly coloured table settings, it certainly didn't look like D block. It meant students had to be committed, by working late and starting early in the morning, but all of them were incredibly proud of what they achieved and learnt about event planning and management.



2010 ASH Year 10 Snapshot - Lynfield College results in the National Youth Smoking Survey

Last year Lynfield College once again participated in this on-going smoking survey, the results of which have informed measures that have considerably reduced smoking rates in in the last decade. The table below compares the prevalence of smoking for our students with the national results. The graph illustrates the smoking trends of students for the years in which Lynfield College has participated in the survey. As you can see, this is very positive data for our students.

	Lynfield College %	National %
Students who have never smoked	80.98	64.3
Students who have tried but don't smoke now	11.70	20.1
Students who smoke daily	2.93	5.5
Students who smoke monthly or more often	4.38	10.0



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The New Zealand Blood Service will be collecting blood at Lynfield College School Hall Thursday 11 August 2011, 9.00am to 2.00pm

Information for Parents, Guardians and Whanau

The Care of Children Act 2004 allows people 16 years and over to make their own decisions about whether or not they wish to give blood. Students may choose to donate blood at this session.

The NZBS recommends students discuss blood donation within their family. If families have any particular objection to the student choosing to make a blood donation then please make those issues known to the student and to the school before the collection date stated above. More information about blood donation will be available on the day of collection. If you need more information now please call 0800GIVEBLOOD or look at www.nzblood.co.nz

It is important that we encourage students into a lifetime habit of donating blood and making a worthwhile contribution to their community.

Becoming a Blood Donor...

Age: First time Donor: 16 to 60 years of age; Existing Donor: Up to 71 years of age

Weight: You must be 50 kg or over

Health:

- You must be in good health.
- You cannot donate if you have a cold, flu, sore throat, cold sore, stomach bug or any other infection.
- If you have recently had a tattoo or body piercing you cannot donate for 6 months from the date of the procedure.
- If you have visited the dentist for a minor procedure you must wait 24 hours before donating; for major work wait a
 month

Travel: You must not have lived in the United Kingdom, France or the Republic of Ireland between 1980 and 1996 for 6 months or more.

Food: You must have eaten some food during the four hours prior to donation

Important Facts about Blood

- There is no substitute for human blood—healthy donors are the only source of supply.
- Only 4% of New Zealand's population currently donate blood—yet over 80% of us will need a blood product in our lifetime.
- A blood donation is separated into different components, each of which is used to treat different patients—accident trauma, patients undergoing surgery, people with leukaemia, transplant patients and many others. Blood products are also used for immunisation to help prevent diseases such as hepatitis A and B, tetanus and chicken pox.
- Each donation is able to help up to 3 people—blood donors are literally lifesavers.

Parents are welcome to come to the school to donate blood at this collection session. Please ensure you bring suitable identification with you*

* Either photo identification, or two other forms of identification will be acceptable. One must confirm date of birth e.g. school ID card, passport, birth certificate or driver's license, etc. With your consent we may also ask the school to confirm you are least 16 years of age.

National Excellence in Teaching Awards - Nominate a Great Teacher

Nominations have opened for the 2011-2012 ASG National Excellence in **Teaching** Awards and the Cognition Education Excellence in **Leadership** Awards. This is an opportunity to acknowledge those who positively influence learning and performance in our school. Parents, secondary student councils, boards of trustees, management committees and community organisations can nominate teachers and leaders for professional development grants from a pool worth \$35,000. Entry closing date is 31 August 2011. Nominations can be done online at www.neita.co.nz or forms are available from College reception and local libraries.

Pasifika Homework Centre

The Homework Centre for Pacific Island students continues this year on **Mondays and Wednesdays after school** in the College Library. The Centre opens from 3.15 to approximately 4.30pm. Please contact Brian Tonks (627 0600 extension 850) if you would like any further information.

Mathematics Clinic 2011

Have a Maths question? Stuck on your Maths homework? Help is available! Where? G5 When? Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday after school)

EXTRA CURRICULAR

2011 MIT Secondary School Barista Competition

This year's Secondary Schools Barista Competition was held at MIT on Wednesday 29 June. It was an important day for our two chosen contestants Shannon Armstrong and Soroush Dousti, who had trialled at school to enter and then spent hours in preparation getting competition fit.

This involves learning not only the technical skills of the Barista but also being able to work under the pressure of time and having the focus to be able to function mentally even though your hands are shaking with nervousness and a judge is looking over your shoulder. The boys prepared themselves for this by forming a competition routine that incorporated the highest technical skills which became so familiar to them that under pressure they could automatically work to the routine.



Well, it all paid off when the two boys were both awarded gold medals! We were sitting nervously in the awards ceremony, watching all the other participants collect their awards, wondering if a mistake had been made, not daring to hope for gold two years in a row. Mrs Weeks had prepared them by talking about focusing on participation being the most important reward and the personal gains achieved by putting themselves forward to be judged. Other students who have done this realise how only courageous students enter competition.

Well, when the runner up was announced as Shannon Armstrong with a score of 94.5 out of 100 and the winner as Soroush Dousti with a score of 95.5 out of a 100 we were all overjoyed and very humbled.

Congratulations to both Soroush and Shannon for your participation and well-earned achievement. We would also like to thank Justin Hoyland and the team from Karajoz Coffee Company for their training support for Soroush and Shannon leading up to the competition and wish Soroush luck when he participates in the upcoming NZ Culinary Fare competition, which runs from 17 - 19 July.

Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge

On Tuesday 28 June six Year 11 Lynfield students attended the second round of this challenge, held at the University of Auckland. Congratulations to Akash Charles, Tim Hight, Kevin Yu, Lydia Choo, Holly Sun and Bryan Chong who did an excellent job of representing the College. Tim and Lydia got through to the individual finals, with Tim coming 5th overall and Lydia coming 8th for the whole of the North Island.

Karate

Congratulations to Pamela Chia 10HN, who is a New Zealand Champion for her age in Karate. Pamela has represented New Zealand at the Oceania Championships, winning a gold medal and in October she will represent New Zealand at the 2011 World Championships in Malaysia.

SPORT ROUNDUP

Sportsperson of the Month - May/June

Year 9 Winner

Stephanie Hett 9RS - Swimming

Stephanie qualified form the top 8 at the Auckland Secondary Schools Champion of Champions Meet. She finished 3rd in the Junior Girls freestyle and 4th in the butterfly.

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Nominee

Sonil Mehta 9RA - 1st XI Girls Football

Consistent outstanding play for the 1st XI Girls team. Works hard for her team in every game she plays.

Year 10 Winners

Sione Koloamatangi 10AG - U15 Rugby

Consistent outstanding performances at No. 8 for the U15 team.

Shee Nathan-Wong 10AG - U15 Girls Basketball

Captain of the U15 team who displays excellent speed and ball handling. Has played at U19 level.

Nominee

Roma Kalyan 10NG - Junior Girls Football

Consistent goal scorer in all matches. Scored 6 goals against Diocesan.

Year 11 Winner

Zhane Peteru 11PN - U17 Girls Basketball

Captain of the team who is an outstanding rebounder and shooter.

Year 12 Winner

Danielle Harrison 12WD - U19 girls Basketball

Team captain and leading points scorer. Among the best players in the Western Zone league.

Year 13 Winners

Sheena Gozon 13LE - U19 girls Basketball

Excellent team player and exceptional improvement this year.

Ang Xu 13LE - U19 Boys Basketball

Has made huge improvements this season. Brings huge energy to the team.

Nominee

Jose Mehrabi 13BW - 1st XI boys football

Outstanding contributions in defence for the 1st XI. Has been the team's most consistent performer to date.

Information for Swimmers

A new event is available this year, the New Zealand Secondary School Champs. It is to be held in Hamilton on the weekend of 27 – 28 August. Events up to 400m. Qualifying times apply. Information sheets are available from Mr Delgrosso in the Admin building or can be requested by emailing redgrosso@lynfield.school.nz

A note to parents

Any outstanding sports fees should be paid as a matter of urgency. These fees can be paid to accounts office. Football \$25 - Rugby \$30 - Hockey \$60 - Netball \$65 - Badminton \$40 - Basketball \$65

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School Sport - SKY TV Rugby Channel Fundraiser

SKY TV will donate \$15 to Lynfield College Sport for each customer who subscribes to the Rugby Channel for 6 months. Call SKY on 0800 759 759, quote the **code 6803** and let them know the name of the school they wish to support. Easy!

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CAREERS

AUT Art & Design Portfolio Day, Tuesday 19 July. This day assists students prepare for their application and portfolio submission. Places fill up quickly so please register early – www.autuni.ac.nz

July Holiday Workshops – www.bubbledome.co.nz 3D animation & games design, science, inventions & technology, architecture & design, engineering & technology, fashion design & wearable arts, movie making & claymation, robotics & technology, writing & illustration, app design iPAD Apple.

Tu Kahika Programme, University of Otago, Dunedin – an award programme that supports young **Maori students through a Foundation Year Health Science programme** to help achieve your goal of becoming a health professional. Details now at S/S or apply online www.otago.ac.nz/tukahika before 20 August.

Defence Career Update

- The Navy have cancelled their September Sailor intake, but are still accepting applications for intakes in 2012.
- Navy officers are needed, so those with great leadership potential who are interested should apply ASAP as the
 Officer Selection Board will happen in September.
- Y12 or Y13 students interested in positions in the Air Force Pilot, Air Warfare Officer, Air Warfare Specialist or the sponsored university scholarships should apply at www.defencecareers.mil.nz (from 1 July)
- NZ Army career indicator quiz on the army jobs website will provide insight into one of the many trade options available.

Open Days & Information Evenings

- Crown Institute of Studies (Travel, Tourism, Hospitality & Business) Tues 19 July, 11am-2pm, level 1, 10 Lorne St, City.
- Australian National University, Melbourne Mon 25 July, 4pm, Pullman Hotel (formerly Hyatt Regency) www.anu.edu.au/futureevents
- Lincoln University, Christchurch Open Day Wed 27 July, 9am-3pm. Please register at S/S if you are considering attending. www.lincoln.ac.nz NZ's specialist land-based university where you can study agricultural science, commerce, environmental management, landscape architecture, recreating management, science, social science, software & IT, tourism management and viticulture & oenology.
- Victoria University Wellington main open day for prospective students is on Fri 26 August. Please register at S/S if you are considering attending. www.victoria.ac.nz/srca/events/study-at-vic.aspx
- AUT Course Information Evenings are on throughout August. Business, law, art & design, communications, computing, maths, engineering, creative technologies, languages, social sciences, hospitality, tourism and event management, education, health, sciences, sport & recreation, Maori development. Details & registration at
- www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/aut-course-information-evenings

Scholaships

- Massey University College of Business Scholarship leadership award available to school leaders demonstrating academic merit. <u>www.massey.ac.nz</u> (Closes 31 August)
- University of Otago Entrance Scholarhips Academic Excellence, Leaders of Tomorrow, Maori & Pacific Island, Performance (sport, music, etc), Alumni Appeal. Information sheet available from S/S or www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships (Closes 12 September)
- University of Otago "Frontiers of Science" Scholarship granted to high-achieving students in sciences studying towards a science degree. www.sciences.otago.ac.nz/frontiers
- Y13 wanting to study viticulture and/or wine science at EIT (Napier) 100% free tuition for 1st year, 50% off tuition for 2nd year. www.eit.ac.nz

Careers Office

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