



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 2

2 March 2015

Coming Events:

Week 6	Mon 2 Mar	12PE Land Camp – Shakespear Regional Park (returning 4 Mar)
	Wed 4	Y13 attend Write that Essay presentation, Period 4 Hall
	Thu 5	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS 13ESS – Takapuna Beach
	Fri 6	NCEA Parents Evening, 7pm Staffroom 11SCB – Karamatura Stream study Lumino Dental mobile service departs
Week 7	Mon 9	12PE Water Camp – Tawharanui (returning 13 Mar)
	Tue 10	11HIS – Auckland Museum
	Wed 11	Whanau Hui, 6.30pm Te Ringa Āwhina Marae
	Fri 13	13PXM – Rainbows End Newsletter No. 3
Week 8	Mon 16	ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES
	Tue 17	Pacific Families Fia Fia Night
	Wed 18	Otago Junior Maths Comp ASB Bank Polyfest
	Sun 22	12GEO – Tongariro trip departs (returning 24 Mar)
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	Germany trip departs (returning 24 Apr)
Week 10	Mon 30	9BUS – Tip Top Factory (also Tue 31 and Wed 1 Apr)
	Thu 2 Apr	Progress Reports issued Term 1 ends (Term 2 begins Mon 20 Apr)
Week 1	Mon 20 Apr	Term 2 begins
	Tue 21	13ESS Stardome trip
	Wed 22	12BIO Arataki trip
	Thu 23	12ESS Waitomo trip
	Fri 24	12BIO Arataki trip 12BIO Arataki trip Germany trip departs
Week 2	Mon 27	ANZAC Day observance – public holiday
	Tue 28	TEACHER ONLY DAY – no classes on this day
	Wed 29	12MUS/MUP Solo Performance Evening, 7pm Hall 13BIO Zoo trip
	Thu 30	Progress Conferences (student surnames A – L) 4 – 7pm
	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	Wed 13	10WL & 9PR Auckland Writers Festival trip
	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
	Thu 21	Eton Press Senior Maths Competition
Week 6	Mon 25	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i>
	Thu 28	CAREERS EXPO Pacific Families Evening

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 some of the many extra-curricular activities offered at the College. This is a great way for students to develop pride and commitment to others within the school 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.

An NCEA Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 5 March at 7pm in the staffroom. I urge all parents who have students at NCEA level this year to attend the evening, to better equip them to monitor the development and opportunities of 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.

On Wednesday 11 March a Whānau Hui will be held at the College Te Ringa Āwhina at 6.30pm, where we especially look forward to welcoming our new families to the school.

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 and 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. All families received a copy of the homework pamphlet with Newsletter No. 1. This is a guide on how you can help with homework and what the school's expectations are. If you did not get one, you are able to download one from our website, ring and request one from reception or email your request to admin@lynfield.school.nz **Progress Reports will be issued on Thursday 2 April.** An individualised information sheet about our on line appointment booking schedule will accompany reports.

Progress Conferences

Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname.

Thursday 30 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm

Tuesday 5 May (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.

Digital Devices at Home

Recently 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.

The issue is really one of communication and parenting within the home:

- Talk with your child about any concerns you have and why.
- Know what homework is being done on the device. See evidence of it.
- 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. Don't do this in their 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

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Head Girl & Head Boy

Our names are Alice Neville-Smith and Andrew Sampson and it is our honour and privilege to be the head students for Lynfield College for 2015.

We hope to fill the big shoes left for us by last year's Head Students Lute and Eli and continue to build school spirit and encourage students to involve themselves fully in school life.

Our goal this year is to lead the Student Executive group as a team, motivating and inspiring our peers at Lynfield College to make the most of the numerous opportunities presented to them. Whether it be sporting, academic, cultural or social activities, we will always encourage students to participate and represent Lynfield College.

Our top priority at the moment is finalising a venue for the school Ball. We will be working alongside our recently elected Ball Committee to plan a memorable and extremely enjoyable event for senior students.

Overall, we are really looking forward to working with and amongst students to make this year our most successful year yet. We wish all the students at Lynfield College a fantastic year.



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.



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.

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 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)**

Sports Scene

Athletics

1. Athletics Day

Perfect weather + fun events + House rivalry + enthusiasm = a fantastic day for all.

A rotation of 11 events (a mixture of track and field and tabloid) created a huge amount of fun and competition during the morning. The most noise and excitement was generated in the Obstacle Course as junior classes and senior houses tried to get as many participants successfully through the course in 7 minutes.

The House Captains had worked extremely hard to involve all students in the presentation of their House Mascot. They really let their creativity flow as they came up with some amazing ideas, ranging from unicycle to saxophone, to impress the judges. This competition and Best Dressed House were both judged by an independent panel of staff who did not find it at all simple to find clear winners!

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

Congratulations to overall winners, Reid house who discovered participation was the key to success as the whole house ran, threw or jumped to the max.

2015 ATHLETICS DAY FINAL TALLY						
	Bray	Fatialofa	Faumuina	Lewis	Reid	Zoricich
Morning Events	25	35	45	40	50	30
Sprint Finals & Relays	17.5	12.5	15	25	22.5	20
Best Dressed	14	20	16	14	18	12
House Mascot	18	20	10	14	16	12
Rubbish	4.5	10.5	6	9	12	7.5
TOTAL	86.5	98	95	100.5	112.5	78.5
Final Placing	5 th	3 rd	4 th	2 nd	1 st	6 th

2. Athletics Championships

We again held this event off site at Margaret Griffen Park a few days 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 60 students were selected to compete, based on their performance on Athletics Day &/or performance during PE lessons relating to athletics. With places in our Western 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, Alastair Maisey for his organisation of equipment, staff and Sports Captains who all pulled together to make this such a success.

Academies

Academies in netball, football and basketball are well underway. 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. There is now a waiting list for each of these academies.

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

The 2015 summer season is well under way with approximately 230 students competing in regular weekly interschool team competitions in tennis, cricket, dragon boating, golf, orienteering, touch, and volleyball. We have more students involved in summer sport this year including a third boys' cricket team and a huge increase in orienteers.

Please remember, 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 Sports office, accounts office or online.

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. There have been some last minute venue changes which have led to some of our teams winning by default which is frustrating.

Volleyball

Our senior girls' team remains undefeated in their competition! These girls have trained hard throughout the holidays and are focussed on success at the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships to be held at The Trusts stadium in 2 weeks (12 – 14 March).

The senior boys' team is performing well, winning the majority of their games and improving noticeably each game.

Cricket

Our 1st XI has continued to perform well scoring 218-1 off 25 overs in a recent game against Rosmini College. Darshan Mehta scored 84 while Mohammad Sufi and Partiv Patel both scored more than 50 runs (58 and 51 respectively) not out. In reply, Rosmini were all out for 82 which gave Lynfield a win by 136 runs!

The junior cricket team has played only one game so far. Lynfield batted first and scored 154-8 in 20 overs. Westlake was bowled out in the 17th over after scoring only 73 runs giving us a win by 81 runs!

A very keen group of seniors have formed a 2nd XI cricket team with Aakash Chauhan, a former Dux Ludorum, as their coach. They have played two games and really enjoyed themselves and are the first to admit they need "a bit more practice"!

Golf

Our golf team of Shantael Lialiga (Y12), Jocelyn Katu (Y13), Izzy Lialiga (Y13) and Joseph Peteru (Y9) are in the 1st division for the 'all Auckland' competition. They had a great win over McLean's but, with only 3 of the team available (Jocelyn was competing in the nationals), narrowly lost to Kings last week.

Although ours is a mixed team (comprised of boys and girls), all the other teams in this division of the competition are boys only. Our opposition is learning not to take the talent of our girls lightly!

Orienteering

This year we have 27 students from all year levels enjoying this competition 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. Due to a cloud burst, several did not finish the course in the allowed time the first week. However, last week was a different matter with Gianni Gambasi finishing 9th out of 25 in the senior boys, Amy Bernstone 12th out of 28 in the intermediate girls and Ella McKenzie 4th out of 13 in the junior girls. For several of our students competing, this is a new sport and the learning curve has been very steep and a lot of fun.

Touch

Our Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams play each Tuesday at Cox's Bay reserve. They are both focussing on skill development and smart strategies on the field and their games are showing plenty of growth and are becoming very competitive very quickly! Both teams have had some wins and some losses.

Dragon boating

We now have 4 stable teams of 20 paddlers from all year levels. Two teams train at Westhaven on Tuesdays and two on Wednesdays. Every week the paddlers end up wet and grinning from ear to ear in this fun filled sport. The Auckland Secondary Schools Championships are now only three weeks away so the training intensity is increasing.

Winter Sports

Pre-season training for rugby and football is happening weekly. Musters and trials for other winter sports will take place over the next two weeks. These will be advertised in the Daily Notices.

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!**

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

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: (Info on courses, entry requirements, applications, scholarships, accommodation, etc)

University of Auckland – Tue 3 March, 12.40pm, PAC

Massey University – Thu 5 March, 12.40pm, A1 Careers Centre

Lincoln University (NZ's specialist land-based university) – Wed 18 March, 10.40am, A1 Careers Centre

Y13 Maori & Pacific Island Students – A wonderful opportunity to explore the University of Otago and city of Dunedin for free! You will have the opportunity to attend lectures in your area of interest, as well as meet academic staff and current students. You will experience a residential college, meet the Maori and Pacific Island Centre staff plus more. This fully funded trip for the successful applicants includes airfares, accommodation, meals and activities. This University of Otago On Campus Experience for Maori students will be 27-30 April. Completed applications must be given to Mrs Keir by 20 March.

www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/maori/. Details for the Pacific Island Experience are not yet available, but please come to Student Services to sign up to receive information when it does arrive.

Y12 & Y13 Maori and Pacific Island students considering a career in the health industry, please come and register at Student Services to take part in some exciting events that will be happening this year for you.

Y13 – are you interested in being a school tutor in the UK, Canada or Asia in 2016 as part of a Gap experience? Tutors Worldwide operate a successful programme that you might like to check out (www.tutorsworldwide.org). Completed candidate application forms need to be lodged with them online by 7 March 2015, for 2016 placements.

Y13 & Y12 students considering a career with the Army, Navy or Air Force – The Defence Careers Experience is a 3 day recruiting activity that will provide quality training and information to those who are interested in pursuing a career within the NZ Defence Force. This experience will challenge students through a wide variety of unfamiliar situations and team-building activities. Physical fitness activities will be conducted throughout the 3 days, with early morning exercises, confidence building, and social interaction with fellow students and Defence Force personnel. Selected trades will be show cased, as well as lifestyle and work environment of a Serviceperson. This experience will be held on a navy boat at Devonport during the April holidays. There is no cost. Further information and /or applications can be collected from Mrs Keir.

NZ Defence Force Info & Fitness Evening – Mon 2 Mar & Mon 6 Apr, 6pm, 204 Great North Rd, Grey Lynn

Y13 students interested in pursuing medicine and other health courses need to sit the UMAT during their first year at university. MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. For more info visit www.MedEntry.co.nz

Yoobee ACG School of Design Free Taster Sessions –book ASAP if you are interested in taking part in one of the following workshops as spaces are limited – Animation, Graphic Design : Photoshop, Web Development, Film : VFX. These will be held on each of Yoobee's Open Days this year, 10am – 2pm on Saturday 7 March, Saturday 6 June, Saturday 8 August. Email Stephen.papps@yoobee.ac.nz if you want to attend. Domestic students only, minimum age 16 years. www.yoobee.ac.nz

Y12 & Y13 students with an interest in a trade or hands-on job in their future, please see Mrs Keir during your interval break sometime soon.

2016 Prospectus - AUT is available now at Student Services. **University of Auckland** is available online <http://ebooks.auckland.ac.nz/2016-undergraduate-prospectus/> and mid March.

Dunedin Tertiary Information Day (tours of University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic) will be held in Dunedin on Tuesday 28 April. This day follows directly after the new Anzac Day public holiday.

Find the answers to all your questions about studying in Dunedin - programmes & courses, scholarships, halls of residence & campus tours, plus lots more. Register your interest today at S/S.

Unitec Student For A Day Opportunities available to Y13 students interested in Acting, Animal Welfare & Management, Architecture, Automotive, Boat Building, Canine Behaviour and 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, Supported Learning, Vet Nursing, Welding & Fabrication. Please talk to Mrs Keir or Mrs Hughes during your study break ASAP.

Community Notices

Spark Foundation

The Spark Foundation is matching school donations again in 2015, dollar for dollar, with a renewed cap of \$1,000 per employee, for the year. Parents pay the donation in full, as per school instructions, through the Spark payroll giving programme, to double their donation to the school. Go to <http://www.sparknz.co.nz/what-matters/foundation> for further information.

Auckland Transport – Student Concession AT HOP card

Current secondary student concessions on AT HOP cards must be renewed by 31 March 2015. To load a concession on your AT HOP card follow the process below:

Step 1 – Buy an AT HOP card

Step 2 – Register your AT HOP card by visiting AT.govt.nz/concessions for instructions

Step 3 – Ensure you have proof of eligibility

Get an AT Student ID card from your school

Step 4 – Submit your concession application online:

- Login to your MyAT account and select 'Apply for a Concession' from the menu
- Confirm your details are correct
- Select the card you wish to apply the concession to and fill out the relevant eligibility details
- Click 'submit'

Step 5 – Load a concession on your AT HOP card

Visit your nearest AT Customer Service Centre to load a concession on your card. Remember to take your AT HOP card and Student ID card along.

Note: This process does not apply to Child Concessions for children aged 5 – 15 years.

New Windsor School Market Day

This will be held at the school on Saturday 14 March, 9am – 12.30pm. Tables are available for hire for \$15 for anyone wanting to sell items, be it toys, books, clothes, crafts, food, etc. Contact Karen on 021 0555 909.

Victim Support

Victim Support is currently recruiting adult (parents) Volunteer Support Workers to provide practical and emotional support to victims of crime and trauma. Full training is given. If you are a good listener and communicator, computer literate, have a full driving license and a car and can commit to being on call for one shift per week day or night and interested in working in the community, please phone 0800 86 58 68.