

NEWSLETTER 10

31 July 2015

	27 Jul – 2 Aug	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori – 'Whāngaihia te reo Māori ki ngā mātua' 'Nurture the language in parents so that it may grow'
Coming Events:		
Week 2	Sat 1 Aug	Enrolling 9am – 12 noon
Week 3	Mon 3	Cook Islands Language week
	Wed 5	Course Selection month begins Stand Up Stand Out Vocal Competition
	vveu 5	11-13MUP&13MUS Group Performance Evening, 7pm Hall
	Thu 6	Progress Conferences (student surnames A - L) 4 - 7pm
	Fri 7	BLOOD DONOR DAY – College Hall
Week 4	Mon 10	Teachers Workchoice Day ARTS WEEK
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		Stand Up Stand Out Band Competition
	Tue 11	Junior Quizzex
	Wed 12	Progress Conferences (students surnames M – Z) 4 – 7pm Music Department Variety Concert
	Thu 13	Mt Maunganui / Lynfield College Sports Exchange Tournament (away)
		13CHC-Alongside Work Experience
Week 5	Fri 14	Lynfield's Got Talent
vveek 5	Mon 17	KBB Music Festival Week Y11,12,13/2016 course selection forms due to Form Teachers by TODAY
W	Tue 18	13PHE – Tukino Ski trip (return Fri 21 Aug)
		Orchestras at KBB Music Festival
	Thu 20	13CHC-Alongside Work Experience
	Fri 21	Bands at KBB Music Festival Auckland NIWA Science & Technology Fair
	2.	Traavelwise & SADD Expo, Hall lunchtime
	Sat 22	KBB Music Festival Gala
Week 6	Mon 24	In-class priority time (until Senior Assessment begins). Students should not make appointments during school time.
	Sun 30	Tonga Language Week
Week 7	Mon 31	In-class priority time
	· · · · · · ·	NZSSSC Winter Sports Tournament Week
	Wed 2 Sep	Y9 & Y10 Mathex Evening Y9/2016 Out of Zone applications close 5pm
		Music Department Jazz and Soul Concert
Week 8	Mon 7	Access-IT Roadshow, Library (closed until P5)
	Tue 8	11SCF – Zoo trip
	Wed 9 Wed 9 – Fri 18	Y9/2016 Out of Zone applications ballot date SENIOR ASSESSMENT
Week 9	Mon 14 – Wed 16	9BUS – Tip Top Factory trips
Week 10		Age Concern Concert
	Thu 24	Technology and DVC Showcase Evening, Hall
	Fri 25	House Quiz Term 3 ends
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Week 1	Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 begins
	Th 45	Y12 Attitude presentation, Period 1
	Thu 15	5 th House Meetings Festival Awards Evening
	Fri 16	5 th House Meetings
Week 2	Tue 20	Y10-13 Out of Zone applications for 2016 close
	Wed 21	Y10-13 Out of Zone applications ballot date
Week 3	Thu 22 Mon 26	Y13 Attitude presentation, Period 1 Labour Day – public holiday
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Ngā mihi o te wā ki a koe me te whānau

It is great to be back at the College after being away for most of Term 2 on my Woolf Fisher Fellowship. Adjusting to an Auckland winter has been my biggest challenge. The staff that covered for me during my absence have done a wonderful job and demonstrated the strength of talent in the overall leadership at Lynfield.

During my fellowship I attended an Educational Technology conference in Philadelphia, which reinforced for me the path that we are on regarding BYOD and especially the use of the Google tools that are available to schools, is the correct one. I also spent time at an Educational Leadership summer school at Harvard University in Boston, USA. This was an opportunity to refresh and upskill in areas around goal setting and school planning. It also examined e-learning, especially for students with learning difficulties.

Since returning, the focus has been on enrolments for 2016. The turnout of parents and students at the information evening and open days was very strong. There is a great deal of support for the College in the community. Enrolment for Year 9 students in 2016 continues with an enrolment morning tomorrow (Saturday 1 August) from 9am – 12noon for home zone and out of zone priority category 2 – 5 students. Further information about enrolment is contained in this newsletter and on our website.

Term 3 has particular importance for senior student achievement. We have progress conference evenings on Thursday 6 and Tuesday 11 August from 4 – 7pm. Students will be released at 2.20pm on those days. This is an opportunity to get feedback on your child's progress and find out what work may need to be done for successful results in the senior exams that begin in week 8 of this term. Further information is contained in this newsletter about booking interview times online.

Senior Course selection for 2016 began today when Year 11 students were issued with a Senior Course Information booklet and the relevant course selection form. Next week Years 10 and 12 will also be issued with a Senior Course Information booklet and the relevant course selection form. An electronic copy of the Senior Course Information booklet can be opened from the front page of e-LynC or from our website (http://www.lynfield.school.nz/Curriculum/Courses.html) Students will be briefed on the importance of making careful and informed choices and are encouraged to talk to their subject teachers about which courses to take. I would urge parents and caregivers to spend time discussing possible courses with their child, while being guided by the important qualifications, awards and prerequisite information contained in the Senior Course Information booklet. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the courses that students are best placed to take with the subject teachers at the Progress Conferences next Thursday (6 August) and Tuesday (11 August).

Students are required to hand their completed course selection forms to their Form Teacher before **Monday 17 August**. Parents are encouraged to enter their child's selections on the Parent Portal. The Course Selection function on the portal will open next week and close on Monday 17 August. An email will be sent with further instructions when this function is activated.

I would like to thank all the families that offered to be host families for the visiting Shinagawa Summer School students currently with us. We had a terrific response and unfortunately some families missed out this time. As this group visits annually there will be another opportunity next year to host a student.

S W Bovaird Principal

Student Leader Profile - Assistant Sports Captains

Hi, I'm David Faautaga and I was voted into the position of Assistant Sports Captain for Lynfield College alongside Akanesi Fakafanua. We were truly honoured to be elected by our fellow peers and the staff and glad to know that we will be serving the school this year in a position of responsibility.

I used to play a range of sports for the school and Akanesi plays more sports than I do, but the one I chose to excel in was Basketball. Our top basketball team hasn't had the best of luck this season but I can see that the future is bright. Next year I am planning on pursuing a University degree and then joining the Police Force.

We are very excited to be a part of the Student Executive this year with our aim being to encourage students to be more involved and to enjoy the various sporting activities available to them at Lynfield College. Our role as Assistant Sports Captains is to work with our other Executive members to create an environment that ensures we have a successful sporting year. The Mt Maunganui Sports Exchange is also coming up, where we take on Mt Maunganui College and challenge them at different sports with our top teams going toe to toe. Lynfield College was victorious last year and we plan on retaining the trophies this year.

We began our responsibilities this year, with Athletics Day and the Sports Captains (Cree Braithwaite and Adeleena Lee Hussien) have recently been busy organising and running the indoor house volleyball competition. We look forward to the rest of 2015 with the House Netball and House Quiz competitions still to come. Working with Cree and Adeleena has really been great and we look forward to the rest of the year, working as a unit. With valued guidance and support from Mrs Clark and Ms Walbran, we are sure that this year will be a successful one.



NZQA Fees for 2015

NZQA fee invoices were issued to students at the start of last term, with payment at the College due by the end of the term, 3 July.

The College has its own deadlines to meet regarding the sending on of the fees collected on behalf of NZQA.

The payment deadline has been extended to **Friday 14 August**. Caregivers paying after this date must pay NZQA directly using the form available from the College or on the NZQA web site. The College will not accept NZQA fee payments after 14 August.

As Scholarship entries come in, revised invoices will be issued for the extra fee (\$30 per subject). Payment of this must also meet the 14 August deadline. Students were to have completed the Scholarship entry forms and handed them to Mr Waddington by the end of Wednesday 29 July.

2015 Lynfield College Ball - Award Winners

This was held at the Ellerslie Events Centre, will be remembered by all as a fantastic evening. Thank you to the Ball Committee for the enormous amount of work they did in preparation for this wonderful event. Congratulations to this year's award winners.

Queen of the Ball (Year 13) – Zhavannah Peteru King of the Ball (Year 13) – Cree Braithwaite Belle of the Ball (Year 12) – Jade Guptill Beau of the Ball (Year 12) – Joel Meiklejohn Best Dancer – Sachin Mehta Best Dressed Male – John Viane Best Dressed Female – Gautami Motupally Best Dressed Teacher – Ms K Mackey

Progress Conferences Bookings Reminder

The Progress Conferences, to be held between **4.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday 6 and Tuesday 11 August** offer you a significant opportunity to meet your child's teachers, especially for those students making their course selection for 2016. During the evening you will be able to discuss the achievement and progress in each course, help set goals or targets for the rest of the year and discuss the courses for next year.

In order to make an appointment 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 July.

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 each of the Progress Conference days there will be supervised study available in the school Library until the normal finish time of 3.10pm.

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 still have a cup or trophy at home which was awarded in 2014 (at Festival Awards, Senior or Junior prizegivings), 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.

Enrolment Process for 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 9/2016 home zone students and out of zone categories 2, 3, 4 & 5 students.

- Category 2 (siblings of current students)
- Category 3 (siblings of past students)
- Category 4 (children of past students)
- Category 5 (children of Board employees)

TOMORROW, Saturday 1 August is an enrolment morning from 9.00am-12noon.

From Monday 3 August enrolments can be made between 3.30 – 4.30pm Monday to Friday, no appointment necessary.

Year 9 category 6 out of zone applications can be made by printing the application form from our College website www.lynfield.school.nz and either leaving it at our reception desk or posting it to the College. Applications close at 5.00pm, 2 September 2015 (ballot date 9 September).

Year 10 - 13 out of zone applications close Tuesday 20 October 2015 (ballot date 21 October).

Enrolment packs are available from our reception desk. More detailed information about enrolment is available from our website http://www.lynfield.school.nz/Enrolment/Enrolment+Process.html

ICAS Digital Technologies

ICAS Digital Technologies results are back and we are very proud of the students' results. Daniel Adams, 11HL has for the third year gained a Distinction certificate which is an awesome achievement. A Distinction Certificate puts students in the top 2% of participants in New Zealand. Stefenie Pickston, 10WN and Michael Howell 9PR, also gained Distinction in their Competitions. The three students who gained Credit Certificates, Natasha Ganda, Jia Dua and Nancy Sun, in the senior competition and the two in the junior competition, Chantelle Singh, Raymond Feng are in the top 17% of New Zealand participants. Harshal Damania, 9MH gained a Merit Certificate. Congratulations!

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.

The New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) will be collecting blood at the Lynfield College Hall Friday 7 August 2015, 9am to 2pm



Information for Whānau and Guardians

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

NZBS recommends students discuss becoming a blood donor with their family. If families have a particular objection to the student choosing to donate blood, please make this 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.

Parents are also welcome to come to the school to donate blood at this collection session. If you require any further information please call 0800 GIVEBLOOD or visit www.nzblood.co.nz

Becoming a Blood Donor...

Age: First Time Donors : 16 to 65 years of age Existing Donors: Up to 71 years of age

Weight: Weigh at least 50 kg

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 more than 6 months or received a blood transfusion in ANY of these countries since 1980.

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

Identification: You must bring suitable identification with you. Acceptable ID is a document or combination of documents containing three (3) separate identifiers (e.g. NZBS Donor ID number, Full name, Photograph, Date of Birth, Home Address). A Student ID Card is acceptable if it features a photograph and two of the identifiers listed above. With your consent we may also ask the school to confirm you are at least 16 years of age.

Important Facts about Blood:

- There is no substitute for human blood—healthy donors are the only source of our blood supply.
- Only 4% of New Zealand's population currently donate blood.
- 42,000 patients are treated with blood or blood products in New Zealand each year.
- 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 chickenpox.
- Each donation is able to help up to 3 people blood donors are literally lifesavers.

Homework Centres

The College Library remains open after school <u>until 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 3.40pm on Friday</u>, 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

House Competition

House netball is now under way with juniors starting this week and seniors selecting their teams for next week's competition. With the points table locked up, this is looking to be a very tough battle. Then there is the House Qui and Lynfield's Got Talent.....

Mt Maunganui Exchange

This annual event has taken place for 53 years. It is an exchange between Lynfield College and Mt Maunganui College where our top teams in each winter code battle for the coveted overall trophy. This year it is our turn to travel to Mt Maunganui and the exchange day is 13 August. It will be a very long day for our athletes and the staff who accompany them, as we leave at 6.15am and return around 8.30pm. Watch this space for the results!

On-site Physiotherapist

Alistair Prentice, principal physiotherapist at our local Physiotherapy clinic, Active Physio BHB, holds 2 clinics each week at our school. **These are for ACC cases only** and are on a Monday and Friday. Students **must** book an appointment. Appointments should be booked through the school nurse, Glynne Newton.

Team Talk

With the Winter sports season now in playoff rounds we have a number of teams playing quarter and semi-finals in their competition.

Hockey

1st XI Girls' team continues their domination and are at the top of their grade - undefeated!! This is an excellent record for a team which is in a re-building phase.

2nd XI Green and 2nd XI Gold girls' teams are 1 point apart on the table and are playing hard to be the better team over the last few games of the season

1st XI Boys' continues to impress with their ability to dig deep when needed and have pulled off some amazing wins.

Basketball

U15 Boys are through to the semi-finals of their competition.

U19 Girls have won a place in the final to be played in 2 weeks.

Premier League is playing in the Bowl semi-final this Wednesday (5 August). It is a home game and I know they will appreciate all the crowd support they can get for this important game.

Individual Honours

Congratulations to these students who gained representative status recently:

Alex Falaniko (Y13) has reached NZ Rep status with his selection as a member of the NZ 18's Boys Tag Football Team.

Kieren Chhiba (Y10) has been selected as a member of the Auckland U15A Hockey team

Josh Boasman (Y10) has been selected as a member of the Auckland U15B Hockey team

Caleb Moffatt (Y12) attended Kanga Cup in Canberra as an Auckland Football referee. He was named "Referee of the Tournament" out of 140 young referees. This award was based on his overall refereeing performance, both on and off field.

Jordan Tamatea (Y11) won 3rd place in the 'Open Shines' division of the Australian Latin Dance Championships in Sydney.

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

Community Sport

- A mud/obstacle event over 3km with a mix of more than 15 obstacles involving mud, climbing (not too high), sliding, water, jumping, ducking, crawling, more mud, colour, running, did we mention mud, weaving through trees, diving and lots of fun!!!
 The event will be timed and some schools may use it as part of assessment of students.
 The event is being organised by Sport Waitakere and is based in the urban park of Motu Moana in Green Bay. The cost is \$25 per student. Further details available at http://www.toughen-up.co.nz/
- Youthtown Snow Club every Tuesday night for 8 or 10 weeks starting on the 21st July. The cost is \$420 for 8 lesson or \$520 for 10 lessons. These lesson include the equipment hire such as skis, boots, poles or snowboard and boots. You potentially can hire clothing at additional cost. It also includes the lift passes for snowplanet.

For more information please call Staci-Ann on 027 887 3317

Careers

Planning on enrolling to study at University of Auckland in 2016? Come along to this important info session, Monday 10 August, 12.40pm, PAC

Y13 – planning to study at a NZ university, other than University of Auckland, or at Unitec in 2016? If so, please come to Student Services ASAP to sign up to attend an online application and course advice session. The following tertiary are visiting us shortly, and you must sign up if you wish to attend one of the info talks:

- University of Otago Thursday 6 August, A1, from 12.40pm
- AUT Tuesday 25 August, A1, from 12.40pm
- Unitec Wednesday 23 September, A1, from 12.40pm
- Massey University Tuesday 13 October, A1, from 12.40pm
- Canterbury University, Lincoln University & Waikato University date to be advised

University of Auckland Science Futures Evening, Thu 6 Aug, 5.30-7.30pm (12 Grafton Rd, City)

For senior students and families – hear from a panel of speakers who have careers in forensic science, neuroscience, exercise physiology, software engineering, marine research, astrobiology, astrophysics, photonics, lasers and micromachining, data science and business and medical writing. Find out how science studies have developed into exciting careers. Registrations essential sciencefutures2015.eventbrite.co.nz

Full Time Job available to start ASAP at Russell McVeagh (large international legal firm in the city). Full on job training will be given. Role is as a Service Clark (mail, copying, binding, couriers, jack of all trades). Plenty of scope to move up, or out, into other areas of the firm as opportunities arise. See Mrs Keir if interested.

AUT Update

Scholarships – Online applications are open www.aut.ac.nz closing dates fast approaching.

CONCH – A day for Y13 Maori and/or Pacific students to visit AUT School of Communication Studies and explore the world of print, broadcast and online media. Friday 14 August, 9am-3pm, AUT City Campus. Talk to Mrs Hughes if you are interested. Teacher For A Day with the School of Education – find out about the study options; participate in interactive lectures& demonstrations; meet programme leaders and get application advice. Wednesday 19 August, 9.30am-2.30pm, AUT North Shore Campus. Talk to Mrs Hughes if you are interested.

International Travel College of NZ Scholarships – applications are now open to apply for one of ITC's many scholarships on offer to study there in 2016. Check out http://www.itc.co.nz/about-us/scholarships/

University of Otago scholarship applications close 15 August.

Scholarship – Mensa NZ is offering up to two scholarships of \$500 each to any student planning on studying at any tertiary institute next year. Applications – details at S/S; closes 1 October. Further details at young.members@mensa.org.nz

Y13 - 100+ Auckland students have a chance to win a \$5000 grant towards accommodation at University of Canterbury for 2016 through a new competition. Also, personal development opportunities PLUS adventure & cultural experiences like a 3 day ski trip are offered! Applications close 30 September.

Bachelor of Commercial Music at Massey University..... new for 2016. The only degree in NZ designed specifically to address the creation, production and promotion of popular commercial music. Choose from 3 majors – Music Practice, Music Technology and Music Industry. No knowledge of formal music theory required. Friday 28 August College of Creative Arts at Massey University Open Day might be a good opportunity to learn more about this. www.creative.massey.ac.nz

MIT Experience Days (9am - 2.30pm)

If you are seriously considering studying at MIT in 2016, you might like to attend one of these Experience Days.

4 August 2015 Nautical Science (NZMS, Central City)

14 August 2015 Creative Arts: Visual Arts 14 August 2015 Creative Arts: Performing Arts 14 August 2015 Creative Arts: Creative Writing

Engineering (Civil, Mechanical and Electrical) 21 August 2015

8 September 2015 Shipping, Freight and Logistics (NZMS, Central City)

15 September 2015 Māori Nursing

Students must be able to find their own way to and from the venue.

MIT Pacific Dance Artists are holding free public classes for all age groups at their brand new MIT theatre on Davies Ave, Manukau. Each workshop is from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Wed 5 & Thu 6 August - Hawaiian Dance

Wed 12 & Thu 13 Aug – Hawaiian Dance Wed 19 & Thu 20 Aug – Tongan Dance Wed 26 & Thu 27 Aug – Tongan Dance

Wed 2 & Thu 3 Sep - Pacific Drum

Wed 9 & Thu 10 Sep - Pacific Drum

Thu 10 Sep - Final show at 7pm - community & artists

Register at Annabel.gane@manukau.ac.nz or phone 968 8431. You can see the programme on the MIT website and you can check out the Pacific Dance Artists residency on Facebook.

Pacific Songwriting Competition - open to anyone with an interest in Pacific music and languages. All entrants must write a song then film yourself playing/singing your song, using your phone, ipad or any media device. 50% of your song's lyrics must be in one of seven chosen Pacific languages (Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Tuvalu, Niue, Cook Island or Tokelau). Closes 31 August. FREE Pacific Songwriting Workshop Thursday 20 August, 6.30-9pm, Unitec. http://www.unitec.ac.nz/pacificsong

Upcoming Careers Events:

- Massey University Manawatu Campus Open Day Wed 5 August
- University of Melbourne Auckland Info Evening Thu 6 Aug, 7-8.30pm, Rydges Hotel, City
- Australian National University Info Evening Thu 6 Aug, 4.30pm, Aotea Centre, City
- Yoobee ACG School of Design Open Day Sat 8 Aug, 10am-2pm, 3City Rd, Grafton
- Animation College Info Evening Thu 13 Aug, 6pm, Level 11, 385 Queen St, City
- Massey University Albany Campus Open Day Sat 15 Aug
- IEP Summer Camp USA Info Evening Tue 18 Aug, 6pm, Level 10, 220 Queen St, City
- Air New Zealand Pilot Open Evening Thu 20 Aug, 4pm, 7 Rennie Dr, Mangere
- University of Otago Auckland Info Evening Mon 24 Aug, 6.30-8pm, Ellerslie Events Centre
- Swiss Hotel Management School Info Evening -Mon 24 Aug, 7pm, Hilton Hotel, City
- Air New Zealand Airline Customer Service & Engineering Info Session Thu 27 Aug, 4pm, 7 Rennie Dr, Mangere
- Unitec Info Evening Thu 27 Aug, 4pm, Mt Albert & Waitakere Campuses
- Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design Open Day Fri 28 Aug, 10am, 24 Balfour Rd, Parnell
- Study at Vic Day Fri 28 Aug, 9am, Wellington Campus
- Massey University Fri 28 Aug, Wellington Campus
- WelTec Open Day Fri 28 Aug, Wellington Campus
- University of Auckland Courses & Careers Day Sat 29 August, 9am 3.30pm, City Campus
- Crown Institute of Studies (Hospitality, Business, Travel & Tourism) Open Day Sat 29 Aug, 80 Anzac Ave

Community Notices

RAIL SAFETY WEEK: 'Expect a Train'

Rail Safety Week 2015 is from 10 – 16 August. KiwiRail and TrackSAFE are asking whānau and caregivers to talk to their children about staying safe around the railway.

Children need to know:

- The new electric trains in Auckland are faster and quieter.
- Trains can come from both directions at any time, and in quick succession.

- > To stay alert, remove headphones, look both ways for trains and always wait for the bells and lights to stop before crossing the tracks.
- The only safe and legal place to cross tracks is at a designated level crossing.

Check out **tracksafe.co.nz** for practical tips on how to stay safe around the railway – **there's even a free downloadable simulator – experience being a train driver!**