



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 3

19 March 2015

Coming Events:

Week 8	Fri 20 Mar	ASB Bank Polyfest – Lynfield College groups performing
	Sun 22	12GEO – Tongariro trip departs (returning 24 Mar)
Week 9	Mon 23	NZSSSC Summer Sports Tournament Week
	Wed 25	CULTURAL WEEK
	Thu 26	Tennis Champs
	Fri 27	NZCT Cricket Tournament, Keith Hay Park (and 27 th)
	Sat 28	Leadership Camp Meeting, 5.30pm Staffroom
		Newsletter No. 4 emailed
		Lynfield College Cultural Festival, 12 – 4pm
		Germany trip departs (returning 24 Apr)
Week 10	Mon 30 – Wed 1 Apr	9BUS – Tip Top Factory trips 10am – 12pm
	Thu 2 Apr	Progress Reports issued
		Term 1 ends
Week 1	Mon 20 Apr	Term 2 begins
	Tue 21	13ESS Stardome trip
	Wed 22 – Fri 24	12BIO Arataki trip
	Thu 23	12ESS Waitomo trip
	Fri 24	Germany trip returns
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
		Gifted and Talented Students Conference
	Thu 14	12ENC & 13ENC Auckland Writers Festival trip
		Year 12 & 13 WorkChoice Day
Week 5	Mon 18	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i>
	Tue 19	Mid-Year Reports started
	Thu 21	Eton Press Senior Maths Competition
		11/12DRA ATC Theatre trip – Maidment Theatre
Week 6	Fri 22 – Sat 23	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), AGGS
	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, 6.15 – 8.30pm
Week 7	Mon 1 Jun	Queen's Birthday – public holiday, school closed
	Tue 2	ASSESSMENT WEEK
	Wed 3	ICAS Science Competition
	Wed 3 – Sun 7	NZ Chamber Music Competition
Week 8	Tue 9	Big Sing Choral Festival
	Wed 10 – Thu 11	13SCI – Liggins Institute
	Thu 11	13CHC – AWE
	Sun 14 – Mon 15	13GEO – Rotorua
Week 9	Mon 15	ICAS Writing competition
	Thu 18	13CHC – AWE
Week 10	Mon 22 – Wed 24	9BUS Tip Top Factory trips
	Tue 23	PRODUCTION WEEK
	Thu 25	Tough Guy & Gal Competition
Week 11	Wed 1 Jul	CULTURAL PHOTOS
		12MUS/MUP Group Performance Evening, 7pm Hall
	Thu 2	Mid-Year Reports issued
	Fri 3	Term 2 ends

Dear Parents/Caregivers

In week 6 we held the NCEA Parents' Evening which was very well supported by parents keen 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. If you attended this evening and have any further questions that may have arisen, please contact Deputy Principal Murray Black (Achievement, Assessment and Reporting) or Deputy Principal Cath Knell (Teaching and Learning).

Our Year 9 and Year 10 Digital Citizenship Day last week was a great success for most students and helped them understand the importance of behaving online and protecting themselves. Special thanks to NetSafe for their part in the day.

With only two weeks left of this term, it is full on for students and staff. A number of senior assessments have been held this week, practices for cultural groups and as summer sport winds up, winter sports preparation is under way.

Lynfield College is represented by three performing groups at the ASB Polyfest at the Manukau Sports Bowl this week. Kapa Haka gave an excellent performance on Wednesday and there is a wonderful photo in this morning's N Z Herald of Deputy Head Girl, Sarai McKay and the group (click on the following link). http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11419474 Diversity perform on Friday and the Samoan Group on Saturday. These groups have worked very hard on their performances and I wish them the very best. These students will also perform during our Cultural Festival day.

Preparations are well underway for our annual Cultural Food & Performance Festival which will be held on Saturday 28 March. An invitation is extended to students, families and the local community to join us in celebrating the cultural diversity of our College. There will be a variety of cultural performances to view and ethnic foods to purchase. The day will run from 12.00 until 4.00pm.

S W Bovaird
Principal

Student Leader Profile – Deputy Head Girl & Deputy Head Boy

Kia Ora, my name is Sarai McKay, and I am the Deputy Head Girl for 2015. I am so honoured and privileged to hold this position, and am eager to assume the responsibilities given me with diligence. I hold a lot of passion and pride for the College and hope that this will be evident in the work that I do this year as I strive to be an important and positive influence in the school.

Kia Ora, my name is Ricoh Kumar and I am the Deputy Head Boy for 2015. It is an absolute honour and blessing to be the holder of such a significant position. I am ecstatic about meeting the challenges that await me this year. I hope to work hard and bring pride to the school and I also hope to go by the school motto and 'learn to live'.



The beginning to 2015 has already proved highly challenging, yet rewarding. With events such as AUT PTP leadership camp, as well as preparations for up and coming events, we have formed unity amongst our team. We are privileged to work alongside the Year 12 Student Executives to organise the fundraising events for the school and several charities. Thus far, we have met and discussed how we can get the maximum amount of participation in these events, so to contribute significantly to the chosen charities. We eagerly await the opportunities provided us, and look forward to working as a team to accomplish these important responsibilities. Thank you for all the support you give to me and the student leadership team for 2015. Nga mihi nui.



Digital Citizenship Day

Student Responsibility

We are having an increasing number of items being 'dropped off' at school for delivery to students. If your child has forgotten an item, essential for the day, would you please arrange for **them to collect it** from Deans' Reception at either Interval or lunchtime.

Progress Conferences

Progress Reports will be issued on Thursday 2 April, the last day of Term 1. Included with the report is information for parents about how to make online bookings for interviews with teachers.

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.

Lynfield LynC App

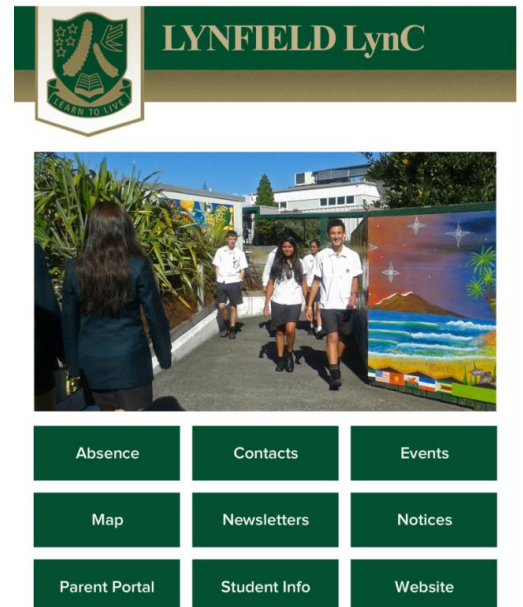
This app enables the community to keep up to date with what is happening at Lynfield College. Features of the app include:

- 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.



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

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 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)**

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.

Sports Scene

Individual Honours

Maddison Wesche (Y11) won 2 titles at the NZ National Athletics Championships last weekend. These were held in Wellington during a terrible storm. Maddy won gold in both the 'Junior' (U20) and 'Youth' (U18) age groups so now holds 2 NZ titles.

Matthew Hearn (Y11) has been selected for the Waitakere U16 Football Team to play in a tournament in Dallas, USA.

Western Zone Athletics Championships

Our WZ Athletics team was very competitive with several winning places in track finals and field events. Those who placed 1st or 2nd in the finals have won the right to compete in the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics meet next week. Of special note were:

Maddison Wesche (Y11) who continued to wow the crowds (literally) as she competed in the Intermediate Girls Shot Put. She won with a put of 14.62m **creating a new Auckland Secondary Schools record!** This smashed the previous record of 14.26m which she created last year. Maddy will now go to the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics meet as #1 favourite for this event, but before that she is off to Australia this weekend to represent NZ in the Australian Athletics champs. The following students all placed in finals and/or have qualified for the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics:

Joseph Peteru (Y9)	4 th Jun Boys Shot Put, 4 th Jun Boys Discus
Desharna Solomon (Y9)	4 th Jun Girls Shot Put
Rei Matthews (Y9)	2 nd Jun Boys High Jump
Aimee Le Noel (Y9)	3 rd Jun Girls High Jump
Shayan Rezakhan-Kermani (Y9)	3 rd Jun Boys 100m
Rowena Brunt (Y10)	2 nd Jun Girls Long Jump
Sinyoung Lee (Y10)	4 th Int Boys Long Jump
Nathan Maisey (Y11)	4 th Int Boys High Jump
Daniel Adams (Y11)	3 rd Discus Int Boys
Maddison Wesche (Y11)	1 st Shot Put Int Girls
Francis Loa (Y10)	3 rd Discus Int Boys
Intermediate Boys	2 nd in 4x100m Relay

Team Talk

Summer Sports

We have several more teams than in previous years which is fantastic. Teams range from beginners to very experienced and lots in between!

Cricket

The **Junior Boys** team is performing very well and have currently been defeated only once. Last weekend they played Mt Roskill Grammar Junior boys, winning by 8 wickets!

Our **1st XI Girls'** team is also doing extremely well and are undefeated which puts them at the top of their grade.

Dragon boating

Our 4 dragon boating teams are in the final stages of their preparation for the Auckland Secondary schools regatta on Lake Pupuke on Sunday 22 March. This is a 'full on' day with the 1st race at 8am and the last one about 5pm. After the fantastic fun the paddlers had last year, we are really looking forward to an awesome day. Our senior boys team has been training for 2 hours each week and have their eyes on the prize. Watch this space!

Orienteering

This has really taken off this year with students who have varying degrees of experience (or none at all). Some of our team members are regularly finishing in the top third of their competitions while others are still enjoying a very steep learning curve.

Volleyball

The Seniors Girls team is competing in the Auckland Secondary Schools tournament at the Trusts Stadium this weekend. After our success last year the girls have trained very hard in their build up to this competition. The team is seeded 12th out of about 50 teams and have earned a spot in Division 1 – a BIG step up from Division 2 last year. Every game will require them to draw on all their strength and experience. They finished pool play in 1st place and lead Central Zone in the weekly competition.

Junior Water Polo – One Day Tournament at King's College, 7 March 2015

Excellent start of the junior water polo season. Sharks won all three games with comfortable margins 9:4, 8:4 and 10:1. The most notable win was 8:4 against Kings 1, the team that always competes in division 1. Orcas were not that lucky, but they proved to be tough opposition, scoring goals in every game they played. Despite their loss to Glendowie, they earned the first point of the competition (as a bonus point for loss with three goals or less).

Lynfield College Junior Water Polo Teams:

Lynfield Orcas (front row from left, blue caps): Lucas Marvin, Matthew Newbrook (goalie), Connor Hildrick, Julz Wagner, Tahlia Penn, Shai-Li Hume, Emily Drage

Lynfield Sharks (middle row from left): Mario Sinovcic (coach), Kieron O'Halloran, Max Carter (goalie), Callum Bolton, Julia Rennie, Jackson Potauaine, Alex Marsh, Jessica Varney; (back row from left): Jamie Fowler and Taea Lambert.



Winter Sports

Trials for all teams are occurring in the next two weeks. Students must check the Daily Notices every day for times and venues.

Help needed urgently

Coaches and managers needed for all winter sports. Please take time to consider whether you could coach or manage a team. 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!

Physiotherapist

Alastair Prentice of "Active Physio" is again going to offer a free, **on-site** physiotherapy service to **all our students who have injuries covered by ACC starting Monday 16 March**. Alastair is a very experienced physio and treated a considerable number of our students last year when this service started. Clinics at school as follows: Monday and Friday, 12 – 2pm. Appointments should be booked through the school nurse, Glynne Newton.

If 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



Football practice



Academy Sport – early morning practice

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:

STS Student Travel Schools Info Evening, Tue 24 March, 7.15pm, Meadowbank Community Centre, 29 St Johns Rd, Meadowbank. This meeting is for students who are interested in going on a high school exchange to a country like USA, Brazil, Argentina, Italy, France, Switzerland, Sweden, China and many more. All welcome. You will get the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what being a high school exchange student with STS involves. www.sts-educaton.co.nz

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. Please see Mrs Keir ASAP if you wish to apply for either of these opportunities.

This University of Otago On Campus Experience for Maori students will be 27-30 April

www.otago.ac.nz/prospectivestudents/maori/

The Pacific On Campus Experience Programme is 27-20 April www.otago.ac.nz/pacific/secondarieschool/otago022936.html

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

Y13 & Y12 – would you like to attend a Hospitality, Travel & Tourism Taster Day at Crown Institute of Studies during the school holidays, on Tuesday 7 July (10am-2pm). Application forms at Student Services. www.crown.ac.nz

Yoobee ACG School of Design Holiday Short Courses – www.yoobee.ac.nz or ph 0800 66 55 44

Film Production Workshop – Tue 7 – Fri 10 April, \$195

Digital Graphic Design Workshop – Thu 16 – Fri 17 April, \$130

Web Design Kickstart – Tue 14 – Wed 15 April, \$130

EDENZ Colleges School Holiday Short Courses - www.edenz.ac.nz or ph 309 5208

Animation Unleashed3D Animation Camp – 13-17 April, Snells Beach Campus

Film Boot Camp – 13-17 April, Snells Beach Campus

\$279 includes meals and accommodation on campus. Must be 16 years or over.

Are you considering a future career in farming or agriculture? Come and talk to Mrs Keir about Taratahi Agricultural Training in Wairarapa, and their holiday taster course opportunities. www.taratahi.ac.nz

Become a Law Student For A Day at The University of Waikato. A law degree takes 4 years of study. Before making this commitment you can get a taste of what studying Law at Waikato is all about. As a Law Student For A Day you will attend a real university lecture; visit the law library and be a juror on a case in history; take a law quiz in our computer lab; watch law students perform a Law Moot and decide which team has performed the best; have lunch at the Halls of Residence and check student accommodation. Choose from 29 April, 29 July, 16 September. Book online at www.waikato.ac.nz/law/news-events/law_student_for_a_day

Do you know what career you want? And what qualifications you need? Check out **Occupation Outlook 2015**. Download this free app now to compare some of your options. QR code at Student Services or www.mbie.govt.nz/occupation-outlook

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.

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.

'WISH FOR A SMILE' Registered Trust of the NZ Association of Orthodontists.

This Trust provides specialist orthodontic treatment for young people (under the age of 18) who may not otherwise be able to access treatment due to family and financial circumstances. For complete information please visit the website www.orthodontists.org.nz