



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 4

27 March 2015

#### Coming Events:

Week 9	Sat 28 Mar	<b>Lynfield College Cultural Festival, 12 – 4pm</b> <i>Germany trip departs</i>
Week 10	Mon 30 – Wed 1 Apr Thu 2 Apr	<i>9BUS – Tip Top Factory trips 10am – 12pm</i> Progress Reports issued Term 1 ends
Week 1	Mon 20 Apr Tue 21 Wed 22 – Fri 24 Thu 23 Fri 24	Term 2 begins <i>13ESS Stardome trip</i> <i>12BIO Arataki trip</i> <i>12ESS Waitomo trip</i> <i>Germany trip returns</i>
Week 2	<b>Mon 27</b> <b>Tue 28</b> Wed 29	<b>ANZAC Day observance – public holiday</b> <b>TEACHER ONLY DAY – no classes on this day</b> Y9 & 11 Leadership Camp, Piha (returning Fri 1 May) 12MUS/MUP Solo Performance Evening, 7pm Hall <i>13BIO Zoo trip</i>
	Thu 30 Sun 3 May	<b>Progress Conferences (student surnames A – L) 4 – 7pm</b> <i>11GEO Rotorua trip departs</i>
Week 3	Mon 4 Tue 5 Fri 8	<i>11GEO Rotorua trip returns</i> <b>Progress Conferences (student surnames M – Z) 4 – 7pm</b> Ugly Shakespeare Company, 9am Hall
Week 4	Wed 13  Thu 14	<i>10WL &amp; 9PR Auckland Writers Festival trip</i> <i>Gifted and Talented Students Conference</i> <i>12ENC &amp; 13ENC Auckland Writers Festival trip</i> Year 12 & 13 WorkChoice Day
Week 5	Mon 18  Tue 19  Thu 21	<i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i> Mid-Year Reports started ICAS Digital Technology Comp Eton Press Senior Maths Competition 12/13DRA - Maidment Theatre
Week 6	Fri 22 – Sat 23 Mon 25  Thu 28	Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), AGGS <i>In-class priority time. Students should not make outside appointments during school time this week.</i> CAREERS EXPO Pacific Families Evening, 6.15 – 8.30pm
Week 7	<b>Mon 1 Jun</b> Tue 2 Wed 3 Wed 3 – Sun 7	<b>Queen's Birthday – public holiday, school closed</b> ASSESSMENT WEEK ICAS Science Competition NZ Chamber Music Competition
Week 8	Tue 9 Wed 10 – Thu 11 Thu 11 Sun 14 – Mon 15	Big Sing Choral Festival <i>13SCI – Liggins Institute</i> <i>13CHC – AWE (Alongside Work Experience)</i> <i>13GEO – Rotorua</i>
Week 9	Mon 15 Wed 17 Thu 18	ICAS Writing competition 11/12/13DRA – Q Theatre <i>13CHC – AWE</i>
Week 10	Mon 22 – Wed 24 Tue 23 Thu 25	<i>9BUS Tip Top Factory trips</i> PRODUCTION WEEK Tough Guy & Gal Competition
Week 11	Wed 1 Jul  Thu 2 Fri 3	CULTURAL PHOTOS 12MUS/MUP Group Performance Evening, 7pm Hall Mid-Year Reports issued Term 2 ends
	Mon 20 Jul	Term 3 begins

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our Year 9 and Y10 Digital Citizenship programme continued this week with each form class being visited by Constable Rob Kennerley who spoke about being safe online and how students should conduct themselves when using technology at home and school.

### **Cultural Festival – Saturday 28 March**

We welcome students, families and the local community to join us tomorrow at our annual Cultural Food & Performance Festival which celebrates 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.

### **Teacher Only Day**

In Term 2, Tuesday 28 April will be a planning day for our teaching staff. There will be no classes for students on that day. Monday 27 April is a public holiday, being ANZAC Day observance.

### **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.

S W Bovaird  
Principal

### **Student Leader Profile – Sports Captains**

Kia Ora! Our names are Cree Braithwaite and Adeleena Lee-Hussien. It is our honour to have been given the role of Sports Captains for 2015 and we are excited about creating a school environment that embraces a culture of enthusiasm towards sports.

We look forward to working closely with the House Captains this year to run a great house competition and we are committed to motivating students to make this year most memorable.

We have already held a successful Athletics Day which has set an extremely high bar and hope to keep this energy up throughout the year. We will be involved in the annual Mt Maunganui exchange as well as the Sports, Arts and Cultural Festival Awards Evening at the end of the year and are enthusiastically look forward to these events.



### **Uniform**

With cooler weather approaching, it is important that students are prepared for Terms 2 and 3 with winter uniform items. Please ensure as well that your child has wet weather gear to wear. We are often asked for dry clothing by students and this demand is not possible for us to meet.

We are in need of school jerseys and jackets to loan to students who because of financial hardship do not have them. If you have any of these items which are no longer required by your family we would appreciate having them. You can deliver them to the reception desk at any time during the school day.

Black leather shoes are the only shoes allowed - no canvas, boots, hightops or sports shoes. Winter jerseys, jackets, beanies and scarves are available from the uniform shop. Please note that items are to be worn as designed - for example, the girl's senior pencil skirt is to be worn at knee length and if shortened will have to be replaced. From Term 2 we will send senior students home if they are incorrectly dressed so that they can change into the correct uniform. Thank you for your support of the College.

## Progress Conferences Reminder

The Progress Conferences, to be held between **4.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday 30 April and Tuesday 5 May** offer you a significant opportunity to meet your child's teachers. During the evening you will be able to discuss the achievement and progress in each course and help set goals or targets for the rest of the year.

In order to make an appointment you will need to use an internet connection to login in to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://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 April.

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](mailto: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 have a cup or trophy which was awarded in 2014 (at Festival Awards, Senior or Junior prizegivings), please return them to the main reception in the Admin Building **at the beginning of Term 2**. It is NOT necessary to polish cups before their return. Thank you.

## 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](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz), indicating your child's name and form class in your email message.

## Sports Scene

### Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

Maddison Wesche (Y11) competed in the Intermediate Girls Shot Put. She won convincingly, setting a new Auckland Secondary Schools record.....3 times! Her 2<sup>nd</sup> throw broke the record she set last year at the same meet, then her 3<sup>rd</sup> throw bettered her new record. On her 5<sup>th</sup> (and final) throw she again broke her record with a distance of 15.35m, which was 1.33m further than any other competitors in this event.

This weekend Maddi will compete in the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships at Mt Smart stadium. We wish her well for this competition – the next step in her preparations for the Junior World Champs in July.

### Swimming

As a result of his performance at Western Zone swimming, Luke Tahu (Y9) has qualified in the Junior Boys Butterfly as 1 of 8 finalists (from all 4 Auckland swimming zone meets) for AKSS Swimming Champs. (Only the top eight over the four zones get through to the Champions event. A swimmer can win their zone race but still not qualify for the finals.)

Also to the Junior Boys relay team have qualified for both the freestyle and medley finals at this swim meet which will be held next week. The team is Rohan Mukherjee(Y10), Jackson Potauaine (Y9), Aaron Tahu (Y9) and Luke Tahu (Y9).

### Physiotherapy service

We are pleased to be able to offer a free, **on-site** physiotherapy service to **all our students who have injuries covered by ACC**. Clinics at school as follows:

Monday and Friday, 12 – 2pm.

Appointments should be booked through the school nurse, Glynne Newton.

### Team Talk

#### Summer Sports

These are now drawing to a close. All have represented the school with energy and pride and several teams have been very successful.

#### Water Polo

Congratulations to our Senior Water Polo team which finished their weekly competition undefeated and won their zone! This is a mixed team which plays in the boys division so the victory is especially sweet.

We wish them well as they compete in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships, 26 – 30 March. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> time our senior team has taken part in this level of competition so watch this space!

#### Volleyball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball team which won the Central Zone competition, finishing undefeated. These girls have worked extremely hard, including training through January.

Last week they competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools tournament at the Trusts Stadium. As a result of their zone win they were seeded 12<sup>th</sup> out of 50 teams. Their pool included the eventual winners and runners-up so it was very tough. They finished the tournament in a very creditable 12<sup>th</sup> place.

#### Touch

Both Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams finished their seasons last week. The majority of the girls are Y11 and Y12 and improved enormously as the season progressed, finishing a very creditable 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B grade. The boys narrowly lost to St Peters when playing for a place in the final so finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the B grade. Most of this team are Y12s which should make next year's competition very interesting!

#### Dragon Boating

Dragon boating involves 80 students - more than any other summer sport! Our 4 crews of 20 paddlers have been training hard for the past 6 weeks at Westhaven, with our boys team training 2 hours/week and the other 3 crews 1 hour/week. The Lynfield team descended on Lake Pupuke on Sunday 22 March for a day of fun and rivalry in the Auckland Secondary Schools Dragon Boat Championships. This regatta has an atmosphere like no other school sports event and it was great to see so many of our paddlers' families enjoying the atmosphere.

There were 32 teams from a wide variety of schools throughout Auckland. Unlike most other schools, our crews were composed of Y9 – 13 students. Congratulations to all 4 teams who paddled to the max! At the end of the pool rounds the boys were 1sec behind the fastest crew but unfortunately their sweep lost control twice in the final costing them several seconds. They paddled extremely well to make up time and finish a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Results:

Lynfield Fire (boys)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Boys Grand Final
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Open 200m
Lynfield Legends (girls)	1 <sup>st</sup> Novice Girls final
Lynfield Fury (mixed)	4 <sup>th</sup> Mixed Bowl final
Lynfield Flame (girls)	4 <sup>th</sup> Novice Girls final

The boys will compete in the National Secondary Schools Championships this weekend at Lake Pupuke. They are pleased to have another opportunity to show what they can really do!

### **Orienteering**

25 Y9 – 13 students have really enjoyed this weekly competition. Best wishes to the following students who have qualified for the finals which will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March:

Gianna Gambassi, Evan Goh, Vincent Tso, Sam le Marquand, Danielle Matthews, Ella MacKenzie, Esther Tominkson. The morning event will be at AUT Akoranga Campus starting around 10am and the afternoon event at Unitec starting 1.30-2.00pm.

### **Cricket**

The **1st XI Girls** team is currently playing in a 2 day tournament.

Our **Junior Boys** team is at the top of their grade and plays in the final this Saturday as a home game. In their latest game they had a 50 run victory!

The **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Boys** is also performing well and really enjoying their cricket. They are a group of friends who just enjoy playing cricket and have some beginners amongst them. Last week they played St Peters 4<sup>th</sup> XI and although they lost by 11 runs, they performed very creditably with The boys played very well this week, with Divek Lal knocking up 51 (not out) from 29 deliveries, and Jay Chauhan getting a 5 wicket bag, 5 - 31 off 4 overs.

Our **1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys** has also had some excellent wins. In the last 2 games they beat St Peters 3<sup>rd</sup> XI by 5 wickets with our batting stats being 132-5 and, in a rain shortened match, Lynfield scored 151-2 off 21 overs (Darshan Mehta 76, Partiv Patel 47, Yash 4 wickets) while Liston College's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were 55 all out, given us a win by 96 runs.

### **Winter Sports**

Final trials are taking place this week for winter sports and team selections posted on the Sports Office noticeboard. Once they have been placed in a team they must meet all training and game commitments, as well as pay their fees to secure their place in the team. All students in sports teams will take home a letter containing important information (eg playing dates, venues, costs) soon after selection. In fairness to all involved, all fees must be paid prior to the first game of the season, as per our NO PAY = NO PLAY policy.

### **Help needed urgently**

*Coaches and managers needed for all our 50+ winter sports teams. **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!**

**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](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)**

We **urgently** need coaches for:

Basketball

Football

Netball - Senior (games are on Tuesday night at Te Pai PI, Henderson), Junior (games are on Saturday morning at Te Pai PI, Henderson)

Squash

Rugby - U65kg boys

### **Individual Honours**

**Maddison Wesche (Y11)** competed in the Australian National Athletics Championships in Sydney 2 weeks ago and won GOLD, making her the Australian U18 Women's Shot Put champion.

**Luke Tahu (Y9)** and **Samantha Martin (Y9)** have qualified to compete at NZ Age Group Swim Champs to be held in Wellington in May.

**Sam Hudson (Y11)** won the silver medal in the Recurve (division 1) match-play at the North Island Junior Archery Championships earlier this month.

*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](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)*

**Please note these dates:**

**ANZAC Day holiday – Monday 27 April 2015**

**Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 28 April 2015**

## Careers

A reminder that the school website and e-Lync have full details of tertiary open days and information evenings. Please check it regularly.

### Visitor to Our School

**Unitec** – 12.40pm in A1, Wednesday 1 April – General overview presentation of the courses Unitec have available to study in 2016

### Info Evening

**NZ Defence Force Information & Fitness Evening** – Monday 6 April, 6pm,  
Auckland Army Centre, 204 Great North Rd, Grey Lynn

**University of Waikato Open Day, Friday 22 May, Hamilton Campus.** A free bus from New Lynn to this event is available for any Y13 or Y12 student that is considering studying here. Please see Mrs Hughes in Student Services ASAP.

**Dunedin Tertiary Information Day is on Tuesday 28 April.** If you are considering studying at the University of Otago or Otago Polytechnic next year, this would be a worthwhile event to attend. Programmes are available at Student Services.

**Pacific International Hotel Management School (PIHMS) in New Plymouth have a Career Week** available in the April and October school holidays. You will be able to experience what studying and living on the PIHMS campus is really like. Full details at S/S or [www.pihms.ac.nz](http://www.pihms.ac.nz)

**There is a free app, NCEA Pal, that you are able to download** to help you keep track of your NCEA credits. Use it to enter and monitor your credits. This app is currently receiving around 1,000 downloads a day.

### Competition

Enrol your interest in the competition; Read the nominated book; Create and submit your vlog; be in to win big prizes.

[www.outofsighthq.com/the-competition/](http://www.outofsighthq.com/the-competition/)

## 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](http://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](http://www.orthodontists.org.nz)