



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 11

14 August 2015

Coming Events:

Week 5	Mon 17 Aug	KBB Music Festival Week
	Tue 18	Y11,12,13/2016 course selection forms due to Form Teachers by TODAY
	Thu 20	13PHE – Tukino Ski trip (return Fri 21 Aug)
	Fri 21	Orchestras at KBB Music Festival
	Sat 22	13CHC-Alongside Work Experience
Week 6	Mon 24	Bands at KBB Music Festival
	Sun 30	Auckland NIWA Science & Technology Fair
Week 7	Mon 31	Travelwise & SADD Expo, Hall lunchtime
	Wed 2 Sep	KBB Music Festival Gala
		<i>In-class priority time (until Senior Assessment begins). Students should not make appointments during school time.</i>
		Tonga Language Week
		<i>In-class priority time</i>
		NZSSSC Winter Sports Tournament Week
		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	Y9/2016 Out of Zone applications ballot date
	Wed 9 – Fri 18	SENIOR ASSESSMENT
Week 9	Mon 14 – Wed 16	9BUS – Tip Top Factory trips
Week 10	Tue 22	Age Concern Concert
	Thu 24	Technology and DVC Showcase Evening, Hall
	Fri 25	House Quiz
		Term 3 ends
Week 1	Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 begins
	Thu 15	Y12 <i>Attitude</i> presentation, Period 1
		5 th House Meetings
		Festival Awards Evening
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Week 2	Tue 20	Y10-13 Out of Zone applications for 2016 close
	Wed 21	Y10-13 Out of Zone applications ballot date
	Thu 22	Y13 <i>Attitude</i> presentation, Period 1
Week 3	Mon 26	Labour Day – public holiday
	Thu 29	Pacific Families Evening
	Fri 30	Last day for Y13 – reports issued
Week 4	Mon 2 Nov	Last day for Y12 – reports issued
	Tue 3	Last day for Y11
		Senior Prizegiving
	Wed 4	Y11 Prizegiving
	Fri 6	NCEA EXAMS START
Week 5	Mon 9	SPEC Verification, Seminar Room
	Wed 11 – Fri 13	JUNIOR EXAMS
Week 7	Mon 23	Festival Awards Assembly Y10
	Mon 23 – Wed 25	9BUS Tip Top trips
	Wed 25	Festival Awards Assembly Y9
		Uniform & Stationery Shop late night
Week 8	Tue 1 & Wed 2 Dec	Y9 & Y10 Caring for our Community programme
	Thu 3	First 2016 Student Leaders Meeting 9am
		Book return and clearance day
	Fri 4	NCEA EXAMS END
Week 9	Fri 11	Y9 Academic Prizegiving 9am
		Y10 Academic Prizegiving 11am
		Term 4 ends

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to the many parents and caregivers who attended the student progress conferences held during the past two weeks. 2,972 interview bookings were made over the two evenings, which ensured that valuable feedback on students' progress was gained by parents and teaching staff. Over the next two weeks senior students should follow through on any advice and revision guidelines recommended by their teachers to ensure success in the senior exams which begin in Week 8 of this term.

Many parents and students also took this opportunity to gain further information and advice on course selection for 2016. All Year 10 – 12 students have now been issued with the 2016 Senior Course Information booklet. Students who were absent at the time these booklets were distributed should see their Form Teachers. Please take time to discuss option choices and career paths with your children. It is essential that pages 2 – 7 of this booklet are read very carefully, particularly the course prerequisite and University Entry requirements, before making course selection decisions. Within these introductory pages are listed the school staff who are able to assist you in making these important decisions. A file copy of the Senior Course Information booklet can be opened from the front page of e-LynC or from the Curriculum section of our website.

Year 10 – 12 students are required to hand their completed course selection forms to their Form Teachers by **Monday 17 August**.

Year 9 students have also been issued with their course selection information booklets for Year 10, 2016. Their completed course selection forms should be handed to their Form Teachers by **Monday 24 August**.

Parents are encouraged to enter their child's selections on the Parent Portal. If you have been unable to do this, please indicate that on the form. We are using the two systems simultaneously this year, with the backup of a paper copy.

Student Leadership 2016 Elections

Current Year 11 and Year 12 students who would like to be considered for a leadership position in 2016 have been invited to submit expression of interest forms to Deputy Principal Mrs Clark by Monday 17 August. Electronic speeches are due to Mrs Clark by Monday 24 August and a short-list of applicants will be published on Friday 4 September. Applicants' speeches and electronic voting will take place at the Year 12 and Year 11 assemblies in Week 10. Speeches and voting for house captains will take place at House Meetings in Week 1, Term 4. Positions are announced at the final Year 12 and Year 11 assemblies in Week 4, Term 4.

Student Representative, Board of Trustees 2015 - 2016

Students are invited to nominate themselves or another student to be the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees for 2015 – 2016. The role of the student representative is to provide input to the BOT, based on the perspectives of the students they represent. They can make valuable contributions to decisions that affect the strategic direction of the school.

Nomination forms and additional information will be available from the Returning Officer, Mr Waddington from Tuesday 25 August. Nominations will close at noon on Tuesday 8 September and the election will be held on Tuesday 22 September. Results will be announced Friday 25 September.

S W Bovaird
Principal

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 deadline was extended to **14 August**.

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

Caregivers paying after 14 August 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 this date.

Revised invoices have been issued for Scholarship fees (\$30 per subject). Payment of this must also meet the 14 August deadline.

Wet lunchtimes – short days

On days when it is very wet we shorten the lunchtime break by 15 minutes and students are released at 2.55pm. We alert parents/caregivers to this by:

- Using Twitter <https://twitter.com/LynfieldC>
- Email

Parents may also check by phoning our main reception desk on 627 0600 ext 700.

Uniform & Stationery Shop Hours

From Thursday 20 August the shop will be open only at lunchtimes. Normal hours resume in Term 4.

Student Leader Profile – Assistant Academic Captains

Hi, we're Pyongkang Her and Meryl Saldanha, the Assistant Academic Captains for 2015. It has been an honour to be elected into this position and we are delighted to be working with the rest of the Student executive. Our role within Lynfield College is to promote academic achievement and to celebrate academic success. To achieve these endeavours, we have run a number of academic activities.



We recently held the Junior Quizzex, a quiz competition where teams of four answer questions spanning 8 categories. This event was a great success, with a large turnout of 32 teams of junior students. It was a very rewarding experience, witnessing the junior students enjoying themselves engaging in academic activities. On this note, a big thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a knock out. We hope to experience the same success for the upcoming Senior Quizzex

Also, with the help of Mr Sandu, the 2015 Graphs competition "Build a Skateboard Ramp" is currently in full progress and the contestants will have until 23 September to hand in their projects and be in to win a \$100 iTunes voucher.

With the September exams as well as the final NCEA exams getting closer, the Academic Council in conjunction with Year 13 students, have started the after school tutoring sessions. We are aiming to consistently carry this programme on until the exams, twice weekly at the Library, aiming to help junior students with their studying. We aim to equip them with the knowledge of how to go about maintaining their time prior to exams, study methods as well as basic tutoring with any minor problems that the students may face in their classes and homework.

As the end of the school year approaches, we look forward to working with the Academic Captains to continue raising the profile of academic activities within the school and encourage academic excellence at the College. We would like to wish our fellow students all the best for the future and to take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities provided to them here at Lynfield College.

Meryl Saldanha & Pyongkang Her

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)

Enrolment times are 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>

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.

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.

Important Community Meeting

The Roskill South Community Policing Team, Mt Roskill Community Patrol and Neighbourhood Support

Invite you to attend this meeting to address recent criminal activities in the neighbourhood.

Venue: Marshall Laing Primary School Hall, 39 Marshall Laing Avenue, Mt Roskill

Date: 26 August 2015

Time: 7pm

Contacts:

Mt Roskill Community Patrol (Taki Tuhaka, phone 027 627 5152 & Merrill Bourne, phone 626 6600)

Neighbourhood Support (Avon Lines, phone 815 9605)

Student Digital Safety

Safe use of devices on the internet is an issue for individuals, families and the community including schools. For families 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 the bedroom.
- You can always keep the device for times that you think are appropriate.

Netsafe New Zealand provides an outstanding service aimed at keeping people safe on line. Staff at Netsafe are happy to discuss any digital issues with you or will respond to emails.

Phone 09 3620971

Email queries@netsafe.org.nz

Google also has a safety centre for parents to seek advice.

The screenshot shows the Google Safety Centre website. At the top, the Google logo is followed by 'Safety Centre' and a 'g+1' button. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, For everyone, **For families**, Safety tools, Partners, and Resources. The main content area features a large image of a man and a young girl looking at a smartphone together. Overlaid on the left of this image is the text 'Make safety choices that fit your family'. Below the image are three buttons: 'Getting started', 'Explore with confidence' (which is highlighted in blue), and 'Manage your online reputation'. To the left of the main content is a sidebar with 'TOPICS' including 'Introduction', 'Family safety basics', 'Keep your data secure', and 'Tips from parents at Google'. The main content area has a heading 'Family safety basics' with social sharing icons (Google+, Twitter, Facebook, Email) and a short paragraph: 'For busy parents, here are some quick suggestions for how to help keep your family safe online.' To the right is a 'SAFETY TOOLS' section with the text: 'Discover the Top 5 Google safety features designed to help you keep your family safe online.'

https://www.google.co.nz/intl/en_nz/safetycenter/families/start/

Homework Centres

The College Library remains open after school until 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 3.40pm on Friday, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

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

Team Talk

The end of the winter sports season is a maximum of 3 weeks away, with a few teams having finished their competitions last week. Other teams are now in play offs for final positions in their grades. A more detailed report on all codes will appear in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to the **U19 Girls Basketball** team who were narrowly defeated in the final of the West Auckland competition, finishing 2nd to Western Springs College. This has earned them the right to play in the Greater Auckland Championships this week which is a fantastic achievement.

Mt Maunganui Exchange

The annual Lynfield/Mt Maunganui sports exchange took place at Mt Maunganui on Thursday 13 August – fortunately a fine, sunny day! This exchange has been a highlight on the sporting calendars of both schools for 56 years. The top teams in 7 codes competed for the overall trophy based on the number of games won and lost. This year Mt Maunganui showed its dominance and the advantage of being the ‘home’ team. Congratulations to our students for their fantastic sportsmanship. They were in every sense one big Lynfield team who had an awesome sports day they will remember for many years. Results as follows:

Wins – Football – Boys, Football – Girls, Hockey – Boys, Debating

Losses – Golf, Basketball – Boys, Basketball – Girls, Waterpolo, Netball Prem 1, Netball Prem 2, Hockey – Girls, Rugby



Netball Academy

This will recommence in mid-September. Programme Director, **Debbie Neville** has very extensive experience in netball coaching. Currently she coaches our successful Prem 1 and 9A teams as well as the Premier team for Blockhouse Bay Netball Club.

This academy will provide:

- A quality, structured, professionally run netball academy for our *gifted and talented* Netball players.
- On-going depth to Lynfield College netball teams in 2016 and beyond.

Focus will be on honing skills to raise individual performance to the highest level, mental and physical toughness, team dynamics, and player environment.

When: Wednesdays and Fridays 3.20 – 5pm

Where: Lynfield College turf

Dates: 17 September – 5 December, 2014 (excluding school holidays)

Duration: 10 weeks

Cost: \$50

Prerequisites: A proven record of commitment to netball
Good netball skills

Joining: Spaces will be limited. Application forms are now available from the Sports Office.

Please note that acceptance into this programme for 2015 does not imply acceptance into the 2016 programme.

Individual Honours

Congratulations to:

Maddison Wesche (Y11) has now returned from the World Youth Athletic Champs in Columbia. Maddi, who only recently turned 16, competed in the U18 Women's Shot Put placing 17th in the field of the best 36 in the world.

Sam Hudson (Y12) finished 3rd in a field of 47 at the recent interschool archery competition.

Grace Kukutai (Y13, 2014) is one of only 16 in NZ who have been selected as members of the NZ U21 Netball Training Squad for the 2017 World Champs.

Careers

Full time local position available for a student wishing to become an Environmental Technician. Full on the job training will be given to a Y13 or Y12 student wishing to leave school now and be part of a team measuring air emissions from industrial sites. This job is for a keen fit person who enjoys outdoor work and has a head for heights. NCEA qualifications in Science (chemistry) and maths is needed, plus good computer skills. Start date 5 October. Applications close 28 September. Full details at Student Services.

University of Auckland Open Day – Saturday 29 August, 9am – 3.15pm

This is the only day in the year that the University of Auckland opens its city campus to the public for tours, lectures, informal chats with lecturers and current students, as well as lots more. Free programmes are available at Student Services or create your own customised schedule of lectures to attend at www.coursesandcareersday.ac.nz A free bus will depart Gate 1 on White Swan Rd at 8.20am to go into the university on Saturday 29 August, and another free bus will return to the school at 3.15pm.

Y13 – planning to study at one of the following tertiary institutes in 2016? If so, please come to Student Services ASAP to sign up to attend an online application and course advice session. You must sign up if you wish to attend one of the info talks:

- University of Waikato – Tuesday 8 September, A1, from 12.40pm
- University of Canterbury – Tuesday 22 September, A1, from 12.40pm
- Unitec – Wednesday 23 September, A1, from 12.40pm
- Victoria University of Wellington – Thursday 24 September, A1, from 12.40pm
- Massey University – Tuesday 13 October, A1, from 12.40pm
- Lincoln University– See Mrs Keir ASAP

Upcoming Careers Events:

- **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, Eilerslie 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

University of Waikato News:

Applicant Day – Saturday 19 September. Like Open Day, this is an opportunity to visit the campus 10am-3pm to meet and talk with staff, attend info sessions, tour the campus and halls and complete an application to enrol.

Scholarship Deadline – closing 15 September. Apply for Science, Engineering, Law, Dairy NZ, Academic Merit or Excellence plus more.

Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Info Evening, Tuesday 18 August, 7pm, Heritage Hotel, 35 Hobson St, City. The evening will include presentations by Olympic Rower Nathan Twaddle, a performance from nationally acclaimed pianist Maria Mo and a seminar delivered by University of Waikato Sports Scientist Joe McQuillan. The Hillary Programme is a prestigious full-fees scholarship for individuals who are high performers in their field as athletes, performers or artists.

If you are considering a career teaching early childhood, primary or secondary, then check out www.teachnz.govt.nz/getqualified All the 2016 education qualification guidelines and study options are listed here. Simply use this online search tool or download the complete guides for information on nationally recognised teaching qualifications offered in NZ.

Are you planning to attend **Study at Victoria Open Day in Wellington on Friday 28 August**? Programmes are now available online or with Mrs Keir. **Victoria University of Wellington Victoria Achiever Scholarship** – applications and any accompanying documentation must be received by 15 September 2015. Details with Mrs Keir on online.