



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 14

25 September 2015

Coming Events:

Week 1	Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 begins
	Thu 15	Y12 Assembly & <i>Attitude</i> presentation, Period 1 5 th House Meetings – voting for House Captains Level 1 Mechanics digital assessment trial PPTA Paid Union Meeting – students released 12.30pm HCD school bus will depart at 12.40pm from Boundary Road Festival Awards Evening 6pm Eden Park
	Fri 16	5 th House Meetings –voting for House Captains
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
	Sat 31	Islamic Dinner 7pm Staffroom
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

Enrolment dates for Year 9 in 2016:

Enrolment continues for home zone and out of zone students in categories 2 – 5. Out of zone category 6 students who have been offered a place should have enrolled by Friday 18 September.

Please note: The enrolment sessions are Monday – Friday 3.30 – 4.30pm, no appointment necessary.

Late Out of zone, category 6 applications for 2016 may be made and will be put on a waiting list - application forms are available from our website or reception.

Year 10 – 13 out of zone applications for 2016 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>

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The past week has been an extremely busy and valuable one, with our senior students having the opportunity to go through assessment papers with their course teachers to find out what areas of their studies require a higher level of revision in preparation for the external NCEA exams which begin in 6 weeks on 6 November. All senior students should take the opportunity to implement a regular study programme during these holidays.

The first of our major prizegivings for the year, the Festival Awards Evening, will be held on Thursday 15 October and further details are contained in this newsletter. I welcome family of students who are receiving awards to join us in celebrating the 2015 sporting, arts and cultural achievements of our very talented and committed senior students.

Thursday 15 October – Teachers' Paid Union Meeting

Students will be released at 12.30pm and the HCD bus will leave Boundary Road at 12.40pm. However, supervised study will be available for students if they are waiting for a bus or to be collected by family. These students should report to the Hall at 1.00pm. They will need to bring their own lunch as the tuck shop will not be open.

Please enjoy a safe and happy holiday with your children before the busy NCEA Assessment period begins.

L Ridling
Acting Principal

2015 Festival Awards Evening

This prizegiving, which celebrates the school-based sporting, arts and cultural achievements of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students, will be held on Thursday 15 October.

Event Date:	Thursday 15 October
Venue:	Eden Park, North Lounge, Level 5
Time:	6.00pm (for a prompt 6.15pm start) – 9pm
Cost:	\$25 per person

The venue has ample free parking (entry is from Walters Road). Kingsland train station is also within easy walking distance. *Please note we will not be providing a bus from the College because of the easy access to the venue.* A light supper will be provided part-way through the evening.

If you have not yet purchased your tickets for this event, contact reception as soon as possible on Monday 12 October.

Please note: All outstanding sports uniform must be returned and sports fees paid before tickets will be issued.

Junior sporting and cultural achievement will be recognised at the Junior Festival Awards Assemblies on Monday 23 November (Y10) and Wednesday 25 November (Y9).

Traffic safety at Gate 3

We have had complaints from motorists and families about the congestion and unsafe driving around Gate 3 on Boundary Road, before and after school.

Some parents are not following the road rules, e.g. blocking driveways, parking on yellow lines, pulling and reversing out of Gate 3.

If you are transporting your child to and from school, please help keep this area safe by:

- dropping your child well away from the school gates in the morning
- having your child meet you well away from the school gates in the afternoon
- not blocking driveways where you are waiting or parked
- not parking on yellow lines at any time

Thank you for your cooperation.

13 Drama Performance Evening 'Remain in Light' by Stephen Sinclair

This World Premier of Stephen Sinclair's new play, written with teenagers in mind, will be held on Wednesday 14 October at 6.30pm in the PAC. Stephen has been working with Ms Nicolson and the cast and he will be attending the show.

Student Leader Profile – Ambassador Coordinators

This year has gone above and beyond every single one of our expectations. We have enjoyed the year immensely and can't believe that is drawing to a close. The role of Ambassador Coordinators has been an exciting one. It has helped to develop and enhance our leadership skills. We began this year slightly unsure of what our role would actually entail. However, it didn't take long for us to discover that we were going to be very busy if we were to develop our portfolio.

The core part of our portfolio this year was to run the school tours for prospective students. It was an amazing opportunity to meet the future students of Lynfield, interact with the community and represent our school. Our number one goal was to encourage them that high school is not as frightening as it seems. While we will not have the chance to personally be with the students next year, we are glad to know that (from what we saw) the newest Lynfield students are bright, capable and are assured to go on and do great things.

Year 13 has definitely pushed us to our limits. Everything you do, from school work, to extra-curricular, counts more than ever. But being on the Student Executive team has made every moment worth it. The team that we have had the privilege of working with have been stellar, and it has only enhanced our Year 13 experience. Prefect Camp at the start of the year allowed us to get into the head space required to help with the planning of the annual School Ball, along with the rest of the Ball Committee. It was great to be part of the background work that goes into making such a special night. While it definitely had its moments, the overall success of the event made us extraordinarily proud of what we, as a team, were able to achieve.

Without a doubt, we are pleased to be able to say that we have enjoyed all that we have been involved with and have loved being part of a bigger picture. While our time at Lynfield College has been full of friendship, learning, life-lessons and growth, we are both looking forward to continuing our educations at University next year, and are keen to see what the our respective futures hold.

Bethany Edmonds and Erica D'Souza



Student Leader Profile – Social Committee

What a year. From start to finish we dedicated ourselves to creating a monumental, outstanding Ball, and then iced the cake with Leavers' Dinner and leavers' gear.

The year was kicked into action at AUT leadership camp, securing our committee as a team, a family. During this camp we fine-tuned our leadership qualities and discovered the strengths and weaknesses of our team, allowing us to work as a close unit to achieve our goal. The overall goal for us was to create a year filled with priceless events that will go down in history, to make memories and to create the most phenomenal Ball possible.

Throughout the first two terms of the year, we recruited and worked tightly with the Ball Committee, sacrificing countless lunchtimes and study periods to bring to life the amazing night we had imagined. As the big night was approaching the hype escalated, the atmosphere in the school was buzzing. For those who attended, we think it's fair to say that Lynfield College's School Ball of 2015, "Lumière Des étoiles", went off with more than just a bang. Walking into Ellerslie Events Centre on Friday the 17th of July, met with glowing lanterns and sparkling lights, it had finally come. Graceful willow branches flourished as centrepieces under dark sheets draped as the night sky. The memories formed on this spectacular night, be it on the dance floor or at the buffet, will remain in everyone's mind for years.

Term three suddenly began and half of our goal was accomplished far above our expectations, and we had high hopes and motivation for the following challenges. Next on the agenda was leavers' gear and Leavers' Dinner. This part of the year hit closer to home as we felt the weight of our own departure from Lynfield closing in fast. We invested more and more of our time to give to our leavers an item of clothing that would remind them of "Class of 2015" long into their lives, a delicate balance between aesthetics (swag), and school spirit. We believe we succeeded in this task and hope that all of our fellow Year 13s forever wear it with pride.

The last and most emotional challenge in our journey is yet to come, Leavers' dinner. Plans have been brewing fast and tears will be shed on our final social gathering where we reminisce over our last five years. The music, venue, and of course food will reflect the shared interests and loves that have bonded our year group into a colony. We aspire to make it a summary of who we are as Lynfield Leavers, so the bonds we have formed will stay in our hearts as we depart into the real world.

So with all that we have accomplished, we really want to thank the head and deputy head students, the student executive for their amazing input and help. We would like to also thank the wonderful Mrs Clark, for her dedication and care that may often go unnoticed, but is most definitely present. Last but not least we would like to thank our fellow students, because you guys are there whenever we need you, and you guys have forged some awesome memories in our minds that we will cherish forever.



James Asiata, Gianni Gambassi, Teneil Pillay, Tottah Laulu, Erica D'Souza, Bethany Edmonds

Student Leader Profile – Year 12 Student Executive

What a year we have had, kicking it off at the start of the year with the Prefects' Training Camp where we met many other prefects from various schools, and got to grasp a deeper understanding of what leadership is and how it varies with each individual. This camp had given us the opportunity to work alongside our very own year 13 executives, whom we have come to learn from and respect in such a way throughout the journey of 2015 that they motivate us to work towards our full potential. Observing and interacting with them gave us an exceptional example to follow. Time management, organisation and enthusiasm were all valuable lessons that we picked up from our older team mates.

Having co-ordinated the various mufti days alongside the Deputy Head Students really showed us how much preparation goes into organisation of events, even as small as mufti days. A great opportunity to develop our management skills was given to us through the responsibility of organising and managing the Year 9, 10 and 11 class representatives, so their ideas for the school could be formally discussed and put into play. This responsibility that had been split across us was largely successful for both the class reps and ourselves, as we got the opportunity to practically lead students and the class reps were left with successes to celebrate - from the Year 10 assemblies becoming a hit to the Year 11 students being provided guidance on course selection from their Year 12 and 13 executives. All the experience we have gained and lessons we have learnt will with no doubt prepare us for our adventure next year.

We would like to thank all of the Year 13 Executive and Mrs Clark for making our goals a possibility and success. Mrs Clark has been as enthusiastic as ever and has approached every day with a smile, which ultimately has kept the whole leadership team positive and relaxed. We look forward to 2016 and hope to carry all the knowledge and experiences from 2015 into next year so we can make our bright Lynfield College shine even brighter.



Mrs Clark, Deputy Principal, Grace Kaleta, Rosie Kennedy, Elizabeth Fa'amamafa, Ryan Xavier, Gianni Gambassi, Aman Reen, Kiriffi Leilua, Hamza Riazuddin, Mr Bovaird, Principal

Youth Parliament

Every three years Parliament hosts a special Youth Parliament in Wellington. The next Youth parliament is scheduled for 19th and 20th July 2016. We have been asked by the MP for Roskill, Phil Goff, to nominate a prospective Mt Roskill Youth Parliamentarian by Friday 16 October 2015.

- Applicants must be 16 – 18 years old (as of 16 October 2015)
- Active in their school or community
- Reside in the Mt Roskill electorate

While at Youth Parliament, Youth MPs will participate in all aspects of Parliament including Question Time, Select Committees, General Debate, debate and voting on a mock Bill and a meeting as part of a Party Caucus. For more information see Mrs Clark

Sports Scene

NZ Secondary School Swimming Champs - Hamilton 11 – 13 September

The College was well represented at the NZSS Swimming Champs by a strong team of junior swimmers. The event, which is run by Swimming NZ, is well supported by schools from throughout NZ (111 schools were represented) and the competition is of a very high standard. Our team of Samantha Martin, Jackson Potauaine, Aaron Tahu and Luke Tahu represented the College well, both in and out of the pool.

Luke was the most successful swimmer, with a Gold in the 50m butterfly and Bronze in both the 100m and 200m freestyle races. He also set personal best times across his six races. Samantha had a particularly busy time, with entries in seven races. She recorded a personal best in the 200m freestyle and gained a creditable best result of 5th in the 200m butterfly. Aaron produced four personal best times in his races and Jackson a personal best in his 50m backstroke.

The College would like to thank the swimmers for their efforts at this event and the Parents for supporting it, so that it could happen. Congratulations to all involved. We look forward to continued success in 2016.

Uniform Return

With all winter sports now finished for the year **please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office as soon as possible.** When the uniform is returned most of the uniform bond will be refunded via your child, as per the letter your son/daughter brought home at the beginning of the season.

Netball Academy

This will recommence the 1st week of Term 4. We are looking forward to seeing the girls' netball confidence grow as their knowledge and skills quickly increase.

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.

Homework Centres

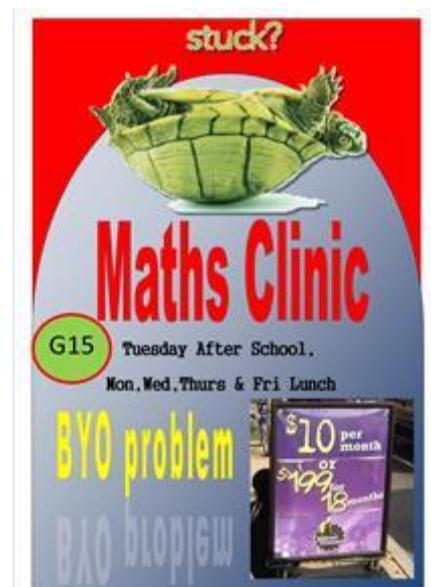
The College Library remains open after school until 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 3.40pm on Friday, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

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)**



Careers

Unitec Early Childhood Taster Day – Wednesday 14 October, Mt Albert Campus. If you would like to find out more about this, please see Mrs Hughes in Student Services during interval or lunchtime this week. This is an opportunity to experience classes for a day, Q&A with head lecturers, take a tour of the department and Mt Albert Campus etc.

Unitec Acting, Dance, Music, Film & Television and Behind the Scenes Open Day – Thursday 22 October, 5-7pm, Entry 1, Building 6, Mt Albert Campus.

AUT Art & Design Undergraduate Portfolio and Information Session, Friday 9 October (school holidays).

Lecturers will guide attendees and provide advice on how to create an electronic portfolio to meet admission requirements for either the Bachelor of Visual Arts or the Bachelor of Design and give general information about the course. There will be two hour sessions throughout the day for each major. This is for those interested in the Bachelor of Visual Arts' pathways in Photography, Painting & Sculpture or in our Bachelor of Design's majors in Communication Design (formerly Graphic Design), Digital Design, Fashion Design, Product Design, Spatial Design or Textile Design. 10am-3.30pm, AUT City Campus. Register online now <https://www.aut.ac.nzstudy-at-aut/>

Massey University:

- **Accommodation Scholarships of up to \$5000 for 2016 at Auckland and Manawatu campuses – closes 2 Oct.** Info at www.massey.ac.nz/accommodation
- **Information & Enrolment Evenings (during school holidays). Programmes available at S/S:**
Tue 6 Oct, 6-9pm – Business, Arts, Design & more
Wed 7 Oct, 6-9pm – Sciences, Engineering, Health & more
- **Online enrolment applications are now open**, with paper selections available from 1 October

Crown Institute of Studies Scholarships – interested in studying Hospitality, Travel, Tourism & Airline, or Business at Crown? Apply for a \$1000 scholarship by emailing your application along with a 500+ word essay on how this course will help you achieve your career goals. www.crown.ac.nz

Y13 students considering Pilot training in 2016 at Southern Wings, Invercargill - Send in your applications now as first interviews are happening 28 Sep – 9 Oct. More info at Student Services or www.southernwings.co.nz

The NZ Dance Company school holiday programme for boys 11+ years. Hip hop, fusion and creating your own work. 5 days, Mon 28 Sep – Fri 2 Oct, 930am-4pm, \$230. Details at S/S or www.nzdc.org.nz

Registration is now open for **Air NZ Engineering & Maintenance** Placement tests for students wanting to study in the Air New Zealand 2016 Aircraft Engineering Programme. Dates are available via the website for Sep, Oct & Nov. www.aviationinstitute.co.nz

GuideMe is a free start-to-finish checklist for getting your university study sorted. It's based on advice and tips from first-year university students, with links to essential websites and services they recommend.

Intro Video: <https://youtu.be/wvVm063hjgc>

Live link: <http://www.connect.co.nz/guideme.html>

Open Days & Information Evenings & Visitors To Our School:

Crown Institute of Studies Open Day – Monday 28 September and Thursday 15 October, 9am.

NZ Maritime School Open Day – Tuesday 29 September, Level 3, 2 Commerce St, City

Peter Minturn Goldsmith School Open Day – Saturday 3 October, 10am-3pm, 353 New North Rd, Kingsland.

www.jewel.school.nz

Massey University 2016 Course Planning Session – Tuesday 13 October, from 12.40pm, A1. If you would like to attend, see Mrs Keir to make an appointment.

The College has been asked by an organisation called The Learning Collaborative to inform students of an NCEA Revision course running in the Term 3 holidays at four venues (AUT City Campus, AUT North Shore Campus, Pakuranga College and MIT Manukau Campus). For more information: <http://www.thelearningcollaborative.org.nz>



Supporting success in your school.

For new ASB home loans over \$150,000 drawn down before 31 December 2015, ASB will donate:

\$500 cash to participating schools.

To take up this offer you must be a parent, staff or member of the participating school. ASB's lending criteria, terms and conditions apply. 20% equity is required in the security property. Other terms apply. Fees may apply. For Ts & Cs and to download the voucher visit asb.co.nz/schoolbanking. Offer ends 31 December 2015.

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ADAB Mental Health Services presents:

Supporting Young People – with a mental health and/or addiction problem

Support options and strategies for family / whānau ALL WELCOME, no charge, registration not required

Moira Clunie – MH Foundation, Common Ground Project manager
Michelle Brewerton – Community Alcohol & Drug Services (CADS)
Kay McCabe – Clinical Psychologist, Kari Centre, ADHB MH services

Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 7pm, Auckland Anglican Māori Mission Hall, 2-10 burleigh Street, Cnr Khyber Pass, Grafton.

For more details contact: ADHB Family Advisor Leigh Murray, phone 307 4949 ext 26520 or email lmurray@adhb.govt.nz

Heartlanders New Zealanders of the Great War

This is the National Army Museum's travelling exhibition in containers coming to Auckland in October, telling the stories of ordinary New Zealanders in World War One and bringing their special stories back to their very own communities where their journey began. It is a good overview of New Zealanders' involvement in World War One and is a great resource for schools who are seeking to embrace the war centenary.

The exhibition is FREE to the public and on display at New Lynn RSA on Wednesday 21 October and on Queen's Wharf on Thursday 22 October 10am – 6pm.

For more details see www.armymuseum.co.nz