



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 7

29 May 2015

Coming Events:

Week 7	Mon 1 Jun	Queen's Birthday – public holiday, school closed
	Tue 2	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK
	Wed 3	ICAS Science Competition
	Wed 3	NZ Chamber Music Competition, 5 – 6.30pm
Week 8	Mon 8	Japan trip meeting, 7 – 8pm staffroom
	Tue 9	Big Sing Choral Festival, 1.45 – 5pm
	Wed 10 – Thu 11	<i>13SCI – Liggins Institute</i>
	Thu 11	<i>13CHC – AWE (Alongside Work Experience)</i>
	Sun 14 – Mon 15	<i>13GEO – Rotorua</i>
Week 9	Mon 15	ICAS Writing competition
	Wed 17	11/12/13DRA – Q Theatre
	Thu 18	<i>13CHC – AWE</i>
	Fri 19	Y9 & 10 Digital Citizenship morning, Period 1 – 4
	Sat 20	Pacific Beats Heats
Week 10	Mon 22 – Wed 24	<i>9BUS Tip Top Factory trips</i>
	Tue 23	PRODUCTION WEEK
	Thu 25	University of Auckland Economics Competition, Period 3
	Thu 25	Tough Guy & Gal Competition
Week 11	Mon 29	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin building
	Wed 1 Jul	CULTURAL PHOTOS
	Thu 2	12MUS/MUP Group Performance Evening, 7pm Hall
	Fri 3	Mid-Year Reports issued
	Fri 3	Term 2 ends
	Fri 17	School Ball (last Friday of the holidays)
Week 1	Mon 20 Jul	Term 3 begins
	Tue 21	Enrolment Open Day – tours 11am
	Wed 22	Enrolment Open Day – tours 1.30pm & 4pm
	Thu 23	Australian National Chemistry Quiz
	Sat 25	Shinagawa Summer School students arrive (depart 14 Aug)
Week 2	Mon 27	4 th House Meetings
	Tue 28	Enrolment Information Evening, 7pm Hall
	Tue 28	4 th House Meetings
	Thu 30	ICAS English competition
	Thu 30	WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS
	Thu 30	Australian Maths Competition
	Thu 30	Pacific Families Evening, 6.15 – 8.30pm
Week 3	Mon 3 Aug	Course Selection month begins
	Wed 5	11MUS/MUP Group Performance Evening, 7pm Hall
	Thu 6	Progress Conferences (student surnames A - L) 4 – 7pm
	Fri 7	Y9 & Y10 Workchoice Career Pathfinder
	Fri 7	BLOOD DONOR DAY – College Hall
	Fri 7	Teachers Workchoice Day
Week 4	Mon 10	<i>13GEO – Muriwai Beach trip (rain day Tue 11 Aug)</i>
	Tue 11	ARTS WEEK
	Thu 13	Progress Conferences (students surnames M – Z) 4 – 7pm
	Thu 13	<i>13CHC-AWE</i>
	Thu 13	Music Department Variety Concert
Week 5	Mon 17	KBB Music Festival Week
	Tue 18 – Thu 20	<i>13PHE – Tukino Ski trip</i>
	Wed 19	Mathex Quiz
	Thu 20	<i>13CHC-AWE</i>
	Sat 22	KBB Music Festival Gala
Week 6	Wed 26	Mt Maunganui / Lynfield Sports Exchange
	Thu 27	<i>In-class priority time (until Tue 8 Sep)</i>
Week 8	Wed 9 – Fri 18 Sep	SENIOR ASSESSMENT

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have a period of senior assessment in week 7, from Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 June. Senior students have been issued with timetables and exam instruction sheets. The timetable and examination instructions are currently on the student e-LynC site and on the College website, which parents can access. Any assessment clashes should have been reported to Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor by now and an alternative time during the week arranged. B3 will be a supervised study room.

If a student misses an exam because of illness or an emergency, the College must be contacted on the day of assessment, using the absence phone line (627 0600 option 1/extension 729) and leaving a message for the student's Dean. If the missed assessment is a final NCEA one, a doctor's certificate should also be given to Mr Black, Deputy Principal and arrangements made to sit the assessment before the end of the exam week.

Students in Years 9 and 10 have normal class timetables during the assessment days, although there will be some room changes they will need to follow from the daily notices each day (these are also on e-LynC and the school noticeboards). If you have any questions about assessment activities please contact Mr M Black through the school office.

Mid-year Reports are now being prepared and these will be issued on Thursday 2 July to senior and junior students. Progress Conference evenings will be held for students and their parents on Thursday 6 and Tuesday 11 August in Term 3. The time lapse between issuing reports and having progress conferences is deliberate. It gives students the opportunity to work on the advice offered in the subject reports and so improve their academic performance before receiving more feedback at the conferences.

At this time of the year colds and flu are on the increase. Students can take some simple precautions to reduce the impact of these illnesses on themselves and fellow students by wearing appropriate winter school uniform, having adequate wet weather protection and washing and drying their hands properly. Those who are not well should remain at home so that they can recover more quickly and not spread their illness.

If a student is on medication or has health issues which are likely to impact on any aspect of their schooling, parents/caregivers should directly contact our school nurse and discuss the situation with her. Our school nurse, Mrs Glynne Newton is available on 627 0600 extension 755. In an emergency, our nurse is likely to be the first medic on the scene. Nurse Newton also needs to be notified by a parent when a student requires medication during the day. All medicine required by a student during the school day must be stored in her office. Your child's Dean should also be notified. If a student feels unwell after arriving at school, then he or she should go and see the Nurse in the first instance, who will contact parents or caregivers.

Now that winter is here, we are in need of school jerseys and jackets to loan to students who for a number of reasons do not have them. If you would like to donate any uniform no longer required by your family we would appreciate having it. The uniform can be left at our reception desk.

L Ridling
Acting Principal

NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

The 2015 NZQA fee for domestic students is \$76.70, with a maximum of \$200 per family.

NB: Previously, three Scholarship entries were included in this \$76.70 NCEA fee. This is no longer the case. NZQA now charges a \$30 per subject fee for Scholarship entries. Payment of the standard fee should be made as soon as possible. Invoices for the extra amount for Scholarship candidates will be issued later when Scholarship entries have been finalised.

The cost for International fee paying students is \$383.30. This does not include Scholarship entries, which are \$102.20 per subject. Financial assistance cannot be claimed for International fee paying students.

Financial assistance is available for those who meet one of the following criteria:

- currently receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or have a current Community Services Card (benefit-based applications)
- are not currently receiving a benefit, or do not have a current Community Services Card, but do have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income-based applications)
- have two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income, and the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum (multiple candidate applications).

The fee for those qualifying for financial assistance in the first three categories is \$20, with a maximum of \$30 per family.

Full financial assistance details, including income thresholds for entitlement for a Community Services card can be viewed at:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/>

You must fill in an application form to receive financial assistance.

A new application has to be filled in each year – if you received financial assistance last year it does not automatically carry over.

Financial assistance application forms are now available from the Deans' Reception. The form should be completed and returned to Mr Delgrosso's office as soon as possible. Students with a full fee invoice (\$76.70) should return it when they bring in their completed Financial Assistance form. A new invoice for the adjusted amount will be issued. The process can be shortened if the student brings in the \$20 fee when they return the completed Financial Assistance form.

Invoices have been issued to students, with payment due by the end of this term (3 July). Please plan for this payment so that you can help us to meet our NZQA deadlines. For most students, the fee will be \$76.70.

NB: The invoice should be returned to the Accounts Office when payment is made. If paying online, please also return the invoice. Write a brief note at the top of the invoice that payment has been made online, together with the date of payment.

Student Leader Profile – International Student Representative

Hi, I am Kevin, the 2015 International Student Representative.

I come from China and have been at Lynfield College for nearly 2 years. I am currently in Year 13 and plan to study engineering at the University of Auckland next year.

My first day at the school was kind of dramatic. I arrived at Lynfield on 26 July 2013 and I will never forget that day. I was a little late checking-in at the international office and I was so terrified and shy as I thought my English was really poor. Then I met the international staff, who were really welcoming and I was introduced to the other new international students who were waiting for me. All the people were friendly and I made some good friends that day which I still have.

I chose Lynfield because of its good reputation. The school offers me experiences that I would never have had in China. I enjoy the high achieving academic environment and the opportunities and support given me to achieve at a high level. At the same time the social events that we have make my life colourful and interesting. I am a member of the Chinese group and enjoyed the Cultural Week in Term 1. I am also a part of our school basketball team and enjoy mentoring other international students and helping them with their studies.

Lynfield College has had international students for more than 20 years now. Every year more than 150 students come to the school from many countries like China, Japan, Korea, Chile, Germany, Italy and Thailand. It is a great honour for me to be the International Student Representative and have this opportunity to give back to the school. It is especially rewarding to help new international students to get through that hard period at the beginning that I remember.

My experience at Lynfield College will always be one of the most important and precious things in my life and I will always remember my school days here. It has been a really amazing life experience for me.

Kevin Liu



Homestay Families Needed

Lynfield College is looking for caring families to host our new international students arriving from Europe, South America and Asia in July. Some are staying for a few weeks and others are here either until the end of the year or longer. Payment and 24/7 support is offered. To find out more please email homestay@lynfield.school.nz or phone the Homestay Office on (09) 627 0600 ext 748.

2015 School Ball

This year the Lynfield College School Ball will be held at The Ellerslie Convention Centre, (Newmarket Room), Auckland. Dress is formal and will be guided by a theme 'Lumiere des etoiles' (light of the stars). Information concerning the night of the event will be sent home to all Year 12 and Year 13 students. Our school Ball has developed an excellent reputation for being enjoyable, well run and trouble-free.

Date - Friday 17 July (Note: this is the last Friday of the school holidays)

Time - 7pm to 12 midnight

Tickets - \$110

The ticket price covers the cost of photography. Students will be able to download unlimited prints and two photographers will be circulating throughout the evening as well as providing more traditional photography against a backdrop. Photo booths will also be provided for less formal photography.

Our Ball Committee is conscious of the considerable expenses some of our students incur in preparing for the Ball and is encouraging students to limit their spending by searching second hand shops and assisting each other with hair and makeup.

Ticket purchase is conditional on the student meeting all outstanding obligations to the College, having less than 5% unjustified absences, having paid all fees owing to the College and having presented signed and completed permission forms. Tickets will be on sale at interval and lunchtime in Week 8:

8 and 9 June – Year 13 only
10 and 11 June – Years 12 and 13

Tickets will be issued at a special assembly on Friday 3 July.

Parents must ensure that they have arranged for their son/daughter to get home safely after the Ball.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Gabrielle Clark, Deputy Principal 6270600 ext 706.

2015 Production – ‘Popstars’

This year Lynfield College will be presenting ‘Popstars’ as its school production. Set in the 90s, the age of *Spice Girls* and *Backstreet Boys*, this musical rolls out some all-time favourites such as “Hit me Baby one more time” and “Bye, Bye, Bye”. Shannon, an ambitious, pretty and popular girl at school, hears that a famous talent scout will be attending the school Talent Competition. She immediately sets about plotting her future stardom and will let nothing get in her way. She and her two friends drop their boyfriends in order to focus on their “careers”. When Mark, Shannon’s boyfriend, finds out after everyone else, he seeks revenge and persuades his band to enter the competition too. There’s just one problem – his band plays grunge and can’t dance! The show opens on Tuesday 23 June with matinee performances for local intermediate and primary schools.

Evening Performances	Wednesday 24 – Saturday 27 June, starting at 7.00pm
Ticket Cost	Adults \$10; Senior Citizens, Students and Children \$5
Door sales from 6.30pm	
Food and drinks are on sale at intermission	

Tickets will be on sale from Thursday 11 June and students will be able to purchase tickets from a sales desk during lunchtimes outside the main entrance to B block. Members of the public may also purchase tickets from Reception after 11 June.

Cup / Trophy Return

If you have a cup or trophy which was awarded in 2014 (at Festival Awards, Senior or Junior Prizegivings) you will have received a letter requesting their return. Please bring them to the main reception in the Admin Building. It is NOT necessary to polish cups before their return. Thank you.

e-Waste Collection

There will be an e-waste collection at Lynfield College in the lower car park (access via Gate 2 only) on Saturday 13 June between 9am and 3pm. This is a drive-through event with people available to unload e-waste from cars.

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.

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 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 Competitions

Last term we completed our second House Competition for 2015. In Junior Touch, Zoricich took out the final with runners-up Reid while Fatialofa seniors were victorious over Bray. These points combined with those from Athletics Day put Reid in the lead with only 31 points separating all 6 houses! Our next house competition is Volleyball which begins 17 June with all houses playing every lunchtime for two weeks.

Road Race

The annual Lynfield College Road Race will take place on the afternoon of 16 June. It is run around local streets with strict safety considerations in mind. The junior course is 3.3km and the senior is 5.5km. This is **compulsory for all junior (Y9 and Y10) students**. Seniors wishing to compete must sign up at the Sports Office by the designated time (interval, Monday 15 June). All other seniors will be in their usual classes while the Road Race is being run.

Basketball Academy

This has been running all year and a dedicated group of promising and talented students train hard twice weekly with Basketball Academy director, Ethan Miller. The members of this group are really enjoying the opportunity and they are reaping the rewards when on the court during games.

Team Talk

A total of 54 teams are entered in weekly winter competitions this year. The number in each code is:

Badminton - 7
Basketball (boys) - 5
Basketball (girls) - 2
Football (boys) - 5
Football (girls) - 3
Hockey (boys) - 3
Hockey (girls) - 4
Netball (senior) - 9
Netball (junior) - 6
Rugby League - 1
Rugby - 2
Squash - 3
Table Tennis - 2
Curling - 2

Huge thanks to those parents who have put their hands up to help with managing or coaching our teams. It is very much appreciated by the many students who would not otherwise have been in school teams.

All winter codes have had impressive results.

Our **Junior Girls Football** team played an awesome game on Wednesday at home against Massey High. They finished the game 1-0 up, giving them their second consecutive win of the season. They are improving really quickly under the coaching of staff member, Joel Hicks, and are attacking every ball with absolute determination.

The **Premier 1 Netball** team has shown real potential, even though it is a relatively inexperienced team playing in the top grade of the Netball Waitakere competition. Under coach Debbie Neville's guidance, the girls are stepping up to show the netball community they are a force to be reckoned with! Premier 1 has had 4 wins from 4 games.



Our **U15 Boys Hockey** team showed real grit and determination on Friday evening when it met St Kentigern College. Some of our boys were unavailable as Friday is not their usual game night so they played the game with only 9 on the turf. This team has a mixture of abilities with some boys who have never held a hockey stick until this term! They out ran and out played St Kent's to win 3-1 in a very exciting game.

Although the **1st XV Rugby** lost their most recent game, they are showing excellent discipline, are really starting to think as a team and showing great improvement.

Basketball is a very popular sport at Lynfield and it is easy to see the effect the Basketball Academy has had on our U15 and U17 players in particular. The **U15 Boys Basketball** team is coached by ex-student Cale Piritaie and has started the season with 4 wins and remain undefeated! These boys are extremely good listeners, committed and enthusiastic and this attitude is paying huge dividends.

This week students are beginning a sport never offered before at this school. We have 2 teams entered into a weekly interschool **Curling** competition which takes place on Thursday evenings at Paradise Ice Skating Rink. Curling is an Olympic sport which is played extensively in colder climates. It is so good to see our students prepared to learn new skills!

Individual Honours

Michael Carswell (Y12) finished 3rd in the U19 division of the Secondary Schools' North Harbour Cycling Tour last Saturday and Sunday. The tour consisted of 4 races over 2 days - 2 road races, 1 time trial and 1 criterium. This is an outstanding achievement as the competitors included the best U19 cyclists in Auckland.

Samantha Martin (Y9) has just returned from the North Island Secondary Schools Swimming Championships in Palmerston North. She competed in 4 events, finishing 2nd in the 200m Butterfly and in the top 8 for each of the other events.



Juee Bhide (Y13, 2014) has just been selected as a member of the NZ Junior Women's Squash team. She is ceded 3rd player in the team of 4 and will be travelling to the Netherlands in July for the World Junior Championships.

Joshua Head (Y12) has long had a passion for bikes and engines. He has raced successfully over the past 4 years and is now making his way into the world of adult motorbike racing. He writes:

"Currently where I am in my racing status, I competed in the New Zealand WIL sport Hyosung cup on 250 production race bikes (seen in photo) with riders considered exceptionally good, with a handful of them having been or are still successful competitors in Europe (World Championship). Out of a total of 36 top New Zealand riders (majority adults), I came away with many successful finishes including a finish on the podium. I was awarded the highest performing rookie also known as the new-comer cup and I am hoping in the near future to compete over in Europe which is the top step for motorcycle racing and an extremely difficult and demanding scene to do well in. Since the Hyosung cup has ended, winter will consist of a lot of training and time on the bike in preparation for the national championship, where I have big expectations of doing well to progress further towards my goal."



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 (e.g. certificate, letter of selection, etc) so we have the exact wording of their achievement, or email these details to fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

Careers

Visitors To Our School:

International College of Hotel Management, Adelaide – Thu 11 June, 10.30am, A1 www.ichm.edu.au

Monash University, Melbourne – Wed 24 June, 10.30am, A1 – an opportunity to learn more about university life in Australia

Upcoming Careers Events:

- **The Careers Expo being held at the ASB Showgrounds**, is open to the public Saturday 30 May, 10am – 3pm
- www.careersexpo.org.nz/auckland-2015
- **AUT University, City Campus Info Evening (Art & Design; Business; Communication Studies; Computer & Mathematical Sciences; Creative Technologies; Engineering; Hospitality, Tourism & Event Management; Language & Culture; Law' Sciences; Social Sciences; Maori & Indigenous Development)** – Fri 5 June, from 5pm, Sir Paul Reeves Building (WG), Mayoral Dr, Auckland City www.aut.ac.nz/infoevenings
- **Yoobee ACG School of Design Open Day** – Sat 6 June, 10am, Level 4, 3 city Rd, Grafton
- **Victoria University Auckland Info Evening** – Thu 11 June, 6pm, Bruce Mason Centre, Takapuna
- **University of Otago Law Career Info Session** – Mon 15 June, 7pm, Pullman Hotel, City
- **University of Canterbury Auckland Info Evening** – Tue 16 June, 6pm, ASB Showgrounds, 217 Greenlane West
- **University of Auckland Parent Information Evening** – Tue 16 June, Expo 6.30pm & Seminar 7.30pm; Owen G Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd, City Register at www.auckland.ac.nz/parentseminar Info on entry requirements, scholarships, money matters, campus life and much more
- **CPIT Broadcasting Information Evening, Christchurch Campus** – Thu 18 & Mon 29 June. A great opportunity to meet the tutors and current students, tour the NZ Broadcasting School facilities and find out useful information on how to make a successful application. Early applications are advised, and will close on 30 September. www.cpit.ac.nz

Girls! You are invited to an evening of talks and fun activities showing the difference science and technology can make in the world. The STEAM Ahead mothers and daughters series aims to profile women with technical backgrounds and the roles they are in, to demonstrate to young females the career opportunities Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths can offer. The theme of this presentation is "Science Technology – Helping In A Humanitarian Crisis" with speakers from AECOM and Google. The event has a recommended age of 11-18 years. More info www.steam-ahead.org RSVP Online: bit.ly/steam-ahead-in-crisis

Thursday 11 June, 6-8.30pm, AECOM, Level 2, Mahuhu Cres, City.

Smoothie Challenge Competition!

Wellpark College of Natural Therapies are celebrating their 25th birthday by offering a Smoothie Challenge to Y13 students. The prize package of \$13,500 includes a full scholarship to study Wellpark College's NZQA accredited Diploma of Nutrition, starting in February 2016. Full details can be viewed online at www.wellpark.co.nz

University of Otago Science Information

- **Chemistry and Physics catch up courses** available in Summer School
- **Studying Sciences at Otago in 2016?** There is a flyer available at Student Services to help students' shortlist your science options, cross-referencing school subject links and broad career pathways.
- **Facebook.com/OtagoSciences**

Considering a career in Fine Arts, Fashion Design, Graphic Design or Photography? Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design invite interested students to attend a programme overview. Learn about the application process and how to prepare for the interview. The day also includes observation of Year One art classes and a tour of the campus. Photo Media, Wed 3 June. Fine Arts, Fri 5 June. Fashion Design, Wed 17 June. Graphic Design Fri 19 June. Foundation, Mon 22 June. Details at S/S.

Considering a GAP year in 2016? www.kiwiapairs.com is a company that have au pair positions available in the UK, Germany, Italy, France and Australia. Be welcomed into another family, share the kiwi culture, teach, play and care for children while living like a local. Plus you'll get paid!

Seniors – Gap Year opportunity. A new two week course, "Introduction to the World of Hospitality", is being held in Switzerland in July and August and will be a great taster for students who want to know if hospitality and Switzerland are really for them. See Mrs Keir for details.

A range of AFS Cultural Exchange Scholarships are available including ones for Diversity, Excellence, Pacifica, Maori, Entrepreneurial, Young Woman, and many more. Check out www.afsnz.org

July School Holiday Programme for Y9 & Y10 – Architecture Design & Model Making, Game Development & Coding, Robotics, Minecraft plus more. www.bubbledome.co.nz

Smith and Partners Law Scholarships

Applications are now open for the 2015 round of the Smith and Partners Law Scholarships. The Smith and Partners Law Scholarships are open to Year 13 students enrolled at a West Auckland secondary school in 2015 and intending to study law at a New Zealand university in 2016. Three scholarships of \$2000, \$1000 and \$500 will be awarded, along with prizes for a finalist from each school. In addition a fourth "people's choice" prize of \$500 will also be awarded. Applications close 5pm Monday 31 August 2015.

Application forms and information regarding the scholarships can be found on the Smith and Partners website at www.smithpartners.co.nz/lawscholarship

Parents and students can also keep up to date with the scholarship programme on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/lawscholarshipwest