



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 1

19 February 2016

Coming Events:

Week 4	Mon 22 Feb	Gateway 1 st Aid Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin Building
	Tue 23	Gateway 1 st Aid Year 9 Parents Evening, 7pm Hall
	Wed 24	CLASS & ID PHOTOS
	Thu 25	West Central Zone Swimming, West Wave Badges Assembly, 2.30pm Hall (all Year 13 attend)
Week 5	Tue 1 – Fri 4 Mar	<i>12PHE Water Camp – Tawharanui</i>
	Tue 1	<i>13TFD – AUT Design Lab</i>
	Wed 2	Year 9 Attitude Presentation, P1
	Thu 3	<i>13ESS – Takapuna</i> NCEA Information Evening, 7pm Staffroom
	Fri 4	ID Photo catchup <i>12MED trip</i> Lumino The Dentists depart Newsletter No. 2 emailed
Week 6	Mon 7 – Wed 9	<i>12PHE Land Camp – Shakespear Regional Park</i>
	Mon 7	Junior Open Debating, round 1
	Tue 8	<i>12BIA – Arataki</i>
	Wed 9	<i>12BIO – Arataki</i>
	Thu 10	<i>11HIS – Museum</i> <i>12&13BUS – Rainbow's End</i>
	Fri 11	Y9 & Y10 Digital Citizenship Project P1-4 <i>Learning Support Drama trip – Civic Theatre</i>
Week 7	Mon 14	SENIOR ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEEK 12HTH Listen Up programme
	Wed 16	ASB Polyfest begins <i>11HIS trip</i>
	Wed 16 – Sat 19	PSSP Residential Training, Kiwanis Camp, Huia
	Fri 18	Newsletter No. 3 emailed
Week 8	Mon 21	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin Building
	Tue 22	Pacific Parents Evening, 6.30pm Staffroom
	Wed 23	TENNIS CHAMPS Progress Reports Issued
	Thu 24	Germany Exchange Farewell Evening, 6.30pm Staffroom (or 24 th TBC)
	Fri 25	EASTER GOOD FRIDAY
Week 9	Tue 29	Lynfield College Music students at Tauranga Jazz Festival
	Wed 30	EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY School resumes CULTURAL WEEK
	Thu 31	<i>11SCB – Zoo trip</i>
	Fri 1 Apr	Newsletter No. 4 emailed
	Sat 2	LYNFIELD COLLEGE CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY 12 – 4pm
	Sun 3	<i>12GEO – Ruapehu trip departs (returns Tue 5)</i>
Week 10	Mon 4	11/12/13MUS&MUP Solo 1 Performances – in class this week Junior Open Debating round 2
	Tue 5	<i>13ESS – Stardome</i>
	Wed 6	<i>13BIO&BIA – Zoo</i>
	Thu 7	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS Progress Conferences (A – L), 4 – 7pm
	Fri 8	<i>13PXM – Rainbow's End (rain day 13 Apr)</i>
Week 11	Tue 12	Progress Conferences (M – Z), 4 – 7pm
	Thu 14	12ODE Assessment
	Fri 15	Newsletter No. 5 emailed Term 1 ends
Week 1	1 May	Term 2 begins

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On behalf of the Board and staff I would like to welcome all parents, especially the new Year 9 parents to this first newsletter for 2016. The newsletter is published every second Friday and is emailed to all parents on the email list (taken from the enrolment form at the time of enrolment). It is also available on the website.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet many of you at the Year 9 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 23 February, where you will be able to meet your child's form teacher and receive information on their academic programme and expectations for Year 9. If you are unable to attend, you will have another opportunity to meet with teachers and form teachers at the progress conferences on 7 and 12 April.

Year 9 Form Teachers have indicated that students have settled in well to their form classes and their subjects. The Orientation Programme, which ran at the beginning of the term, was very successful and students are certainly taking advantage of the many opportunities available to them in the College. Year 9 Form Teachers stay with their form classes as they move through the year levels.

We are now into the third year of BYOD. Students and staff continue to explore the possibility that these devices bring to student learning. The level of collaboration between students has certainly increased as has student access to up to date data in their research projects. As you will see below, the Yr11 students did very well in NCEA at level 1, improving overall results, especially in the merit and excellence area. These students were the first group to have devices through BYOD.

The College does lend out devices to students who do not bring a device, however it cannot be taken home. In the junior school we are recommending Chromebooks. These can be purchased for less than \$400. These are the devices we lend out. For seniors we do encourage a laptop, depending on their option subjects. We do not expect students to have expensive software loaded on as there are always free downloads that can be used. If in doubt about any device issue, please contact your child's Dean.

This week the junior school has begun work as part of their induction on accessing the school network and learning how to store work on Google Drive. The College will be doing a digital safety programme with all juniors throughout the year. If you are interested in sound advice on internet safety for your son or daughter have a look at www.netsafe.org.nz

We encourage all families to use our online payments system through the College website www.lynfield.school.nz. At the top of the Home page there is a link to the Parent Portal where you can pay for course costs, sports fees, itinerant music lessons, course trips, camps and other school outings and the General Purpose donation.

Uniform and stationery items (including work books) can be paid through the Shop link at the top of the Home page.

Payment through the Parent Portal is by credit card and this secure payment method is an extremely convenient way of making these important payments. Payment by direct credit can be made by obtaining the order number and this number is required as a reference for internet banking. Receipts for payments are not issued through either the Parent Portal or the Shop link, but will be issued to students via their Form Teachers. You will however receive a confirmation email when using either of these payment methods.

Our College Ball date has now been confirmed for Friday 22 July.

2015 Results

The following is a summary of last year's NCEA provisional (participation-based) results for each year group.

Y11	81% gained level 1 Certificate 60% gained level 1 Certificate with Merit or Excellence endorsement
Y12	84% gained level 2 Certificate 49% gained level 2 Certificate with Merit or Excellence endorsement
Y13	78% gained level 3 Certificate 51% gained level 3 Certificate with Merit or Excellence endorsement 61% gained University Entrance

Scholarship Exam Results

37 Scholarships were awarded to Lynfield College students in 2015 – this is a fantastic result and indicates the high achievement by this group of students.

Some high achievers in the Scholarship results were:
Hanwei Peng – Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics
Abhinav Behal – Calculus, Chemistry, Physics
Arian Bai – Biology, Chemistry
Sumin Kim – Biology, Earth and Space Science
Yuliang Liu – Calculus, Physics
Kieran van Leeuwen – Classical Studies, History
Shirley Xiao – Biology, Statistics

Two successful students were from Year 12:
Numa Wadhwanian - Statistics
Adya Choudhary - Calculus

All the students who gained a scholarship are given a monetary award for their university study. The College is very proud of each student who gained one of these top academic awards and also recognises the work done by the teachers to prepare and tutor these achievers.

Scholarships were achieved in:

Accounting (1)	Biology (7)	Calculus (5)	Chemistry (3)
English (1)	Classical Studies (4)	Economics (1)	History (1)
Physical Education (1)	Physics (4)	Statistics (6)	Music (1)
Earth and Space Science (1)	Design and Visual Communication (1)		

The statistics published by NZQA are used by the teachers and faculties within the school to analyse their teaching programmes and look for ways to enhance student achievement in subsequent assessments. This will ensure that achievement results continue to improve and that students leaving Lynfield College take with them qualifications that allow them to continue studying and to reach their potential. An Achievement Report including an analysis of NCEA results is presented to the Board of Trustees in April.

All national qualifications results are confirmed by NZQA during March and will be entered on to each student's Record of Achievement on the NZQA website. The same data is available through the Parent Portal and the Student SMS. There are links from the College website and e-LynC to these web pages.

NCEA Information Evening

Lynfield College staff will be available to answer your questions and explain all the details and expectations of standards-based assessment within NCEA at a special information evening to be held on **Thursday 3 March at 7.00pm in the College Staffroom**. This will be open to all parents who wish to find out about the assessment methods and how to help students achieve. If you have any queries, please contact the Deputy Principal for Assessment, Mr Richard Winn, through the school office.

Assessment Dates 2016

e-LynC is Lynfield College's on-line learning environment which can be accessed from the College website www.lynfield.school.nz. On the e-LynC home page is a **Google Calendar** which will have all the assessment times for the internal standards in the Years 11 – 13 courses on our 2016 timetable. Students and parents can view the calendar and download relevant dates into their own Google calendar. Students will be encouraged to use this resource to assist them in their management of study time and assessment preparation.

Staffing for 2016

The College is fully staffed and we have been fortunate in attracting a very high calibre of new staff. We welcome the following people:

Steve Mouldey, Deputy Principal	Richard Winn, Deputy Principal
Esther Dantra, Mathematics	Christina Reddaway, Science
Vicki Paepke, Health/Social Science	Kerry Chooi, ESOL
Clare Laing, ESOL	Jason Clarkson, PE and Health
Etueni Tiimalu, PE and Health	Diane Rimmer, Technology
Suresh Nanu, Mathematics	Bela Adash, Mathematics

Existing staff in new positions are:

Kathryn Wells, Faculty Leader for PE and Health
Stuart Braithwaite, Year 13 Dean
Anne Roach, Year 12 Dean
Trisha Friel, Director of Adult Students

Staff who are on leave this year are:

Greg Burne (PE and Health)
Sofia Hameed, Year 12 Dean (Terms 1 and 2)

General Purpose Donation

The General Purpose donation is \$190 per child or \$270 per family. **A 10% discount applies for donations made on or before 29 February 2016 (\$171 per child or \$243 per family).** The donation, approved annually by the Board of Trustees, is the parents' contribution to the school's operational funding and is the MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE COLLEGE YEARBOOK AND OTHER ITEMS, SUCH AS EXTENDING COMPUTER ACCESS.

Keep the receipt for Income Tax refund purposes. The Board is most grateful to those parents who have already paid their General Purpose donation and subject material fees.

An ID card costs \$5.00, to be paid at main reception. It is not essential for school, but is required to access photocopying and can be used for age verification use on public transport, at cinemas, etc.

The rest of this newsletter contains a great deal of very useful information about the college. Please read it carefully and put it somewhere safe for future reference.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the course of the year, whether it be on the sports field, at cultural activities, parent evenings or outside of school. Please be active in supporting your son/daughter in their years at Lynfield.

Best wishes
S W Bovaird
Principal

YOU WILL FIND THE NEWSLETTERS ON THE WEBSITE – UNDER NEWS AND EVENTS

<http://www.lynfield.school.nz>

- Our fortnightly newsletters for the year will be sent by email, posted on the College website and a paper copy made available from the office to those who do not have internet access.

Please ensure that we have an appropriate email address for you so that you receive the fortnightly newsletter and any other notices. To update email changes, email rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz indicating your child's name and form class in your email message. During Term 1 further newsletter dates will be:

Friday 4 March – Friday 18 March – Friday 1 April – Friday 15 April

- Other relevant information pertaining to specific form levels will be given to students from time to time to bring home.

Year 9 & Year 10 Academic Prizegiving Success in 2015

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent achievements in 2015. They have set a fine example for their peers and should feel very proud of themselves.

Year 10 Dux – Jacqueline de Pont (Medallion)

Year 10 Academic Honours Award – Yong Shan Zhao, Kevin Chen, Fabienne Distelzwey, Tzu-Yi Chen, Krishen Chovhan

Year 10 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Honours Award Student) – Stefanie Pickston (Girls Merit Cup)

Year 10 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Honours Award Student) – Kevin Chen (Boys Merit Cup)

Year 10 Honours Award – Marie Dobbie, Rowena Brunt, Danielle Matthews, Aldi Ting, Joshua Moraes, Amy Bernstone, Joshua Boasman, Zheng Zhang, Tianyi Zhang, Nicole D'Souza

Year 10 Junior Short Story Competition Winner – Jacqueline de Pont (Kelvin Glassey Cup)

Year 10 Junior Speech Competition Winner – Maya Micklefield (Stewart Dawson Cup)

Year 9 Dux – Duncan Poland (Griffin Memorial Scholarship & Medallion)

Year 9 Academic Honours Award – Rachel Te Shin Ling, Yi Hang Feng, Emily Gossen, Ella MacKenzie

Year 9 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Honours Award Student) - Breanna Magee (Girls Merit Cup)

Year 9 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Honours Award Student) - Jason Moraes (Boys Merit cup)

Year 9 Honours Award – Emily Gossen, Yi Hang Feng, Rachel Te Shin Ling, Duncan Poland, Nene Matsuki, Michael Howell, Sarah Young, Ishaan Bhide

Year 9 Creative Writing Competition Winner – Callum Tasker (Munden Cup)

Lynfield LynC App

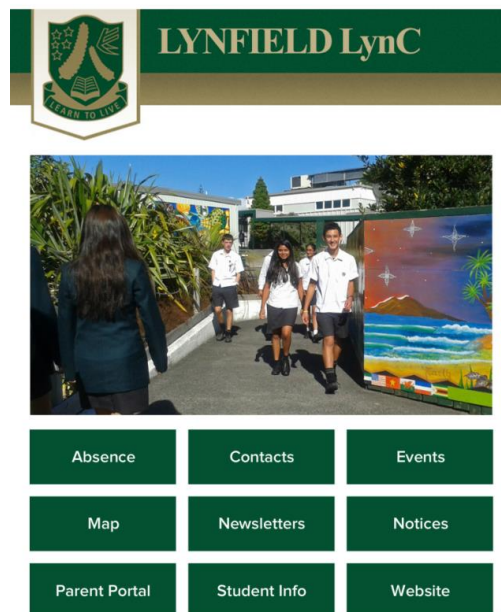
This app enables the community to keep up to date with what is happening at Lynfield College. Features of the app include:

- Daily Notices
- Newsletters
- Events Calendar
- Absence Form
- Parent Portal access

The students are also able to access the:

- Senior Assessment Calendar
- Tuck Shop Price List
- Exam Timetable
- e-LynC

The app is available for free download from the Play Store on Android devices and the App store on Apple devices.



2016 Senior Leadership and Team Building Course

"I am, because we are"

As the new year began, so have new challenges and opportunities. To start a successful 2016, the Student Executive team attended the AUT leadership summit. The day began with a seminar on public speaking held by the charismatic Maggie Eyre, who has worked with all sorts of influential figures to overcome their fear of public speaking, whether it be presenting to several people or a stadium filled with thousands. We then were given an insightful presentation on conflict resolution by Martin Steele, who discussed the best way to work through differences; skills we will definitely utilize throughout the year.

As the seminars continued throughout the morning, we also had an opportunity to mingle with prefects from other schools. Later in the day, we broke away from the seminars and into an event planning workshop - where we put our skills into planning an event in the school calendar. At the end of the summit each school presented their event plan and day one was over.

Day two of leadership training was a practical event filled with trust and teamwork. It was at Unitec's high ropes course where we really pulled together as a team and bonded as a group. Faced with heights and problem solving, we were able to effectively communicate and work reliably alongside each other.

By beginning in small groups (as our leadership team consists of 43 students) we each participated in different activities. For some of us, the activities were built on trusting our peers to guide us blindly through a course of obstacles. For others it was practical problem solving exercise, where we got a practical experience in realising the strengths of individuals to make the team work efficiently.

During lunchtime we worked with the Unitec instructors to create a list of values that we would uphold in our leadership team. These included things such as being reliable, cooperative and fun executive members, which provided us with some simple guidelines to for the journey ahead.

After lunch we each pulled on harnesses and began climbing. Many of the rope courses required several people to act as pulleys and anchors to keep each other safely secure while dangling from a terrifying height. The high ropes were not only a physical activity but required mental strength as well. It's safe to say that we all made it down alive and unharmed.

That ended a truly inspiring leadership training programme from which, the most important values that we learned and will now take forward was that in leadership every single member is important in a team, that communication should be strengthened and to trust in each other; which Unitec describes as - "I am, because we are".

Aman Reen, Head Boy & Grace Kaleta, Head Girl

Board of Trustees Student Representative

The five days I spent at Great Barrier Island as part of my Board of Trustees Training were some of the most amazing - whether it be the people I met, the places I saw or the activities I did. All three have had a lasting impact on my life and I will forever cherish the memories and experiences they have given me. But more importantly, I can safely say that I've returned with a vast range of skills and tools that will unquestionably help me not only during Board Meetings, but also in many of my future endeavours.

During my time there, I was introduced to a whole new way of living, one where nature took priority over the rush of city living and where the only connection available was human connection. Kayaking, Hiking, Coasteering (Navigating your way around a tiny island) and Rock Climbing were amongst the many activities that my time was spent doing - and it's fair to say that I was often pushed far out of my comfort zone. At one point, I ended up having to abseil down a 20 metre high rock as it rained heavily, with the ground below me a distant blur. If it wasn't for my trust in my teammate hoisting me down, or the shouts of encouragement from down below, I doubt I would have been able to make it down. And that's when I realised what the camp was truly about - being able to work together with people from all backgrounds to achieve to our potential.

Although our meetings aren't (thankfully!) preoccupied with getting people down from 20 metre heights, I feel that the Board of Trustees share many parallels with my experiences at training camp. For instance, the common feature that unites everyone in each board meeting is the shared desire for wanting the best for our College - and the need for us to work together to achieve that goal. The camp has helped me tremendously in advancing that idea through developing my ability to work in various team dynamics and situations - both of which are crucial in my capacity as the BOT Student Representative.

Last but not least, we started and ended our days with training sessions run by Tricia Chapman from the NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association), who devoted her time to teaching us the practicalities and responsibilities of our role and what it means to be a student representative. Her passion and knowledge have inspired me to be more proactive in my time as a Board Member.

In short, the five days that I spent were some of the most jam packed, informative and enjoyable I will ever have. The knowledge that I have gained from my time there is priceless, and I will treasure this experience and the lessons that it taught for the rest of my life. I'd like to thank the Lynfield College Board for funding this trip and giving me the opportunity to make a positive difference in the school.

Karan Kalsi, BOT Student Representative

Leadership Badge Presentation Assembly

On Thursday 25 February there will be a special assembly where the Student Leaders for 2016 are presented with their badges of office. Families of these students have received invitations to attend this assembly, which will run from 2.30 until 3.00pm, followed by tea and coffee in the staffroom.

Security at the College

CCTV cameras are installed around the College to assist student safety. Cameras also monitor movement in the school grounds at nights and in the weekends. There are also a few cameras inside buildings at strategic locations to provide protection for student property.

Please keep the following in mind

- Students and members of the public should only be in the grounds after dark when attending organised functions.
- Any rubbish brought into the grounds should be taken away and disposed of at home.
- Any community groups wishing to use College facilities such as the sports fields, cricket nets, etc need to contact the Property manager.
- Access to the school should be through one of the three gates and never over the fences that surround the College or through our neighbouring properties.
- Access to the fields after hours should only be through gate 2 on the lower White Swan Road entrance.

Any queries about these matters should be referred to Mr R Winn, Deputy Principal.

A Safe Environment at Lynfield College

- **Peer Support Programme** – This programme was run during the Y9 Orientation. The Year 12 & 13 Student Leaders attended training and have run 4 Peer Support sessions in total with the Year 9 students. The feedback has been very encouraging and the Peer Support Leaders will remain connected to their allocated Y9 classes during the course of the year.
- **Travellers Programme** – Year 9 students will soon complete the survey for this and the Travellers Group will run in Term 2. A letter has been emailed to parents and caregivers.

How you can make a difference

For many years, Lynfield College has monitored and endeavoured to improve the physical and emotional safety of all its students and staff. There is no room for complacency here, particularly in this technological age of rapid and unsupervisable electronic communication which allows more subtle and often undetectable bullying.

At the start of the year, we are really concerned that the students settle quickly into school and enthusiastically into their learning. Parents of Year 9 students are likely to be particularly anxious that their children transition well from their intermediate schools.

We encourage all parents to talk with their children about how their year has started, and invite any caregivers concerned about the possible bullying or isolation of their children to contact the school as soon as possible. The names and phone extensions of the staff who can help you are: Mr Russell Christie, Year 9 Dean (ext 722), Mrs Deborah Kevany, Guidance Counsellor (ext 747), Mr Brian Tonks, Guidance Counsellor (ext 746)

Gateway Programme

The Gateway Programme provides opportunities for 50 senior students to participate in workplace learning one day a week for approximately 10 weeks during the school year. It delivers hands-on practical learning that leads to nationally recognised qualifications and Vocational Pathway Awards (minimum 20 NCEA credits). It helps students gain important work and life-long learning skills in preparation for the transition from school to study or work. Students need to display a commitment to independent learning and have a good idea of the industry they wish to explore. Learning can be assessed in the workplace and is a great opportunity to blend school study with the workplace learning and experience. Contact the Gateway Coordinator on extension 745.

Work Experience Programme

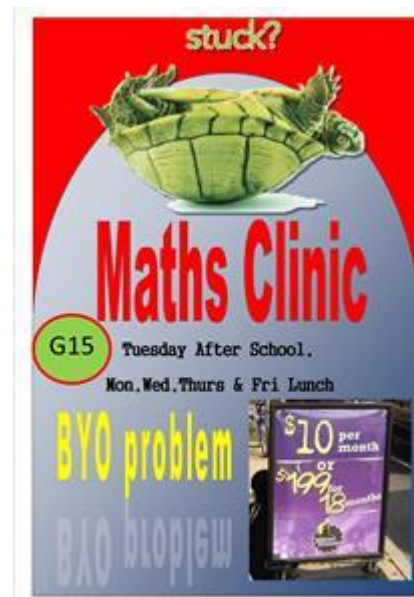
This work experience programme provides opportunities for senior students to gain workplace experience and an appreciation of what skills, disciplines and attitudes are required in the work force. Contact Student Services on extension 745.

Homework Centres

The College Library opens at 8.00am remains open after school every day until 3.40pm, providing an excellent homework space for all students.

Mathematics Clinic 2016

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available!
Where? **G15**
When? **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday afterschool)**



Itinerant Music Lessons (Instrumental)

Most instrument lessons are now full. There are some spaces for flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. All students who have signed up, but have not yet been placed in a music lesson, are on a waiting list and will be notified through their form teacher if space becomes available.

Choir is on Friday lunchtimes. New students are always welcome. This group will attend the Big Sing held at the town hall in early June.

Concert Band (Wednesday lunchtimes in the hall) and Orchestra (Thursday lunchtimes in the hall) have also begun for the year. New members are always welcome. These groups are for students who have played their woodwind, brass or string instrument for one year or more. These groups will perform at a school concert in July and attend the KBB Music Festival in August.

Please note that if your son/daughter is taking part in itinerant music lessons there is a \$20 material cost for the year. If they are also renting an instrument there is a hireage cost of \$20 - \$30 per term depending on the instrument. The material cost and hireage cost are both payable to the Accounts Office or online by the end of March.

Any questions may be emailed to HOD Music on lnorman@lynfield.school.nz

PhotoLife Online Ordering System

The Lynfield College class photographs will be available for you to view and order online with PhotoLife Studios.

Your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. This Shoot Key will automatically display your child's class photograph. It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photograph you want. The College will also receive a number of order envelopes for those of you who do not have access to the internet or do not wish to use this system.

If you place your order within two weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring the photographs home.

Any orders placed after this period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$5.00 postage & packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

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. To update email changes, email rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz indicating your child's name and form class in your email message.

School Organisation

Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Mrs K Mellor
Principal/Secretary	Mr S W Bovaird
Staff Representative	Mrs K Wells
Student Representative	Karan Kalsi
Parents' Representatives	Mr C Hudson, Mr M Kaleta, Mr N Purdie, Mr S Taylor
Co-opted	Mr P D'Souza

The Trustees meet in the Board Room at 6.30pm once a month – usually the fourth Monday of the month (ring the office prior to check). Copies of minutes and policies are available at the School Office.

Triennial Board elections will be held in June. Nominations will be called for between 6 – 20 May. Details to follow.

Management Staff

Principal	Mr S W Bovaird
Associate Principal	Ms L Ridling
Deputy Principals	Ms C Knell, Mrs G Clark, Mr R Winn, Mr S Mouldey
Deans	Year 9 Mr R Christie
	Year 10 Mrs R Prasad
	Year 11 Ms K Tattersall
	Year 12 Ms A Roach
	Year 13 Mr S Braithwaite
Director of Adult ESOL	Ms T Friel
Director of International Education	Ms G Austin

Student and Community Services Staff

Counsellors	Mrs D Kevany, Mr B Tonks
Careers Adviser	Mrs W Keir
Gateway Programme	Mrs E Harvey
Learning Support Co-ordinator	Ms J O'Hanlon

In matters affecting any student the first approach should be to the Dean. The Counsellors provide educational and vocational guidance, as well as personal and family counselling.

2016 Student Leaders

Head Boy	Aman Reen	Head Girl	Grace Kaleta
Deputy Head Boy	Gianni Gambassi	Deputy Head Girl	Elizabeth Fa'amamafa
Sports Captain	Alastair Maisey	Sports Captain	Holly Harrison
Arts & Culture Captain	Henry Samuels	Arts & Culture Captain	Marylinda Lamositele
Academic Captain	Ryan Xavier	Academic Captain	Kate Heslop
International Student Rep	Rosa (Ruozi) Zhang	BOT Student Rep	Karan Kalsi
Asst Sports Captain	Kaleb Bowles	Asst Sports Captain	Rosie Kennedy
Asst Arts & Culture Captain	Ryu Kodama	Asst Arts & Culture Captain	Angela Lai
Asst Academic Captain	Alan Wu	Asst Academic Captain	Sophia Xu

Social Co-ordinators

Hamza Riazuddin
Ric Gozon
Renee Ju

Year 13 Ambassador Co-ordinator

Sarita de Pont
Latisha Chandra

Year 12 Student Executive

Jia Dua	Emma Gomes
Karan Kalsi	Dylan Kay
Rupin Kumar	Junior Laveaina
Vishaka Murthy	Jessica Zhang

Year 12 and Class Rep Co-ordinators

Kiriffi Leilua Rohan Menezes

House Captains

Bray	Elena Euese & Luke Perenara
Fatialofa	Keely Hall & Nathan Maisey
Faumuina	Tommy Antal & Melissa Paet
Lewis	Euvan Goh & Jun Zheng
Reid	Aleece Monkman & Damian Prasad
Zoricich	Matthew Ho & Caidyn Kita

Other School Information

1. Communication between Home and School

School

- Newsletters are published every two weeks in term time, emailed home and posted on the **website** and **e-LynC** (Lynfield College's personalised online learning management platform). Hard copies are available from reception.
- The web site is kept up to date with school news, student achievement and includes essential information on curriculum, rules and special features of the school.
- Full written reports go home twice a year (mid-year and end-of-year) and there is a Progress Report at the end of Term 1. Progress Conference evenings are scheduled twice a year.
- The **Parent Portal** provides information on attendance, school reports and timetables. It is accessed from the website or via the Lynfield College LynC App. Information for accessing the Parent Portal has been emailed to parents/caregivers. If you have not received this email you can obtain your student's ID number and password from the Dean.
- The Lynfield College **LynC App** enables parents/caregivers, students and staff to keep up-to-date with what is happening at the College (Daily Notices, Newsletters, Events Calendar, absence forms, Parent Portal access, Senior Assessment Calendar, Exam Timetable, e-LynC, Tuck Shop prices).
- Website: www.lynfield.school.nz Email: admin@lynfield.school.nz e-LynC: link from our website
LynC App: free download from the Play Store on Android devices and the App Store on Apple devices.
- All students going on trips will bring home a permission form to be signed and returned to school. Trip costs may be paid on line through the Parent Portal.

Parents

- Please contact the school if your son/daughter is absent and leave a message on the absentee line answer phone (627 0600 extension 729) or email absence@lynfield.school.nz
- Provide written notes to explain absences on day of return. Refer to section 3. Attendance below
- Phone or email your Dean if you have a concern – Deans' Reception extension 731.
- You can email the school on any matter to admin@lynfield.school.nz . It will be forwarded to the appropriate person.
- Notify us of change of address, phone number, email address, custody arrangements.

Please Note

The College is regularly updating the email addresses of parents/caregivers. If you have changed your email address or require it to be added to a student's file, then please contact the Deans' Reception (extension 731).

Concerns

If you have a concern about an aspect of school activity, please phone the person listed below. If your concern is serious or not dealt with to your satisfaction, then put your concern in writing to the person below. If the matter remains unresolved, please write to the Principal.

- Student issues - the form level Dean, Guidance (Student Services) and Mrs G Clark, Deputy Principal
- Staff issues - Ms L Ridling, Associate Principal
- Day to day functioning of the school – Mr S Mouldley, Deputy Principal
- Student achievement/NCEA/NZQA/timetable – Mr R Winn, Deputy Principal
- Student behaviour outside of the school – contact reception in the first instance
- Learning Support – Ms J O’Hanlon
- Enrolment – Mrs G Clark

2. Reports

Progress Reports will be issued to all pupils before the end of Term 1. A second report will be issued in Term 2 and a final report in Term 4. Twice during the year Progress Conferences provide opportunity for discussion with all the subject teachers. The first of these are on Thursday 7 April (family names A – L) & Tuesday 12 May (family names M – Z), 4 – 7pm.

3. Attendance

Attendance is not only compulsory for enrolled students but also absolutely critical for success at secondary school. Lynfield College’s attendance rate for last year was very good. However, there are still some students who are too often absent from class without satisfactory explanation. Illness, family bereavement or similar unplanned events are legitimate reasons for absence. We ask that family holidays are not planned during term times, and advise that students must attend school up until course completion in December. If a family does wish to withdraw a student from a class during term time for a special reason, a letter to the Principal is required, informing the school of their intentions. This should be done before any tickets are purchased, as permission is not automatic.

The College is open for 380 half days in 2016. For senior students undertaking NZQA assessments there are fewer days, due to the examinations. The last school day for junior students in 2016 is Wednesday 14 December.

Students are expected to be in form period/assembly by 8.40am except on Wednesdays when Years 10 - 13 are expected to go straight to period 1 by 8.55am. On Wednesdays Year 9 students have assembly in the Hall at 8.40am. Year 13 Students who have a study period at period 1 Monday to Friday are not required to attend until period 2, with the exception being Tuesdays when they are required to attend the Year 13 Assembly. Year 13 Students who have study timetabled at period 6 may go home after period 5.

The last period ends at 3.10pm. Some students will be required to remain after that time for detentions, sport or cultural activities. (Students need to inform their parents or guardians if they are required to remain behind.) If a student has a detention ending after 3.40pm, 24 hours’ notice will be provided (by email wherever possible). There may be occasions when a student is required to remain behind for a reasonable period of time.

Where pupils are absent without permission the matter will be treated as truancy. Senior students absent from an assessment will not automatically have a re-assessment opportunity. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their absence is explained.

Lynfield College operates a fully electronic attendance system. We encourage you to use an email address for notifying us of absence, absence@lynfield.school.nz. Please use this or the telephone absence line 627 0600 ext 729 on the first day of absence. Please help us keep our data up-to-date and accurate with immediate notification of your child’s absence. Please include name and form class, reason for absence, expected length of absence, and your name.

Please be aware that notes, emails, or telephone messages covering unspecified dates of absences, lateness, etc. are not acceptable. For example: “Please excuse my child for all absences in the months of April and May due to illness” is inadequate.

If you have any specific concerns or suggestions regarding student attendance processes, please contact Julie Griffin, Attendance Officer (email jgriffin@lynfield.school.nz) or by letter handed in to Deans’ Reception.

Thank you for supporting the College as it seeks to improve the reliability and completeness of the data surrounding absences from school.

4. Conduct of Pupils to and from School

Parents are reminded that pupils represent the school from the time they leave home in the morning until they arrive back in the afternoon. Misbehaviour during this period and the wearing of non-regulation uniform may be treated as a matter of school discipline. Local residents can best assist by contacting the school and helping to identify offenders. In any matters relating to public safety, the Police should be contacted immediately. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time during the day, without permission.

5. After-hours access to the school grounds

Unless there is a school function, please stay out of the school grounds, especially after dark. Please do not jump the fence; use the front gates after-hours. If you wish to make a booking for use of the fields or facilities, contact the Business Manager, Robert Skeen on extension 720.

6. Motor Vehicles

We discourage students from driving cars or motorcycles to school, except in special circumstances. Details of vehicles brought to school should be provided by parents on the appropriate form which is available from Deans' Reception. Our data base can be helpful should any issue arise involving vehicles and students. Students must abide by the conditions of their current licence. Vehicles brought to school must be parked in Boundary Road or one of the other nearby roads because there is no adequate parking in the College grounds. Students are not to drive or park their vehicles into the school grounds. This is a matter of safety for other students. **Any student vehicles found in the school grounds will be towed away.**

No responsibility can be taken for any damage done to vehicles. We would remind students on restricted licences that they are not to carry passengers. Breaching the law can result in a \$400 fine.

7. Parents Transporting Students to School by Car

Parents transporting students to school by car should drop them off at the marked Drop Off zone, which is located on the left-hand side of the main driveway, Gate 1. Please do not cause congestion by stopping right at the driveway entrance, or on the roundabout by the Administration block. Then please drive through the car park and exit via the lower White Swan Road, Gate 2.

N.B. There is no right hand turn in or out of the lower White Swan Road gate (Gate 2).

Collecting Students in Boundary Road at the end of the school day

We ask parents not to enter the school grounds to pick up their son or daughter at the end of the day. A lot of students exit by foot along the Boundary Road drive and it is not safe when vehicles enter or exit at this time. Please be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the Boundary Road entrance at the end of the day – please look for the signs on the poles. It would be much safer if you were able to park a distance away and get your child to walk to the car. This will help cut down the traffic at the Boundary Road gate and make it safer for students to cross the road. Thank you for your co-operation.

8. Cycle Safety

In accordance with the Transport Act 1993 it is compulsory for all pupils travelling to school by bicycle to wear safety helmets. **OFFENDERS WILL HAVE THEIR BICYCLES IMPOUNDED** and their names given to the Police who may issue infringement notices.

9. Uniform

We are very pleased with the standard of uniform so far and appreciate the support you as parents and caregivers have obviously given to ensure the standard is met. The uniform is being worn very well indeed. There is a full description of the uniform on the website. Form teachers and senior staff have worked hard during the first weeks to ensure that students are wearing their uniform well and representing the College with pride. Students are expected to wear full and correct uniform on their way to and from school, at school and whenever representing the College.

All items of uniform except shoes are available from the College shop.

**Shop hours are: Monday - Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm and 12.30 – 1.30pm
Friday 8.00 – 11.30am**

We now have in stock plain black or plain white hijab for Muslim girls, priced at \$23.

Our aim is to work in partnership with parents and ask that you support us as we ensure our students are correctly dressed. You can help in the following ways:

1. Please check that your children are in correct uniform before they leave for school. Some common issues to look out for:
 - White t-shirts or singlets are able to be worn under the shirts and blouses. No other colour is allowed and the white undershirt must not hang down below the shirt.
 - Ties must be worn correctly, i.e. tied correctly to the top button which is done up, with the boys' shirt tucked in.
 - Canvas shoes or boots of any kind are not permitted.
 - Regulation black school socks from the uniform shop are the only black socks to be worn by boys or girls.
 - The girls' blouse must not be worn unbuttoned with camisole exposed.
 - The girls' skirts are knee-length or floor-length and must not be shortened or taken in.
2. When there is a medical or financial reason for a non-uniform item to be worn on a particular day, please write and sign a note which must be presented to the duty member of the Senior Leadership Team, before school begins. A uniform pass may be issued, or the school may provide temporary uniform items to be worn for that day. Medical reasons for asking for dispensation from a particular uniform item must be accompanied by an explanatory note from an appropriate specialist professional. Financial considerations should be addressed to the Associate Principal, Lexie Ridling, who will ensure appropriate assistance is accessed.
3. The only jewellery permitted is a wristwatch and small stud earrings in gold or silver. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.

Consequences for students wearing non-uniform items without permission, or wearing their uniform incorrectly include:

- Confiscation of the incorrect item which will be returned to parents only.
- If a senior student wears the tie incorrectly, he or she will forfeit the right to wear it for a period of time.
- Being sent home to get appropriately dressed. We will send senior students home after 2 warnings.

10. School Bags

It is essential that students bring the appropriate books, folders and writing equipment to school every day in a suitable schoolbag. A small handbag, boot bag or beach bag is unsuitable and we appreciate parental assistance in ensuring all students are adequately equipped in this respect. *Students need to treat each other's bags with care as many will have an expensive device in them.*

11. Homework

As indicated in all the course statements, which the faculties distribute to students, homework is a regular and valuable aspect of learning. A leaflet on the value of homework activities is available. Please see the Curriculum section of the Lynfield College website.

12. Forbidden Articles

- Dangerous materials, weapons, tools, explosives (includes craft knives and fireworks).
- Drugs and equipment associated with their use, solvents, cigarettes, tobacco, matches, cigarette lighters, alcohol, spray paint, permanent marker pens.
- Skateboards.
- Bubble gum and chewing gum.
- Any form of pornographic material.

NB: Over the years the use of digital technology has expanded. It has now become the norm for most students to own a device of some type. These items can be useful communication tools, educational tools and forms of entertainment. They may be used as part of a lesson **when** the teacher has given permission, for example to be used as a voice recorder or camera, etc. These devices can also create issues.

- They should **not** disrupt lessons (for example, a ringing phone, texting in class, using text functions in a test, etc). MP3 players and i-pods are not be used without permission from the teacher during class time. Teachers may ask students to turn off any device and put it away, or they may choose to confiscate it where reasonable requests have not been met.
- Any confiscated items are treated with the utmost care and handed to the Dean in their office with the students name and details of the reason for confiscation or handed into the Deans' reception with an incident report.

13. Lynfield is a Totally Smokefree School

Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings or in the grounds. This applies at all times including after school hours and at weekends.

Sports Scene

Term 1 is very busy and exciting as we start our weekly summer sporting competitions immediately as well as running Athletics Day for the whole school, Athletics Championships for our talented athletes, House touch competitions for junior and seniors at lunchtimes. In March trials and selections for winter sports teams will get underway.

We are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coach or manager of a team. *If you have skills in any sport and can spare some time to work with our students in some way please contact the Sports Office on 6270600 ext 595 or email fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz*

Academies

Academies in netball, football and are underway and a basketball academy will start in two weeks. We are thrilled with the response to these, both in the number of students involved and their absolute commitment to their sport. These academies provide an excellent opportunity for our serious athletes to hone their skills, on and off the field/court in their chosen sport.

Team Talk

Summer Sports

The 2016 summer season is well under way with approximately 270 students competing in regular weekly interschool team competitions in tennis, cricket, dragon boating, orienteering, touch, and volleyball. We have more students involved in summer sport this year, including a third boys cricket team, and another huge increase in orienteers.

Please remember, all team members are required to wear an appropriate sports uniform which the Sports Office will supply.

Please ensure the bond for sports uniforms is paid, in cash, to the Sports Office (NOT online).

Please pay your sports fees to the Sports office, accounts office or online.

Tennis

As with most of our sports, we have some competitive and some social tennis teams. This week will be the start of the interschool competition for our 7 tennis teams. Watch this space!

Volleyball

Our senior boys' team has had a great start in their competition, having had three wins and one close loss. These boys have been training hard under the guidance of staff member, Mr Tiimalu. They are focussed on success at the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships to be held at The Trusts Stadium in three weeks (10 – 12 March).

The senior girls' team is rebuilding having lost most of last year's team as they were Y13. This young team is showing a lot of potential and quickly improving.

Cricket

All three cricket teams won by default in their first week of competition which is very frustrating. We look forward to some actual games this weekend.

Orienteering

This year we have approximately 40 students from all year levels ready to start this competition which is held on the grounds of a different school each week. Each competes individually to find all the check points in the fastest possible time. The first competition day is next Tuesday at Waitakere College.

Touch

Our Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams play each Tuesday at Cox's Bay reserve. They are both focussing on skill development and smart strategies on the field with their games showing plenty of growth and becoming very competitive very quickly! Both teams have had some wins and some losses.

Dragon boating

The word is out that this sport is for anyone who likes a team sport which is heaps of fun! With no experience needed, no trials and 22 in each boat, Dragon boating has attracted over 80 very committed students who train weekly at Westhaven. They will compete in the Auckland Secondary schools regatta on Lake Pupuke on 20 March. This is a 'full on' day with the first race at 8am and the last one about 5pm. After the fantastic fun the paddlers had last year, we are really looking forward to an awesome day!

Run Club

As a result of an enquiry by one of our Y10 students, we have about 40 students signed up for this new initiative. We are not sure exactly what form it will take but that will depend on the interests of those students involved and what they want to get out of it. It will start to take shape next week.

Winter Sports

Musters and trials for other winter sports will take place over the next three weeks. These will be advertised in the Daily Notices.

We need your help to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, in order to provide sporting opportunities to the large number of Lynfield students wanting to play sport. 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

Individual Honours

Congratulations to our students who have achieved outstanding results in their chosen sports:

Sam Hudson (Y13) won two gold medals in the NZ Archery championships during January. He won the Recurve Target competition and was also a member of the team which one the Open Teams Recurve Matchplay competition.

Maddison Wesche (Y12) is now the NZ U18 Women's Shot Put Champion after throwing a personal best of 15.93m. She then smashed this to throw 16.07m at the Porritt Classic in Hamilton last weekend, dominating the event with the best throw by an opponent being 1.8m less!

In December she won the NZ Secondary Schools Senior Girls Shot Put with a throw of 15.37m (1.82m further than the 2nd placed thrower). Her PB improvement is staggering!

Samantha Martin (Y10) won two golds and two silvers in the Anthony Mosse Swim Classic last week.

Katie Bowen (Y13, 2011) has now almost finished her degree at the University of North Carolina and has been selected as the 'number one choice' to play for FC Kansas City. Having captained the NZ U20 team in the World Cup, she has her sights very firmly set on the Rio Olympics.

Tyla Nathan-Wong (Y13, 2012) was recently named "2015 Women's Sevens Player of the Year". She has been part of the New Zealand team to take out the World Rugby Women's Sevens Series for three consecutive years. Her success was also recognised by prominent world rugby website Scrumqueens.com who in December named her "Under-23 Player of the Year" and by Sport Waitakere when she was jointly named "Sportswoman of the Year" for 2015. She too has her sights on the Rio Olympics.

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