



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 17 Term 4 25 November 2016

#### Coming Events:

Week 8	Thu 1 & Fri 2 Dec	Y9 & Y10 Caring for Community programme
	Fri 2	Last day NCEA Exams
Week 9	Mon 5	Y13 Leavers' Day
		First meeting of 2017 Student Executive, 11am in I2 & 3
		Y13 Leavers' Dinner
	Tue 6	Junior Softball Tournament Finals, Period 5 & 6 (rain day Thu 8 Dec)
		Last trading day for the Uniform & Stationery Shop
	Thu 8	Whanau Hui, 6 – 7.30pm Te Ringa Awhina
Week 10	<b>Tue 13</b>	<b>Early finish for students – released at 12.40pm</b>
	Wed 14	<b>Year 9 Academic Prizegiving</b> , 9am Hall (reports issued and students leave)
		<b>Year 10 Academic Prizegiving</b> , 11am Hall (reports issued and student leave)
		<b>Term 4 ends</b>

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#### Enrolment dates for 2017 Year 9

Home zone students who have not yet enrolled should do so as soon as possible. Out of zone category 2 - 6 students who have not yet enrolled should contact our reception desk.

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

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#### Course Confirmation for 2017

Year 13 and Year 12 students who are unsure about their courses, or need to change any, should email their Dean (Mrs Hameed [shameed@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:shameed@lynfield.school.nz) or Ms roach [aroach@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:aroach@lynfield.school.nz) or Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor [nwaddington@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:nwaddington@lynfield.school.nz)) AND come into school to see them and the relevant Faculty Leader/s for course confirmation on Thursday 26 or Friday 27 January 2017.

#### Start dates for 2017

##### Tue 31 January

Year 9 – assemble in the Hall at 1.30pm, then go to form rooms (released at 3.10pm)

##### Wed 1 February

Year 9 – attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm  
Year 11 – assemble in the Hall at 9.00am (released 10.00am)  
Year 12 – assemble in the Hall at 9.45am (released 10.45am)  
Year 13 – assemble in the Hall at 10.30am (released 11.30am)

##### Thu 2 February

Year 9 – attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm  
Year 10 – assemble in the Hall 9.00am (released 12.00pm)

##### Fri 3 February

ALL year levels attend for full day, 8.40am – 3.10pm

#### Further term dates for 2017

Term 1 ends: Thursday 13 April  
Term 2: Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July  
Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September  
Term 4: Monday 16 October – Wednesday 13 December

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Congratulations to the following four students who have been selected and awarded a place on the Prime Ministers Youth Programme. Neha Sharma, Brecon Dobbie, Shayla Paparao and Shard Hubbard will attend a week long programme in January. The programme will be delivered by local Auckland providers. Participants will experience a mix of fun and challenging activities and engage with high achieving New Zealanders.

This week we held Junior Festival Awards Assemblies where we celebrated the efforts of our junior students in sport, arts and culture. Congratulations to all of our prizewinners, with particular mention of the students who have achieved special awards.

**Excellence in Junior Drama Cup** – Aiken Shadbolt (Y9)

**Most Promising Junior Debater Cup** – Raymond Feng (Y10)

**Best Junior Debater Cup** – Kyus Rodger (Y10)

**Junior Musician of the Year** – Emily Gossen

**Junior Team of the Year** – Junior Boys Premier Football Team

**Runner-Up Junior Group of the Year** – Junior Championship Debating Tournament Team

**Junior Group of the Year** – Year 10 Kiwi Challenge Robotics Team

**Year 10 Sportsman of the Year** – Ishaan Bhide

**Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year** – Sophie Booth

**Year 10 Performer of the Year** – Luke Tahu

**Year 9 Runner-Up Sportswoman of the Year** – Gloria Fononga

**Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year** – Danielle Hewett

**Year 9 Sportsman of the Year** – Sam Boasman

**Year 9 Performer of the Year** – Celesti Tan

#### **Early finish for Y9 and Y10 students**

On Tuesday 13 December we will be farewelling some of our long-serving staff, who are retiring. Students will be released at 12.40pm. The Kiwi Coachlines service will depart from Boundary Road (Green Bay/Titirangi run) and White Swan Road (Mangere Bridge run) at 12.30pm.

Tuesday 13 December will be the last day this year that these services operate. On Wednesday 14 December students will need to make alternative transport arrangements.

#### **Junior Prizegivings**

We warmly invite families to attend the following junior prizegivings, which will be held in the College Hall this term.

##### **Year 9 Prizegiving – Wednesday 14 December at 9.00am**

Students attend form class at 8.40am. At the conclusion of the prizegiving, students return briefly to form class to be issued with their reports, then leave.

##### **Year 10 Prizegiving – Wednesday 14 December at 11.00am**

Students attend form class at 10.30am. At the conclusion of the prizegiving, students return briefly to form class to be issued with their reports, then leave.

S W Bovaird  
Principal

## Information from the Ministry of Education

**Help with one-off uniform and stationery costs:** Since 25 October, changes made to the Ministry of Social Development's online service MyMSD allow some MSD clients to apply online for assistance with school uniform and stationery costs.

Applicants can upload and send verification of the cost, in the form of a quote from the supplier. If the payment is approved, they will receive notification by text or email and the approved amount will be loaded to their payment card. The card can only be used for the amount and supplier for which it was approved.

**Can you claim a tax credit for donations?** If you have made a donation, you may be able to claim a tax credit. To be eligible, you need to have made a receipted donation of \$5 or more, e.g. to state schools, state integrated schools, other schools who have been approved as a done organisation, school boards of trustees or parent teacher associations.

## Lynfield College Robotics Team

One of our robotics teams entered the Bright Sparks competition and has been selected as a finalist. One of the awards in this competition is the "People's Choice Award" and it would be appreciated if you would follow the link below and vote for our Lynfield College team.

To vote follow this link, <http://www.brightsparks.org.nz/2915a/> then click on the blue voting button and also scroll down the page and click on the 'like' button. Feel free to post a message for the team as well. Thank you.

## Leavers' Day 2016

Leavers' Day on 5 December is ONLY for those who are leaving school. ALL leavers MUST return to school on 5 December to formally complete the leaving process.

Senior students who are returning next year received an individualised clearance form with their school report. They can complete their clearance obligations any time and from 28 November can take their completed Clearance Forms to their Dean at Interval or Lunchtime to receive their yearbook. If they have lost their individualised form they should see Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor, for a replacement.

We recommend that students return their text books to the Library on the last day of their examinations.

Year 13 students will complete Leavers' Day as in previous years, **reporting to the school Hall at 9 am on 5 December** to return their completed clearance form, then receive their Yearbook and Leaving Certificate.

If Year 13 students lose their individualised clearance form, they should see Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor for a replacement.

## Year 9 and Year 10 – Caring for our Community (C4C) Programme, Thursday 1 & Friday 2 December

At the end of each year Lynfield College runs a cross-curricular programme for our junior students. This is scheduled to take place after feedback on exams has been returned to the students. The theme is 'Caring for our Community' with both Year 9 and Year 10 students involved.

The aim of the C4C programme is to encourage the students to be actively involved in the community in which they live. This is a good opportunity to encourage them to look at the world from another point of view and to look beyond themselves. Doing something for someone else is a way of achieving this. This supports many of the principles, values and key competencies of the New Zealand curriculum, including community engagement, integrity, participating and contributing and relating to others.

The normal school timetable will not run on these days as ALL students and ALL teaching staff will be involved in the workshops. Approximately 30 different workshops will be offered to the students.

We are excited about the enthusiastic response that we have already received from the community groups we will be working with and look forward to having a focus on 'giving to others' at this time of the year.

## Terrific Technology

On Thursday 1 December, as part of our Caring for our Community project, we will be running a workshop that focusses on helping older people use technology such as mobile phones, tablets and laptops. This workshop will run from 10am to 11.30am at Lynfield College. If you know anyone that would be interested in attending this workshop please invite them along. You can register for this workshop via email [bwilson@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:bwilson@lynfield.school.nz) or by calling reception on 627 0600.

One of the C4C groups, 'Christmas Cakes for Charity' would be very appreciative of donations of the following ingredients: plain flour / brown sugar / golden syrup / fruitcake mix. Donations can be dropped off at reception.

## Uniform

Year 11 students may now purchase senior uniform items from the Uniform shop – a reminder that the school uniform is sold only from our on-site shop. Black trousers and grey sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform.

Year 13 – second-hand uniform items in good condition will be gratefully received at reception in the Admin block. These can be used to help needy families.

## Resilient Families

The College subscribes to *Resilient Families*, an innovative programme that delivers straight talking, common sense strategies and skills for happier, more harmonious family life. Based on clinically proven interventions, this programme delivers information and strategies that will reduce feelings of stress, low mood and anxiety while encouraging more compassion, collaboration and cooperation at school and at home. We hope you'll embrace the programme with us and look forward to the engaging, weekly articles that can help us all develop our capacity as educators and caregivers to encourage more resilient thinking and constructive behaviours in our children too.

Click on these links to open <http://bit.ly/barehandsRFsample4> <http://bit.ly/barehandsRF2> <http://bit.ly/barehandsRF3>  
<http://bit.ly/barehandsRF4> <http://bit.ly/barehandsRF6>

For further information, contact Mrs Deborah Kevany, Faculty Leader Student Services on 627 0600 extension 743.

## Homestay Families Needed

We are looking for families to host our lovely overseas students from Italy, France and Belgium for either Term 3 or Term 3 and 4 in 2017. The students are looking to be involved with the family, share family activities, and have an amazing experience whilst studying at Lynfield College.

The Shinagawa Summer School students from Japan will also be here for three weeks from 31 July until 20 August and we are asking for families to host these terrific young people as well. It was great last year that so many families with children at Lynfield College were able to host the students and long lasting friendships were made. If you enjoyed the experience last year we would love to hear from you again, we are also looking for new families as well.

Groups of students from China and Taiwan will also be needing homestay placements as well as long term students from China, Japan and Korea.

Payment and 24/7 support is offered. To find out more please email [homestay@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:homestay@lynfield.school.nz) or phone the Homestay Office on (09) 627 0600 ext 748 or call in to see Sandra or Sam during school hours.

## Library

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

## CAREERS

### Upcoming Open Days & Info Evenings:

**MIT School of Secondary-Tertiary Studies Open Evening-** Wed 30 Nov, 6-8pm, Manukau Campus

**International Travel College** – Sat 3 Dec (9am-1pm), Thu 8 Dec (9am-6pm), Level 4, ITC House, 9 City Rd, City

### Full Time Position For School Leaver

The Aarque Group have a full time Store Person role available. The Aarque Group are based in Waipareira Ave in Henderson and sell commercial sized printers and other consumables to other print businesses in NZ. They are a privately owned company with approximately 70 staff nationwide. If you would like to know more about this position, please see Mrs Hughes or Mrs Harvey in Student Services and they will give you a copy of the job description. The company are looking for someone who will stay put for a couple of years and is genuinely interested in learning about all aspects of warehouse work. The pay rate is minimum wage of \$15.25 per hour. Primarily they are looking for someone personable with a positive, can do attitude and customer focus. The person needs to be fit and strong as there is some heavy and awkward lifting needed in the role as some of the products are 20-25kgs.

## SPORT SCENE

### Team Talk

All summer sport has concluded for this year apart from our **Junior Girls Softball** team which has two more games. They have won all games with the exception of this week's encounter with Waitakere College in which they played extremely well defensively to keep Waitakere to a 2 run victory.

The **Junior Boys Cricket** team continued their winning ways and finished top of the table, winning the Junior B grade as they did in Term 1 too!). They have been committed to all trainings and produced some excellent statistics in bowling, batting and fielding.

**Junior water polo** has gone from strength to strength and finished the season at the top of the points table, meaning they are winners of the Junior C Grade. Congratulations to this team and their coaches, Zoran and Mario Sinovcic and manager Cathy Bunce (staff member). This weekend they are competing in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships at various venues around Auckland and have so far had one draw and one close loss.

For the first time in 7 years we fielded a **Junior Girls Rugby 7s** team in the AKSS 1-day tournament. They have plenty of potential to develop into a very good team and grew in confidence enormously throughout the day. The girls found ex-student and Rio Olympic silver medallist, Tyler Nathan-Wong on the side-line. Tyler offered them a few tips and the girls could not resist the inspirational photo opportunity. We look forward to seeing them on the rugby field again next year. They were coached by staff member, Sean Davis.

### Can you help?

We are currently seeking coaches and managers for our 2017 teams. **If you or anyone you know is able to help us in any way, we would really like to hear from you. There are plenty of openings available!! Please contact the Sports Office 627 0600 ext 595 or email Felicity Walbran (Sports Director) [fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)** (Remember, to be a team manager, no knowledge of the sport is needed. It is simply a communication role.)

### Uniform Return

**Please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office as soon as possible** as all sport is now finished for this year. When the uniform is returned the uniform bond will be refunded to your nominated bank account, as per the letter your son/daughter brought home at the beginning of the season.

*If your son and/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](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Free Young Driver Workshops planned at the Fickling Centre, Three Kings** until June 2017.

There are also workshops planned for Manukau and Henderson – dates and locations in the link below.

To register for a Young Driver Workshop visit <https://at.govt.nz/youngdrivers>