



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 15 Term 3 29 September 2017

Coming Events:

Week 1	Mon 16 Oct	Term 4 begins
	Tue 17	All Level 1 Art Folios due today
	Wed 18	2018 Y10 – Y13 out of zone applications close Student Executive 2018 announced 3.10pm 2018 Y10 – Y13 out of zone ballot date Voting for 2018 International Student Representative Year 10 Leadership Camp parents' meeting 5.30pm in the Staffroom <i>11SCF Zoo trip</i>
	Thu 19	FESTIVAL AWARDS EVENING (invitation only)
Week 2	Mon 23	Labour Day – public holiday, College closed
	Tue 24	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin building
	Thu 26	ALL House Meetings – voting for 2018 House Captains
	Fri 27	All Level 3 Art Folios due today
Week 3	Tue 31	All Art Scholarship Workbooks due today
	Wed 1 Nov	Year 13 – Awards Assembly 8.45am then depart for exam study leave Year 12 – Normal classes Periods 1 – 5, Awards Assembly 2.20pm, then depart for exam study leave <i>Year 10 KATTI, MIT Otara Campus</i>
	Thu 2	SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 6.30pm in the Hall YEAR 11 PRIZEGIVING 9am in the Hall
Week 4	Wed 8	Lynfield College Junior Piano Competition, lunchtime in the Rehearsal Rm
	Thu 9	NCEA Exams begin
Week 5	Mon 13 – Wed 15	JUNIOR EXAMS
	Fri 17	No NCEA exams today
Week 6	Tue 21 – Fri 24	<i>Y10 Leadership Camp</i>
	Wed 22	Uniform Shop open late, 3 – 6pm
Week 7	Tue 28	Year 10 Junior Festival Awards Assembly, 8.45am Hall
	Wed 29	Year 9 Junior Festival Awards Assembly, 8.45am Hall
	Thu 30	Y9 & Y10 Caring for our Community Programme
	Fri 1 Dec	Y9 & Y10 Caring for our Community Programme NCEA Exams finish
Week 8	Mon 4	Leavers Day
	Mon 4 – Thu 7	<i>Lynfield Robotics team attend Asia Pacific Robotics Competition, Rotorua</i>
	Tue 5	Junior Softball Competition Finals (rain day Thu 7 Dec) Leavers Dinner
Week 9	Wed 13	Year 9 Prizegiving, 9am in the Hall Year 10 Prizegiving, 11am in the Hall Term 4 ends

Start dates for 2018

Tue 30 January

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

Wed 31 January

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 1 February

Year 9 – attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm

Year 10 – assemble in the Hall 9.00am (released 12.00pm)

Fri 2 February

ALL year levels attend 8.40am – 3.10pm on normal timetable

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are at the end of a very eventful Term 3. I encourage you to visit the College website news and events pages which are an excellent record of student activities and successes over this period. www.lynfield.school.nz

The past week has been a valuable one, with our senior students having the opportunity to go through assessment papers with their course teachers to find out what areas of their studies require a higher level of revision in preparation for the external NCEA exams, which begin in 6 weeks on 9 November. All senior students should take the opportunity to implement a regular study programme during these holidays. In Term 4 Year 13 will have only 11 class days before going on study leave, so it is important they organise their time effectively.

Special congratulations must go to Jackie de Pont (Year 12) who has been awarded a Goethe-Institut scholarship to travel to Germany at the end of 2017 where she will spend 10 weeks with a host family, going to school and being immersed in German culture. Jackie has written an article about her experience of applying for the scholarship, which is included in this newsletter.

On Tuesday 26 September our Year 9 and Year 10 students sat an online assessment called Tessera, the results of which will be used to inform our strategic planning. More information on Tessera is included in this newsletter.

On Thursday 28 Sep we held a vibrant and exciting Technology Showcase Evening where Fashion and Design students exhibited their creative talents on the catwalk; Year 13 Design and Visual Communication students displayed their architectural work and Year 13 Hospitality students prepared a sumptuous supper, served by Year 12 Hospitality students. This evening provided a valuable platform for students to present their work, which gained them NCEA credits. Special thanks to Ms Wensor, Ms Wills, Ms Matheson, Ms Townsend and Ms van Niekerk.

Elections for 2018 Student Executive positions were held this week, with a large number of very enthusiastic and capable students standing for positions. This involved preparing speeches which were presented at their form level assemblies. Elections for 2018 House Captains will take place in week 2 next term. The Leadership positions will be announced at the Year 12 and Year 11 Awards Assemblies in Term 4. Our 2018 Student Executive and House Captains will have their first meeting on Monday 4 December at 11.00am in I2 & I3.

The Festival Awards Evening will be held on Thursday 19 October in Term 4 and I welcome the families of students who are receiving awards to join us in celebrating the 2017 sporting, arts and cultural achievements of our very talented and committed senior students.

Please enjoy a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to our students returning refreshed and ready for Term 4 and the busy NCEA Assessment period.

C M Knell
Principal

NZQA External Exams 2017

Below are some links to NZQA resources that will be useful for the upcoming external exams. If you have any issues in regards to the external exams please contact Mr Winn rwinn@lynfield.school.nz or phone 6270600 extension 705

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/exams-and-portfolios/exam-timetable-2017.pdf>
2017 Exam Timetable

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/2017-Candidate-Sheet-October.pdf> candidate information sheet for the external exams

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/audience-pages/students/> Student information about NCEA, Scholarship, Subject information

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/> NZQA login... where to access results when they come out in January. Try it now.

Mr Winn
Deputy Principal

Jackie de Pont's Journey in Winning a Scholarship to Germany

Since choosing to continue with German in Year 10, it has brought me so many new experiences and opportunities, most recently a scholarship to study in Germany for 10 weeks this Summer. After going on the [Lynfield College Cultural Exchange Programme](#) earlier this year, I had no hesitation in applying for the scholarships offered by the Society of New Zealand-German Student Exchange, organised by the Goethe-Institut. I saw this as an opportunity to get back to Germany and to experience something many of us never will - the snowy winter wonderland that is Europe at Christmas time.

After sending in my application, I stuttered my way through a 10-minute interview (in German) with the German National Language Advisor, Heike Papenthin, and was one of 14 students who were selected to be interviewed further at the Goethe-Institut in Wellington on a weekend. I didn't sleep for a week leading up to it, I was so nervous, but upon meeting the other 13 lovely applicants I gained a feeling of camaraderie, with all of us there making the most of the chance we had. Walking around Wellington city during the day, climbing Mt Victoria, and playing some getting-to-know-each-other games (as much as you can when speaking amateur German), I forgot myself and had a really enjoyable weekend. After our final interviews on the Sunday, I was almost sorry to be leaving the friends I had met and the great hospitality of the Goethe-Institut.

Of the two scholarships I applied for; one for one month in July that would take me sight-seeing and to many parts of Germany with a group, and one for 10 weeks this December to next February, I had my heart set on the latter. Although the longer exchange means a longer time away from home (and in fact, attending school for most of the 2 months I am there) I was willing to sacrifice the tourist experience for full immersion in the culture and the chance to see what it would really be like as a teenager living in Germany. And I was lucky enough to get exactly what I wanted.

I don't yet know where I will be staying or who my host family will be, but I know that this is a once in a lifetime chance and I will definitely make the most of it. I owe a big thank you to Frau Zimmer for pushing me to continue with German because I can say now that it has really changed my life. Thank you to NZGSE and the Goethe-Institut for providing me with such a great opportunity.



Lynfield 5 come Second in NZCETA Accounting Competition

Congratulations to Year 13 students Angela Zhang, Zaynah Khan, Helen Xia, Jun Zheng and Jessica Zhang, who came 2nd in the NZCETA Accounting Competition on Wednesday 20 September. The evening offered students the opportunity to get involved in brainstorming, meet student teams from other schools and to test their accounting knowledge.

Team members, from left: Angela Zhang, Zaynah Khan, Helen Xia, Jun Zheng, Jessica Zhang



NZQA Fees for 2017

Outstanding fees must now be paid to NZQA through the NZQA student login. Payment can also be mailed using the form available on the NZQA website or at the College.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Delgrosso, rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz

Kitty Sun's Experience at XLAB International Science Camp in Germany

For the month of August, I had the privilege of attending XLAB International Science camp in Göttingen, Germany with the Royal Society of New Zealand. Along with students from around the world I spent the month at the lab on weekdays and on excursions during the weekend without a moment in between. Being an aspiring scientist I had always envisioned a lab as being the epitome of doing science, so actually being there, every day, was certainly surreal at first and it most certainly did not disappoint.

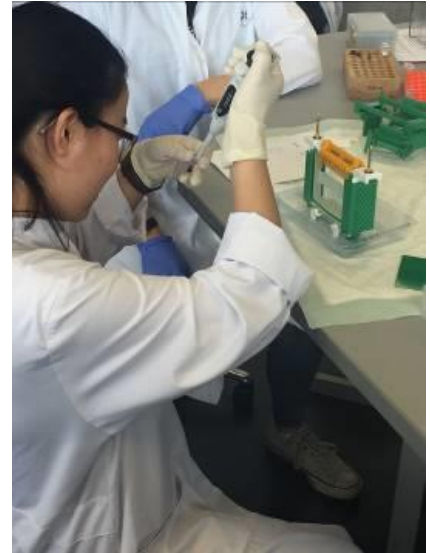
The month gave me invaluable insights into science lab work, allowing me to put all the theory I've learnt at school in the past years into practise. I was able to have first-hand experience of conducting science experiments and practising scientific techniques in the field of biology - everything from dissections to inserting electrodes into microscopic cells. In just a month we did courses in molecular biology, anatomy and neurophysiology.

I spent the last week of the camp at the Max Planck Institute of Experimental Medicine. Here I got the opportunity to work alongside and learn from working scientists, doing research in molecular neurophysiology. My experiences over the week showed me what my potential future as a scientist would look like and thus has me excited and motivated to continue studying science.

One of my greatest takeaways from the camp was the international friendships that I was able to make over the course of the month. It was the perfect avenue for me to meet and work with peers that shared the same passion for science as me.

The camp came at the precise time where I had to make perhaps the most significant decision of my life to date - what course I was going to do at university. Having seen for myself what a career in science looks like I can now confidently commit to pursuing it, starting with university next year.

Lastly I have to mention that I would not have been able to make it to Germany without the help of all my teachers at Lynfield College over the past five years. They have all helped every step along the way in every way possible whether it be writing me a last minute reference or replying to my constant emails. I am now better equipped and more willing than ever to pursue a future in science.

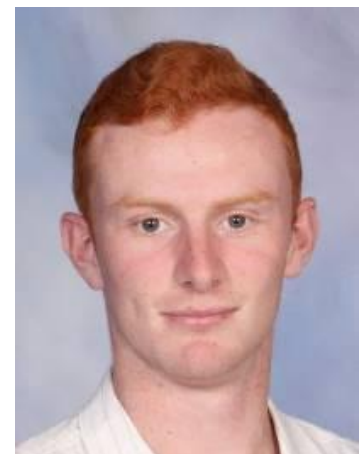


Defence Careers Experience Week

Congratulations to Anthony Jones-Lewis and Connor Mellis who have been selected by NZ Defence to attend the Defence Careers Experience week in October. The work environment and lifestyle of the Defence will be demonstrated through activities, as well as opportunities to connect with current serving personnel.



Anthony Jones-Lewis



Connor Mellis

ICAS Reading Competition Results

Congratulations to these 13 students who gained Distinction in this competition.

Year 13	Year 12	Year 11	Year 10
Jia Dua	Jackie de Pont	Joseph Hisayasu	Carissa Huynh
Daniel Adams	Katherine Diep	Faye Hine	Shaquille Khan
	Maya Micklefield	Rachel Ling	Aiken Shadbolt
			Olivia Summerhays
			Celesti Tan

2017 Showdown Secondary Schools Production Awards

Lynfield College has been nominated in 9 categories for its production of Disco Inferno, staged in Term 2. Congratulations to our talented students and staff members and good luck! The 9 nominations are:

- Best Choreographer – Mrs Sarah Streat
- Best Performed Choreography
- Best Leading Female in a Musical – Rachel Clarke
- Best Leading Male in a Musical – Harry Ashley
- Best Supporting Male in a Musical – Nathan Varney
- Best Supporting Female in a Musical – Sarah Moxham
- Best Performance by a Chorus
- Best Lighting Design – Mr Neil Waddington
- Best Musical Director – Ms Celia Nicholson

Future Fit - 21C Skills

On Tuesday our Year 9 and Year 10 students sat an online assessment called Tessera. It measured skills such as:

- Tenacity/Grit
- Composure/Resilience
- Organisation/Responsibility
- Curiosity/Ingenuity
- Teamwork/Cooperation
- Leadership/Communication Style

Early next term students will get individual reports and we will receive overall school data for these skills. We look forward to being able to share the results of this assessment.

To hear a bit more about why these are important skills to develop, please consider attending this event about readying our students for the future. It is at AUT on Wednesday 18 October, 5.30 – 7.30pm.

ARE OUR KIDS FUTURE FIT?

<https://www.21cskillslab.com/events/2017/9/19/future-fit>

Uniform

Please check that your child has correct Lynfield College uniform items and correct footwear. Black leather shoes are the only shoes allowed - no canvas, boots, hightops or sports shoes. Please note that items are to be worn as designed – e.g. the senior pencil skirt is designed to be worn at knee length (as indicated in this photo) and should not be altered; trousers are not to be altered in any extreme way.

PLEASE NOTE: The senior pencil skirt is designed to be worn at knee length. Students will be required to replace skirts that are not worn at this length.

Year 11 students may purchase a senior skirt at the beginning of Term 4 if their junior skirt will not last them until the end of this year. Student ID is required by students to collect senior skirts from the uniform shop.

We welcome donations of used uniform to loan to students because of financial hardship. These can be left at our reception desk.

Thank you for your support of the College.



Enrolment Process for 2018

Year 9 / 2018 home zone enrolments should be completed as soon as possible. Parents/caregivers can bring their son/daughter to an enrolment interview between 8.00 – 11am and 3.15 – 4.30pm Monday to Friday, no appointment necessary.

Enrolment packs are available from our reception desk. For more detailed information about enrolment visit <http://www.lynfield.school.nz/Enrolment.html>

Late Out of zone, category 6 applications for 2018 may be made and will be put on a waiting list - application forms are available from our website or reception.

Year 10 – 13 Category 6 out of zone applications close Tuesday 20 October 2017 (ballot date 21 October).

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Work Place Opportunities wanted

The College would appreciate any contacts in looking for work places one morning or afternoon per week for a 6-week block, for senior Learning Support students who are transitioning out of school into work or tertiary opportunities.

Please contact Karen Mitchell, HOD Learning Support on 627 0600, or email kmitchell@lynfield.school.nz

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.

Refugee and Migrant Homework Centre

Every Tuesday after school in L6 the ESOL department is running a Homework Centre for English Language learners (ELLs) who do not have English as their first language and have been living in New Zealand for less than five years. We have a Study Buddy system which pairs up senior students with ELL students who need help with their English and study in mainstream classes. ELL students and I are very appreciative of this volunteer assistance. Mr Bangs, HOD ESOL.

Mathematics Clinic 2017

Got a maths question? Stuck on your maths homework? Help is available!

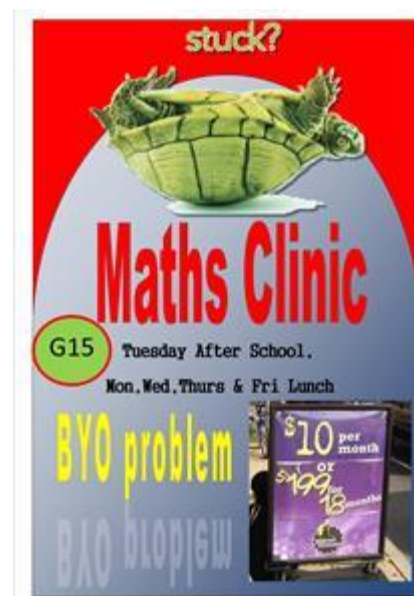
Where? **G15**

When? **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes (and Tuesday afterschool)**

Māori Homework Club

This is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.15 – 4pm at the College Te Ringa Awhina Marae.

Kapa Haka Group - Group practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the College Te Ringa Awhina Marae from 4 – 6pm.



SPORTS SCENE

Sports Scene.

Training is underway for both girls and boys touch and junior girls volleyball teams. Next term, boys cricket teams (senior and junior) continue their season started in Term 1. Competitions for these teams begin early next term and are held at local venues.

The NZSS Curling Championships are being held this weekend at Paradise Arena in Avondale. Our AKSS winning mixed team will be trying to outplay school teams from all over the country. No doubt competition will be intense and exciting.

Uniform Return

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

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 INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Open Days & Info Evenings

International Travel College of NZ - Thu 5 & 19 & 26 Oct, 9am-6pm, Lvl 4, 9 City Rd, City

Fire Industry Careers Event – Wed 11 Oct, 1-4.30pm, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane

Crown Institute of Studies Open Day – Fri 13 Oct, 1.30pm-3.30pm, 80 Anzac Ave, City

NZ College of Chiropractic Open Day – Sat 14 Oct, 1pm-3.30pm, 6 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington

Wellpark College Open Evening – Tue 17 Oct, 6pm, 4 Francis St, Grey Lynn

Techtorium Open Day – Sat 4 Nov, 9am-3pm, Level 3, 182 Broadway, Newmarket

International Travel College of NZ – Sat 4 Nov, 9am-1pm, Lvl 4, 9 City Rd, City

Visiting Tertiary to our School (To help with your 2018 course planning. Register if you wish to attend.)

University of Waikato– Tues 17 Oct, 12.40pm, Careers Centre

Massey University – Wed 18 Oct, 12.40pm, Careers Centre

University of Canterbury– Tue 24 Oct, 12.40pm,

Unitec– Wed 25 Oct, 12.40pm, Careers Centre

JobFest – Auckland’s biggest free Youth Employment Expo is coming to the west, for job seekers 16-24 years.

Wednesday 11 October, The Trusts Arena, Central Park Dr, Henderson. There will be lots of employers looking for entry-level candidates and resources to help you prepare for those jobs. There will be exhibition style stands to help you directly engage with employers; opportunities to interview and even land a job on the day. Bring along an up-to-date CV

www.youthconnections.co.nz www.youthfull.co.nz

Zespri Scholarship Programme – Zespri scholarships are aimed at students undertaking tertiary study and who complement the Zespri graduate recruitment scheme. Zespri offers recent graduates a 12month contract working across the different part of their business. Two \$15,000 grants are available to encourage top students to pursue a career in the kiwifruit industry.

Recipients will also be supported and mentored throughout their studies as well as being given opportunities to network with industry leaders. Closes 30 September. www.zespri.com/scholarships

University of Auckland Law School

- **Entry Level Scholarships** – Up to ten scholarships worth \$1000 each per annum, for up to two years. They will be awarded on the basis of applicants' Y12 results and maintaining a good level of achievement in Y13. Email undergradlaw@auckland.ac.nz for more info. Applications close 8 October.
- There are now **increased places available for LLB Part II**, so more than half of students who complete Part I will be able to proceed into Part II. A third law course into LLB Part I has also been introduced. Details at www.law.auckland.ac.nz

Teaching (Early Childhood / Primary / Secondary) –The TeachNZ 2018 guide provides the latest information on the teaching qualifications and scholarships available throughout NZ and are available now at www.TeachNZ.govt.nz/GetQualified

MIT Scholarships (details at www.manukau.ac.nz)

- **Women in Trades** – a full fees paid scholarship for any of the MIT Level 3 trades certificates. Choose from automotive; carpentry (scaffolding, bricklaying); electrical; general engineering (welding, fabrication, machining); plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying, refrigeration and air conditioning. Applications close 1 December. sophie.czurajewski-sweeney@manukau.ac.nz
- **Maori Sports Award** – applications close 29 Sep.
- **Kate Edgar Trust** – applications close 29 Sep.
- **NZ Diploma of Engineering** – for any Maori or Pacific or female student. Applications close 2 Feb.

NZ School of Food & Wine

- **Free school holiday “Design a Mocktail” Class** – for Y12 & Y13 students, 11 or 12 October, 3pm-6pm, Register with lulu.chen@foodandwine.co.nz
- **Hospitality Scholarship** – fee free to complete the Certificate in Food & Beverage Level 4 starting February. Closing date 24 Nov. Full details online.

NZ Tertiary College Scholarships – NZ Certificate in Health & Wellbeing - Health Assistance Strand (Level 3). Blend theory with practice and focus on person-centred care. \$275.00 instead of \$3336.00. Pathway into NZ Certificate in Health & Wellbeing Advanced Support (Level 4). www.nztertiarycollege.ac.nz Also if you are of Maori or Pacific descent, save more than 80% study fees towards your first year. Pay only \$999 for an **Early Childhood Teacher Scholarship** today. Also Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education), NZ Dip in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6 and Level 5).

Massey University

- 7 new scholarships available in Commercial Music (Music Technology, Music Practice and Music Industry) and Creative Media Production. Enrolments are now open for both of these degrees.
- The College of Creative Arts have created new scholarships (merit based) for International students, available in Bachelor of Design / Fine Arts / Maori Visual Arts / Creative Media Production / Commercial Music. See Mrs Keir for more info.

Motor Industry Training Organisation Scholarships - MITO is the industry training organisation for the automotive, transport, logistics, drilling, mining, quarrying, gas, industrial textile fabrication and resource operations industries. They are offering 20 Kick Start scholarships and 6 Maori or Pacific Kick Start Scholarships for 2018, each paying the first year fees of study for any MITO apprenticeship or traineeship programme at Level 4 or above. <https://mito.org.nz/get-qualified/mito-scholarships/>

MTA Automotive Apprenticeship Programme – The Motor Trade Association is looking to recruit up to 50 automotive technical apprentices between now and the end of the year for employment early next year. Please phone Peter Rushworth, Project Manager MTA for further info – ph 027 550 1474

Unitec Acting Auditions – Apply online www.unitec.ac.nz/acting or ph 0800 10 95 10. Deadline 29 September. Upon application, an audition booklet will be sent. First round auditions in Auckland are 2-6 October. Call-backs 11 & 12 November.

Excel School of Performing Arts – One-year full time performance course in Dance, Drama or Music. Music students major in vocals, guitar, bass, drums or keyboards. You gain a Level 3 Certificate of Performance. A 2nd year programme incorporates a nationwide tour of NZ and lead to a level 4 Certificate of Advanced Performance. Entry is by audition, which is happening 26 October and 7 November www.excel.ac.nz

Year 13 students – Don't forget to keep looking out for new scholarships based on your confirmed results in January as some of these have a February closing date.

UniBound is a free 5-week academic enrichment programme that introduces Maori and Pacific students to University of Auckland life and prepares you for university studies. It is a mix of academic classes, off campus learning activities and University 101: things you should know about university studies, teambuilding and peer mentoring. 15 January – 16 February 2018.

ASB Bright Sparks Competition – Check out www.brightsparks.org.nz Projects should have some electronics or software components or a combination of these. There are prizes for Software, Engineering, Science, or Environment themed projects. Make a short demo video, put your project and paperwork in a box and freepost it from your nearest Post Shop. Closes 2 October.

WelTec have a new creative campus in Wellington, Te Auaha, which opens 1 March 2018, If you are interested in art/design, music, and/or drama. www.teauaha.com Te Auaha have a competition you might like to enter <https://www.teauaha.com/create-your-a/> Add your unique flair to the "A" in Te Auaha logo and create your own A. You could win the latest MacBook Pro. Competition closes 31 October.

Preparatory Chemistry Online with University of Auckland – to assist prospective first year chemistry students who do not have a strong background in chemistry.

Full Time Position

There is a vacancy in the Events Team at Hirepool in Avondale for a Marquee Rigger. This job will see you travelling all over the North Island helping to deliver, install and dismantle marquees at everything from rock concerts and sporting festival to private parties and corporate functions. Some recent jobs have included Mystery Creek Fields Days, V8 Supercars, Horse of the Year, Hampton Downs 500 and NRL9's. See Mrs Keir for more info. <http://hirepoolcareers.co.nz/vacancies/3726491/title/Marquee-Rigger>

Summer Jobs:

- **Air New Zealand are looking for temporary Holiday Hosts for Auckland Domestic Airport** (Job #000295). Part time shift work in a 24/7 environment, 4-month contract, early November start. See Mrs Keir for further info or view www.careers.airnz.co.nz
- **The Warehouse Careers website is now inviting applicants for Christmas temps.** Students can go to www.thewarehousecareers.co.nz You need to register online and then tell the store that they have registered.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pink Ribbon Street Appeal

On Friday 13 and Saturday 14 October the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal volunteers take to the streets to raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer. This year the appeal falls in the school holidays, but this is a great opportunity for students to be involved, volunteering in their own time.

The aim of the Pink Ribbon Street Appeal is to raise funds to support research for the early detection and prevention of New Zealanders developing and dying from breast cancer and for better treatment and support those who already have the disease.

Volunteers can sign themselves up for individual shifts at www.pinkribbonvolunteer.co.nz

Please note: anyone under the age of 16 must volunteer with an adult.

A Message from Auckland Transport

Auckland Transport is seeking feedback on a proposal to establish a **new bus lane on Donovan St from numbers 39-93**. To have your say, please go to: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/have-your-say/west-auckland-consultations/donovan-st-blockhouse-bay-bus-lane/> Please ensure that any feedback is provided by 3 October 2017.

A Message from Auckland Council Animal Management Services

A dog-on-dog attack occurred in Letterkenny Street on Tuesday 19 September at 3.30pm. The attacking dog was a large German Shepherd and this resulted in the death of the smaller dog. There is an investigation underway and Animal Management are asking for anyone who may have witnessed the attack to contact them with information. Please email Tania.brown@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

A Message from New Zealand Police

Advice on synthetic cannabis for students

Despite the recent media coverage concerning the adverse medical and physical effects from using synthetic cannabis, users of synthetic cannabis continue to come to the attention of Police and Auckland Hospital.

It is strongly recommended that you do not use synthetic cannabis as the effects of doing this cannot be predicted. Synthetic cannabis is highly addictive, so this only increases the chance of harmful effects from its use.

We also ask that you don't just look after yourself, but look after your mates as well, so that they too are not harmed through using synthetic cannabis.

Police are also appealing for your help in identifying people supplying synthetic cannabis or other illegal products, including drugs, in the community. You can report this to us through:

- Call 111 if you see it happening now.
- Call in to your local Police station to discuss what you know – you can request that any information you supply remains confidential.
- Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or complete the confidential online form.
- Have your parents assist you if needed in making any report to the Police.

Advice on synthetic cannabis for parents

Recently there has been media coverage about the danger in using synthetic cannabis and the potentially serious health effects from using these products. Despite the warnings people are still presenting with adverse effects from the use of these products.

It is not uncommon for teenagers to experiment with drugs and alcohol, and it would not be uncommon for an unscrupulous drug peddler to potentially sell these products to teenagers. For that reason, Auckland City District Police have requested schools in Auckland City recommend to their students that they do not try synthetic cannabis, as the outcomes from its use are highly unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

We encourage you to have a discussion with your teenagers about synthetic cannabis (and for that matter all drugs) and let them know that they can talk to you about them. Using the recent media attention given to the issue of synthetic cannabis use is a great way to start a conversation. If they see drug use on TV, be it actual or fictional, ask them what they think about it. Listen to them, and take this opportunity to correct any misinformation they may have about drugs. Make sure that you remain calm during this conversation so that they know that if something comes up, then they can turn to you for help.

Police are appealing for information about people supplying synthetic cannabis or other drugs to members of the public. The options you, or your child, can take to report this to Police are:

- Call 111 if you see it happening now.
- Call in to your local Police station to discuss what you know – you can request that any information you supply remains confidential.
- Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or complete the confidential online form.

Finally, if you need to educate yourself on drugs in NZ and how to engage further in conversation with teenagers about this, then refer to the online information and advice provided by the NZ Drug Foundation www.drugfoundation.org.nz