



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 13

Term 3

1 September 2017

Coming Events:

Week 6	Sat 2 Sep	NIWA Science & Technology Fair - public viewing Saturday 9am – 5pm at Epsom Girls Grammar School, Silver Road, Epsom
Week 7	Mon 4	Tongan Language Week <i>In-class priority time – students should not make external appointments during this time.</i> NZSS National Winter Tournament Week
Week 8	Mon 11 Tue 12 Wed 13	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week – theme: Kia ora te reo Nominations close at midday for 2017/18 Student Rep, Board of Trustees SENIOR ASSESSMENT begins 13GEO Scholarship Workshops
Week 9	Mon 18 – Fri 22	SENIOR ASSESSMENT
Week 10	Mon 25 Tue 26 Tue 26 – Thu 28 Thu 28 Fri 29	VOTING WEEK FOR 2018 STUDENT LEADERSHIP Year 12 Assembly – speeches and voting for 2018 student leadership Year 11 Assembly – speeches and voting for 2018 student leadership Voting for 2017/2018 Student Representative, Board of Trustees <i>12OED – Mountain Biking assessment</i> Technology & Fashion Showcase Evening in the Hall Year 13 Assembly Term 3 ends
Week 1	Mon 16 Oct Tue 17 Wed 18 Thu 19 Fri 20	Term 4 begins 2018 Y10 – Y13 out of zone applications close 2018 Y10 – Y13 out of zone ballot date FESTIVAL AWARDS EVENING ALL House Meetings – Voting for 2018 House Captains
Week 2	Mon 23	Labour Day – public holiday, College closed
Week 3	Tue 31 Wed 1 Nov Thu 2 Fri 3	Last day for Year 13 Last day for Year 12 Geography Scholarship workshops SENIOR PRIZEGIVING YEAR 11 PRIZEGIVING
Week 4	Thu 9	NCEA Exams begin
Week 5	Mon 13 – Wed 15 Fri 17	JUNIOR EXAMS No NCEA exams today
Week 6	Tue 21 – Fri 24 Wed 22	Y10 Leadership Camp Uniform Shop open late, 3 – 6pm
Week 7	Thu 30 Fri 1 Dec	Y9 & Y10 Caring for our Community Programme Y9 & Y10 Caring for our Community Programme
Week 8	Mon 4	Leavers Day and Leavers Dinner
Week 9	Wed 13	Year 9 Prizegiving, 9am in the Hall Year 10 Prizegiving, 11am in the Hall Term 4 ends

Dear parents / Caregivers

Thank you to all parents/Caregivers who attended the progress conferences in weeks 4 and 5. Over 3,000 interviews took place, ensuring valuable feedback on students' progress was gained by parents and teaching staff. We had a lot of very positive feedback on the change of venue and as a consequence this will continue in 2018.

We have a very wide range of extra-curricular activities at Lynfield and many of our students take full advantage of the opportunities to get involved, whether it be an interest in sport, arts, culture, community-based activities or a combination of these. This term has been particularly rich in school events and I would like to thank all students and staff who have contributed to the vibrant and caring community of Lynfield College. Here are a few examples of what has been happening recently.

- ❖ Our Student Executive-organised Cancer Awareness Week included a Shave for a Cure event on Wednesday 23 August and Daffodil Day on Thursday 24 August. Three staff members and two students, Head Boy Dylan Kay and Deputy Head Rupin Kumar braved the winter temperatures to have their heads shaved for a good cause. It was a fantastic effort by all who participated and together with funds raised from Talent Quest, students and staff raised a whopping \$3,616 for cancer research.
- ❖ On the evening of our mid-term break, Monday 28 August, I had the pleasure of accompanying five students to the World Vision Awards Evening, where those invited were publicly acknowledged for their contribution to the 40 Hour Famine effort. Maya Micklefield, Eve Gabor, Nene Matsuki, Nicole Johnson and Zahraa Zamin have had prominent roles in organising the 40 Hour Famine effort at Lynfield and have already begun planning for 2018.
- ❖ The Music Department's Jazz and Soul Concert on Tuesday 29 August was an inspiring evening where College bands performed to a capacity audience. With the Big Band having recently been awarded a Gold at the KBB Music Festival for the 8th consecutive year and named BEST BIG BAND, and the Concert Band awarded a Silver, these very polished performers showed us how well deserved these awards are. We were especially lucky to have guest band UNION with lead vocalist Leza Corban also performing.
- ❖ Our debating teams are experiencing another very successful year and we wish them well in their grand finals over the next two weeks. I would like to make special mention of the Premier Advanced debaters Jia Dua, Karan Kalsi and Kitty Sun, who as Year 13 students will be leaving at the end of this year. They have made an enormous contribution to debating at Lynfield College. We look forward to team member Harry Ashley (Year 12) continuing in debating next year. A comprehensive update of all the teams is included in this newsletter.
- ❖ The commitment of our sports teams through a very wet winter, both in trainings and in competition, has brought some outstanding results. You can read about these successes in the sports section of this newsletter. Next week we have 5 teams competing in the NZ Secondary Schools Winter Tournament at various locations in the North Island. We wish them the very best of luck
- ❖ On Thursday 31 August, I travelled with 12 of our Robotics students to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity. They travelled to Waitangi to meet Sophia - the world's most advanced humanoid robot. Lynfield College had the honour of being the only school in New Zealand invited to the Morgo Conference of Australasian high-powered entrepreneurs and business leaders.

The students were able to spend half an hour with Dr Ben Goertzl, the Chief Scientist of Hanson Robotics and Chairman of the Artificial General Intelligence Society. He spoke with the group about the development of Sophia and the role that Fine Arts, Mechanics, Algebra and Programming all play in developing an artificially intelligent humanoid robot.

Irisha Inamke and Michael Howell then introduced Dr Goertzl and Sophia to the Morgo Conference for their keynote speech at this event. In this presentation we heard about the development of artificial general intelligence, the future of humanity and the wide perspectives on where this could all head. This was from the perspective of Dr Goertzl along with input and interaction from Sophia.

After the keynote, we were able to get up close to Sophia, interact with her and see what all the components were made of. It was a fascinating experience and definitely opened the eyes of our students to what the future of robotics could be.

The news story about Sophia, including interaction with some of our students, will be on the 6pm News tonight on TV3.



The first of our major prizegivings for the year, the Festival Awards Evening, will be held on Thursday 19 October in Term 4 and further details are contained in this newsletter. 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.

C M Knell
Principal

Debating Success

Impromptu Cup

Congratulations to Karan Kalsi and Jia Dua (Year 13) for WINNING the Impromptu Cup on Sunday 20 August at Auckland University. They beat Diocesan College easily in a 4-1 split decision. They successfully negated the moot "This house believes that parents should not raise their children with a particular religion" with only five minutes to prepare their case, hence the impromptu limited preparation format which really challenges debaters. Karan received Best Speaker at the two-day tournament.

Six Lynfield Senior debaters performed impressively at the Impromptu Cup in the preliminary rounds at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 19 August. For the first time ever, Lynfield had two teams break into the final rounds and we were the only school in Auckland to do it! As well as Karan and Jia, Kyus Rodger (Year 11) and Harry Ashley (Year 12) also made the break to the Quarterfinals, placing 8th equal in the tournament.

Junior Open

Well done to the Junior Open team members: Roshni Bhatti, Isha Ramanlal, Tanvi Kher, along with reserves Aashish Ramanlal and Vibhuti Patel who performed extremely well in their semi-final against Rangitoto held 21 August at Lynfield. In a 2-1 split decision, they lost the debate but still made us VERY proud with the very high level of debating skills. Congratulations for being the first Year 9 Lynfield team to ever reach the Semi-final of the Junior Open!

Junior Premier

The Junior Premier Lynfield 1 team won their semi-final against Maclean's College. They successfully affirmed the moot "This house, as a minority actor, would refuse to play roles which are type cast to play into racial stereotype." Michael Howell, Raymond Feng and Kyus Rodger (Year 11) will compete in the Grand Final this Wednesday 13 September at Lynfield. The debate begins at 7.30 in the Library. Good luck boys!

Senior Open

The Senior Open Lynfield 2 team have won their semi-final against Marcellin College. They successfully negated the moot "This House regrets personality in politics". Marnsi Sharma, Mahima Sharma, Shreya Singaraju, Nicole D'Souza and Eve Gabor (Year 12) will compete in the Grand Final against Kings College at Kings College on Tuesday night. Good luck girls!

Premier Advanced

In what was their final debate of their High School debating careers, the Premier Advanced debaters Jia Dua, Karan Kalsi, Kitty Sun and Harry Ashley (Year 12) reached the semi-final of their grade, but were defeated by Kings College in what was a very close debate. This team has worked incredibly hard, winning the Junior Premier, Premier Advanced, Impromptu Cup and debated in countless finals and semi-finals. They will be greatly missed next year.



NZQA Fees for 2017

The deadline for payment of NZQA fees to the school is **Wednesday 6 September**.

The College will not accept NZQA fee payments after this date.

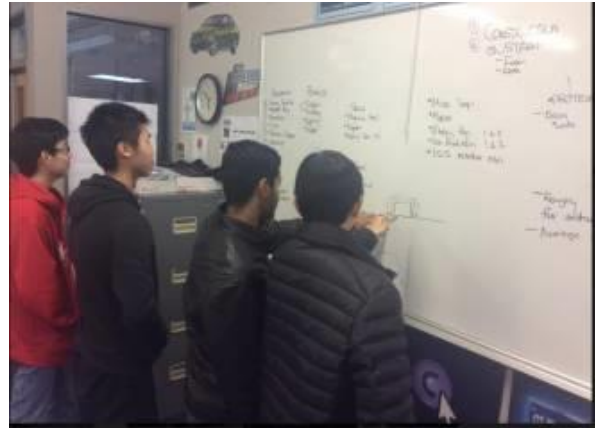
Outstanding fees must then be paid to NZQA through the NZQA student login. Payment can also be mailed using the form available on the NZQA website or at the College.

NZ's Next Top Engineering Scientist 2017

The 2017 competition was held on Saturday 5 August. The question was posted online at 9.00am and students had to compile a comprehensive report and email it to the organisers by the 6.00pm deadline. Now in its ninth year, this annual competition is a problem solving event for teams of three to four secondary students, organised by the Department of Engineering Science at University of Auckland.

2017 question: How many rocket launches from Mahia Peninsula would it take to establish a lunar colony?

This year we had 7 teams in total from Year 11, 12 and 13 students. The judges (PhD students and lecturers) at the university are now going through hundreds of reports and the results of the competition will be released early next term.



AHTA History Quiz

On Thursday night a group of Year 11 and 12 students competed in the AHTA History Quiz. There were just over 50 teams competing. While the quiz was won by a team from St Peters College, 2nd place went to the team of Shreya Singaraju, Nicole D'Souza and Jacob Barry while 3rd place went to the team of Harry Ashley, Jack Kearns and Shamir Sharif. This was an awesome effort from the students. They are very excited about Lynfield being the most successful school on the night with two teams in the top three.



School Exams 2017

Wednesday 13 September - Friday 22 September

All senior students (Year 11-13) will have exams and or workshops to attend during this assessment time. These will include internal assessments, opportunities to complete portfolio-based work or practice for the external NCEA exams.

It is important that all senior students attend these workshops/exams – should, for any reason, a student be unable to attend the end of year NCEA External Examinations their grade from the practice external exams could potentially be used as a derived grade.

The morning assessment time slot starts at 8.30am and the afternoon time slot starts at 1.00pm. When students do not have an assessment or workshop they are encouraged to not be on school site. There is a study room available (B3) if needed.

Should your son or daughter not be able to attend one of their timetabled assessments for sickness or other reasons please contact the school absence line before their assessment starts.

The following links take you to a copy of the [Assessment Timetable](#) and to [Student Instructions](#).

If you have any queries in regards to this assessment time or the NCEA external exams please contact Richard Winn, Deputy Principal for Assessments rwinn@lynfield.school.nz

Enrolment Process for 2018

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 9/2018 home zone students and out of zone categories 2, 3, 4 & 5 students.

- Category 2 (siblings of current students)
- Category 3 (siblings of past students)
- Category 4 (children of past students)
- Category 5 (children of Board employees)

Enrolments can be made between 8.00 – 11am and 3.15 – 4.30pm Monday to Friday, no appointment necessary.

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

Enrolment packs are available from our reception desk. More detailed information about enrolment is available from our website <http://www.lynfield.school.nz/Enrolment.html>

2017 Festival Awards Evening

This prizegiving, which celebrates the school-based sporting, arts and cultural achievements of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students, will be held on Thursday 19 October. Student invitation letters will go out at the beginning of Week 8 and tickets will then be sold from the accounts office.

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

Event Date:	Thursday 19 October
Venue:	Eden Park, North Lounge, Level 5
Time:	6.00pm (for a prompt 6.15pm start) – 9pm
Cost:	\$26 per person

The venue offers free parking (entry is from Walters Road). Kingsland train station is also within easy walking distance. A light supper will be provided part-way through the evening.

Junior sporting and cultural achievement will be recognised at the Junior Festival Awards Assemblies in November.

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!

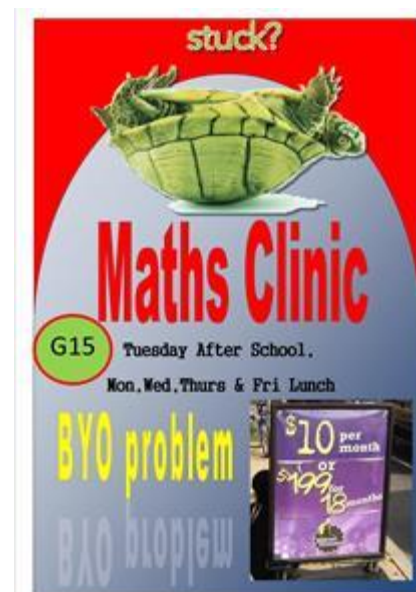
Where? **G15**

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

Team Talk

Squash

The Boys Junior and Senior Squash teams completed their competition mid-table in the Junior B and Senior Open B grades, respectively. We were most fortunate to have graded player, Ishaan Bhide (Year 11), as coach for both teams. The boys all appreciated his expert skills sessions and this was clearly evident in improved performance by the boys throughout the season. The team is young, with the senior team consisting of only Year 11 students, which sets the team up for a promising next couple years.

1st XV Rugby

The 1st XV Rugby C grade was fiercely contested in 2017. The standard of the teams was high, and most schools fielded much improved sides this season. Lynfield competed well, despite some very wet weather conditions and muddy fields. The team improved through the round robin and is looking good for the 2018 season. Huge thanks to coach Nik Ault, and manager Chris Wadsworth.

4th Grade Rugby

The 4th grade rugby team has had a season of ups and downs this year. They started the year with some tough losses but got better as the season went on. Highlights of the year included a hard fought 15 -15 draw against Macleans College and making the semi-finals against Rutherford College. The boys showed a lot of heart and passion on the field throughout the season. Thanks to Alistair and Eddie who have been great coaches, Ms Wilson for managing the team and to Mr Wadsworth for his support of rugby.

Season Results

As the winter season draws to a close, players and coaches can be very pleased with the success of all teams in their competitions. All players have developed resilience and strength to cope with challenges presented as well as growing and developing their skill base and team play.

Congratulations to:

1st XI Girls Hockey - Winners Central/West C Grade

1st XI Boys Hockey – Winners Equal, A Reserve Plate (15th in Greater Auckland)

2nd XI Girls Football - Winners Senior B

Premier 1 Netball - 5th Premier 1 grade

Premier 2 Netball - 3rd Premier 2 grade

Senior Gold Netball - 2nd Senior B

Senior Green Netball - 2nd Senior D

Senior Grey Netball - 1st Senior F

9 Gold Netball - 4th in A grade

Some competitions are still on-going.

NZ Secondary Schools Winter Tournament Week

NZSS Tournament Week takes place throughout NZ next week (4 – 8 September). This year five Lynfield teams are competing in various tournaments, playing top teams from schools from all over the North Island. We wish them well as they take on the 'best of the rest'!

All teams will really appreciate any side-line support our school community can give. After the first day (or 2) the draws are dependent on wins and losses from earlier games. Contact the Sports Office (6270600 ext 595) or visit the appropriate tournament website to find out the latest draw.

1st XI Boys Football - "Trident" tournament, Hamilton

1st XI Girls Football - "Kathy Seaward" tournament, Whangarei

1st XI Boys Hockey - "Olympic Stick" tournament, Pukekohe

Premier 1 Netball - "Upper North Island Secondary Schools" (UNISS), Mt Wellington

Boys Badminton - Senior Badminton tournament, Napier

Junior Summer Sports

Trials and team selections for Y9 and Y10 summer sports competitions in touch, volleyball, softball, cricket will take place during the next 2 weeks. Please check the Daily Notices to be sure your sons or daughters do not miss trials for the teams they are interested in joining.

Uniform Return

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

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:

University of Auckland Courses & Careers Open Day – Sat 2 Sep, 9am-3.30pm, City Campus

AUT Open Day – Sat 2 Sep, City Campus

International Travel College of NZ - Thu 7 Sep & 5 Oct, 9am-6pm, Lvl 4, 9 City Rd, City.

NZMA Health Taster Day – Fri 8 Sep, 10.45am-2pm, Lvl 6, 131 Queen St, City

IEP Summer Camp USA Info Session – Tue 12 Sep, LVL 10, 220 Queen St, City

NZMA Careers Expo – Wed 13 Sep, 9am-4pm, Vodafone Event Centre, Manukau

Crown Institute of Studies – Fri 15 Sep & 13 Oct, 1.30-3.30pm, 80 Anzac Av, City

SIT Southern Institute of Technology Open Day – Fri 22 Sep, 10am – 2pm, Invercargill Campus

University of Auckland Electrical & Computer Engineering Final Project Exhibition – Fri 22 Sep

International Travel College of NZ – Sat 23 Sep, 9am-1pm, Lvl 4, 9 City Rd, City.

Visitors to our School. Please register if you wish to attend.

University of Victoria 2018 Course Planning Session – Tue 26 Sep, 12.40pm, Careers Centre

AUT University 2018 Course Planning Session – Thu 28 Sep, 12.40pm, Careers Centre

University of Waikato 2018 Course Planning Session – Tues 17 Oct, 12.40pm, Careers Centre

Unitec 2018 Course Planning Session – Wed 25 Oct, 12.40pm, Careers Centre

2018 Sky City Chef Apprenticeships – applications are now open. If you are passionate about food and want to learn (and earn) alongside some of the NZ's most experienced and talented chefs, then apply now at www.skycity.careers.com/chefapprentice

IEP Working Adventures Worldwide - Applications for Summer Camp USA are now open for the upcoming season www.iep.co.nz Summer Camp USA Info Sessions, Tuesday 12 September, 220 Queen St, Level 10, 6.30pm. Guaranteed Camp Placement / Great Camp Salary / Lowest Programme Fees / Free Food & Accommodation

Unitec have 250 scholarships and grants available for study in 2018, including Partner School, Pathway, Maori Women in Engineering, Pacific Women in Engineering, YWCA Maori & Pacific Women Future Leaders, Pacific School Leavers Award plus loads more.

Tourism Industry NZ Scholarship is available to help students get their first year of tourism related tertiary study off to a great start with a \$2500 payment to go towards tuition fees in your first year of study. Applications close 3 October. See Mrs Keir for details.

AIS Chairman's Scholarships – if eligible, you could have a 2-year Diploma or 3-year Bachelor's degree paid for entirely. More info at www.ais.ac.nz/scholarship

Youth Search & Rescue NZ Training Programme is being offered in Auckland for the first time. A chance for teenagers to develop the necessary skills to participate in becoming full active members of community volunteer search and rescue and civil defence emergency management. www.ysar.org.nz for full details and application information.

Full Time Position

STF Ltd, based in Okahu Bay, are looking for a Y12 or Y13 student wishing to leave school now and work full time. This company works predominantly with boats and engines. No previous experience needed but candidates must be fit and healthy as the position involves labour. Please email your CV to Jeff at jeff@stfgroup.co.nz or see Mrs Keir.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waikowhai Intermediate School 50th Reunion - Saturday 16 September

Website Registration www.wai-int.school.nz Open Day/School Tours 1.00 – 4.00pm

Mix and Mingle Evening 7.00 – 10.00pm

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