



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 13

23 November 2018

Coming Events:

Week 7	Mon 26 Nov Mon 26–Thu 29 Tue 27 Wed 28 Thu 29 & Fri 30 Fri 30 Sat 1 Dec	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm in the Admin Building NZSS Junior Badminton Championships, Christchurch YEAR 10 JUNIOR FESTIVAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY, 9.00am Hall Seating from 8.45am (students go to form class at 8.45am) YEAR 9 JUNIOR FESTIVAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY, 9.00am Hall Seating from 8.45am (students go to form class at 8.45am) Last day to purchase Leavers' Dinner tickets from Accounts Office Year 9 & Year 10 Caring for our Community Programme NCEA exams finish VEX Robotics Scrimmage – Onehunga High School
Week 8	Mon 3 Tue 4 Thu 6 Fri 7	Leavers' Morning First meeting for 2019 Student Executive, 11am in I2 & 3 Leavers' Dinner at Sorrento in the Park (Cornwall Park) Junior Softball Tournament Finals (rain day Thu 6 Dec) Uniform & Stationery Shop - last trading day for this year Whanau Hui & Farewell for Year 13 Pounamu students, Te Ringa Awhina Marae, Lynfield College 6.30 – 8.00pm Early finish for students – released 2.00pm
Week 9	Wed 12	Year 9 Prizegiving 9am Hall – reports issued; students leave Year 10 Prizegiving 11am Hall – reports issued; students leave Term 4 ends

Starting dates for 2019:

Tue 29 **January**

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

Wed 30 **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 31 **January**

Year 9 – attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm
Year 10 – assemble in the Hall 9.00am (released 10.40am)

Fri 1 **February**

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

Term dates for 2019:

Term 1: Tuesday 29 January - Friday 12 April
Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4: Monday 14 October – Tuesday 10 December

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As part of our orientation process for students enrolled at Lynfield College for 2019, we held two inaugural 'taster' days this week, where Year 8 students were able to experience first-hand what it is really like to be at high school. The days were a great success with those students feeling very positive about their start at a new school next year. More information is included in this newsletter.

Our contributing intermediate schools had also identified interested and committed Year 8 students with potential in football and netball, to attend 3 or 4 "Pre-Academy" sessions in their sport. These sessions are being held at Lynfield College after school and are run by our 1st XI coaches (boys and girls football) and Premier 1 and Premier 2 coaches (netball). Some of our Year 9 players are also attending and they are excellent role models and hosts, making the Year 8s feel very comfortable in our Lynfield Sport environment and having lots of fun too.

Junior Sports, Arts & Culture Prizegivings

Next week we have the first of our Year 9 and Year 10 prizegivings, the Junior Festival Awards Assemblies, which acknowledge sports, arts and culture achievements. We warmly invite families to attend these prizegivings, which will be held in the College Hall. Students go to their form class at 8.45am. Following these assemblies, the students go to class.

Year 10 Junior Festival Awards Assembly – Tuesday 27 November 9am in the Hall (visitor seating from 8.45am)

Year 9 Junior Festival Awards Assembly – Wednesday 28 November at 9am in the Hall (visitor seating from 8.45am)

Caring for our Community

On Thursday and Friday next week our Year 9 and Year 10 students will take part in a special programme to promote their understanding of the community. The Caring for our Community programme arranges approximately 700 students to divide into groups to work on a project that supports the community.

Many community groups who were involved in the programme last year have extended an invitation to our students to return this year. This is a wonderful learning experience for our students, often challenging their level of comfort, but very beneficial to the community.

There is further information about this programme contained in this newsletter. If you are able to assist with any of the materials required for the activities, it would be greatly appreciated.

Early finish for Y9 and Y10 students

On Friday 7 December we will be holding a farewell for senior staff members who are leaving the College. Students will be released at 2.00pm on that day. The Mangere Bridge bus will depart at 2.15pm, but the Titirangi bus will depart at the usual time of 3.20pm, as this is a service shared with another school. Parents/Caregivers of the Titirangi bus students might like to make alternative transport arrangements on that afternoon.

Junior Academic Prizegivings

We warmly invite families to attend the junior academic prizegivings, which will be held in the College Hall on the last day of term.

Year 9 Prizegiving – Wednesday 12 December at 9.00am

Visitor seating from 8.45am. 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 12 December at 11.00am

Visitor seating from 8.45am. Students attend form class at 10.40am. At the conclusion of the prizegiving, students return briefly to form class to be issued with their reports, then leave.

The last day the Mangere Bridge and Titirangi school buses will run is Tuesday 11 December.

Uniform

The long skirt is now able to be worn by students at all levels – 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.

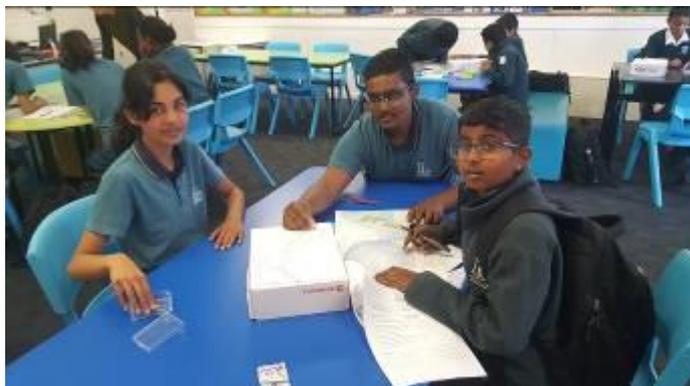
We would appreciate any donations of good quality school uniform items from students who are not returning next year or who have outgrown uniform. We are always in need of uniform to pass on to students, who from time to time need our assistance. Donations can be left at the admin reception desk. Near new items will be sold at discounted rates. The income from this goes into our hardship fund to support families in need.

C M Knell
Principal

A Taste of Lynfield

The College welcomed over 300 incoming students for 'A Taste of Lynfield' this week. The Year 8 students had opportunities to have lessons in Technology, Māori, Japanese and other subjects. Some Year 9 students were also on hand to answer questions about what life was really like as a Year 9. The purpose of the day was to show students that, while starting a new school is a challenge, Lynfield isn't such a scary place after all!

The feedback from the students and Year 8 teachers has been very positive, and we look forward to making this an annual event.



PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATE CHANGE:

2019 Peer Support Leader Training - There is a new date for Year 11 and Year 12 Peer Support Leader training next year. **The training will now happen on Thursday 24 January at 8.45am in the College Library.**

If there is a problem with you attending this or you have any questions at all, please phone Mrs Hughes 627 0600 ext 743 or email khughes@lynfield.school.nz

Year 9 and Year 10 – Caring for our Community (C4C) Programme, Thursday 29 & Friday 30 November

At the end of each year, Lynfield College runs a cross-curricular programme for our junior students. This is scheduled to take place in week 7. 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 approximately 30 workshops.

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.

Can you help?

Making Christmas cakes for the Belly Full and Avondale Age Concern groups is one of the workshops offered to students. Any donations of the ingredients required for making the cakes (butter, flour, dried fruit, sugar, nuts, glace cherries) would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at our admin reception desk.

GATEWAY student success

Congratulations to the following students:

Sara Yelverton (Year 13 2018) who did Gateway this year, has just been signed up as an apprenticeship with the Audi group at Continental Car Services in Newmarket. Sara will be their very first female apprentice and they have been so impressed with her passion for cars and her work ethic. Continental Car Services are very excited to finally have a young woman getting into this industry with them. Well done, Sara!

Puka Tauia (Year 12 2017) has just received one of only four Hirepool Northern Regional **Chief Executive Service Excellence Awards** for *"going above and beyond for all customers. He shows great respect towards them and always has them leaving with a smile. Although, only being with Hirepool for less than a year, he receives praises left, right and centre from cash customers as well as some high profile trade customers. Puka's nomination included two customer emails stating that he was pleasant, polite and friendly and worked safely and efficiently. One customer said that they would have him on their team any day and another said he was a credit to Hirepool and far exceeds the standard set by many in customer service roles."* Congratulations Puka on earning this Award, based on your own merits in the workplace.

We wish both these students every success in their chosen career.



NZDF Youth Development Unit: Police / Navy / Military Programme

Elika Stanley (Y10) successfully completed a weeklong life skills programme this month at the Army quarters in Whangaparaoa. This included military training, visiting the Navy marae, an on-board experience on one of the Navy ships, along with some fun activities like bowling. The Leaders spoke highly of Elika as being a stand-out participant who could be a future Navy officer.

Whaea Maihi, Mr John Peri and Whaea Leauga attended the graduation ceremony for Elika, who wore a korowai which her Nan had made for Mr Peri's Father.

Thank you to Holly Kairua, Francis Meli, Hannah and the team at Bluelight for offering this opportunity to Lynfield College once again.

Ka nui te mihi ki a koe Elika.

Congratulations to the following students who have won junior competitions

- Year 10 Speech Competition Winner – Isha Ramanlal; Runner up – Luviah Saito Sililoto
- Year 10 Writing Competition Winner – Zoe Demmler
- Year 9 Speech Competition Winner – Oliver Pracy; Runner up – Alina Petricheva
- Year 9 Writing Competition Winner – Thaveesha Jayasundara
- Junior Piano Competition Winner – Zelda Truong (Y10); Runner up – Lorelle Kemp (Y9)

So you think you can keep up with your teenager?

We are looking to gauge interest in a programme we think would be of benefit to parents of teenagers.

The programme would run at the college in the evenings for five consecutive weeks, probably on a Wednesday evening, and starting on 13 February 2019.

It would cover such topics as teenage development, particularly how brain changes influence behaviour, parenting styles, working with conflict, teenage mental health issues, and the internet.

If you are interested in finding out more about this programme, phone Karen Hughes, our Guidance Department Secretary, on 6270600 ext 743.

Leavers' Morning 2018

Leavers' Morning on Monday 3 December is ONLY for those who are leaving school. ALL leavers **MUST** return to school on 3 December to formally complete the leaving process.

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

Year 13 students **report to the school Hall between 8.45 am and 10.30am on 3 December** to return their completed clearance form, then receive their Yearbook and Leaving Certificate, Testimonials and Leavers' dinner tickets.

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

Enrolment Process for 2019

Year 9 / 2019 home zone enrolments should be completed as soon as possible. Parents/caregivers can bring their son/daughter to an enrolment interview between 8.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, no appointment necessary.

Enrolment packs are available from our reception desk.

Late Out of zone, category 6 applications for 2019 may be made and will be put on a waiting list - application forms are available from our website or reception.

Homework Support Groups

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

Subject/Faculty	What help is offered	When	Where
English	Assessment and homework help	Thursday 3.20 - 4.20pm	F10
ESOL	Writing, reading, understanding the language of subjects that ESOL students are studying	Tuesday 3.20 – 4.20pm	L6
Mathematics & Statistics	Study tips, general subject help, homework help, clarification and feedback about internal/external assessment requirements, extension opportunities	Every lunchtime	G15
Music	Rehearsal space is available (and supervised) – booking system External and Scholarship workshops	Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri - before school; Mon/Wed/Fri – lunchtimes; Mon-Thu afterschool During study leave	Music Suite
Te Reo Māori	Marae open for students wishing to study Individual help at any time Tutorials during study leave (Level 1-3)	Interval and lunchtime	Marae
International Languages	Computer room open for language students to catch up with homework	Wednesday Interval/lunchtime	C5A
Senior PE	Homework Club	Thursday after school	I2
Student Agency Group	Pasifika Homework Club	Wednesday morning 7.30 – 8.30am	Library
Visual Arts	Individual support progressing student folio boards Extra assistance for achievement of internal standards	School holiday workshops Terms 2 and 3	B8 – B12
Drama	Rehearsal spaces for groups working towards a practical assessment Tutorials and individual help for external assessment	As required Term 4	PAC, B1, B6 B6
Science	Assessment and homework help Y9 – 11 As required for Y12 & Y13	Thursday lunchtime	G8

SPORTS SCENE

Team Talk

Junior summer competitions in cricket, water polo and volleyball continue with teams having a mixture of wins and losses, which is developing their teamwork.

Volleyball

The girls finish their competition this week. Both teams will be up for very good games! They have grown as a team and played extremely well this season under the coaching of students Maria Mounga, Natalie Ta'ala, Fa'asua Pepe and Lepa Finau.

Junior Boys Cricket

This team is in a higher grade than last year and is performing very well. Their manager, Mr Joseph, reports on their game on 3/11/18:

Our Junior boys cricket A team won easily on Saturday. They beat Auckland Grammar Red team by 9 wickets. Auckland Grammar batted first and scored 115 runs for 9 wickets in 20 overs. Our boys got this target on the 15th over with a loss of only one wicket. Maaz Binzab scored 51 runs (not out) and also took 3 wickets.

1st XI cricket

These boys have continued to blitz the opposition and will move to the afternoon grade next season.

Junior Sport and Culture Prizegivings

These celebrations of success in sport, arts and cultural activities will take place next week. Families of our Year 9 and Year 10 students are warmly invited to these events.

Year 10 Junior Festival Awards Assembly – Tuesday 27 November 9am in the Hall (visitor seating from 8.45am)

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Uniform Return

Please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office as soon as possible unless they are currently being used for junior cricket. 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.

Help urgently needed

We urgently need coaches and managers for our Term 1, 2019 summer sports teams especially volleyball and touch coaches and dragon boating sweeps/coaches. We are currently recruiting coaches for our winter sports too.

Every team must have a coach and manager. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping in any way by becoming a part of the Lynfield Sport team, please contact the Sports Office:

09 627 0600 ext 595

fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

Please note - to be a team manager, no knowledge of the sport is required. It is simply a communication role.

Individual Honours

Sophie Bradley (Y11) has been selected to represent Auckland in the Girls Football U16 team. They are playing in the National Age Group Tournament in Wellington, 12-16 December.

Recycling sports gear

We are starting a Sports Equipment Recycling Depot at the Sports Office. This is for any sports gear **in good, useable condition**, your child may have grown out of or simply have no need for any longer. Items such as second hand sports shoes, shin pads, cricket pads, cricket bats, hockey sticks, etc. If you are able to donate any of these things, you will be helping another family to get or keep their children in sport. Remember this gear **MUST** be in **GOOD** condition and able to be used for at least one full 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 (eg. certificate, letter of selection etc) so we have the exact wording of their achievement, or email these details to fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz.