



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 4

29 March 2018

Coming Events:

Week 10	Mon 2 Apr Tue 3	Easter Monday – public holiday, school closed National School Holiday – school closed
	Wed 4 – Fri 6	German Exchange Students Farewell 5.30 – 9.30pm Staffroom In-class priority time Otago Junior Mathematics Competition
	Thu 5	Y13 KATTI Y9 Pacific Students FONO, Periods 1 & 2, Upper Gym Progress Conferences (surnames A – L) 4 – 7pm, B block Scholarship Information Presentation 5.30 – 6.30pm, staffroom
Week 11	Mon 9 & Tue 10 Tue 10	In-class priority time Progress Conferences (surnames M - Z) 4 – 7pm, B block Scholarship Information Presentation 5.30 – 6.30pm, staffroom
	Wed 11	<i>12OED – Arataki and Kite Kite Falls Track</i>
	Thu 12	<i>12OED – Karekare and Pararaha Valley</i>
	Wed 11	Pasifika Fanau Evening 6 – 7.30pm, Hall and Staffroom
	Thu 12 & Fri 13	Uniform and Stationery Shop is CLOSED
	Fri 13	APO Chamber Group visit, Rehearsal Studio (for invited music students) <i>Lynfield Student China trip departs (returns 27 Apr)</i> Term 1 ends
Week 1	Mon 30 Apr Wed 2 – Fri 4 May Sun 6	Term 2 begins Y9 & Y11 Leadership Camp, Piha 11GEO – Rotorua trip (return Mon 7 Jun)
Week 2	Mon 7 & Tue 8 Wed 9 Thu 11	4 th House Meetings <i>13GEO – Muriwai trip (rain day Fri 11 Jun)</i> BLOOD DONOR DAY
Week 3	Mon 14 – Fri 18	In-class priority time – students should not make external appointments during school time Ramadan begins (approx. date) Gifted and Talented Education Conference – GATE Senior Mathematics Competition <i>12&13ENC - Auckland Writers Festival</i> Pink Shirt Day
Week 4	Mon 21 – 26	In-class priority time – students should not make external appointments during school time
	Thu 24	Year 13 Careers Expo
Week 5	Mon 28 – Fri 1 Jun	SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK
Week 6	Mon 4 Tue 5 Fri 8 – Sun 10	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – public holiday, school closed Y11 Attitude Presentation Period 1, following assembly Lynfield College 60 th Reunion
Week 7	Sun 10 – Fri 15	<i>13PHE – Hillary Outdoor Education Centre</i>
Week 8	Tue 19 Wed 20	ROAD RACE <i>13BIO/BIA Zoo trip</i>
Week 9	Mon 25 Thu 28	Production Week CULTURAL & LEADERSHIP PHOTOS
Week 10	Mon 2 – Fri 6 Jul	<i>Rarotonga Trip</i> WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS Senior Mid-Year Reports issued Term 2 ends (Term 3 begins Mon 15 Oct)

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Cultural Day 2018

On Saturday we held a very successful Cultural Day at the College. Thank you to all those students, parents and staff who braved some challenging weather to support this annual event. We have a diverse range of ethnic groups at the College and this was a wonderful opportunity for the extended school community to share the features of these cultures, which make them so special and unique.

Students spend hours practising their items to ensure the community gets to see performances at their very best. The food is prepared by students and their families and again the aim is to give us an appreciation of the diversity and sophistication of the dishes available from each group.

The aim of this very positive and enjoyable day is to spread understanding and increase appreciation of the contribution each group makes to our school and the wider community. The day is not a fund-raiser. It is self-funding with the cost for each dish expected to cover the cost of ingredients. The performers pay all their own expenses. The College contributes through meeting the expenses of security, cleaning, waste disposal, etc.

I would like to thank Ms Pauline Phelan, Cultural Co-ordinator and her team of students, especially the Arts and Culture Captains, and all students, staff and parents who so generously gave their time and expertise to ensure this was such a successful event. <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/News++Events/March+2018.html>



German Student Exchange

On Tuesday 13 March, our senior German language students and their families welcomed 20 students and two teachers from our partner school Ernst-Haeckel-Gymnasium. Most of the Lynfield College students stayed with the visiting students last year so there was huge excitement to see their friends again. This is the seventh round of the Lynfield College German Exchange Programme with the German group staying for three weeks, visiting the school and exploring Auckland and parts of the North Island.

Since the start of the German Exchange programme in 2005, more than 200 students have travelled to the other side of the world to be immersed in another culture and language. International student exchanges are amongst the most valuable experiences for young people. An exposure to a different culture, to a new linguistic environment and to new social values represents a challenge, which most participants cherish for the rest of their lives.



12PEA Camp at Tāwharanui Regional Park

Twenty-two Year 12 PEA students attended the annual camp at Tāwharanui Regional Park with a focus on risk management in the outdoors. Students camped in tents for two nights and planned and cooked all their own meals. Activities over the three days were based in and around the water. They included kayaking, lifesaving, stand-up paddle boarding and the ever-popular surfing. The group really thrived in the beautiful outdoor setting, enjoying the company of their peers, the ability to self-manage and the challenging and new activities they experienced.



New Zealand Schools Debating Regional Tournament

Debating coaches Sherry Wagner, Aidan Halligan and Catherine Barker took four Lynfield Premier Debating Teams to compete in the largest ever Auckland Regional tournament (59 teams from across the region) on Saturday 24 March. Three of our top debaters (Harry Ashley, Kyus Rodger and Raymond Feng) were selected to take part in the final round debates on Sunday 25 March.

The tournament was hosted by Diocesan School for Girls and opened by Nikki Kaye, MP for Auckland Central and Opposition Spokesperson on Education.

Congratulations to **Raymond Feng (Y12)** and **Kyus Rodger (Y12)** for being selected for NZ Schools Debating Development Squad. At the prizegiving, they were two of only eight students selected for the squad who will undergo training with University Law student coaches to further improve their ability to construct effective cases on a range of topics.

All the Lynfield debaters performed very well at the tournament, showing great promise for Lynfield's debating future.



The moots for the Saturday rounds were:

- Round 1: We believe performing artists such as musicians and comedians should not perform in countries where there are significant human rights abuses.
- Round 2: We believe the feminist movement should encourage women to not wear makeup.
- Round 3: That we should abolish the minimum wage.
- Round 4: That Western Liberal Democracies should collectively adopt an isolationist stance (e.g. imposing tariffs, ending diplomatic channels) towards the US while Donald Trump remains President.

Spirit of Adventure

Congratulations to the successful applicants who have been awarded a voyage on the Spirit of Adventure: Nicole D'Souza, Maya Micklefield, Shreya Singaraju, Karina Thompson

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Principal

School Day

A reminder that the school day starts daily at **8.40am**. The only exception is on Wednesday mornings when Year 10 – 13 students start at **9.00am**.

Students Leaving School for Appointments

Students are encouraged to make appointments outside of school hours. However, if a student must leave school during the day:

- they are expected to bring a note from home on the day of the appointment,
- have the note signed by a Dean as soon as they arrive at school,
- present the note to their subject teacher when they leave class,
- present the note and then sign out at Deans' Reception where they will receive an 'Exit' slip.

We appreciate parent/caregiver support of this process.

Student Leader Profile – Arts and Culture Captains

Kia Ora from your 2018 Arts and Culture Captains, Kais Azimullah and Nandeeta Prasad. We are very honoured and excited to be leading the celebration of Lynfield College's cultural diversity this year. We have already started off positively, supporting the formation of different culture and art groups throughout the school.

Culture Week and Day has been our main priority so far, first speaking in all year-level assemblies and co-ordinating what specific activities we would hold during the week. This took place during week 8 and included henna hand paintings, tai-chi demonstrations, moko 'tattoos', origami workshops, Jazz Combo, Tongan and Kapa Haka performances, cultural mufti day and its associated fashion show.

Our biggest challenge however was Cultural Day on Saturday 24 March. This was when all the cultures here at Lynfield came together for a day, setting up various food stalls around school and performing items representing their traditional and modern cultures to excited audiences. The many friends and families of the performers were swelling with pride as they watched, cheering and celebrating who they are and where they came from. The overall day was a huge success and a significant highlight for many students and parents alike.



Alongside us, our deputies Cathy Lai and Dhruv Gupte and our new Arts Co-ordinator Ms Phelan, have kept us constantly ready to take on each challenge that comes our way. We aim to make 2018 one of our school's most diverse, inclusive and memorable years ever. As this year's Student Executive theme is 'Hopu i te ra' "Catch the Sun", we intend to use it to essentially take whatever opportunities call us the most. We have and continue to encourage the new generation of students in Lynfield to partake in roles within the Arts and Culture areas. We firmly believe that expressing yourself is the key factor in being comfortable and understanding who you are - so make it happen!

Progress Reports

These were issued to students on Wednesday 28 March. An individualised information sheet about our online appointment booking schedule for the Progress Conferences was included with the reports.

Progress Conferences

Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname. The online booking schedule will close at 9am on each of the Progress Conferences days.

Thursday 5 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm

Tuesday 10 April (student surnames M - Z), 4 - 7pm

All parents/caregivers are expected to visit their child's teachers on one of these afternoons as it is a part of the school/home partnership so vital to a student's progress. Students are released at 2.20pm on these days.

PLEASE NOTE: The Kiwi Coachline school bus to Mangere Bridge will depart from the usual White Swan Road bus stop at 2.30pm, but the Titirangi bus will not be departing from Boundary Road until the usual time of 3.20pm (this is because it is a service shared with other schools). The College Library will be open for study purposes for those students waiting for the Titirangi bus.

Scholarship Information Presentation – Thursday 5 and Tuesday 10 April

Between 5.30 – 6.30pm, on both conference evenings, there will be a short presentation and an opportunity to ask questions about NZ Scholarship exams and scholarships in general. This event will be held in the school Staffroom. If parents are interested in attending this session, please make your conference appointments either side of this time.

PLEASE NOTE: The Uniform and Stationery Shop will be closed on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 April.

NZQA Fees and Financial Assistance

NZQA fees are now appearing on the portal and can be paid by credit card online or by Direct Credit into the school's bank account with your student's ID as a reference. Paper invoices will be issued early next term.

The fees should be paid by 6 July, the end of Term 2.

NB: The NZQA fee is a flat fee to cover all entries, regardless of how many/few there are. Adding or removing entries for standards during the year will not alter the fee.

The fee for a domestic student is \$76.70. For an international student it is \$383.30. Scholarship entries cost \$30 per subject for domestic students and \$102.20 per subject for international students. Scholarship entries will be decided later in the year when student progress has been more completely assessed. Please DO NOT pay for Scholarship entries until you have been invoiced for them. They will be reflected in an adjustment to the NZQA fee.

To apply for financial assistance, a form must be completed. If you received financial assistance last year, it does not automatically carry over. **A new application form must be completed each year.**

Financial Assistance application forms are available from the Deans' Secretary, or online at: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/Application-For-Financial-Assistance.pdf>

Financial assistance application forms should be returned to Mr Delgrosso or the Deans' Secretary.

To be eligible to apply for financial assistance you must be the fee-payer (usually the Parent/Caregiver) and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be currently receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or have a current Community Services Card (known as "benefit-based" applications).
- Are not currently receiving a benefit, or do not have a current Community Services Card, but do have a joint family¹ income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (known as "income-based" applications).
- Have two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income, and the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum (known as "multiple candidate" applications). [In effect, this means three or more children who are candidates as two candidates generate combined fees of \$153.40, which is below the \$200 threshold. If Scholarship entries are involved, the fees for two candidates may exceed \$200.]

More details are available at: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/entry-into-ncea/fees-for-ncea/financial-assistance/>

Financial assistance reduces the fee to \$20 per candidate or \$30 per family. This fee also covers Scholarship entries.

Once the Financial Application form has been processed by the school, the NZQA fee will be updated on the portal. It is very helpful if the \$20 (or \$30) fee is brought to school when the application form is returned. In this way, we are able to process the updating of the fee and the payment at the same time.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Delgrosso – Phone 627 0600 Ext 728 or rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz

ASB

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS – ON THE WEBSITE AND PARENT PORTAL

<https://lynfield.mystudent.school.nz/calendar>

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 Maori	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	C5
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

Sports Scene

Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

These were held at Mt Smart yesterday. To qualify for this event an athlete must be one of the best 16 in all Auckland. This year, three of our students qualified to compete. Competition was (predictably) very tough. Our athletes performed extremely well:

Jessika Varney (Y12) - 6th Sen Girls 100m
Alastair Crasto (Y13) - 10th Sen Boys Discus
Bhakti Patel (Y11) - 1st 100m Para Athletes, 1st 200m Para Athletes

Jessika was the 8th fastest qualifier (13.87s) for the 100m final but ran a fantastic race to improve her time to 13.68s and punch well above her weight in the final to finish 6th!

Team Talk

Summer Sports

Most are now finished for Term 1. All players have represented the school with energy and pride and several teams have been very successful.

Water Polo

Congratulations to our Senior Water Polo team which finished 1st in their weekly competition (Senior C Boys). This is a mixed team, which plays in the boys' division so the victory was especially sweet. They have just competed in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships, which were held at various venues around Auckland. They finished a very creditable 7th in this very physically and mentally demanding competition.

Dragon boating

The Auckland Secondary Schools Championships were held at Lake Pupuke 18 March. This event is quite unique in the AKSS calendar as it has a fun, family friendly event in which each team is in fierce competition on the water but welcomes their competitors ashore with high fives.

We had three crews (each of 20 paddlers and a caller) involved – 2 mixed and 1 boys teams. They all had a fantastic day with each team competing in 3 500m races and 3 200m races. "Lynfield Fire" (boys) came home with a bronze medal for the 200m. Also in the 200m & 500m races "Lynfield Fury" paddled their way to our first medals for a mixed crew when they won bronze!

Orienteering

The weekly competition has now concluded and several of our students performed very well in the series:

Senior Girls

1st Danielle Matthews
4th Nene Matsuki
5th Niamh Masterson
8th Emily Gossen
10th= Amy Bernstone & Esther Tomkinson

Junior Boys

6th Liam Mulvaney
7th Russell Dundang

Junior Girls

9th Eesha Mahimkar

Congratulations to Danielle Matthews, Niamh Masterton, Nene Matsuki, Emily Gossen who have qualified for the Sprint Finals to be held Saturday 7 April at Macleans College and Unitec. Esther Tomkinson and Amy Bernstone have been given wild card entries into this event.

Cricket

The **1st XI Boys' team** has finished the first half of the season in 1st place in the Senior Morning A competition. Last weekend's result against Auckland Grammar was another big win. Auckland Grammar were 87 all out, Lynfield scored 91-2 giving us a win by 8 wickets. They will play the second half of their competitions in Term 4.

Touch

Held at Cornwall Park this year, our senior teams performed very well. Congratulations to the Senior Boys team who won the Central Zone Boys competition! The Senior Girls team finished 3rd in the Central Zone Girls competition. Thanks to staff coaches Joel Hicks and Darren Mamea, and managers Joanne Smith and Frances Maihi on the work they did to get the teams to this standard.

Rock Climbing

Introduced last year, Rock Climbing has become very popular. This will be offered for Term 2 also and sign-ups are happening now at the Sports Office.

Tennis

The weather has interfered with some games but this has not dampened the enthusiasm of our players. There has been some excellent tennis played by our students with some games being very intense for quite a long time! Finals will be played next Saturday. Our school tennis championships are being held today. Results will be in the next newsletter.

Tag

A senior boys team and a senior girls team entered the Central/West Secondary Schools Tag tournament next week. Watch this space!

Uniform return

Most summer sports are now complete. **Summer sports uniforms should be returned to the Sports Office as soon as possible.** When players return their playing strip they will be refunded their \$25 uniform bond to their nominated bank account. Any students with outstanding Sports uniform or fees will NOT be able to play another sport for the school until they have addressed this issue with the Sports Office.

Sports Fees payment

Payment of sports fees and uniform bonds can be made at the Accounts Office, Sports Office (which has eftpos facilities available) or online.

Winter Sports

Final trials are taking place next week for winter sports and team selections posted on the Sports Office noticeboard. Once students have been placed in a team they must meet all training and game commitments, as well as pay their fees to secure their place in the team. All students in sports teams will take home a letter containing important information (e.g. playing dates, venues, costs) soon after selection. In fairness to all involved, all fees must be paid prior to the first game of the season, as per our NO PAY = NO PLAY policy.

Pre-season games

Football and rugby have organised several pre-season games, which are largely being played at home. These are excellent preparation for the competition season, which begins the first week of next term.

Rugby

The new rugby programme is well underway. Strength and Conditioning sessions have been running each Tuesday and Thursday morning throughout this term. After school training has just begun every Tuesday and Thursday and this will continue throughout Term 2. It is great to see both boys and girls working together on a wide variety of skills, largely based around safe play on the rugby field.

The programme is being led by a committee comprising parents of our players, staff members and community coaches.

We urgently need a committed coach for our girls rugby team.

Help needed urgently

*Coaches and managers needed for all our 50+ winter sports teams. **Please take time to consider whether you could coach or manage a team.*** 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

We **urgently** need coaches for:

Basketball - Girls

Football - Junior Boys and Junior Girls

Netball - Senior (games are on Tuesday night at Te Pai PI, Henderson)

Junior (games are on Saturday morning at Te Pai PI, Henderson)

Individual Honours

Congratulations to the following students who have recently excelled in their sport:

Samantha Martin (Y11) was very successful at the Auckland Age Group Swimming Championships held at Westwave 16 - 18 March. She placed:

Silver - 400m Individual Medley (PB)

6th - 200m Individual Medley (PB)

3rd - 15 & Over 100m Butterfly (PB)

Gold - 16 year old age group 100m Butterfly

Silver - 16 year old age group 400m Freestyle

Gold - 200m Butterfly (PB)

Samantha was also selected to swim in the super final (which is the top 8 swimmers over all age groups) for the 200m Butterfly. She went into this final ranked No.8 and pulled herself up to 7th.

Ben Henwood (Y11) was also very successful in Division 2 of the National Swimming Age Group Champs where he won:

Gold - 400m Medley relay (4 x 100m) where Ben swam the backstroke leg

Gold - 200m Medley relay (4 x 50m) where Ben swam the backstroke leg

Gold - 400m Freestyle relay (4 x 100m)

Silver - 200m Freestyle relay (4 x 50m)

Ben also reached finals in:

50m, 100m & 200m breaststroke

50m, 100m & 400m freestyle

50m & 100m backstroke

Qibang Chen (Y11) and **Sophie Bradley (Y11)** both competed in U17 football tournaments recently.

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