



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 1

20 February 2018

#### Coming Events:

Week 4	Wed 21 <b>Feb</b>	Scholarship Breakfast 8am, Staffroom 3 <sup>rd</sup> House Meetings (Bray, Lewis, Zoricich) 10.20 – 10.40am <b>Year 9 Parents Evening 7pm, Hall</b> (in form class groups as follows) <b>6.15pm: 9RE, 9DT, 9HT, 9ZM, 9HK, 9RN</b> <b>6.45pm: 9AD, 9HB, 9HL, 9JS, 9MZ, 9WS</b>
	Thu 22	<b>ID &amp; CLASS PHOTOS</b>
	Fri 23	<i>NZ VEX Robotics Nationals, Pinehurst School, Albany, North Shore (Fri, Sat, Sun 3 – 7.30pm)</i>
Week 5	Mon 26 – Wed 28	<i>12PE Camp – Shakespeare Regional Park</i> <i>13HIS – Ak Museum trip</i> Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Admin building
	Tue 27	<i>11SCB – Karamatura Stream trip</i> <i>13ESS – Takapuna Beach trip</i> German Exchange Parents Info Evening 6.30 – 7.30pm Staffroom
	Thu 1 <b>Mar</b>	<b>ID PHOTO CATCH-UP DAY</b> <b>NCEA Parents Info Evening 7pm Staffroom</b>
	Fri 2	<i>12&amp;13BUS – Rainbows End trip</i> Lumino The Dentists leave
Week 6	Mon 5	Central-West Zone Athletics Competitions
	Mon 5 – Wed 7	<i>PSSP Hui</i>
	Thu 8	<i>12BIO – Arataki trip</i>
	Thu 8 – Sat 10	<i>AKSS Volleyball Champs</i>
	Fri 9	<i>12BIO – Arataki trip</i> <i>11 – 13DRA Theatre trip</i>
Week 7	Mon 12 – Fri 16	ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEEK
	Tue 13	German Exchange Students arrive Whanau Hui and Kapa Haka dress rehearsal 6 – 8.30pm
	Wed 14 – Sat 17	ASB Polyfest 2018
Week 8	Mon 19	NZSSS Summer Tournament Week
	Tue 20 – Wed 22	<i>12PEA Camp – Tawharanui</i>
	Fri 23	<i>13PXM – Rainbows End trip (rain day 29 Mar)</i>
	Sat 24	<b>CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY 12 – 4pm College grounds</b>
	Sun 25	<i>12GEO – Ruapehu trip departs (returns Tue 27 Mar)</i>
Week 9	Mon 26	Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Admin building
	Tue 27	<i>13ESS – Stardome trip</i>
	Wed 28	<b>SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS</b> <b>Progress Reports Issued</b>
	Thu 29	Year 11 'Attitude' presentation Period 1 Hall, following assembly <i>11SCB – Zoo trip</i> <i>13PXM – Rainbows End rain day</i>
	<b>Fri 30</b>	<b>Easter Good Friday – public holiday, school closed</b>
Week 10	<b>Mon 2 Apr</b>	<b>Easter Monday – public holiday, school closed</b>
	<b>Tue 3</b>	<b>National School Holiday</b> German Exchange Students Farewell 5.30 – 9.30pm Staffroom
	Wed 4 – Fri 6	In-class priority time Otago Junior Mathematics Competition
	Thu 5	<b>Progress Conferences (surnames A – L) 4 – 7pm</b>
Week 11	Mon 9 & Tue 10	In-class priority time
	Tue 10	<b>Progress Conferences (surnames A – L) 4 – 7pm</b>
	Wed 11 & Thu 12	<i>12OED day trips</i>
	Fri 13	<i>Lynfield Student China trip departs (returns 27 Apr)</i> <b>Term 1 ends</b>
	<b>Mon 30 Apr</b>	<b>Term 2 begins</b>

Dear Parents/Caregivers

On behalf of the Board and staff I would like to welcome all parents, especially the new Year 9 parents to this first newsletter for 2018. The newsletter is published every second Friday and is emailed to all parents on the email list (taken from the enrolment form at the time of enrolment). It is also available on the website.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet many of our Year 9 parents at the **Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 21 February**, where you will be able to meet your child's form teacher and receive information on their academic programme and expectations for Year 9. Please meet in the Hall at the indicated time appropriate to your child's form class:

**6.15pm: 9RE, 9DT, 9HT, 9ZM, 9HK, 9RN**

**6.45pm: 9AD, 9HB, 9HL, 9JS, 9MZ, 9WS**

If you are unable to attend, you will have another opportunity to meet with teachers and form teachers at the progress conferences on 5 and 10 April.

Year 9 Form Teachers have indicated that students have settled in well to their form classes and their subjects. The Orientation Programme, which ran at the beginning of the term, was very successful and students are certainly taking advantage of the many opportunities available to them in the College. Year 9 Form Teachers stay with their form classes as they move through the year levels.

On Thursday 15 February we held the Badges Assembly at which our 2018 Student Executive were presented with their badges of office. Thank you to parents and caregivers who attended this very special event. I wish these students a very successful and rewarding year.



Lynfield College is a BYOD school. Students and staff continue to explore the opportunities that these devices bring to student learning. The level of collaboration between students has certainly increased as has student access to up to date data in their research projects.

The College does lend out devices (Chromebooks) to students who are unable to bring a device for a specific reason, however it cannot be taken home. In the junior school we are recommending Chromebooks. These can be purchased for less than \$400. For seniors we do encourage a laptop, depending on their option subjects. We do not expect students to have expensive software loaded on as there are always free downloads that can be used. If in doubt about any device issue, please contact your child's Dean.

As part of the Year 9 Orientation programme, students had workshops on accessing the school network and learning how to store work on Google Drive. The College will be doing a digital safety programme with all juniors throughout the year. If you are interested in sound advice on internet safety for your son or daughter, please have a look at [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

We encourage all families to use our online payments system through the College website [www.lynfield.school.nz](http://www.lynfield.school.nz). At the top of the Home page there is a link to the Parent Portal where you can pay for course costs, sports fees, itinerant music lessons, course trips, camps and other school outings and the General Purpose donation. Payment is made by credit card or direct debit through the Parent Portal. If you wish to pay by direct credit into the College's bank account, please make sure you place your students name in the reference.

Uniform and stationery items (including work books) can be paid through the Shop link at the top of our website home page. Shop purchases can be paid by credit card or direct credit. If paying by direct credit into the College's bank account for Shop purchases – please place the order number generated by the purchase as reference e.g. ORD 0001.

Receipts for credit card payments are issued through the Parent Portal and the Shop link. Receipts for direct credit payments will be issued via their Form Teacher, however you will receive a confirmation email for goods when ordering through the Shop link and paying by direct credit.

## **Lynfield College 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

2018 will see us celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. We look forward to inviting you to join with us in a number of celebratory events over the course of the year, including a reunion weekend 8 & 9 June.

## **2017 NCEA Results**

2017 saw some great results achieved by our Year 11,12 and 13 students in Level 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

### **Highlights:**

Year 11: 81% gained L1 certificate

Of these 19% had their level certificate endorsed with Excellence and 38% endorsed with Merit

Year 12: 88% gained L2 certificate

Of these 20% had their level certificate endorsed with Excellence and 27% endorsed with Merit

Year 13: 82% gained L3 certificate and 61% gained UE which is above the national statistics of 56% for decile 4-7 schools. Of those receiving their L3 certificate 13% were endorsed with Excellence and 34% at Merit.

A reminder, that the last day for a review and reconsideration of exam papers is 21 February. The link is <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-results/reviews-and-reconsiderations/>

## **Scholarship Exam Results**

36 Scholarships were awarded to 20 Lynfield College students in 2017. Three Outstanding Scholarships were awarded across 21 subject areas. This is a fantastic result and indicates the high achievement by this group of students.

Top achievers in the Scholarship results were:

### **Karan Kalsi – 4 Scholarships**

Outstanding in Scholarship Geography

**Top in Scholarship Geography in New Zealand**

Outstanding in Scholarship Media Studies

Scholarship in History

Scholarship in Classical Studies

### **Jia Dua – 4 Scholarships**

Outstanding in Scholarship Geography

Scholarship in English

Scholarship in Statistics

Scholarship in Media

### **Yu Sun – 4 Scholarships**

Scholarship in English

Scholarship in Biology

Scholarship in Statistics

Scholarship in History

### **Britanny Walker – 3 Scholarships**

Scholarship in Chemistry

Scholarship in Biology

Scholarship in Accounting

### **Yile Zhang – 3 Scholarships**

Scholarship in Chemistry

Scholarship in Physics

Scholarship in Accounting

Four successful students were from Year 12:

**Harry Ashley**

Scholarship in Media Studies

**Kevin Chen**

Scholarship in Calculus

**Katherine Diep**

Scholarship in Calculus

**Stefenie Pickston**

Scholarship in Music

**All the students who gained a scholarship are given a monetary award for their university study. The College is very proud of each student who gained one of these top academic awards and recognises the work done by the teachers to prepare and tutor these achievers.**

**Scholarships were achieved in:**

Accounting (2)	Biology (6)	Calculus (4)
Chemistry (5)	Classical Studies (1)	English (2)
Geography (2)	Media Studies (3)	Physics (1)
Statistics (4)	Chinese (1)	Music (1)
Physical Education (1)	Design and Visual communication (1)	

**NCEA Information Evening**

Lynfield College staff will be available to answer your questions and explain all the details and expectations of standards-based assessment within NCEA at a special information evening to be held on **Thursday 1 March at 7.00pm in the College Staffroom**. This will be open to parents and caregivers of Year 11 – 13 students who wish to find out about the assessment methods and how to help students achieve. If you have any queries, please contact the Deputy Principal for Assessment, Ms Sandy Harris, through the school office.

**Student Achievers**

Follow this website link to read about our students' successes:

<https://www.lynfield.school.nz/News++Events/February+2018.html>

- Jackie de Pont writes about her Goethe-Institut Scholarship in Germany
- Eve Gabor outlines her involvement in environmental leadership and projects
- Lynfield students attend the Prime Minister's Youth Programme
- Bhakti Patel wins golds at the National Para-Athletics Champions
- Kitty Sun at the Powering Potential Science event
- Elizabeth Fa'amamafa presented with a Queens Award for her Girls' Brigade involvement

**Staffing for 2018**

The College is fully staffed and we have been fortunate in attracting a very high calibre of new staff. We welcome the following people:

Holly Abraham, Health and Dance  
Sandy Harris, Deputy Principal  
Charlie Isdale, Music  
Kyle Larsen, Science  
Craig Paterson, Science  
Sheenal Reddy, Social Sciences  
Benhur Sathuluri, Mathematics  
Samira Wallizada, Science

Maggy Beck, ESOL  
Caitlin Irvine, ESOL and Junior Japanese  
Jay Kim, Japanese  
Libby McLean, History and Social Studies  
Vyenna Percy, English  
Sarah Reynolds, PE & Health  
Kiri Turketo, Deputy Principal

**Returning staff:**

Grant Angus, PE & Health, Specialist Classroom Teacher  
Estelle Buchan, PE & Health  
Dotti Connew, Assistant HOD PE & Health  
Esther Dantra, Mathematics

**Staff who are on leave this year are:**

Belinda Mittermeier, Music; Sarah Streat, English; Lucy Wiggins, Social Sciences

## General Purpose Donation

The General Purpose donation is \$190 per child or \$270 per family. The donation, approved annually by the Board of Trustees, is the parents' contribution to the school's operational funding and is the MAJOR SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THE LIBRARY, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE COLLEGE YEARBOOK AND OTHER ITEMS, SUCH AS EXTENDING COMPUTER ACCESS, WATER FOUNTAINS, SHADE, OUTSIDE SEATING.

Keep the receipt for Income Tax refund purposes. The Board is most grateful to those parents who have already paid their General Purpose donation and subject material fees.

An ID card costs \$6.00, to be paid at the Accounts Office or through the Parent Portal. It is not essential for school, but is required to access photocopying and can be used for age verification use on public transport, at cinemas, etc.

The rest of this newsletter contains a great deal of very useful information about the college. Please read it carefully and put it somewhere safe for future reference.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the course of the year, whether it be on the sports field, at cultural activities, parent evenings or outside of school. Please be active in supporting your son/daughter in their years at Lynfield.

Best wishes  
C M Knell  
Principal

## YOU WILL FIND THE NEWSLETTERS ON THE WEBSITE – UNDER NEWS AND EVENTS

<http://www.lynfield.school.nz>

- Our fortnightly newsletters for the year will be sent by email, posted on the College website and a paper copy available from the office to those who do not have internet access.
- Please ensure that we have an appropriate email address for you so that you receive the fortnightly newsletter and any other notices. To update email changes, email [rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:rdelgrosso@lynfield.school.nz) indicating your child's name and form class in your email message. During Term 1 further newsletter dates will be:

**Friday 2 March – Friday 16 March – Thursday 29 March**

## PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## Year 13 Life Skills Programme

As a continued focus on developing our students' skills and wellbeing we are again running a LifeSkills programme for Year 13 students. This will be running every Monday in Terms 1, 2 and 3 during their Study period and is taken by a mix of teachers and outside experts. The focus of this programme is to help develop students' skills in areas that may not naturally fall into their daily timetable. Workshop topics include Careers, Financial Literacy, Digital Citizenship, Legal Rights, Mental Health and much more. Resources from the sessions are also being shared for students to refer back to, on Schoology. We hope to be able to share with parents, some of the resources and photos from the workshops as we progress through the year.

## Accessing the Parent Portal from your phone

To keep up to date with your child's learning, you can download the Kamar App onto your phone. This will allow you to see their attendance, assessment results and upcoming events in the daily notices. For information on how to download and access this, please click on the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Nxo7hggRoURA8U0t3u6cBR4OVrsEPjdqD58D71DzmNo/edit?usp=sharing>

## 2018 Senior Leadership and Team Building Course

Kia Ora

Our names are Joshua Boasman and Danielle Matthews, and we are the Head Boy and Head Girl for 2018.

Fortunately, we have the honour of being elected Head Boy and Girl for Lynfield's 60th Anniversary, giving us the opportunity to make this a pivotal year in the history books. Leading this student body is such a privilege and we face the challenge of living up to and hopefully surpassing the success of previous leaders of the school. We are looking to embrace and learn from the past as well as leave a legacy for future students.

However, we realise the importance of the present. Thus our theme for the year is Hopu i te ra - catch the sun, as we encourage all to make the most of every opportunity. To students, we wish to inspire them to create their journey, and step outside their comfort zones. To make the most of all the possibilities on offer and to take pride in wearing the Lynfield Crest at all times. For ourselves, we are aiming towards creating new, and unique events throughout the year, in leading the school as we seek to go above and beyond the expectations of our role.

This year as already started off on a good note where we bonded and developed our skills at a leadership training officiated and led by UNITEC. On day one, we were thrown into the deep end, in learning how to trust each other. It was down to us as a team to belay individuals up and across the high ropes, ensuring they got up, and down, in one piece. On the second day, we had an amazing mentoring session with Sue Emerson, who threw inspiration at us from every direction, getting the team fired up and thinking big for the future. It's easy to say, each member came away with a fresh, and motivated mind-set.

We are incredibly excited for what this year will have in store. With an excellent student executive team, who are all committed and driven, we have no doubt this year will be one to remember.



## Security at the College

CCTV cameras are installed around the College to assist student safety. Cameras also monitor movement in the school grounds at nights and in the weekends. There are also a few cameras inside buildings at strategic locations to provide protection for student property.

### Please keep the following in mind

- Students and members of the public should only be in the grounds after dark when attending organised functions.
- Any rubbish brought into the grounds should be taken away and disposed of at home.
- Any community groups wishing to use College facilities such as the sports fields, cricket nets, etc, need to contact the Property manager.
- Access to the school should be through one of the three gates and never over the fences that surround the College or through our neighbouring properties.
- Access to the fields after hours should only be through gate 2 on the lower White Swan Road entrance.

Any queries about these matters should be referred to Mr R Winn, Deputy Principal or Mr R Newbrook, Senior Leader.

## A Safe Environment at Lynfield College

- **Peer Support Programme** – This programme was run during the Y9 Orientation. The Year 12 & 13 Student Leaders attended training and have run four Peer Support sessions in total with the Year 9 students. The feedback has been very encouraging and the Peer Support Leaders will remain connected to their allocated Y9 classes during the course of the year.
- **Travellers Programme** – Year 9 students will soon complete the survey for this programme. The Travellers Group will run in Term2. The Travellers Letter can be viewed here: <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/site/lynfieldcollege/files/2018/Travellers%20Letter%202018.pdf>

### How you can make a difference

For many years, Lynfield College has monitored and endeavoured to improve the physical and emotional safety of all its students and staff. There is no room for complacency here, particularly in this technological age of rapid and unsupervisable electronic communication which allows more subtle and often undetectable bullying.

At the start of the year, we are really concerned that the students settle quickly into school and enthusiastically into their learning. Parents of Year 9 students are likely to be particularly anxious that their children transition well from their intermediate schools.

We encourage all parents to talk with their children about how their year has started, and invite any caregivers concerned about the possible bullying or isolation of their children to contact the school as soon as possible. The names and phone extensions of the staff who can help you are: Mrs Sofia Hameed, Year 9 Dean (ext 725), Mrs Deborah Kevany, Guidance Counsellor (ext 747), Mr Brian Tonks, Guidance Counsellor (ext 746)

## Gateway Programme

The Gateway Programme provides opportunities for 50 senior students to participate in workplace learning one day a week for approximately 10 weeks during the school year. It delivers hands-on practical learning that leads to nationally recognised qualifications and Vocational Pathway Awards (minimum 20 NCEA credits). It helps students gain important work and life-long learning skills in preparation for the transition from school to study or work. Students need to display a commitment to independent learning and have a good idea of the industry they wish to explore. Learning can be assessed in the workplace and is a great opportunity to blend school study with the workplace learning and experience. Contact the Gateway Coordinator on extension 745.

## Work Experience Programme

This work experience programme provides opportunities for senior students to gain workplace experience and an appreciation of what skills, disciplines and attitudes are required in the work force. Contact the Gateway Coordinator on extension 745.

### Health Notice from our School Nurse – Head Lice

We have cases of head lice at school. Please check your child's hair regularly and if any head lice are present, please treat their hair. You can get products from the chemist, or they are available on prescription from your family doctor. Regular hair combing with a fine tooth comb can remove the eggs also. Once treated, a repeat treatment a week later is required. For further information, please refer to this link  
[https://www.healthed.govt.nz/system/files/resource-files/HE4189\\_Headlice\\_Facts.pdf](https://www.healthed.govt.nz/system/files/resource-files/HE4189_Headlice_Facts.pdf)

## 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.

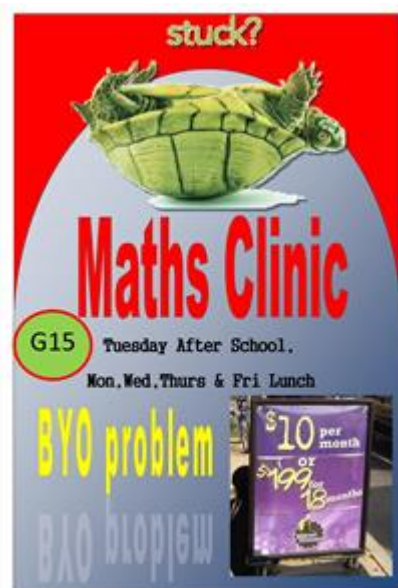
## Mathematics Clinic 2018

- Got a maths question?
- Stuck on your maths homework?

HELP IS AVAILABLE!

Where? **G15**

When? **Monday to Friday at lunchtimes**



## Itinerant Music Lessons (Instrumental)

Most instrument lessons are now full. There are some spaces for flute, saxophone, clarinet trumpet, trombone and cello. All students who have signed up, but have not yet been placed in a music lesson, are on a waiting list and will be notified through their form teacher if space becomes available.

Please note that if your son/daughter is taking part in itinerant music lessons there is a \$20 materials cost for the year. If they are also renting an instrument there is a rental cost of \$20 - \$30 per term depending on the instrument. The materials cost and hireage cost are both payable to the Accounts Office or online through the Parent Portal by the end of March.

## Music Groups

**Choir** is on Monday lunchtimes in the rehearsal studio. New students are welcome. This group will attend the Big Sing held at the town hall in early June.

**Stage Band** is on Tuesday lunchtimes in the rehearsal studio. Students who have played saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, drums, guitar and/or piano are welcome to join. This group will play at the school Jazz and Soul Concert and compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools Jazz Band Competition.

**Concert Band** is on Wednesday lunchtimes in the rehearsal studio. New members who have played a woodwind or brass instrument for 1 year or more are welcome. This group will perform at a school concert in July and attend the KBB Music Festival in August.

**String Group (including flutes)** is on Thursday lunchtimes. This group is aimed at students who have played violin, viola, cello or flute for approximately 1-3 years. New members are very welcome.

**Chamber Orchestra** is on Thursdays after school in the rehearsal studio. Students who have played violin, cello or double bass for 2 years or more are welcome. This group will perform at a school concert in July and attend the KBB Music Festival in August.

Any questions may be emailed to HOD Music on [Inorman@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:Inorman@lynfield.school.nz)

## PhotoLife Online Ordering System

The Lynfield College class photos and ID photos are scheduled for **Thursday 22 February** and will be available for you to view and order online with PhotoLife Studios after that date.

Your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique Shoot Key detailed on it. This Shoot Key will automatically display your child's class photograph. It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photograph you want. The College will also receive a number of order envelopes for those of you who do not have access to the internet or do not wish to use this system.

If you place your order within two weeks of receiving your Shoot Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring the photographs home.

Any orders placed after this period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$5.00 postage & packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.



## School Organisation

### Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Mrs K Mellor
Principal	Ms C Knell
Staff Representative	Mr R Skeen
Student Representative	Jackie de Pont
Parents' Representatives	Mr C Hudson, Mr R Gilbert, Mr M Hewett, Mr S Taylor
Co-opted	Mrs H Laveaina
Board Secretary	Mrs Lee Bullinga

The Trustees meet in the Board Room at 6.30pm once a month – usually the fourth Monday of the month (ring the office prior to check). Copies of minutes and policies are available at the School Office.

### Management Staff

Principal	Ms C Knell
Deputy Principals	Mrs G Clark, Mr R Winn, Ms K Turketo, Ms S Harris, Mr S Mouldey
Deans Year 9	Mrs S Hameed
Year 10	Mr S Braithwaite
Year 11	Mr R Christie
Year 12	Mrs R Prasad
Year 13	Ms A Roach
Director of Adult ESOL	Ms T Friel
Director of International Education	Ms G Austin

### Student and Community Services Staff

Counsellors	Mrs D Kevany, Mr B Tonks
Careers Adviser	Mrs W Keir
Gateway Programme	Mrs E Harvey
Learning Support Co-ordinator	Ms K Mitchell

In matters affecting any student the first approach should be to the Dean. The Counsellors provide educational and vocational guidance, as well as personal and family counselling.

### 2018 Student Leaders

Head Boy	Joshua Boasman	Head Girl	Danielle Matthews
Deputy Head Boy	Rishabh Baptista	Deputy Head Girl	Melina Samuels
Sports Captain (M)	Kieren Chhiba	Sports Captain (F)	Rowena Brunt
Arts & Culture Captain (M)	Kais Azimullah	Arts & Culture Captain (F)	Nandeeta Prasad
Academic Captain (M)	Krishen Chovhan	Academic Captain (F)	Shreya Singaraju
International Student Rep	Evy Tsang	BOT Student Rep	Jackie de Pont
Asst Sports Captain (M)	Jamie Fowler	Asst Sports Captain (F)	Amy Bernstone
Asst Arts & Culture Captain (M)	Dhruv Gupte	Asst Arts & Culture Captain (F)	Cathy Lai
Asst Academic Captain (M)	Kevin Chen	Asst Academic Captain (F)	Yong Shan Zhao

### Social Co-ordinators

Rebman Evening, Hannah Woolford

### Year 13 Ambassador Co-ordinators

Tanmay Arora, Maya Micklefield

### Environmental Co-ordinator

Eve Gabor

### Year 12 Ambassador and Class Rep Co-ordinators

Niamh Masterson, Arya Shreshta

### Year 12 Student Executive

Ishan Bhide, Harshal Damania, Raymond Feng, Emily Gossen, Michael Howell, Tamilo Lamositele, Jessika Varney, Eve Zhang

### House Captains

Bray	Harsha Sharma, Desharna Solomon
Fatialofa	Sam Fletcher, David Stein
Faumuina	Rohan Mukherjee, Esther Tomkinson
Lewis	Aldi Ting, Stanley Tuipulotu
Reid	Kealan Pillay, Jimmy Zhang
Zoricich	Harnish Arora, Tanishq Tailor

## Other School Information

### 1. Communication between Home and School

#### School

- Newsletters are published every two weeks in term time, emailed home and posted on the **website**. Hard copies are available from reception.
- The website is kept up to date with school news, student achievement and includes essential information on curriculum, rules and special features of the school.
- Full written reports go home twice a year (mid-year and end-of-year) and there is a Progress Report at the end of Term 1. Progress Conference evenings are scheduled twice a year.
- The **Parent Portal** provides information on attendance, school reports and timetables. It is accessed from the website or via the **Kamar App**. Information for accessing the Parent Portal has been emailed to parents/caregivers. If you have not received this email you can obtain your student's ID number and password from the Dean.
- The **Kamar App** enables parents/caregivers, students and staff to keep up-to-date with what is happening at the College (Daily Notices, Events Calendar, absence forms, Parent Portal access, Senior Assessment Calendar).
- Website: [www.lynfield.school.nz](http://www.lynfield.school.nz) Email: [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz) **Kamar App**: free download from the Play Store on Android devices and the App Store on Apple devices.
- All students going on trips will bring home a permission form to be signed and returned to school. Trip costs may be paid on line through the Parent Portal.

#### Parents

- Please contact the school if your son/daughter is absent and leave a message on the absentee line answer phone (627 0600 extension 729) or email [absence@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:absence@lynfield.school.nz)
- Provide written notes to explain absences on day of return. Refer to section 3. Attendance below
- Phone or email your Dean if you have a concern – Deans' Reception extension 731.
- You can email the school on any matter to [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz). It will be forwarded to the appropriate person.
- Notify us of change of address, phone number, email address, custody arrangements.

#### Please Note

**The College is regularly updating the email addresses of parents/caregivers. If you have changed your email address or require it to be added to a student's file, then please contact the Deans' Reception (extension 731).**

#### Concerns

If you have a concern about an aspect of school activity, please phone the person listed below. If your concern is serious or not dealt with to your satisfaction, then put your concern in writing to the person below. If the matter remains unresolved, please write to the Principal.

- Student issues - the form level Dean, Guidance (Student Services) and Mrs G Clark, Deputy Principal
- Staff issues – please contact the school and ask to speak to a Deputy Principal
- Day to day functioning of the school – Mr S Mouldey, Deputy Principal
- Student achievement/NCEA/NZQA/timetable – Ms S Harris, Deputy Principal
- Student behaviour outside of the school – contact reception in the first instance, ext 700
- Learning Support – Ms K Mitchell
- Enrolment – Mrs G Clark

### 2. Reports

Progress Reports will be issued to all pupils on Wednesday 28 March. A second report will be issued in Term 2 and a final report in Term 4. Twice during the year Progress Conferences provide opportunity for discussion with all the subject teachers. The first of these are on Thursday 5 April (family names A – L) & Tuesday 10 April (family names M – Z), 4 – 7pm.

### 3. Attendance

Attendance is not only compulsory for enrolled students but also absolutely critical for success at secondary school. Lynfield College's attendance rate for last year was very good. However, there are still some students who are too often absent from class without satisfactory explanation. Illness, family bereavement or similar unplanned events are legitimate reasons for absence. We ask that family holidays are not planned during term times, and advise that students must attend school up until course completion in December. If a family does wish to withdraw a student from a class during term time for a special reason, a letter to the Principal is required, informing the school of their intentions. This should be done before any tickets are purchased, as permission is not automatic.

The College is open for 380 half days in 2018. For senior students undertaking NZQA assessments there are fewer days, due to the examinations. The last school day for junior students in 2018 is Wednesday 12 December.

**Students are expected to be in form period/assembly by 8.40am except on Wednesdays when Years 10 - 13 are expected to go straight to period 1 by 8.55am. On Wednesdays Year 9 students have assembly in the Hall at 8.40am. Year 13 Students who have study timetabled at period 6 may go home after period 5 except on Mondays (Life Skills Programme)**

The last period ends at 3.10pm. Some students will be required to remain after that time for detentions, sport or cultural activities. (Students need to inform their parents or guardians if they are required to remain behind.) If a student has a detention ending after 3.40pm, 24 hours' notice will be provided (by email wherever possible). There may be occasions when a student is required to remain behind for a reasonable period of time.

**Where pupils are absent without permission the matter will be treated as truancy. Senior students absent from an assessment will not automatically have a re-assessment opportunity. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their absence is explained.**

*Lynfield College operates a fully electronic attendance system. We encourage you to use an email address for notifying us of absence, [absence@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:absence@lynfield.school.nz). Please use this or the telephone absence line 627 0600 ext 729 on the first day of absence. Please help us keep our data up-to-date and accurate with immediate notification of your child's absence. Please include name and form class, reason for absence, expected length of absence, and your name.*

Please be aware that notes, emails, or telephone messages covering unspecified dates of absences, lateness, etc. are not acceptable. For example: "Please excuse my child for all absences in the months of April and May due to illness" is inadequate.

If you have any specific concerns or suggestions regarding student attendance processes, please contact Julie Griffin, Attendance Officer (email [jgriffin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:jgriffin@lynfield.school.nz)) or by letter handed in to Deans' Reception.

Thank you for supporting the College as it seeks to improve the reliability and completeness of the data surrounding absences from school.

#### **4. Conduct of Pupils to and from School**

Parents are reminded that pupils represent the school from the time they leave home in the morning until they arrive back in the afternoon. Misbehaviour during this period and the wearing of non-regulation uniform may be treated as a matter of school discipline. Local residents can best assist by contacting the school and helping to identify offenders. In any matters relating to public safety, the Police should be contacted immediately. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time during the day, without permission.

#### **5. After-hours access to the school grounds**

Unless there is a school function, please stay out of the school grounds, especially after dark. Please do not jump the fence; use the front gates after-hours. If you wish to make a booking for use of the fields or facilities, contact the Business Manager, Robert Skeen on extension 720.

#### **6. Motor Vehicles**

We discourage students from driving cars or motorcycles to school, except in special circumstances. Details of vehicles brought to school should be provided by parents on the appropriate form which is available from Deans' Reception. Our data base can be helpful should any issue arise involving vehicles and students. Students must abide by the conditions of their current licence. Vehicles brought to school must be parked in Boundary Road or one of the other nearby roads because there is no adequate parking in the College grounds. Students are not to drive or park their vehicles into the school grounds. This is a matter of safety for other students. **Any student vehicles found in the school grounds will be towed away.**

No responsibility can be taken for any damage done to vehicles. We would remind students on restricted licences that they are not to carry passengers. Breaching the law can result in a \$400 fine.

#### **7. Parents Transporting Students to School by Car**

Parents transporting students to school by car should drop them off at the marked Drop Off zone, which is located on the left-hand side of the main driveway, Gate 1. Please do not cause congestion by stopping right at the driveway entrance, or on the roundabout by the Administration block. Then please drive through the car park and exit via the lower White Swan Road, Gate 2.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is no right hand turn in or out of the lower White Swan Road gate (Gate 2).

#### **Collecting Students in Boundary Road at the end of the school day**

We ask parents not to enter the school grounds to pick up their son or daughter at the end of the day. A lot of students exit by foot along the Boundary Road drive and it is not safe when vehicles enter or exit at this time. Please be aware that there are parking restrictions outside the Boundary Road entrance at the end of the day – please look for the signs on the poles. It would be much safer if you were able to park a distance away and get your child to walk to the car. This will help cut down the traffic at the Boundary Road gate and make it safer for students to cross the road. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **8. Cycle Safety**

In accordance with the Transport Act 1993 it is compulsory for all pupils travelling to school by bicycle to wear safety helmets. OFFENDERS WILL HAVE THEIR BICYCLES IMPOUNDED and their names given to the Police who may issue infringement notices.

## 9. Uniform

Instilling a sense of unity and belonging, our uniform is a constant reminder to our students that they are a part of a strong and proud community.

Students are expected to maintain a high standard of dress and grooming in school, when travelling to and from school and when representing the school at any function. We know these principles are valued by our community and thank you for endorsing our standards.

Some timely reminders for correct uniform are:

- School shoes are all black, lace up or T-bar, cut below the ankle. No boots or sandals.
- School socks are either regulation black school socks from the uniform shop or mid-calf length plain black or white socks (no logos, patterns or images).
- School knee-length skirt is to be worn at knee length.
- All shirts are to be completely buttoned up.
- Jewellery permitted is a watch and small stud earrings in gold or silver.
- No make-up or nail polish is to be worn.

We appreciate your continued support in making sure your child is in correct school uniform and will continue to uphold these standards. Your support ensures that our focus remains on teaching and learning and the best possible learning outcomes for your child.

For further information, please refer to the school website for details on uniform.

**School Shop hours are: Monday – Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm and 12.30 – 1.30pm  
Friday 8.00 – 11.30am**

## 10. School Bags

It is essential that students bring the appropriate books, folders and writing equipment to school every day in a suitable schoolbag. A small handbag, boot bag or beach bag is unsuitable and we appreciate parental assistance in ensuring all students are adequately equipped in this respect. *Students need to treat each other's bags with care as many will have an expensive device in them.*

## 11. Homework

As indicated in all the course statements, which the faculties distribute to students, homework is a regular and valuable aspect of learning. A leaflet on the value of homework activities is available. Please see the Curriculum section of the Lynfield College website.

## 12. Forbidden Articles

- Dangerous materials, weapons, tools, explosives (includes craft knives and fireworks).
- Drugs and equipment associated with their use, solvents, cigarettes, tobacco, matches, cigarette lighters, alcohol, spray paint, permanent marker pens.
- Skateboards.
- Bubble gum and chewing gum.
- Any form of pornographic material.

NB: Over the years the use of digital technology has expanded. It has now become the norm for most students to own a device of some type. These items can be useful communication tools, educational tools and forms of entertainment. They may be used as part of a lesson **when** the teacher has given permission, for example to be used as a voice recorder or camera, etc. These devices can also create issues.

- They should **not** disrupt lessons (for example, a ringing phone, texting in class, using text functions in a test, etc). MP3 players and i-pods are not to be used without permission from the teacher during class time. Teachers may ask students to turn off any device and put it away, or they may choose to confiscate it where reasonable requests have not been met.
- Any confiscated items are treated with the utmost care and handed to the Dean in their office with the student's name and details of the reason for confiscation or handed into the Deans' reception with an incident report.

## 13. Lynfield is a Totally Smokefree School

Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings or in the grounds. This applies at all times including after school hours and at weekends.

## Sports Scene

We have had an extremely busy and exciting start to our sporting year. Weekly summer sporting competitions began in Week 2 and now we have girls and boys cricket (7 teams!!), dragon boating, rock climbing, tennis, orienteering as well as senior touch, water polo and volleyball teams competing in weekly competitions. Athletics Day for the whole school, and zone trials for our talented athletes are happened this week, while the first lunchtime House competition will begin next week. Academies for girls' football, boys' football, netball and rugby are just getting underway too. Trials and selections for winter sports teams will get underway in early March.

We are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coach, manager ref or umpire of a team. *If you have skills in any sport and can spare some time to work with our students in some way, please contact the Sports Office.*

Phone: 6270600 ext 595

email: [fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)

## Interested in Rugby?

### The Rugby launch is happening on Tuesday 20 February

There is a very exciting new rugby programme about to get underway! A group of parents, staff and coaches have met several times to discuss the way forward for rugby at Lynfield College over the next 3 or 4 years.

The details of this programme will be announced at a sausage sizzle and pizza night to be held at school next week. If your son or daughter is interested in playing rugby this year, please bring your family along to this very informal get together to talk all things rugby. We hope to see you there.

- 6.00pm – 7.30pm on the deck by the fields
- BBQ & Pizza
- Touch 7 other games
- Tuesday 20 February

### Football Academies

We have a large number of keen and talented footballers from all year levels and this provides an excellent opportunity for our athletes to hone their skills, on and off the field. Applications for this are available at the Sports Office. This year we have a boys academy and a girls academy.

### Netball Academy

Applications are now open for this academy. Please collect application forms from the Sports Office. This academy is due to begin next week.

## Team Talk

### Summer Sports

The 2018 summer season is under way with approximately 290 students competing in regular weekly interschool team competitions in tennis, cricket, dragon boating, orienteering, touch, and volleyball. We have more students involved in summer sport this year including a 4<sup>th</sup> boys' cricket team, and a large number of enthusiastic female cricketers.

Please remember, all team members are required to wear an appropriate sports uniform which the Sports Office will supply:

- **Team fees and the uniform bond can be paid online** (either via the parent portal or direct credit), **by eftpos** or in cash.
- **Payments by eftpos can be made at the Accounts Office or Sports Office.**

### Tennis

As with most of our sports, we have some competitive and some social tennis teams. Next week will be the start of the interschool competition for our 7 tennis teams. Watch this space!

### Volleyball

Our senior boys' team and our senior girls team have had a great start in their competitions, having 2 good wins. These young teams are showing a lot of potential and quickly improving.

### Cricket

Unfortunately, a very wet period meant that all school cricket was cancelled last weekend.

### Orienteering

This year we have approximately 30 students from all year levels ready to start this competition which is held on the grounds of a different school each week. Each competes individually to find all the check points in the fastest possible time. The first competition day is next Monday at Rutherford College.

### Touch

Our Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams play each Tuesday at Green Bay High School. The boys had a satisfying win over Henderson High and the girls' game was postponed to next week.

### **Dragon Boating**

The word is out that this sport is for anyone who likes a team sport which is heaps of fun! With no experience needed, no trials and 22 in each boat, Dragon Boating has attracted close to 80 very committed students who have a 2-hour weekly training at Westhaven. They will compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools regatta on Lake Pupuke on 19 March. This is a 'full on' day with the first race at 8am and the last one about 5pm. After the fantastic fun the paddlers over the past 5 years, they are really looking forward to an awesome day!

### **Run Club/Walk Club/Fun Club**

This is for anyone interested in some personal fitness at a time that does not clash with other activities. It is very informal and all are welcome, **regardless of fitness level**. Two staff members will be waiting at the van shed (Gate 2) at 7.30am to run and/or walk with any students who are keen. We usually cover 3km – 5km and are back at school in plenty of time to shower and be ready for class at the usual time. This will get underway the first week of March.

### **Winter Sports**

Musters and trials for other winter sports will take place over the next 3 weeks. These will be advertised in the "Notices" section of KAMAR and via Schoology.

We need your help to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, in order to provide sporting opportunities to the large number of Lynfield students wanting to play sport. 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](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)**

### **Individual Honours**

Congratulations to our students who have achieved outstanding results in their chosen sports:

**Liam Coughlan (Y10)** will be representing Piha Surf Life Saving Club at the NZ SLS Champs at Orewa, 1-4 March.

**Srijan Konchada (Y11)** has competed in an international badminton game recently at North Harbour.

**Harry Hodgson (Y9)** has done extremely well in his chosen field of motorsport. He is currently racing in two different codes. He has an Offroad Kiwi Truck in which he is 2-time defending NZ Champ, and is also NZ Junior Offroad Champion. He races this car year-round all over NZ and he is about to start his new season with this on March 11 in Taranaki for the first round of the North Island Champs. He also got, at the end of last year, a Ministock which he races out of Huntly Speedway. This is a summer class so due to finish end of April. He is a rookie in this class as he didn't start racing this until his 12th birthday.

*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](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)*