

# **NEWSLETTER 2**

# 14 March 2019

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Coming Events:								
Term 1								
Week 7	Thu 14 <b>Mar</b> Fri 15	NCEA Information Evening 7pm Staffroom 10BUS trip – Chelsea Bay						
Week 8	Mon 18 Tue 19	PSSP Hui 18 – 22 Mar Central-West Swimming Competition Year 11 Assembly & Attitude Presentation Period 1 12HIS trip – Auckland Museum & Central Library						
	Wed 20 – Fri 22 Wed 20 Thu 21 Fri 22 Sat 23 Sun 24	World Vision Conference 12PES Camp – Tawharanui Regional Park Zone Athletics Champs 11HIS trip – Auckland Museum & Library 13PXM trip - Rainbow's End Lynfield College Community Creche Bike-a-thon Dragon Boating Champs						
Week 9	Mon 25 – Sat 30 Tue 26 Wed 27 Thu 28 Fri 29	CULTURAL WEEK Summer Tournament Week 13ESS trip – Stardome SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS 11SCB trip – Auckland Zoo CULTURAL MUFTI DAY & Fashion Parade 10BUS trip 13PXM Rainbow's End rain day Progress Reports Issued						
SATURD	AY 30 MARCH	LYNFIELD COLLEGE ANNUAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY, 12-4PM						
Week 10	Tue 2 <b>Apr</b> Wed 3 Thu 4	11,12,13DRA – Auckland Theatre Company trip Tennis Champ of Champs 12OED First Aid course Y12 Period 1 Attitude Presentation Otago Junior Maths Competition						
	Fri 5	11ECO trip – Domino's Pizza  PROGRESS CONFERENCES 4 – 7PM, students released 2.20pm  11ECO trip – Domino's Pizza  Lynfield College Tennis Champs						
Week 11	Mon 8 – Fri 12	In-class priority time – students should not make outside appointments During class time this week.						
	Tue 9	PROGRESS CONFERENCES 4 – 7PM, students released 2.20pm Scholarship Information Presentation, 5.30 6.30pm in the Staffroom						
	Fri 12	Term 1 ends						
Term 2								
Week 1	Tue 30 Sun 5 <b>May</b>	10DRA – Auckland Theatre Company trip 11GEO – Rotorua Trip departs						
Week 2	Mon 6	11GEO trip returns Greentown School, China Exchange students arrive						
	Mon 6 & Tue 7 Thu 9 Sat 11	4 <sup>th</sup> House Meetings 13GEO Muriwai Beach trip (rain day Fri 10 May) Greentown School Exchange students depart						

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the second newsletter for the year.

Our Year 9 students have settled well into their school life at Lynfield, with the majority making the most of the new opportunities that are available to them. I would encourage our junior students to become involved in extra-curricular activities offered at the College. This is a great way for students to meet different people and to also to share in the wider community. Students should read the daily notices via the Schoology App to keep informed about cultural and sporting opportunities that may arise.

Our Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 20 February was very well supported by parents who are keen to monitor the development of opportunities for their sons and daughters. It is very useful for parents and staff to exchange ideas and learn from each other about how to enhance student learning. If you attended these evenings and have any further questions that may have arisen, please contact Deputy Principal Richard Winn or Deputy Principal Sandy Harris.

We are half way through Term 1 with teaching staff having undertaken assessment activities with all students. Progress Report writing has begun. These reports will indicate the academic progress, effort, organisation and lessons missed by students in each subject. As such they will provide an indication to you of how focused and settled your children are in their learning and where support is required. A homework guide for students and parents/caregivers can be accessed on our website <a href="https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Curriculum/Homework.htmll">https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Curriculum/Homework.htmll</a> This is a guide on how you can help with homework and what the school's expectations are. **Progress Reports will be issued to students on Friday 29 March.** An individualised information sheet about our online appointment booking schedule for the Progress Conferences will accompany reports.

# **Progress Conferences**

These will be held in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term. Parents are asked, wherever possible, to attend the conferences on the day which corresponds with the first letter of the student's surname.

Thursday 4 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm Tuesday 9 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 Coaches bus services to Titirangi and Mangere Bridge will be departing at their usual times, 3.20pm. The College Library will be open for students who must wait for a bus or parents.

# Scholarship Information Presentation – Tuesday 9 April

On the second Progress Conferences evening, there will be a Scholarship Information presentation in the College Staffroom from 5.30 – 6.30pm. Students are very welcome to attend with the parents/caregivers.

# NCEA Information Evening - Thursday 14 March

Parents and caregivers of Year 11, 12 and 13 students are invited to attend this information evening in the staffroom from 7 – 8.15pm for a presentation about NCEA. The presentation will give you an opportunity to learn more about NCEA and understand terminology such as Credits, Standards, Course, Portfolios and the requirements to achieve Level 1, 2 or 3 certificates. Parents and caregivers of Year 10 students who are taking a Level 1 course this year are invited to attend the evening. Students are also very welcome to accompany their parents.

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# PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

# Student Leader Profile - Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl

He mihi nui kia koutou katoa.

We, Aaron Tahu and Eve Zhang are honoured to be the Lynfield College Deputy Head students for 2019 and are excited to start the year with a lot of momentum.

This year is looking to be a very exciting, challenging, yet rewarding year for us all and we are thrilled that we were given this opportunity to share this journey with all the other hard-working students on the Student Executive team, especially our peers in Year 13.

This year, we hope that we will be able to continue influencing and motivating the students of Lynfield College to continue making the most of every opportunity given to them. We are currently looking forward to what Lynfield College has in store for us both.

Overall, we would like to thank all our peers and teachers/staff for their unconditional support and we hope that we are able to fulfil our roles to the best of our abilities.

Ko te manu e kai ana te miro nona te ngahere

Ko te manu e kai te matauranga nona te ao

Kia kaha, Kia maia, Kia toa

Tihei mauri ora!



# **Homework Centres**

The College Library opens at 8.00am remains open after school every day <u>until 3.40pm</u>, 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	For ESOL students: Writing, reading, understanding the language of subjects, specific subject help from Senior Study Buddies.	Wednesday lunchtime	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. Computer room with music software available most days before school, lunchtime, afterschool. 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	Te Reo Maori subject help	By arrangement with Whaea at lunchtime, Tuesday, Wednesday and after school. Marae open after school Friday until 5pm.	Te Ringa Awhina Marae
International Languages	Computer room open for language students to catch up with homework	Tuesday after school 3.10-4pm	C5A
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
Technology	Support with assignment work Fashion and Design TEL assignment support as required	Every lunchtime Term 2 and 3 lunchtime D1 lunchtime	E2 D8
Science	Assessment and homework help	Tuesday lunchtime	G7

### **SPORTS SCENE**

# "Lynfield College Sports" Facebook page

At the beginning of the school year, our Sports Captains set up a facebook page so we can share information more quickly and regularly than previously. It is frequently up-dated and contains a lot of interesting, important and relevant information about what is happening in Lynfield Sport.

Check out the **many excellent photos** from various events. Dates for trials will be posted as these come to hand. Please Like our page to spread the word further that this is now an important way of celebrating success and providing information.

This works alongside our message system "Schoology" and students <u>cannot</u> rely on our Facebook page for all sports information – they must also check Schoology at least twice each day.

### **HOUSE COMPETITIONS**

#### **Athletics Day**

Fun events + House rivalry + enthusiasm = a fantastic day for all.

A rotation of 10 events (a mixture of track and field and tabloid) created a huge amount of fun and competition during the morning. The most noise and excitement was generated in the Obstacle Relay as junior classes and senior houses tried to get as many participants successfully through the course in 7 minutes and the Tug-A-War.

The House Captains had worked extremely hard to involve all students in the presentation of their House Mascot. They really let their creativity flow as they came up with some interesting ideas, to impress the judges. This competition and Best Dressed House, were both judged by an independent panel of staff who did not find it at all simple to find clear winners! As it was such a very hot afternoon it was decided to run the sprint finals and relays (house and form class) at a later date.

Congratulations to overall winners, Bray house who discovered participation was the key to success as the whole house ran, threw or jumped to the max. Only 18.5 points separate the entire 6 houses!

Check out the facebook page for photos of this event.

Results so far (relays yet to be run) are shown below:

	Bray	Fatialofa	Faumuina	Lewis	Reid	Zoricich
Morning Events	50	25	35	30	45	40
100m	20	15	12.5	25	22.5	17.5
Best Dressed	17.5	22.5	25	15	15	20
House Mascot	12.5	20	17.5	25	15	22.5
Rubbish	6	12	10	6	2	8
House Chant	25	22.5	12.5	22.5	15	17.5
TOTAL	131	117	112.5	123.5	114.5	125.5
FINAL PLACING	1st	4th	6th	3rd	5th	2nd

### **Athletics Championships**

Immediately following Athletics Day we again held this event off site at Margaret Griffen Park. It allows our serious athletes a chance to really show their capabilities in field and middle-distance track events in a more official setting. About 30 students were selected to compete, based on their performance on Athletics Day and/or performance during PE lessons relating to athletics. With places in our Central/West Zone team at stake, competition was tough. It showed we have some outstanding talent in a wide range of athletics events, gave us a reliable set of records for juniors, intermediates and seniors and provided a fair and robust system to determine our Athletics Champions.

### **Central/West Zone Athletics**

A team of 20 represented us at the zone athletics meet last week. On the track, the following athletes qualified for finals: Selena Gee (Y12) Senior Girls 100m & 200m

Jessika Varney (Y13) Senior Girls 100m

Mia Powell (Y11) Intermediate Girls 100m & 200m

Track finals saw several of our athletes perform extremely well:

Tom Christie (Y9) 1st Junior Boys 80m Hurdles

Neel Kumar (Y9) 3rd Junior Boys 3000m

Mia Powell (Y11) 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Girls 200m; 3<sup>rd</sup> 80m Hurdles

Selena Gee (Y12) 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Girls 200m

Jessika Varney (Y13) 3rd Senior Girls 100m

Junior Boys Relay team - 3rd in 4x 100m relay

And in the field we also had notable success with Tom Christie being a complete stand out, winning all 4 of the events he was able to enter!

Tom Christie (Y9) 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Boys High Jump; 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Boys Long Jump; 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Boys Triple Jump Matthew Zhou (Y9) 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Boys Long Jump Mia Powell (Y11) 3<sup>rd</sup> Intermediate Girls Long Jump

Those athletes placed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in track finals or in field events have qualified for the AKSS Champion of Champions meeting later this month. Watch this space!

Check out the facebook page for photos of this event.

#### Turbo Touch

Junior House Turbo Touch ran last week at lunchtime. This competition is organised by our Sports Captains, Sophie Booth and Mishaan Doolabh and the Assistant Sports Captains Pritika Patel and Nick Kumar plus the House Captains for each of our six houses. The format was new to Y9s so took a little longer to get under way the first day but the remaining round robin games and the finals involved a lot of excitement and vocal support both from the sideline and on the fields!

Congratulations to Reid who took out an extremely exciting final played against 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Bray. **Check out the facebook page for photos of this event.** 

### Basketball Academy for Y9 & Y10

This provides an excellent opportunity for our athletes to hone their skills, on and off the court. Boys and girls most welcome. Junior basketball academy selections have now been made but there is still space for 3 more boys or girls in this programme. It is run in the:

- Upper gym
- Monday & Friday mornings @ 7.00am

Applications for this are available at the Sports Office.

Note: These are NOT team trials.

### **Getting Active**

This programme continues to grow, meeting the needs of an expanding number of students. At the moment the following are on offer:

# School wide futsal competition

A four week, eight round competition for any students who are keen. Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes

# An open game of Tapuwae

Every Friday lunchtime in the upper gym

# Taekwondo lessons

This free programme is available to all girls at Lynfield College and runs every Wednesday lunchtime in the upper gym.

### Fitness training

Each Wednesday morning at 7.30am there is a fitness training programme, for any students who want to improve their fitness and strength. This programme is designed to meet the individual needs of all students, whether it is their first fitness training experience, or if they play high level sport.

### Run Club

The school run club is off to a great start for the year! Come along at 7:30am on Tuesday and Thursdays for your chance to get a short and sharp run in before the school day starts. We cater to all ability levels.

# Coach development programme

This term we are starting up a coach development programme for those interested in coaching a team or learning about coaching. They will learn the fundamentals of coaching and upskill themselves to be more effective, learning both through theory and practise.

### Cricket tournament

We will be playing in a miniature competition over 4 weeks. This will offer the opportunity to play a short and fun version of the game as well as gain other skills. This is a great way to have fun and be introduced to the game.

# Freestyle football

We have a school freestyle football group who meet in the lower gym each Monday at lunchtime. This is an open space for students to come and play and learn some tricks!

# Ultimate frizbee

Ultimate frizbee is an awesome sport and a great way to get involved in something different! These games have been running through term one and will kick off again at the start of term two.

### **Pilates**

For anyone interested in doing pilates, we are in the process of getting this up and running at school. If you're interested, please let us know at the sports office.

### Eight ball pool/snooker

For anyone interested in playing eight ball pool/snooker, we are in the process of getting this up and running at school. Anyone interested should let us know at the sports office.

# **Getting Behind Lynfield Sport**

Thank you so much to those from our community who have offered to help with Lynfield Sport whether it be coaching, managing or helping with transport to games. 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 <a href="mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz">fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz</a>

# We urgently need of coaches for:

Basketball – U15 Boys Hockey – boys and girls Netball – junior and senior Football - boys Badminton – mixed

# **TEAM TALK**

# **Summer Sports**

#### **Tennis**

As with most of our sports, we have some competitive and some social tennis teams. Consequently, results are mixed but all are enjoying their sport.

### Volleyball

Our senior girls' team just competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships held at Pulman Park, Papakura. They finished the first day at 10pm so found the second day very challenging. They had very close games producing one win and lots of experience at having to dig deep! There were They finished 28th.

### Cricket

We have 5 cricket teams this year – 2 senior boys, 2 junior boys, 1<sup>st</sup> XI girls. We also have 1 girl's teams in a local "Cricket Blitz" competition for beginners. The latter is one of the new initiatives organised to ensure the physical needs of our students are addressed.

In their first season in the afternoon grades, **our** 1<sup>st</sup> **XI Boys** team is performing extremely well scoring a win by 135 runs against Auckland Grammar 5<sup>th</sup> XI. Lynfield batted first, knocking up 249 runs for 5 in 40 overs. The stand out batsman was **Tanishq Tailor** who scored 110\*. Lynfield then bowled out Auckland Grammar for 114 on the 28<sup>th</sup> over.

The  $2^{nd}$  XI boys team played One Tree Hill on Saturday 2 March. One Tree Hill scored 112-9 and in reply Lynfield were 113 – 4 giving us a win by 6 wickets.

### Orienteering

We have 27 students who are entered into the weekly orienteering competition which takes place each Monday after school. Each week the group goes to a different school to navigate a course set out around the school. Last Monday **Saifullah Imran** and **Andy Davy** placed 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Intermediate Boys field of 28 competitors. Also performing extremely well were **Serena Sharma** and **Jessica Howell** finished 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the Junior Girls section (23 competitors).

# **Winter Sports**

Trials for various winter sports are now well underway but it is definitely not too late to trial for any winter teams. Without your help to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, we definitely could not provide sporting opportunities to such a large number of students. 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) <a href="mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz">fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz</a>

### **Athlete Profiles**

**Matthew Haigh (Y9)** has been competing in BMX races since he was 6 years old! He is passionate about his BMX track sprint racing and currently is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the North Island and 7<sup>th</sup> nationally for his age group. We will watch with interest to see his progress this year. You can watch Matthew in action at <a href="https://bmxlive.nz/12-boys-final-2018-first-windows-and-doors-bmx-nz-national-championships/">https://bmxlive.nz/12-boys-final-2018-first-windows-and-doors-bmx-nz-national-championships/</a>

**Jacob Penney (Y11)** was a regular with our Run Club in Y9 and just enjoyed getting out in the morning to get a bit of fitness and start his day in this way. He has become hooked on distance running and has now run 4 half marathons. His best time was 1hour 48 minutes which was in the Coatesville Half – a hilly event! We wish him luck for the Auckland Waterfront Half Marathon which takes place in April.

### **Individual Honours**

Congratulations to the following students who have gained representative status in their chosen sports:

**Sophie Bradley (Y12)** has been selected for the NZ Secondary Schools U17 Team, to play in the Dallas International Soccer Cup in April. This is an amazing opportunity and a great experience, meeting and playing against a variety of teams. The countries in her grade include Denmark, NZ, Canada, Japan, Colombia and several USA states.

**Thomas Wandstraat, Stanley Long and Bunji Nakao (all Y10)** competed in this year's U16 NZ National Baseball Competition which was on the past weekend.

**Dayna Reinink (Y9)** is competing in the North Island Youth Championships representing her club - Auckland Archery Club.

**Maurizia Macciacchera (Y9)** has just competed with the NZ junior Rhythmic Gymnastics Team in a competition in Christchurch. She is chasing a high score to go to the Australian Nationals in May.



Several of our girls were selected to play at the 2019 Junior Oceania Tag Football Tournament played last weekend.

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 <a href="mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz">fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz</a>

### Halberg Awards Winners 2019

Two former pupils of Lynfield College were major award winners at this award ceremony.

# Beatrice Faumuina – Admitted to the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame

Former world discus champion, New Zealand's first-ever world track and field champion and Commonwealth Games gold medallist.

# Maddison-Lee Wesche - Emerging Talent Award

In 2018 Maddi was the World U20 Women's shot put champion. Previous winners of this award were Lydia Ko, Eliza McCartney and Nico Poreous (who was nominated for Sportsman of the Year).

"This is just the beginning," she told the audience.



