



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 1

February 2019

Coming Events:

Week 4	Wed 20 Feb	Scholarship Breakfast 8am, Staffroom
	Thu 21	Year 9 Parents Information Evening 6.15 – 8.30pm, Hall
	Fri 22	13HIS trip – Auckland Museum & Central Library
	Sat 23 & Sun 24	11SCB trip – Little Huia Stream VEX Robotics Nationals, Lower Gym
Week 5	Mon 25	3 rd House Meetings Nga Herenga Waka Hui, Marae 9.30am – 12.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting 6.30pm Admin Building
	Tue 26	3 rd House Meetings PSSP Engagement Evening 6 – 8pm Staffroom
	Wed 27	Central West Athletics
	Thu 28	CLASS & ID PHOTOS, Hall
	Fri 1 Mar	13ESS trip – Takapuna & Milford Beaches Lumino The Dentists leave (return Term 3 Weeks 3 & 4 for Y9 & Y10)
Week 6	Mon 4 – Fri 8	Year 9 asTTLe testing Be Skills Assessment Pilot Survey, Period 1 all year levels
	Tue 5	ID Photos catch up
	Thu 7	Peach Foundation training for Safe School Committee members
	Fri 8	12BIO/BIA trip - Arataki 12&13BUS trip – Rainbow's End
	Sat 9	12BIO/BIA trip – Arataki Lynfield College Annual Beach Cleanup 10am – 12.30pm BHB Beach
Week 7	Mon 11 – Fri 15	ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES WEEK
	Mon 11	Kapa Haka dress rehearsal, Hui Whanau 6pm Hall
	Tue 12	10FOT trip – Chelsea Bay
	Wed 13	ASB Polyfest – Kapa Haka perform 1.52pm
	Thu 14	NCEA Information Evening 7pm Staffroom
	Fri 15	10BUS trip – Chelsea Bay
Week 8	Mon 18	Summer Tournament Week PSSP Hui 18 – 22 Mar Central-West Swimming Competition
	Tue 19	Year 11 Assembly & Attitude Presentation Period 1 12HIS trip – Auckland Museum & Central Library
	Wed 20 – Fri 22	12PES Camp – Tawharanui Regional Park
	Wed 20	Zone Athletics Champs
	Thu 21	11HIS trip – Auckland Museum & Library
	Fri 22	13PXM trip - Rainbow's End
	Sat 23	Lynfield College Community Creche Bike-a-thon
	Sun 24	Dragon Boating Champs
Week 9	Mon 25 – Sat 30	CULTURAL WEEK
	Tue 26	13ESS trip – Stardome
	Wed 27	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS
	Thu 28	11SCB trip – Auckland Zoo CULTURAL MUFTI DAY & Fashion Parade
	Fri 29	10BUS trip 13PXM Rainbow's End rain day Progress Reports Issued
	SATURDAY 30 MARCH	LYNFIELD COLLEGE ANNUAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY, 12-4PM

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 2019. The newsletter is emailed fortnightly during term time to all parents on the email list (taken from the enrolment form at the time of enrolment). It is also available on the website. Paper copies are available on request from reception.

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 indicating your child's name and form class in your email message.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet many of our Year 9 parents at the **Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 20 February**, where you will be able to meet your child's form teacher and receive information on the 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: 9AT, 9BR, 9CW, 9DN, 9ML, 9SW, 9LN

6.45pm: 9PD, 9SL, 9SR, 9PT, 9KJ, 9WL

If you are unable to attend, you will have another opportunity to meet with teachers and form teachers at the progress conferences on Thursday 4 and Tuesday 9 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 14 February we held the Badges Assembly at which our 2019 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

We encourage all families to use our online payments system through the College website 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 through the Parent Portal Fees tab, which incurs a surcharge or by Direct Credit through your own banking website. If you wish to pay by direct credit into the College's bank account, please make sure you place your students ID number 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 may be viewed and printed through the Fees tab of the Parent Portal, however you will receive a confirmation email for goods when ordering through the Shop link.

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 and other items, such as extending computer access, water fountains, shade, outside seating. In addition, a number of our classrooms and classroom upgrades have been funded by the Board of Trustees from the General Purpose donation, e.g. Science Labs, Music Rehearsal Room, etc.

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 \$7.00, 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.

NCEA Results 2018

2018 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 21% had their level certificate endorsed with Excellence and 40% endorsed with Merit.

Year 12: 79% gained L2 certificate

Of these 19% had their level certificate endorsed with Excellence and 29% endorsed with Merit.

Year 13: 72% gained L3 certificate and 62% gained UE, which is above the national statistics of 45% for decile 4-7 schools.

Of those receiving their L3 certificate 23% 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 For 2018

27 Scholarships were awarded to 17 Lynfield College students across 12 subject areas for 2018. These included 4 Outstanding Scholarships and 1 Outstanding Scholar Award. This is a fantastic result and indicates the high achievement by this group of students.

Top achievers in the Scholarship results **were:**

Justin (Jiahao) Gong (Outstanding Scholar Award Winner)

Outstanding Scholarship in Chemistry

Outstanding Scholarship in Physics

Scholarship in Calculus

Kevin Chen

Outstanding Scholarship in Calculus

Outstanding Scholarship in Physics

Raymond Feng (Year 12)

Scholarship in Economics

Scholarship in Media Studies

Scholarship in Physics

Tony (Haoran) Feng (Year 11)

Scholarship in Calculus
Scholarship in Chemistry
Scholarship in Physics

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 (3)	Calculus (3)
Chemistry (4)	Classical Studies (1)	Design (2)
Drama (1)	Economics (2)	English (1)
German (1)	Media Studies (1)	Physics (6)

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 7 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.

Staffing for 2019

The College has been fortunate in attracting a very high calibre of new staff. We welcome the following people:

Francis Cheung - Mathematics
Richard Gapes - Science
Jackie Hardy - Technology
Bijendra Prasad - Mathematics
Maryam Shamsavar - Science
Jeremy Smith - Social Science
Taylor TuiSamoa - Health & PE
Melanie Turner - Dance & Drama
Caitlin Watson - Social Sciences
Thomas Fletcher – Sports Activator, Sports Office
Jasmine Singh - Technician, New Era Technology
Fauzia Sahib – Teacher Aide, Learning Support

Returning staff:

Barry Hook – Technology
Duncan Smith – Health & PE

Staffing Changes:

Russell Christie – Acting Senior Leader (Term 1)
Sonia Wensor – Faculty Leader, Technology
Alannah Morris – Acting Year 12 Dean (Term 1)

Staff who are on leave this year are:

Susan Allpress (Arts), Estelle Buchan (Health & PE), Henny Han (Maths), Belinda Mittermeier (Music), Sarah Streat (English), Lucy Wiggins (Social Sciences)

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

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Be Skills Online Survey

Over the next couple of weeks all students at Lynfield College will be invited to participate in an online survey that measures students social and emotional skills. The skills being measured are Tenacity, Teamwork, Emotional Resilience, Curiosity and Sociability. The World Economic Forum has identified these skills as ones young people need to develop to have a successful 21st Century career. We aim to use the information we collect in this survey to further develop these very important skills with our students.

Students will receive an email to access the survey and will have an opportunity to complete it on the following days:

Monday 4 March	Period 1, Year 10
Tuesday 5 March	Period 1, Year 11
Wednesday 6 March	Period 1, Year 9
Thursday 7 March	Period 1, Year 12
Friday 8 March	Period 1, Year 13

If you would like any further information, please contact Deputy Principal Sandy Harris at saharris@lynfield.school.nz

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 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/1Nxo7hggRoURA8U0t3u6cBR4OVrsEPjdgD58D71DzmNo/edit?usp=sharing>

So you think you can keep up with your teenager?

Our School Counsellors will be facilitating a Parenting Programme for 5 consecutive Tuesdays starting on 19 February from 7.00 to 8.30pm, in the staffroom. Each week there will be a focus:

Week 1 - Understanding the developmental stages of teenagers and parenting styles

Week 2 - Communication

Week 3 - Setting limits and consequences

Week 4 - Risky behaviours, including internet dangers

Week 5 - Teenage mental health

We are asking that, if you are able, you contribute \$15 (per family attending) to cover some costs involved in photocopying and providing supper. This can be paid at the Accounts Office, through the Parent Portal or online.

While we will provide you with material on each of the above, we certainly do not presume to teach you to be "perfect parents". Rather, we are hoping that there will be lively discussion and sharing of ideas among the participants, with each of you taking from this what seems right for you. In the ideal world, all caregivers would attend.

It would not be appropriate to have children attend the programme and unfortunately we are not able to guarantee a childcare service at the College while you are participating in the sessions.

There are only a couple of places remaining, so please phone Brian Tonks (ph 627 0600 ext 746) if you would like further information or to make a booking.

2019 Senior Leadership and Team Building Course

The 2019 Leadership team training was a great start to the year with numerous activities and team building challenges. On 23 and 24 January, the Student Executive team began as a bunch of individuals who didn't really know each other. This however changed very quickly as we are now a team who can rely on each other for anything. The high ropes course at Unitec played a huge role in getting to know each other. The skills of teamwork, communication, patience, and listening were all developed as we completed tasks up in the air as well as down on the ground. From blindfolded puzzles to jumping for a trapeze 18 meters in the air, everyone learned to put trust in the rest of the team. The second day was spent at school doing quirky games and encouraging some healthy competition, before breaking up into portfolio groups for goal setting. For the rest of the afternoon, we put our blood, sweat, and tears into learning the school haka, which was a great challenge for the majority of us, but we got there in the end. The overall experience of leadership training was an extremely fun and enjoyable time that we were all very grateful to be a part of. The team is filled with so many talented people in all different areas, so expect great things to come as a result in 2019.



World Vision Senior Scholarship Week (Lily Chen Year 13)

World Vision is characterised by their organisation of the annual 40 Hour Famine, which is recognised as New Zealand's largest youth fundraising event. Ensuing from the zealous efforts of Lynfield College students, our cohort managed to collate enough funds to be identified as one of New Zealand's top performing schools in last year's 40 Hour Famine; an impressive feat earning us a coveted scholarship spot, offered for the purpose of training participants to explore the potentials of humanitarian activism.

Receiving the nomination myself came as an absolute shock, but it provided me with the freedom to further my pursuit for social justice and expand my scope of understanding pertaining to international relations, so I could learn to be a conscientious global citizen, which I believe, is a moral responsibility we should all uphold. Especially due to the convoluted connections between our homeland and destabilised countries in the third world, which are rife with vulnerable populations, in desperate need for drastic improvements.

My attendance at World Vision's Senior Scholarship Week united me with a classroom full of compassionate souls, all enthusiastic to establish the progressive change we want to see in our world. Such a congregation of remarkable minds served me endless insight, wisdom, and nuanced discourse on a silver platter during every group discussion, always leaving me hankering for more. Another highlight was the daily lectures, delivered by inspirational speakers from all across the globe, carrying such a raw poignancy from their experiences on poverty-stricken territories, which only proliferates their pride in activist work. Unsurprisingly, I was astounded by the sheer gravity of systemic injustice, so it was rather confrontational to exit my bubble of privilege when actualising the catastrophic realities surrounding us. If I had a dollar for every stifled sob within that classroom, poverty would be easily eradicated.

Participating in the 40 Hour Famine strives to alleviate human suffering via an inclusive approach, which prioritises the voices within local communities, by effectively allocating profits according to precedence. Utilising my newfound knowledge and motivation, I hope to invest all resources available into hosting another life-changing 40 Hour Famine within Lynfield College this year, with an agenda to raise as much money as possible, for our counterparts in South Sudan.

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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 Business 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 and the Travellers Group will run in Term 2. Please see letter included with this newsletter.

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 unsupervised 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: Ms Anne Roach, Year 9 Dean (ext 724), Mrs Deborah Kevany, Guidance Counsellor (ext 747), Mr Brian Tonks, Guidance Counsellor (ext 746)

Gateway Programme – still open for 2019 applications

The Gateway Programme provides opportunities for 50 Year 12 and Year 13 students to participate in workplace learning one day a week for approximately 5-10 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 and collect an application form from Student Services.

PhotoLife Online Ordering System

The Lynfield College class photos and ID photos are scheduled for **Thursday 28 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.

Itinerant Music Lessons (Instrumental)

Most instrument lessons are now full. There are some spaces for flute, trumpet, trombone and clarinet. 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.

Standard 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 and play in the school Variety Concert in Term 3.

Stage Band is on Friday 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, both in Term 3.

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, auditions will only be held if there are too many students. This group will perform at a school concert in July and attend the KBB Music Festival in August.

Development Strings (including flutes) is on Thursday lunchtimes in the rehearsal studio. This group is aimed at students who have played violin, viola, cello or flute for approximately 1-2 years. New members are very welcome.

Chamber Orchestra is on Mondays 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.

Premier Music Groups

Big Band is on Tuesday afterschool. New students will be auditioned and should register their interest at the music office. This band will attend the KBB Festival in August where they have been gala finalists for the last 9 years in a row. They will also play at the school Jazz n Soul Concert.

Jazz Combo is on Wednesday afterschool. New students will be auditioned and should register their interest at the music office. This band will attend the Auckland Jazz Band competition in Term 3 where they have been finalists or winners every year since the competition began 6 years ago. They will also play at the school Jazz n Soul Concert.

LC Jazz Project is on Tuesday lunchtime. This group is a pathway to the award winning Jazz Comb. New students should register their interest at the Music Office. The band will attend the Auckland Jazz Band competition and play at the school Jazz n Soul Concert, both in Term 3.

Any questions may be emailed to HOD Music on lnorman@lynfield.school.nz

Homework Centres

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

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 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. 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.	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

School Organisation

Board of Trustees

Chairperson	Mrs K Mellor
Principal/Secretary	Ms C Knell
Staff Representative	Mr R Skeen
Student Representative	Raymond Feng
Parents' Representatives	Mr C Hudson, Mr R Gilbert, Mr M Hewett, Mr S Taylor
Co-opted	Mrs H Laveaina

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
Senior Leaders	Mr R Newbrook, Mr R Christie
Deans	Year 9 Ms A Roach
	Year 10 Mrs S Hameed
	Year 11 Mr S Braithwaite
	Year 12 Ms A Morris, Term 1 (Mr R Christie)
	Year 13 Mrs R Prasad
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	Michael Howell	Head Girl	Jessica Varney
Deputy Head Boy	Aaron Tahu	Deputy Head Girl	Eve Zhang
Sports Captain (M)	Mishaan Doolabh	Sports Captain (F)	Sophie Booth
Arts & Culture Captain (M)	Tamilo Lamositele	Arts & Culture Captain (F)	Nene Matsuki
Academic Captain (M)	Vedant Kaduskar	Academic Captain (F)	Emily Gossen
International Student Rep	Jessica Xi	BOT Student Rep	Raymond Feng
Asst Sports Captain (M)	Nick Talosaga Kumar	Asst Sports Captain (F)	Pritika Patel
Asst Arts & Culture Captain (M)	Ishaan Bhide	Asst Arts & Culture Captain (F)	Bella McAlister
Asst Academic Captain (M)	Sam Mason	Asst Academic Captain (F)	Rachel Ling

Social Co-ordinators

Alicia Taito and Giordi Gambassi

Year 13 Year Level Representatives

Vishesh Azad and Samantha Martin

Environmental Co-ordinator

Rachel Barrowman

Year 12 Ambassador and Class Rep Co-ordinators

Shreeya Bhargava and Harshal Damania

Ambassador Coordinators

Kealen Pillay and Tanishq Tailor

Year 12 Student Executive

Leiola 'Aloua, Anish Bhalla, Imaan Brown, Rosalyn Fononga, Shinel Nadan, Senu Senathirajah, Celisti Tan, Victoria Tofilau

House Captains

Bray	Harsh Sharma and Ella MacKenzie
Fatialofa	Noah Tikoinamaka and Sophie Stanimiroff
Faumuina	Reuben Taylor and Liz Li
Lewis	Kyle Paala and Romina Leilua
Reid	Danielle Hewett and Kimberly Saldanha
Zoricich	Paris Philips, Simote Funganito and Iris Huang

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, dragon boating, rock climbing, tennis and orienteering, as well as senior touch, water polo and volleyball teams competing in weekly competitions.

Athletics Day for the whole school was on Friday 15 February and zone trials for our talented athletes took place on Monday 18 February. House points will be announced when the results of the sprint finals are added to the points gained on Athletics Day. The first lunchtime **House competition** will begin in the first week of March.

Check out our fabulous Athletics Day photos on the College website:

<https://www.lynfield.school.nz/News++Events/February+2019.html>

Girls' football and **boys' football** 1st XI training squads been underway for a couple of weeks and trials for all other football teams will begin in 2 weeks.

Rugby pre-season strength and conditioning training starts tomorrow morning and will take place each Tuesday and Thursday morning 7.00 – 8.00am. If your son or daughter is interested in playing rugby this year please bring your family along to the very informal get together to talk all things rugby at our **official rugby launch**

Wednesday 27th February, 6.15 - 7.30pm at the Field/Pavilion. There will be a social game of touch for all, and then light supper followed by a presentation by coaches where the details of this year's programme will be announced.

Netball trials and selections for winter sports teams will begin next Wednesday (27 February).

All notices concerning sport are on Schoology. Students need to check the notices on Schoology at least twice/day so they don't miss out on being a part of something they will enjoy.

We are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coach, manager referee 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

Basketball Academy for Y9 & Y10

This provides an excellent opportunity for our athletes to hone their skills, on and off the court. Applications for this are available at the Sports Office. Boys and girls most welcome. Details are:

Junior basketball academy Open try-outs will be taking place for any Y9 & Y10 students interested in being part of the basketball academy. Upper gym

Monday & Friday mornings at 7.00am (beginning Friday 22 Feb)

Note: These are NOT team trials - these will take place later in the term. If students have any questions, they should see Mr Burne (in the PE office) or the Sports Office.

Our new initiative - Getting Active

We welcome Mr Thomas Fletcher to our Sports Office. He has already introduced a number of new initiatives to our students and there are more in the planning stages. Currently we have Taekwon Do for girls, fitness for athletes from any sporting code and soon will be starting weekly pilates sessions at lunchtimes.

Taekwondo

We have the amazing opportunity of having a NZ Taekwondo team coach to give lessons for girls this year. Starting with kicks and punches, the girls will be building up their skills to be breaking boards by the end of the term. Catering to all experience levels and abilities, these 30-minute sessions are fun, interesting, and a great opportunity to learn new skills! These sessions are on Wednesday lunchtimes in the upper gym.

Fitness training sessions

Before school fitness training, is open to *all students of all abilities*, and is recommended as great pre-season training for those playing winter sport. The session is heaps of fun, and the training is structured in short, 5-minute chunks of time. It is as difficult as you want it to be, with opportunities to push yourself, or not – depending on why you are there! Each Wednesday morning at 7.30am, meeting outside the lower gym. The session is for 30 minutes and there is breakfast provided for after the session for a cost of \$2.

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 – 5 km and are back at school in plenty of time to shower and be ready for class at the usual time. This got underway last Thursday.

TEAM TALK

Summer Sports

The 2019 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 4 boys' cricket teams, and a very 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

The Senior A2 girls and Senior A2 boys teams began their season last Saturday. The boys had a convincing win against Rosmini and the girls lost to Kristin. Our top senior girls team has this year won promotion from A3 to A2 and are enjoying the challenge this presents. Next week will be the start of the interschool competition for our other 7 tennis teams. Watch this space!

Cricket

The 1st XI boys team had a big win against Cornwall Cricket Club on Saturday. This was their 1st game of the season and this year are playing in the afternoon competition where the standard is higher than the morning grade they have played in previously.

The 1st XI girls team played Kristin last Wednesday in their first game. They played all 40 overs but lost by 65 runs.

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 1st competition day is next Monday at Henderson High.

Touch

Our Senior Boys and Senior Girls teams play each Tuesday at Cornwall Park. They begin their competition tomorrow.

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 21 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 March 24. This is a 'full on' day with the 1st race at 8am and the last one about 4pm. After the fantastic fun the paddlers over the past 6 years, they are really looking forward to an awesome day!

Winter Sports

Musters and trials for other winter sports begin next week. Watch the for the Schoology notices.

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

Individual Honours

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

Katya Blong (Y9) who is a NZ U16 Ice Hockey Representative.

Selena Gee (Y12) was selected to compete as a member of the Auckland team in the 2019 Interprovincial Athletics Competition in Palmerston North as an Under 18 Women's competitor. The U18 Women's Medley Relay team she was a member of finished 3rd and overall the Auckland U18 Team came 2nd in the competition.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 **\$500** to your chosen participating school.

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