



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 14

12 December 2019

START DATES FOR 2020:

Mon 27 January – Auckland Anniversary Day, Public Holiday

Tue 28 January

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

Wed 29 January

Year 9 attend from 8.45am – 3.10pm

Year 11 assemble in the Hall at 9.00am (released 10.00am, or when course confirmation is completed)

Year 12 assemble in the Hall at 9.45am (released 10.45am, or when course confirmation is completed)

Year 13 assemble in the Hall at 10.30am (released 11.30am, or when course confirmation is completed)

Thu 30 January

Year 9 attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm

Year 10 assemble in the Hall 9.00am (released 10.45am, or when course confirmation is completed)

Fri 31 January

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

COURSE CONFIRMATION FOR 2020

Deans and Faculty Leaders will be available:

Wednesday 22 January 1.00 – 3.00pm

Thursday 23 January 9.00am – 3.00pm

Friday 24 January 9.00am – 3.00pm

Course confirmation will continue on Tuesday 28 January 1.00 – 3.00pm.

Deans will be in their offices in the Admin building.

Faculty Leaders will be in their faculty offices.

PLEASE NOTE:

Thursday 6 February – WAITANGI DAY

Friday 7 February – TEACHER ONLY DAY AT LYNFIELD COLLEGE

TERM DATES FOR 2020:

Term 1: Tuesday 28 January – Thursday 9 April

Term 2: Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October – Wednesday 9 December TBC

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As part of our orientation process for students enrolled at Lynfield College for 2020, we held two 'taster' days in Term 4, where Year 8 students were able to experience first-hand what it is really like to be at high school. The days were a great success with those students feeling very positive about their start at a new school next year. More information is included in this newsletter.

Caring for our Community

With the holiday season almost here, it was the perfect time to show some community spirit, and give back to our community, neighbourhood and school. Bronwen Wilson and her support team have spent months preparing events and activities covering a wide range of projects to give our Year 9 and 10 students a fun and engaging way to end the year. This was an opportunity for us to learn new skills, to learn about our area, meet new people and make a difference!

The programme was held over two sunny days, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 November, and was supported by all our staff who ran workshops, transported students and managed events. Some examples of the workshops that students were involved in: working with Youthline, baking Christmas and Gingerbread cookies for Bellyful and Age Concern, beautifying local parks, making bird feeders, beach clean-ups, knitting for charity, helping senior citizens, care packages for those in need, charity carwash.

We received great feedback from members of the community who worked with our students. Special thanks to those who provided generous sponsorship, equipment and ingredients.



JUNIOR FESTIVAL AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Year 9 and Year 10 sporting, arts and cultural achievements were acknowledged at two special prizegiving assemblies in Week 7. Congratulations to all award winners, with particular mention of the following students who received special awards.

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year – Campbell Boulton

Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year Equal – Summer van Gelder, Mia Powell

Runner up Year 10 Sportsman of the Year – Kartik Malik

Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award – Stanley Long

Year 10 Performer of the Year – Carey Chen

Runner up Year 10 Performer of the Year – Jack Harkin

Junior School Service to Arts & Culture Award Equal – Esther Rouse, Josephine Wells

Junior Sports Team of the Year – Junior A Boys Tennis

Year 10: Caleb Phillips, Ethan Hildrick, Rosame Taliu Wells

Junior Group of the Year – ASD Junior Championship Team: Lynfield 1

Uday Jain, Leigh Hine, Sarka Ludvigova, Eesha Mahimkar

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year – Tom Christie

Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year Equal – Maria Petelo, Serena Sharma

Year 9 Performer of the Year – Caleb Young

Junior Musician of the Year – Sebastian Jackson

Junior Sports Team of the Year – Junior A Boys Tennis

Year 9: Yoog Gundani, Evan Hewett, Anish Hira, Tommy Lobb

Runner up Junior Group of the Year – ASD Junior Championships: Lynfield 4

Heather Mitchinson, Haze Fleming, Kate Kestle

YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10 ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVINGS

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent achievements in 2019. They have set a fine example for their peers and should feel very proud of themselves. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who were able to attend this special event.

Year 10 Dux – Annlin Chirackal George

Year 10 Academic Honours Awards – Ayesha Naosheen, Meyonna Siew, Sarka Ludvigova, Jessie Chen

Year 10 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student) – Eesha Mahimkar

Year 10 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student) – Stanley Long

Year 10 Merit Awards – Carey Chen, Divyanshi Chauhan, Summer van Gelder, Shaan Manilal, Jessie Chen, Esther Rouse, Sophie Yang, Sarka Ludvigova

Manaakitanga Trophy – Awaroa Wihongi

LCPPA Mike Blamires Memorial Cup – First in Social Studies Year 10 Equal – Ricky Zhou, Annlin Chirackal George

Year 10 Writing Competition Winner – Thaveesha Jayasundara (Kelvin Glassey Cup)

Year 10 Speech Competition Winner – Zoya Qureshi (Stewart Dawson Cup)

Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Top 5 in Subject, Year 10 PE & Health

Amy Tan, Catherine Lam, Ayesha Naosheen, Akshaal Nath, Stanley Long

Year 9 Dux – Neel Ravi Kumar (Griffin Memorial Prize)

Year 9 Academic Honours Awards – Ailis Su, Vickie Jiang, Eva Dagar, Nivedita Jogia

Year 9 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student) – Nyah Jarvis (Girls Merit Cup)

Year 9 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student) – Caleb Young (Boys Merit Cup)

Year 9 Merit Awards – Neel Ravi Kumar, Mei Matsuki, Keagan Menezes, Evan Hewett, Janae Robinson, Thomas Christie, Heather Mitchinson, Akhil Mathur

Year 9 Creative Writing Competition Winner – Neel Ravi Kumar (Munden Cup)

Year 9 Speech Competition Winner – Nivedita Jogia (Year 9 Speech Award Cup)

LCPPA Mike Blamires Memorial Cup – First in Social Studies Year 9 Equal – Neel Ravi Kumar, Vickie Jiang

Top Junior ESOL Student – Nebait Tsegay

Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Top 5 in Subject, Year 9 PE & Health

Steve Mata, Isabella Penney, Tom Tuipulotu, Venice Arockia Jeyaraja, Eva Dagar

Staff Farewells

It is the staff who work with our students on a day-to-day basis in the classroom who have the most significant impact on student achievement and well-being.

Over the past week, we said farewell to the following staff:

Mrs Kathy Dhillon, Ms Libby McLean, Ms Alannah Morris, Mr Craig Paterson, Ms Vyenna Percy, Ms Anne Roach, Ms Melanie Turner and Ms Caitlin Watson are relocating out of Auckland or are taking up promotions at other schools.

Two staff have retired after very long service at Lynfield College: Mrs Shelley Harris, Support Staff, 26 years and Ms Cathy Feist, Faculty Leader Language and Languages, 23 years.

Mrs Dorothy Connew is taking parental leave, returning in Term 3. Mr Greg Burne is taking a year's refreshment leave.

I wish everyone safe and happy summer holidays and look forward to our students returning in 2020 for another exciting and productive year at Lynfield.

The uniform shop will be open from Saturday 18 January 2020. Please use this time to make sure that students are able to start the year with a full uniform, including black leather shoes. <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Enrolment/Uniform.html>
Support for families needing assistance with uniform can be organised. Please contact the school if this is required.

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Principal

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR RECENT NEWS, EVENTS AND PHOTOS www.lynfield.school.nz

CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS <https://lynfield.mystudent.school.nz/calendar>

YEAR 8 TASTER DAYS

Year 8 students were welcomed to the Lynfield College community in week 6 through the Taster Days. These mornings saw over 300 students experience classes across the curriculum. Students had opportunities to use forensic methods to solve crimes, bake pizzas, create their own fantasy worlds, and show off their general knowledge. Other activities included Art, Maths, Physical Education, Robotics and learning another language. The students were buzzing after their experiences, and the teachers were impressed with the Year 8s' enthusiasm for learning.



SPORTS SCENE

It has been an interesting, enjoyable and successful year in Lynfield Sport. Several teams have won their grades or promotion to higher grades and we have had some excellent results in NZSS tournaments.

NZSS Athletics Championships

These were held in atrocious conditions in Wellington last weekend. The wind and rain were so bad that the NZSS Road Race was cancelled! Only the very best athletics compete at this meet so the competition is very tough! **We now have 2 new NZ Secondary Schools champion!**

Our 4 competitors performed extremely well under very difficult circumstances:

Mia Powell finished 22nd out of 40 in the Junior Girls Long Jump, having just returned from competition following injury.

Selena Gee hit terrible conditions for the Senior Girls 200m and finished 40th out of 43.

Tom Christie competed in 3 Junior Boys events - the maximum number allowed

Long Jump 28th out of 40

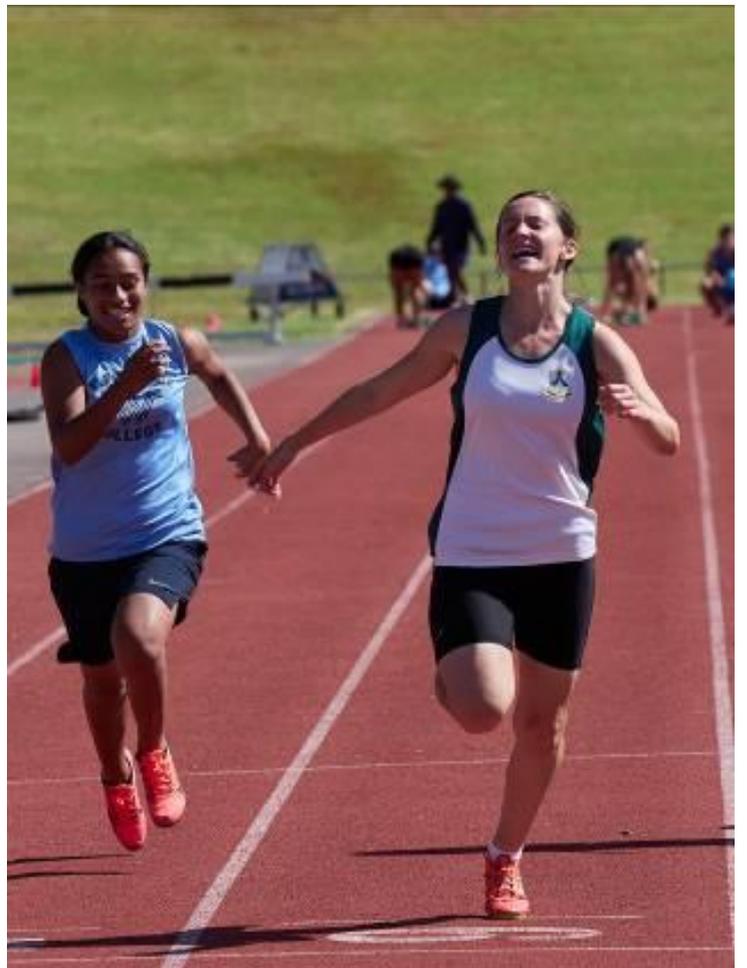
High Jump 9th out of 21

100m Hurdles 1st out of 18

Tom went into the final as 4th fastest qualifier and an underdog, especially as he is only Y9. Junior Boys include all those U16 so many are 2 years older than Tom.

Bhakti Patel competed in AWD events winning silver in all 4 – Shot Put, Discus, 100m and 200m!





Cricket

Congratulations to our cricket boys who have had a very successful this term:

1st XI Boys - new to the 1B grade, this team exceeded everyone's expectations. Sitting 3rd in the season, these boys have potential to win this grade in term one and gain promotion into 1A. Their final game against Long Bay College was dominant, Tanishq Tailor again featuring with the bat, and Mishaan Doolabh taking another 4 wickets (that's three weeks in a row). Ankur Chakraborty leads the competition in catches, Mishaan leads with wickets, and Tanishq and Alastair sit 2nd and 3rd respectively. This is an enormous achievement.

2nd XI Boys - this team were very dominant this season. Scoring 200+ runs multiple times, this team had a near perfect season. With dominant displays with bat and ball, Hanzallah Khoroti stood out for them this term, while many others contributed too. This team won every game (and won their pool), but lost their final crossover match.

Junior A - a talented group who worked very hard and put in some great performances. Year 9 star Shubham Bokil scored well all season, while their strong bowling attack dominated games too. These boys finished third in their competition.

Junior B - the Junior B team were a strong and enthusiastic group, with some great talent. Thanks to the help of their coach, Mahmood - this team improved greatly over the season. Nikhil Patel was a standout for this team, leading with the bat consistently. They finished 4th in their competition.

Trials for the 1st XI have already been held and the 2020 1st XI Cricket team has been announced. Trials for all other cricket teams will be held in Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 1, 2020. Watch facebook and Schoology for further details of days, dates and times.

Check out the Lynfield College Sports facebook page for more detail and photos.

Junior Boys Softball

Ms Fe'ao reports on the boys final 2 games of the season:

The team improved greatly in comparison to last week. We were missing our outer fielders and had two ring-ins (Ramey Huot and Keshava Kistan). Our fielding combination from Short stop - first base – home is what kept us in the competition.

Game 1 vs St Peters

Loss 8 – 0 (huge improvement we lost 16 – 0 last week). St Peters' coaches were lovely to stop the game and offer advice to Sikander who pitched his first game ever.

Game 2 vs Rutherford

Draw 10 -10. We were leading the entire game, Rutherford caught up in the last innings. A very exciting game.

MVP – Oscar Evans (B1)

Most Improved – Khushvant Chand (S.S)

Coaches needed

We **urgently** need coaches in the following sports for Term 1:

Volleyball, Cricket, Dragon boating

If you are able to help, or know someone who can, please contact Felicity Walbran, our Director of Sport (fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz).

Individual Honours

Josie Wells (Y10) and her team competed in the Argentina Open Artistic Swimming Champs. They did really well and where they didn't place they were either close to or in the top quarter. This was a much higher lever competition than Asia Pacific that they did well at last year and a great experience. Countries competing were: Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Mexico, NZ, Paraguay, Panama, Peru, Switzerland, Uruguay and Venezuela (although not every country would have competed in every event.)

Placings:

Josie 13-15 Figures - **28th** (107 competitors in this age group)

Josie 13-15 Solo - **13th**

Josie 13-15 Solo + Figures aggregate - **14th**

Josie and Vanessa 13-15 Duet - **4th**

Josie and Vanessa 13-15 Duet + Figures aggregate - **6th**

13-15 Team - **3rd**

13-15 Team + Figures aggregate - **4th**

Free Combination Team - **2nd** - coming home with a medal!

Selena Gee (Y12), Mia Powell (Y10) and Tom Christie (Y9) have all been selected for the Auckland Interprovincial Athletics team for nationals next March.

Check out the Lynfield College Sports facebook page for more detail and photos.

Stanley Long (Y10) will play in the National U16 Tennis Champs next 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

fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz