



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 17

11 DECEMBER 2020

Kia ora koutou

What a year 2020 has been. **Learn to Live**, our school motto, took on a whole new importance and meaning as we all learned things that we didn't expect to be learning.

- How to wash our hands correctly - 20 second style
- How hand sanitiser and flour can become, almost overnight, the most difficult to source items.

Our numeracy skills got a workout as we learned:

- How to visualise 1 and 2 metres with the importance of social distancing

Looking further afield we learned

- How fortunate we are compared to schools in other countries with some having been learning from home since March

Within our own community we learned

- Not all our families came through lockdown in the same state that they went in, as evidenced by our school donations dropping by over 20%.

Our focus shifted to our school values of **whanaungatanga tika**, connection, and **wairua kaha**, resilience and wellbeing, with initiatives such as Kowhai Kai, (providing food onsite for students and distributing food packs during lockdown), being supported.

We so appreciate our staff and sponsors in helping to fund this.

Unfortunately not all our staff will be returning next year. Some have made the hard, or maybe after this year, not so hard, decision to retire:

- Mrs Green after 32 years
- Mrs Henricksen after 22 years
- Mrs Prescott after 18 years
- Mrs Airey after 19 years, and
- Mrs Kevany after 10 years

Of these we particularly thank Mrs Green and Mrs Kevany for changing their original plans, which had them retiring earlier in the year, in order to stay on and support us through such uncertain times.

Other staff leaving are relocating out of Auckland, moving to other schools or taking up opportunities outside of teaching. These include:

*Teachers:* Ms Clock, Mrs Connew, Mrs Wagner, Mr Underhill, Mr Shahnad, Ms Webster, Mrs Buchan and Mr Burne

*Teacher Aides:*

Mr Micky Van Schie de Pont, Mr Daniel Donald and Ms Katie Shaw

*and Support staff:*

Mrs Yoko Kurita-Marsden

The contribution that these staff members have made to Lynfield College during their time with us has been greatly valued. They leave with our very best wishes for their future.

Last year the Board of Trustees participated in a strategic planning process. The outcome of this process was a three year focus on:

*Together we **Learn to Live** through:*

- *Innovative **Learning** experiences*
- *Effective **Partnerships** for learning*
- *An environment where **Wellbeing** is supported*

As we navigate the changes in education that lie ahead these goals will help us focus on what is important as we redesign our own localised curriculum, implement the changes to NCEA and address and further remove barriers to learning.

With all the challenges that 2020 has seen, this Board has focused above all on the **wellbeing** of our students, staff, families and whānau. As representatives of our parent community they are a responsive, caring and active voice.

In 2021 they look forward to progressing property projects that have been interrupted this year including the refurbishment of F block, addressing water tightness concerns in the Lower Gym and the Library, resealing the asphalt courts with turf and securing the grounds with automated gates. This property work begins over the summer break beginning with F Block.

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We are delighted to have been able to produce a Yearbook which reflects what we have achieved this year and thank Sherry Wagner for her work here. If you have already paid for this but your child didn't bring it home these are available from Admin. If you haven't already purchased one and would like to do so purchases can be made through Accounts.

On Wednesday we held the Year 9 and Year 10 Prizegivings, which this year combined Sport, Arts, Culture and Academic awards. Congratulations to our junior students for their excellent achievements in 2020. 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 these special ceremonies. Particular mention is made in this newsletter of those students who received special awards.

Finally thank you to our parents and whānau for your support of the school and our students over the year. Wishing you all a safe and happy summer break and looking forward to seeing more of you in person in 2021.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell  
Tumuaki | Principal

#### **START DATES FOR 2021:**

*Monday 1 February – Auckland Anniversary Day, Public Holiday*

#### **Tue 2 February**

Year 9 assemble in the Hall at 1.30pm, then go to form rooms (released at 3.00pm)

#### **Wed 3 February**

Year 9 attend from 8.45am – 3.00pm

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 4 February**

Year 9 attend from 9.00am – 3.00pm

Year 10 assemble in the Hall 9.00am (released 10.00am, or when course confirmation is completed)

#### **Fri 5 February**

ALL year levels attend 8.40am – 3.00pm on normal timetable

*Monday 8 February – Waitangi Day Observance – Public Holiday*

#### **TERM DATES FOR 2021:**

Term 1: Tuesday 2 February – Friday 16 April

*Easter Holiday: Friday 2 – Tuesday 6 April, inclusive*

Term 2: Monday 3 May – Friday 9 July

Term 3: Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October

Term 4: Monday 18 October – Tuesday 14 December

#### **COLLEGE UNIFORM AND STATIONERY SHOP HOURS FOR 2021**

##### **Opening Hours for January 2021**

Saturday 16 January 10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday 23 January 10.00am to 3.00pm

Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 January 10.00am – 5.00pm

##### **Opening Hours for February 2021**

CLOSED Monday 1 February for Auckland Anniversary

Tuesday 2 February 10.00am to 2.00pm

Wednesday 3 February 10.00am to 2.00pm

##### **Normal Hours Resume from Thursday 4 February**

Monday to Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and from 12.30 to 1.30pm

Fridays from 8.00am to 11.30am

## **YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10 PRIZEGIVINGS**

**Year 10 Dux** – Anna Ly

**Year 10 Academic Honours Awards** – Neel Ravi Kumar, Ailis Su, Tammy Bi, Yandi Zhang

**Year 10 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student)** – Han Xie

**Year 10 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student)** – Neel Ravi Kumar

**Year 10 Merit Awards** – Keagan Menezes, Sandhini Kamble, Hellina Dagnev, Tom Christie, Tammy Bi, Heather Mitchinson, Harman Reen, Shubham Bokil

**LCPPA Mike Blamires Memorial Cup – First in Social Studies Year 10 Equal** – Anna Ly, Neel Ravi Kumar, Diya Sharma

**Manaakitanga Trophy** – Sitaita Latuila

**Top Junior ESOL Student** – Abitha Arunagiri

**Year 10 Writing Competition Winner** – Nyah Jarvis (Kelvin Glassey Cup & ESA Publications Prize)

**Year 10 Speech Competition Winner** – Janae Robinson (Stewart Dawson Cup)

**Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Top 7 in Subject, Year 10 PE & Health**

Harlean Harlean, Tammy Bi, Jessica Howell, Neel Ravi Kumar, Nitya Kumar, Akhil Mathur, Ailis Su

**Year 10 Sportsman of the Year** – Tom Christie

**Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year** – Rina Maka

**Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award Equal** – Katya Blong and Tom Christie

**Year 10 Performer of the Year** – Sebastian Jackson

**Runner up Year 10 Performer of the Year** – Tom Christie

**Junior School Service to Arts & Culture Award** – Han Xie

**Junior Musician of the Year** – Ailis Su

**Junior Sports Team of the Year – Cricket Junior A Boys**

Year 10: Urwah Afzal, Maanov Bali, Aaryn Loun, Owen Massey-Borman, Kush Merai, Muhmed Patel, Nikhil Patel, Avinash Rajaram, Harman Reen, Ranveer Singh

**Year 9 Dux** – Daisy Chen (Griffin Memorial Prize)

**Year 9 Academic Honours Awards** – Melissa Ashley, Calum Bint, Isabelle Phillips, Vania Liu

**Year 9 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student)** – Miyu Okuwaki

**Year 9 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student)** – Calum Bint

**Year 9 Merit Awards** – Daisy Chen, Evan Huang, Reshma Tala, Melissa Ashley, Reuben Elisaia, Nishikaa Thakkar, Oskar Ludvig, Jaidev Bhikha

**Year 9 Creative Writing Competition Winner** – Laura McLeod (Munden Cup & ESA Publications Prize)

**Year 9 Speech Competition Winner** – Deevya Shah (Year 9 Speech Award Cup)

**LCPPA Mike Blamires Memorial Cup – First in Social Studies Year 9 Equal** – Dimagi Jayasundara, Calum Bint

**Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Top 3 in Subject, Year 9 PE & Health**

Daisy Chen, Herman Kwon, Nuha Wadhwanian

**Year 9 Sportsman of the Year** – Kevin Zhang

**Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year** – Fiona Siaopo

**Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award Equal** – Kevin Zhang

**Year 9 Performer of the Year** – Daisy Chen

**Junior Sports Team of the Year – Cricket Junior A Boys**

Year 9: Shreyas Adavalli, Ryan Ghosh, Dev Tiwari, Rishitt Walavalkar

## RECENT STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 13 student Amy Johnston who has won Third Prize in the 2020 New Zealand Chinese Essay Competition. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> Chinese Essay Competition run by the Confucius Institute.

## YEAR 13 GRADUATION DINNER

The Year 13 Graduation Dinner/Leavers' Ball was the social highlight of the year, after the cancellation of the Ball due to Covid-19. The event, held at Ellerslie Racecourse, attracted a large number of students and staff including the Year 13 form teachers. It was lovely to see a large number of students wearing their ball outfits, and there were some very stylish ensembles. Other features of the evening were the oyster bar, the shaking dance floor, and a variety of awards for deserving students. Well done to the Ball Committee for their efforts in setting up the venue, with special thanks to Mr Christie, Ms Barker and Mr Waddington for their support.



## KOWHAI KAI KITCHEN

Thank you to all staff who have contributed to this great programme to help kick-start the day for our students by providing them with a nourishing lunch to help them through the rest of the day.

The Kowhai Kai Kitchen is really appreciative and thankful for the wonderful support they received from Bungaraya Restaurant in New Lynn who came on board to be part in this programme by donating delicious fried rice and fried spring rolls once a month.

We would also like to acknowledge the amazing commitment of staff member Su Yim and her Life Church Connect group who generously contributed to a cooked lunch for the students every Monday of the week since the start of this programme. The students have had a variety of hot meals from Thai Curry, Mediterranean Pilaf to Teriyaki Rice Bowls which they enjoyed tremendously.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS WORK.

## THE F9 DEMOLITION CREW

English Teacher, Ms Catherine Barker and Faculty Leader, Ms Jennifer Moss make a start on the F block refurbishment plans.



## DONATIONS OF: UNIFORM / CHROMEBOOKS / SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

As a school and community, we know the financial challenges of enrolling your child into high school.

If your child is now at the end of their learning journey at Lynfield and no longer requires their school uniform, Chromebook or scientific calculator, you can donate these items to the school.

Donated items can be brought into the administration block during the school day. These items will be provided to those students who may not have access to them.

Your kindness and generosity will not go unnoticed. If you have any further questions or comments please contact [lwichmankelly@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:lwichmankelly@lynfield.school.nz)

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