



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 3

20 March 2020

Coming Events in Term 1:

Week 9	Mon 23 Mar	Cultural Week has been postponed
	Tue 24	12GEO CBD trip
	Wed 25	12GEO CBD trip
	Wed 25 – Fri 27	Progress Reports on Portal
	Fri 28	12PES Tawharanui trip
	Sat 29	CULTURAL MUFTI DAY gold coin donation
	Mon 30	Cultural Day has been postponed
Week 10	Mon 30 – Fri 3 Apr	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin building
	Tue 31	12OED Hunua camp
	Wed 1 Apr	13ESS Stardome trip
		SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS
		13BIO Zoo trip
	Thu 2	13ESS Stardome trip
		Progress Conferences have been postponed
Week 11	Mon 6	Year 12 'Employers Showcase', Hall Period 4
	Tue 7	Progress Conferences have been postponed
	Wed 8 & Thu 9	Scholarship Information Presentation has been postponed
	Thu 9	NZ Youth Jazz Festival, Tauranga
	Fri 10	Term 1 ends
		EASTER GOOD FRIDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please note: All extra-curricular activities scheduled for Term 2 will be subject to advice and guidance provided by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education.

Coming Events in Term 2:

Week 1	Mon 27 Apr	ANZAC Day observance – public holiday
	Tue 28	Term 2 begins
	Sun 3 May	11 Geography Rotorua trip departs (return Mon 4 May) TBC
Week 2	Mon 4 & Tue 5	4 th House Meetings
	Wed 6	13 Geography Muriwai Beach field trip
	Thu 7	(13GEO Muriwai Beach field trip rain day)
	Fri 8	BLOOD DONOR DAY at Lynfield College
	Sun 10	13OED Hillary Outdoors Camp (return Fri 15 May)
Week 3	Thu 14	11 & 12 DRA trip
	Fri 15	PINK SHIRT DAY
	Sat 16	Auckland Rock Quest
Week 4	Mon 18 – Wed 20	In-class priority days – students should not make external appointments during class time in this period
	Thu 21 & Fri 22	ASSESSMENT
Week 5	Mon 25 – Wed 27	ASSESSMENT
	Tue 26	APO Concert
	Thu 28	Year 13 Careers Showcase Day

Kia ora koutou katoa

It is at uncertain times like these that we really appreciate the messages of support and offers of help from our parents and community.

We hope that the emails that have been sent have reassured you that our focus is in support of ensuring the safety of our students and staff. With this in mind I do need to stress the importance of good hygiene ([Ministry of Health Advice](#)) and if your child is sneezing, coughing or has a fever to keep them at home. If your child is unwell in any way, please keep them at home. Work can be accessed through our Learning Management System, Schoology.

Should you have a family member returning from overseas that will be required to self-isolate please advise the College Nurse (nurse@lynfield.school.nz).

Polyfest

With the cancellation of Polyfest and the postponement of our Fiafia evening and Culture Day we are in the process of filming our Culture Groups so that our performers can be recognised for the hours of work that has gone into their performances. Many of them will be eligible for NCEA credits. Thanks to the tutors, staff and parents who have worked with them so intensively over the past couple of months. We look forward to sharing further photos with you once all the groups have had the opportunity to be filmed.



Above: Our Tongan female dance group with Mrs Wells

This newsletter contains important information about the current school sport situation, as advised by College Sport.

C M Knell
Principal

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS
<https://lynfield.mystudent.school.nz/calendar>

Christchurch 'We Are One' Remembrance

This week in assembly or form class, our students have been observing the Christchurch 'We Are One' Remembrance. The students have taken the opportunity to use creative writing to express their feelings about this horrific event. The following poems were read aloud in form class, followed by a minute of silence.

One Year On by Sarah Ramsey (Year 9)

We give this moment of silence to all those who have been hurt,
mentally and physically
This has been a tragic time and it is hard to move on
It is hard to keep your head held high, hard to feel strong
Memorials, flowers, cards and gifts
All different feelings that have moved or had shifts
We give silence to the people not with us today
And remember those who have gone away
We must also remember, it's not just those who have gone
It's also the families and communities traumatised
Who have found a way to move on.
Let us all remember them.

Our Darkest Day by Ayesha Naosheen (Year 11)

Our darkest day, Friday.
As dark as gray
This marks our darkest day.
Sirens upon sirens.
Silence lingering, concerns arising
Terror amplifying in immensity.
With horror uprising progressively.
Galvanizing news, diffuses across countries.
Marking this day, our darkest day.
Friday the 15th of March, our darkest day
Many muslims martyred,
martyred in minutes as they pray
on their darkest day.
Gunshot by gunshot, a nightmare like day
Fifty one innocent lives taken.
Fifty one families completely broken.
Bullets projected into 51
Bullets injected like swords into 51.
Bullets marking this day,
Our darkest day
Our darkest day,
We pray for those who lay.
We stand with those lost.
Lay flowers, for those who we have lost,
Spending hours with those who have lost.
We come together as one
On our darkest day.



University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2021. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

Student Leader Profile – Board of Trustees Student Representative

What a term it has been, especially in my role as the Board of Trustee Student Representative for Lynfield College 2020. I have faced different challenges throughout the term but I must say, everything happens for a reason. I have learned to listen and understand every student's needs and their opinion in making our school a safer place.

I was honoured to participate in various events throughout the year from speaking at the pōwhiri of our Deputy Principal Mrs Wichman-Kelly in November last year, welcoming our 2020 Year 9 students to Lynfield College early in the year and speaking at our Badges Assembly as our student leaders received their badges.

As the student representative on the Board of Trustees, I am able to see another side of how the school functions. I must say it's a lot of hard work and I appreciate the help of the staff who have supported me as I continue to serve the best interests of our students, staff and our community.

As a student leader, I also have a role to play within the school's student leadership team. Within my portfolio one of my main roles is to oversee our student council. Our aim for the year as the student council is to lift our student voice within the operation of running our school.

As the Board of Trustees Student Representative, I will continue to serve alongside the Year 12 Coordinator and Year 12 Executive to ensure that the current and future students of Lynfield College are confident to call Lynfield a safe and enjoyable learning environment.



Mr Mark Hewett, Board of Trustees Chairperson, Simote Funganitao, Ms Cath Knell, Principal

HPV Vaccinations Programme

Our planned HPV (Human Papillomaviruses) immunisation catchup programme for those over 15 years and not yet immunised was due to start next Monday, but will now begin on **Wednesday 25 March**. The first dose will be administered during this week. The latest date that consent forms can be received by the Nurse is Monday 23 March.

SPORTS SCENE

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

Selena Gee (Y13) is currently ranked #15 nationally and #5 in Auckland for U20 women's 100m performances by NZ Athletics. She has continued this season to set new PBs in both her 100m and 200m performances.

Summer van Gelder (Y11) was a member of the Tonga U16 Girls team which won the silver medal in the recent Oceania Tag Tournament

Taichi Nakao (Y13) last week played in the 2020 U19 National Baseball Championship and 2020 Men's National Baseball Championship held in Christchurch. His team won the tournament and Taichi was named MVP of the tournament!

Andre Penny (Y10) was chosen to represent American Samoa in the Junior Oceania Indigenous Invitational Cup, Tag campaign.

Katya Blong (Y9, 2019) is the first New Zealander to win a gold medal at the Winter Youth Olympics!! Katya left Lynfield last year, moving to Canada to pursue her dream of playing Ice Hockey at the highest level. This link contains interesting information about her journey so far.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/other-sports/120307789/katya-blongs-amazing-route-to-her-winter-youth-olympics-gold-medal>

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

Central Western Zone Athletics

Our team was *extremely* competitive with several winning places in track finals and field events.

Congratulations to Rina Maka (Y10) broke the AKSS Junior Girls Discus record twice on her way to winning this event with a throw of 43.82m!!

For further information and photos visit the Lynfield College Sports facebook page.

Junior Girls			Junior Boys		
Fiona Siaopo	1 st	100m	Otis Wilson	5 th	200m
	1 st	Long Jump		3 rd	300m
	1 st	Shot Put	Willis Cedric	2 nd	Discus
	3 rd	Discus			
Rina Maka	1 st	Discus RECORD 43.82M			
Laura McLeod	7 th	High Jump			
Intermediate Girls			Intermediate Boys		
Mia Powell	2 nd	800m	Tom Christie	1 st	Triple Jump
	3 rd	Long Jump		2 nd	100m Hurdles
	5 th	400m		3 rd	Long Jump
				4 th	100m
			Vincent Ko	1 st	Long Jump
			Percy Maka	1 st	Discus
				2 nd	Shot Put
			Elliot James	12 th	200m
			Neel Kumar	12 th	3000m
			Jaedyn Troy	5 th	High Jump
Senior Girls			Senior Boys		
Selena Gee	1 st	100m	Ankur Chakraborty	2 nd	400m
	1 st	200m		3 rd	200m
Danielle Hewett	4 th	400m			
	9 th	Long Jump			
Shreya Prasad	1 st	3000m			
Pauline Kaufisi	4 th	Long Jump			

Greater Auckland Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following students have qualified for the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics.

Fiona Siaopo – JG 100m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus

Rina Maka – JG Discus, Shot Put

Mia Powell – IG 400m, 800m, Long Jump

Selena Gee – SG 100m, 200m

Danielle Hewett – SG 400m

Otis Wilson – JB 200m, 300m

Willis Cedric – JB Discus

Tom Christie – IB Triple Jump, Hurdles, 100m

Vincent Ko – IB Long Jump

Percy Maka – IB Shot Put, Discus

Jaedyn Troy – IB High Jump

Ankur Chakraborty – SB 200m, 400m

This event has now been cancelled due to Covid-19 health concerns.

TEAM TALK

Summer Sports

Some summer sports are now reaching the end of their season. We have had 19 teams entered in weekly competitions. These range from beginners to very experienced and lots in between!

Water polo

Our senior team play the last game of their competition this Sunday. They have had a mixture of wins and losses as is to be expected given they are re-building after losing a number of Y13 players at the end of last year.

Dragon boating

Our 2 dragon boating teams competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships regatta on Lake Pupuke last Sunday. The first race was at 8am and the last one about 5pm. Each team had 20 paddlers and 1 caller and competed in a minimum of 6 races throughout the day. This event is unique in its character as it is as much about the spirit of friendship amongst the teams as about the competition itself. Lynfield Flame (pictured below) came away with 4 medals – 3 bronze and 1 silver!

Huge thanks to community volunteer coaches and sweeps Soupu Perese and Cath Mead without whom these paddlers could not have had this experience.



For further information and photos visit the Lynfield College Sports facebook page.

Tennis

Another exciting match for our Premier Boys team vs St Kents 2 on 11 March!

Ethan Lobb and Nicholas Curin played another thrilling doubles match, 4/1, 3/0 up serving for the match and didn't manage to hold serve, unfortunately lost the 2nd set 3-5. They managed to play a great super tiebreaker, where they held their nerve and won the 3rd set 10-7!

Ethan went out for his singles and played with confidence, a great singles match with a convincing win of 4-1, 4-1.

Nicholas (even though not feeling 100%) managed to win the 1st set in a tiebreaker 5-4, lost the 2nd set with only a break of serve, going down 2-4, this taking the match to another super tiebreaker for the 3rd. Unfortunately, Nicholas lost the super tiebreaker 8-10, but produced a gutsy effort hanging in and giving his all.

Stanley Long (our #1 seed) had another tough game playing a very well-known top junior, the score line didn't reflect the level of tennis played on the day.

TJ is representing Lynfield remarkably by pushing himself and never giving up; he managed to win a game in the singles.

Many thanks to Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club for allowing us to use their courts while our turf is being replaced. There was so many people watching and clapping on some of the most amazing rallies, even people walking past on the walkways were stopping to watch!

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Cricket

Congratulations to our 1st XI Boys team who have had a great season. A *third place finish in 1B* is a well-deserved spot, after missing out on a place in the final on run rate.

Last Saturday they chased Orewa College's 176 runs with just 3 balls to spare. Runs from Ryan Martin (34), Kartik Banerjee (41) and Shubham Bokil (24 not out), Aditya Shenoy hit a strong 18 from 12 balls, to secure the win - coming in with 28 runs to win and finishing the run chase excellently. Abdullah Safi was man of the match with his bowling stats of 3/13 and 21 runs with the bat.

The Junior A Boys team had an impressive win over Rosmini. Batting first at home, we posted 291/4 with 95 runs (84 balls) from Ranveer Singh, 55 from 40 balls for Rishitt Walavalkar and 41 from 28 balls for Kush Merai. They then bowled out Rosmini College for 51 runs. Urwah Afzal bowled 4.4 overs, and took 5 wickets for 6 runs!!

For further information and photos visit the Lynfield College Sports facebook page.

STOP PRESS – announcement from College Sport:

ALL term one summer sports competitions have now been cancelled.

From the start of this week we have followed individual NSO and government advice and directives regarding cancelling specific events and competitions. In light of the fact most of CSA summer events and competitions have already been cancelled and in response to last night's Government announcements, CSA is cancelling all term one sport.

Winter Sports

Trials for some teams are completed while others are partially complete. Some teams have already been selected. All team lists have been posted on the Sports noticeboard as trials were completed.

STOP PRESS – announcement just received from College Sport:

“Due to directives from National Sports Organisations and decreasing venue availability, all winter sport competitions sanctioned by College Sport Auckland will be put on hold (this includes all promotion relegation games).”

College Sport Auckland will review the situation when school resumes in Term 2.

If sport seasons are to begin at a later date, each competition format will be reviewed and entry closing dates will be extended to ensure the seasons remain competitive.

There are still a very limited number of summer sport competitions continuing this week and next, involving small numbers of students. Any school wishing to withdraw from these competitions should email school.sport@collegesport.co.nz and notify their opposition.

An up-to-date list of summer sport cancellations is available on our [website](#).

We still encourage schools to continue with their own school fitness programmes, following current Ministry of Health guidelines. We also encourage schools to look for innovative ways to keep their students physically active within their school, as this is so important to overall wellbeing.”

We will certainly look towards creating innovative and interesting ways for our students to remain physically active.

On March 17 **Netball NZ announced there are to be no further trainings or trials** until the beginning of April at earliest and no games until May 2 at earliest.

Rugby trainings continue in a modified form.

In preparation for winter sports going ahead at some stage next term, please consider whether you will be able to facilitate this in any way:

Help urgently needed

Coaches and managers needed for all winter sports. Please take time to consider whether you could coach or manage a team. 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!

Currently we definitely need coaches and managers for:

- Football
- Basketball
- Netball
- Hockey
- Table Tennis

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

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.	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm	F10
ESOL	For ESOL students: Writing, reading, understanding the language of subjects, specific subject help from Senior Study Buddies.	Thursday lunchtime	L6
Mathematics & Statistics	Study tips, general subject help, homework help, clarification and feedback about internal/external assessment requirements, extension opportunities.	Monday - Thursday 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 - before school; Wed/Thu/Fri – lunchtimes; Mon-Thu afterschool During study leave	Music Suite
Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Maori subject help	By arrangement with Whaea at lunchtime.	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