



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 2

6 March 2020

Coming Events:

Week 6	Sun 8 Mar	ASD Seasonals Tournament, Lynfield College 8am – 6.30pm
Week 7	Mon 9	12OED First Aid Training, Seminar Room, Library 10BUS Chelsea Bay trip
	Mon 9 – Fri 13	Year 9 Hearing Testing at Lynfield College (more info below)
	Tue 10	Western Zone Athletics MUFTI DAY – gold coin donation
	Tue 10 – 13	Year 9 Free Hearing Testing
	Wed 11	12HIS trip Swim Time Trials
	Thu 12	13PHO trip 10FOT Chelsea trip
	Fri 13	Safe School Leaders Training 10BUS Chelsea trip Hui Whanau, Hall & Marae 5 – 7pm
Week 8	Mon 16	Fiafia Night, Hall 6.00 – 8pm
	Wed 18 – Sat 21	ASB Polyfest 2020
	Thu 19	10FOT Chelsea trip 11HIS trip
	Fri 20	13PXM Rainbows End trip
	Sat 21	German Exchange Students arrive
Week 9	Mon 23	CULTURAL WEEK 12GEO CBD trip 13HOB Kokako Roastery trip Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30pm Admin building
	Tue 24	12GEO CBD trip 13BIO Zoo trip
	Wed 25	Progress Reports on Portal
	Wed 25 – Fri 27	12PES Tawharanui trip
	Thu 26	13DRA trip
	SATURDAY 28 MARCH	LYNFIELD COLLEGE ANNUAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY 10.30am – 2.30pm (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIMES)
Week 10	Mon 30	Summer Tournament Week
	Mon 30 – Fri 3 Apr	12OED Hunua camp
	Tue 31	13ESS Stardome trip
	Wed 1 Apr	SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS 13ESS Stardome trip
	Thu 2	PROGRESS CONFERENCES 4 – 7PM (surnames A – L)
	Fri 3	(13PXM Rainbow's End trip rain day)
	Sat 4	German Exchange Students Farewell 6.30 – 9.30pm, Staffroom
Week 11	Mon 6	Year 12 'Employers Showcase', Hall Period 4
	Tue 7	PROGRESS CONFERENCES 4 – 7PM (surnames M – Z) Scholarship Information Presentation 6 – 7pm, Staffroom
	Wed 8 & Thu 9	NZ Youth Jazz Festival, Tauranga
	Thu 9	Term 1 ends
	Fri 10	EASTER GOOD FRIDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY German Exchange Students depart
Week 1	Mon 28 Apr	Term 2 begins
	Sun 3 May	11 Geography Rotorua trip departs (return Mon 4 May)
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

Kia ora koutou katoa

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.

KOROWAI of VALUES

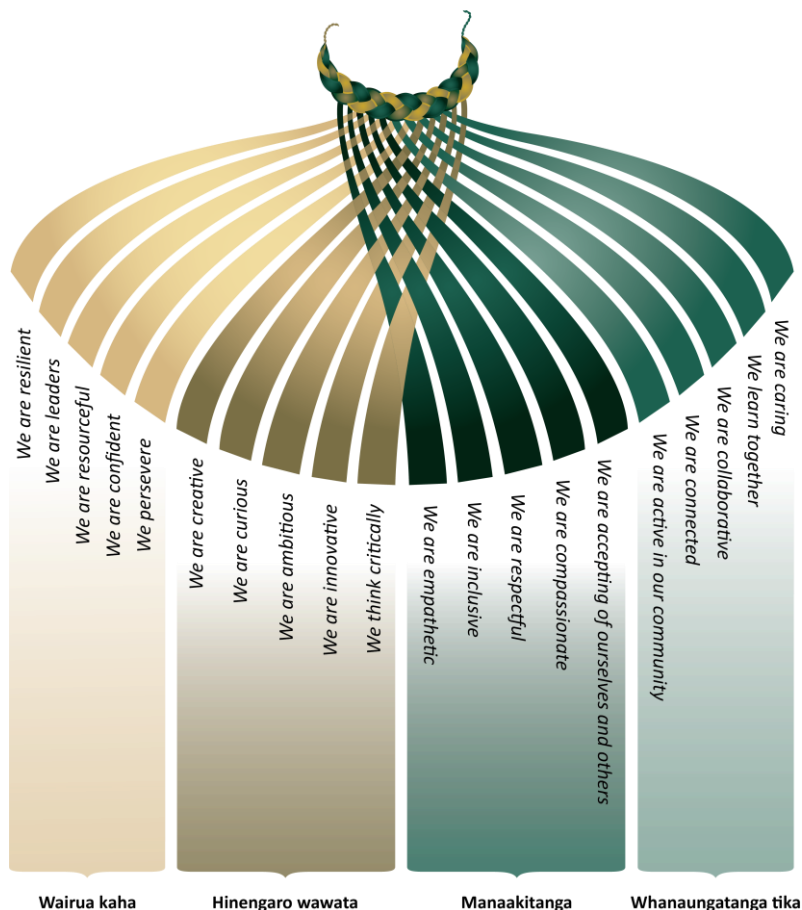
Underpinning learning at Lynfield is our 'Korowai of Values': Wairua Kaha, Hinengaro wawata, Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga tika. These values are included in Assembly themes which run throughout each term for all year levels.

For Term 1 the focus has been on **Manaakitanga** - *we are respectful and inclusive*.

We have already made a presentation at assembly to a student in Year 12 who has demonstrated Manaakitanga at a high level, Shady Mahara (who looked after the physical welfare of a member of staff in need) and look forward to making further presentations before the end of the term.

LYNFIELD LEARNER KOROWAI of VALUES

These values underpin the Lynfield Learning Charter. They have been developed through consultancy with students, staff, whānau and the community.



COVID-19

Updates are sent to parents in between newsletters, and recently these have included information about COVID-19. If you have not seen these emails please check your 'junk' folder.

Earlier this week we received a resource from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service which is linked [here](#).

We have been speaking to our students at assemblies about **safe hand, cough and sneeze hygiene** to reduce the risk of infection. It would be appreciated if this same information was reinforced at home.

Ngā mihi nui
C M Knell
Principal

Lynfield Wins VEX Robotics Nationals

On the last weekend of February Lynfield College again hosted the VEX Robotics NZ National Championships. Sixty-four teams from as far away as Christchurch came to compete for the opportunity to represent New Zealand at the World Championships. The weekend started on Friday afternoon with all teams arriving for registration and robot inspection. All day Saturday and Sunday morning qualification matches were held where teams compete ranking positions.

Lynfield College had 6 teams competing this year and ended up ranked 7th, 27th, 37th, 45th, 60th and 61st. The 16 top ranking teams then chose an alliance partner for the eliminations rounds and finals. Two of the Lynfield Teams ended up in alliances, one making it to semi-finals before being knocked out, the other, Team 2915Z went through to finals.

Finals is a best of three set of matches and the alliance between Lynfield College and Christchurch Boys High School took it out in the first two matches, making them the New Zealand VEX Robotics Tournament Champions.

Congratulations to Kira Armstrong and Ahil Hussain. They have persevered and kept refining their robot all season and their efforts have been rewarded.

Team 2915D not only made it to semi-finals but also won the Amaze Award, presented to a team that has built an amazing, high scoring robot that clearly demonstrates overall quality. Congratulations Ben Bridger, Joel Haydon, Jacob Ivory and Nai Kaw. Lynfield College teacher Mr Craig Yearbury was also presented with the Teacher of the Year Award.

It was a great pleasure hosting teams from all over New Zealand and now we are looking forward to competing in the Worlds Championship in Louisville, Kentucky, USA late in August.



Photo credit, Hayden Wilson

Our Teams need Sponsorship to travel to the VEX Robotics Worlds Championship

With two teams being selected to travel to Worlds in Louisville, Kentucky, in April this is a fantastic sponsorship opportunity. Sponsorship package opportunities would include the ability for the top sponsor to have their company logo on the robot itself with televised coverage across the USA and world-wide via live feed link and for all sponsors to have their signage displayed in the pit. Any queries about levels of sponsorship, please phone Accounts on 6270600 ext 708.

Platinum level sponsor - \$5000

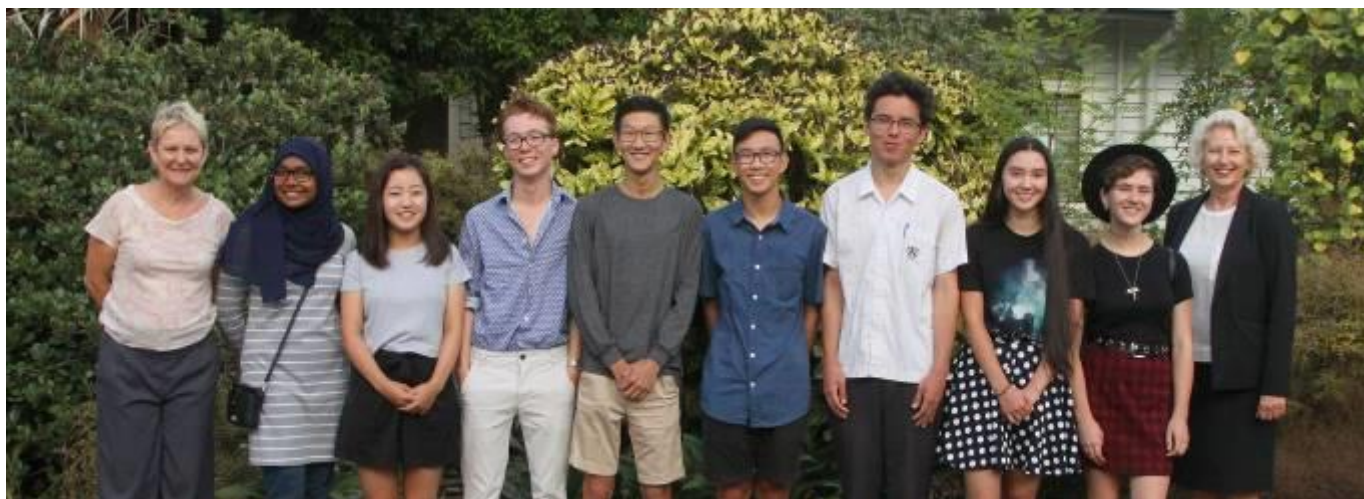
Gold level sponsor - \$2000

Silver - \$1000

General sponsorship – all contributions welcome



Lynfield College Scholarship Breakfast Attendees, Wednesday 19 February 2020



Celebration of Academic Excellence

This year the Academic Captains Kendall, Senu, Bhakti and Sam wanted to acknowledge current Lynfield College students who had their NCEA Level One or Two Certificates endorsed with Excellence. This means that each of these students gained at least 50 credits at Excellence level. We had 54 students receive Excellence endorsement of their Level Two certificate and 44 students at Level One. These students were acknowledged in their respective assembly this week. Congratulations!



2019 Level 1 Excellence Endorsement



2019 Level 2 Excellence Endorsement

NCEA Information Evening

On Thursday 5 March, Lynfield College held a successful NCEA Information evening. The presentation given by our Academic Advisor, Neil Waddington gave parents and caregivers an opportunity to learn more about NCEA, understand NCEA terminology such as Credits, Standards, Course and Portfolios and the requirements to achieve Level 1, 2 or 3 certificates. An update on the proposed changes to NCEA Level 1 was also shared.

Faculty Leaders were available on the night to answer any questions about NCEA for specific subject areas. Here is the link to the presentation if you were unable to make it:

[NCEA Information Evening Term 1 2020](#)

The presentation will also be put onto the school's website.



Reporting on Student Progress

We are now half way through Term 1 with teaching staff having undertaken assessment activities with all students. Progress Report preparation begins next week. 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 <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Curriculum/Homework.html> This is a guide on how you can help with homework and what the school's expectations are. **Progress Reports will be on the Portal on Wednesday 25 March.** An individualised information sheet about our online appointment booking schedule for the Progress Conferences will be emailed at that time.

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 2 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm

Tuesday 7 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 service to Mangere Bridge will depart from White Swan Road at 2.30pm on both days, while the Titirangi/Laingholm bus will depart at the usual time of 3.20pm on both days. The College Library will be open until 3.30pm for students who must wait for a bus or parents.

Scholarship Information Presentation – Tuesday 7 April

On the second Progress Conferences evening, there will be a Scholarship Information presentation in the College Staffroom from 6.00 – 7.00pm. Students are very welcome to attend with the parents/caregivers.

Free Hearing Testing Available for Year 9 Students

Following our email last Friday, we would like to remind our Year 9 parents/caregivers that next week, 9 – 13 March, we have FREE hearing testing here at the College, as part of a nation-wide secondary school programme run by The National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. If you wish your child to be hearing tested, please email nurse@lynfield.school.nz with parent/caregiver name, student name, form class and approval for the student to be tested.

Samoan Group practice and costume making



Cultural Events During Term 1

- ASB Polyfest 2020, Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 March:
We are excited to have six groups participating this year. Only student performers should be attending the Polyfest during the school week unless prior arrangements are made by parents of non-performers contacting the school for advice. The performance schedule for our groups is below:

Group	Date	Performance Times	Staff attending with groups
Chinese	Thursday 19 March	12.35pm	Jo Fletcher
Indian		1.00pm	Maryam Shamsavar
Niuean	Friday 20 March	9.00am	Sadelle Fe'ao
Kapa Haka		9.48am	Jennifer Leauga, Frances Maihi, Grant Angus
Tongan		11.10am & 4.20pm	Kat Wells, Richard Winn
Samoan	Saturday 21 March	7.20am	Christina Reddaway, Catherine Barker, Wilma van Heeswijk

- Mufti Day - Tuesday 10 March in support of the six ASB Polyfest Groups. Gold coin donation.
- Nau mai, Haere mai - Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal Friday 13 March 5 - 7pm in Te Ringa Awhina Marae, gold coin koha.
- Fiafia Evening - Monday 16 March 6 - 8pm, School Hall Gold coin donation. If you would like to share a meal at the end of the evening please bring along a plate. We would love to see you there.
- Cultural Week – From Monday 23 to Friday 27 March we have a range of activities planned for our students which celebrate the cultural diversity of our College. These activities will be advertised through Schoology.
- Cultural Festival Day - Saturday 28 March 10.30am - 2.30pm. Preparations are well underway for our annual Cultural Festival Day. Students are working hard at perfecting their performances and an invitation is extended to students, families and the local community to join us at this special event. There will be a variety of cultural performances to view and ethnic foods to purchase. The day will run from 10.30am until 2.30pm with the opening pōwhiri. Food purchases are by ticket only and eftpos is available. Food stalls open at 11.00am. There will be two cultural performance shows, the first at 11.00am and then a repeat at 1.00pm. (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIMES THIS YEAR)
- Talanoa Evenings - Due to Term 1 being so busy with cultural activities, our Talanoa evenings will resume in Term 2. Date to be confirmed.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Student Leader Profile – Head Girl and Head Boy

Kia Orana, Talofa Lava and hello, our names are Victoria Marie Tofilau and Noah Tikoinamaka and we are the Head Girl and Head Boy of Lynfield College 2020. It is an immense pleasure to be able to represent the school.

During this year already we have had the honour of welcoming the Year 9 students of 2020 to Lynfield College through to a Year 9 Parent Evening. We were able to meet the newest students as well as their parents, caregivers and families and talk about our experiences as students at Lynfield College for 5 years. We talked about what to expect during high school and how to approach their career pathways. We have also been part of all the year level assemblies to explain our roles as head students and the many exciting ventures ahead.

The Student Executive meetings are running weekly and we are enjoying interacting with the different roles around the school and discussing issues and ideas to benefit Lynfield College. As head students we are also looking forward to the planning of the Ball as well as the organisation of the Year 13 leavers gear.

Overall, we are excited about the upcoming challenges we face this year!. It is an honour for us to lead the student body for 2020.



SPORTS SCENE

School Athletics

Following Athletics Day, the 800m, 1500m, 100m finals, Year 9, Year 10 and senior house relays saw some excellent competition with several so hotly contested they were photo finishes! Congratulations to overall winners, Reid house who are only 1 point ahead of Zoricich and 4.5 points ahead of Fatialofa which is in 3rd place.

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

Last week the serious athletes competed in the Lynfield College Athletics Championships at Griffen Park. Here the 200m, 400m, Long Jump, Discus and Shotput events showed some very impressive results. Several athletics qualified at this meet for the Central West Zone Athletics will take place at Mt Smart stadium next Tuesday 10 March. Watch this space!

2020 ATHLETICS DAY FINAL TALLY						
	BRAY	FATIALOFA	FAUMUINA	LEWIS	REID	ZORICICH
Morning Events	6 th 25	4 th 35	1 st 50	5 th 30	2 nd 45	3 rd 40
Best Dressed House	6 th 10	1 st 20	3 rd = 16	3 rd = 16	5 th 12	2 nd 18
House Mascot	6 th 10	2 nd = 18	4 th 14	5 th 12	2 nd = 18	1 st 20
House Chant	6 th 10	1 st 20	5 th 12	4 th 14	3 rd 16	2 nd 18
Rubbish Collection	6 th 4.5	3 rd = 9	3 rd = 9	3 rd = 9	2 nd 10.5	1 st 12
Total Points For 100m/Relays/Ath Champs	2 nd 22.5	3 rd 20	6 th 12.5	5 th 15	1 st 25	4 th 17.5
TOTAL	82	122	113.5	96	126.5	125.5
FINAL PLACING	6th	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd

Y9 - 11 Boys Football Academy

Coached by Sammy Negash, this Academy is designed to develop the skill level of keen and committed footballers, aiming for Junior Premier selection, and future 1st and 2nd XI selection - but open to anyone interested in improving their game. Sammy has been heavily involved in the football programme and AIMS teams at Blockhouse Bay Intermediate for a number of years. He has worked with the Ricky Herbert Academy and is currently coach of the U14 NZ CrossWhites, SAFCA Academy coach and Papatoetoe AFC men's reserve coach.

The Academy will run 7.00 - 8.20am on a Thursday morning for the rest of Term one, on the football field. The cost for involvement in this academy is \$30. **The programme has just started this week so it is not too late to join.** Please see the Sports Office if you know of anyone who is interested in taking advantage of this opportunity.

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.

The **Premier Boys** team is really enjoying playing at this level for the first time. This week they played Botany Downs which is the #1 team in Auckland. Ethan Lobb was unlucky to lose his singles, was so close again had the opportunity to serve it out, but tiebreakers and only 4 games in each set make it tough to come back! Ethan Lobb and Nicholas Curin were unlucky in the doubles also, they were serving to take the first set and didn't manage it, could have gone either way, stepped off the ball in the 2nd. These players are showing the advantages of pushing themselves in this premier grade. All are showing remarkable improvement in their games.

Volleyball

Our senior boys and girls teams finished their competition this week. They have really enjoyed the season (even though it is very short) and have had a mixture of wins and losses.

Cricket

Our cricket programme is flourishing under the guidance of Mr Fletcher. We have 7 cricket teams this year – 4 senior boys, 2 junior boys, 1st XI girls.

The Junior A Boys team remains unbeaten in their competition, winning their first two games by 7 wickets and 6 wickets respectively, with one wash out.

A Y9 team and a Y10 team also took part in the T10 festival this week, although with bad weather and other schools dropping out, it turned into a game between two mixed Lynfield teams. The boys all had an enjoyable time despite the tough conditions! Other teams are performing well with some impressive individual statistics.

Orienteering

Weekly sessions at different schools are proving very popular. This week the event was held on our grounds so there were over 100 students from a variety of other schools navigating their way around our school with map in hand and on the run! What a great event.

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

Dragon boating

We have 2 teams of 20 paddlers from all year levels. Each team trains for 2 hours/week at Westhaven. Every week the paddlers end up wet and grinning from ear to ear in this fun filled sport. The Auckland Secondary Schools Championships are now only just over a week away so the training has become more intense! The champs will be held at Lake Pupuke, Takapuna on Sunday 15 March and are always an excellent mixture of fun on land and intense rivalry on the water!

Winter Sports

Pre-season training for rugby and football (boys and girls) is happening weekly. Following trials a squad has been selected for Prem 1 & 2 netball and 1st & 2nd XI boys football. At a recent muster 60 boys and 40 girls turned up ready to commit to hockey! Musters and trials for some winter sports will take place over the next 2 weeks.

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

It is not too late to become involved in any of these sports. Talk to the Sports Office about this.

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.*

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 are currently urgently in need of coaches for:

Basketball
Hockey
Netball
Football
Badminton

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

Rina Maka (Y9) competed in the Athletics Auckland McKinnon Shield #10 on Saturday 29 Feb 2020 at Mt Smart, Auckland. Rina set a new Auckland Athletics Record 13G Discus, Gold, 42.07m, as she broke the record (held by Merewaker Vaka Papatoetoe, 41.90m, 2009)!

Vanessa Jim (Y13) has been selected in the Archery NZ 2020 Development Team to compete in Asia in 4 separate events throughout this year.

Sophie Bradley (Y13) has been invited to be an apprentice player in the Future Ferns Domestic Programme. This programme is to bridge the gap between the NZ domestic based players and the rest of the world.

Bunji Nakao (Y11) played softball for U16s North Shore baseball team which finished 3rd in the tournament.

The following girls have been selected to play in the 2020 Junior Oceania Tag Football tournament 6 – 8 March:

Ofa Fononga (Y9) and **Cecilia Faamusili (Y10)** – U14 Girls Cook Island team

Gloria Fononga (Y13) – U18 Girls Cook Island team

Siafega Paseka (Y12) – Pasifika Invitational Tag team

Kane Adams (Y11) – Cook Island Boys U16

Tom Tuipulotu (Y10) – Tonga Boys U16

Frisco Tuipulotu (Y10) – Tonga Boys U16

Andre Uhi (Y10) - Boys U14

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

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