



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 5

22 May 2020

Kia ora koutou

This week we have welcomed back our students as onsite learning resumed. It has been a real pleasure reconnecting with them as they entered the school grounds and around the school. We didn't realise how much we had missed them until we were able to have individual conversations with them again. To see over 85% onsite has been fantastic.

Some students, we know, were anxious about coming back. We hope their return was less stressful for them than expected. Others, for medical reasons, will not be able to return until Alert Level 1. Our teachers are doing an amazing job in teaching both face to face in the classroom as well as posting work on Schoology to support those learning remotely.

The unexpected news last week that a number of classrooms would be out of use due to water-tightness issues resulted in us having to roster home a year level each day. With repairs having been made some of these teaching spaces will be available for us to use again from Monday 25 May. This means that there will be NO rostering home needed next week. Feedback from a number of parents has indicated that they will miss having their child at home.

Our school value of **Whanaungatanga tika** has been the focus for our return and I am delighted to be able to report that our students have returned with a smile and a positive attitude. There has also been a strong emphasis on building **Manaakitanga** and student wellbeing. Adopting a 10-day timetable has allowed more time for students to focus on their studies in a supportive way, particularly in those practical subjects where students haven't been able to complete learning tasks remotely.

The laying of new turf was completed when contractors were allowed back onsite and looks great. We look forward to being able to open this up for class use once the fencing has been finished.



Assessment

Lynfield College made the decision to not assess students during lockdown and for the first two weeks after school returned. This decision was made as we were aware some students did not have access to remote learning and because our key focus was the wellbeing and engagement of our students. Teachers however, continued to gather and store evidence during this time, and this may be used to assess students once our **assessment programme resumes on 2 June**.

We are mindful that students may have a number of assessments due at the same time once assessment restarts, so student workload will be monitored. If a student is concerned about a number of assessments due at the same time, they should in the first instance talk to their teacher and then see Ms Harris, Deputy Principal.

May Assessment Week was postponed as a result of Covid-19. We are currently planning how an Assessment Week for practice external exams will work later in the year.

At the end of Term 2, we will be issuing a modified Progress Report for Junior and Senior students. This report will measure the progress a student has made against several key competencies during the 4 weeks immediately after school returned on 18 May. Reports will go on the Portal on Wednesday 1 July.

We continue to invite parents and caregivers to email subject teachers and deans if they have any concerns about their child's learning during Term 2.

Uniform

Now that the temperatures are much cooler in the mornings, students have been wearing extra layers. Unfortunately not all of these have been uniform items. A number of conversations have revealed that there is a jumper or jacket at home 'somewhere in the bedroom'! It would be appreciated if these items were hunted down over the weekend in preparation for next week. If you have any queries about what our uniform items are please view these on our website <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Enrolment/Uniform.html>. Should replacement items be needed the Uniform Shop is open each day between 10am and 1:30pm. Payments can be made on the portal and the items collected by the student. Should you need to come onsite to make purchases please sign in at Reception first. With some families experiencing changes in income as a consequence of COVID-19 do let us know if help is needed in paying for these items (contact Ms Wichman-Kelly, Deputy Principal wichmankelly@lynfield.school.nz) or send your child to school with a note.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell
Tumuaki - Principal

Some important dates to remember in Term 2:		
Week 7	Mon 25 May Tue 26	Itinerant Music lessons resume Football trials continue this week Student Executive Meeting, Interval in the Hall
Week 8	Mon 1 Jun	Queen's Birthday observance – public holiday, schools closed
Week 10	Mon 15 Thu 18	All College Sport Competition begins this week Cultural & Leadership Photos
Week 12	Tue 30 Wed 1 Jul Fri 3	Summer & Winter Sports Photos Reports on Portal Term 2 ends (Term 3 begins Mon 20 Jul)

A REMINDER FROM OUR NURSE...

Please continue to talk to your child about the following ways of keeping safe:

- Frequent hand washing using soap for 20 seconds and then drying thoroughly.
- If they blow their nose, to wash hands after doing this.
- Washing hands before and after eating (no sharing of food or drink is permitted in school).
- Coughing/sneezing into their elbow.
- To use hand sanitiser on entry into each classroom.
- To maintain physical distancing as much as possible.
- If your child is unwell please keep them at home. We cannot have anyone on site who is unwell. The Nurse will be calling you immediately, asking you to collect your child if they are sick. This one action can make an enormous difference in protecting your child, other people's children and all of our staff and their loved ones.

If your child has a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose/cold, loss of smell or fever, we advise that you take them to be tested for COVID-19 at a local testing station. Please see this link for contact details of testing stations:

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BACK TO SCHOOL – SAME PLACE BUT DIFFERENT!





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STUDENT LEADER PROFILE – ACADEMIC CAPTAINS

We are very honoured to be the Academic Captains of Lynfield College. Our purpose is to raise the academic profile in the school and especially focus on helping all students who are struggling academically as much as we can.

In Term 1 we were very proud to acknowledge 44 Year 12 and 54 Year 13 students who had achieved Academic Excellence in NCEA Level 1 and Level 2 in 2019, by presenting certificates to them in their respective assemblies. We also formed the Academic Council, composed of many Year 9 - Year 12 students as well as Year 13 representatives from each subject faculty.

When the nationwide lockdown started in March, we made and released online quizzes and games called 'Boredom Busters' weekly. These brought about some fun and enjoyment for teachers, students and their families in what was a stressful and unprecedented time for many.

With no physical homework clinics at lunchtimes, due to distance learning, we started 'Peer Tutoring' where students tutored Year 9 students who had questions about their current topics. We held one subject session at lunchtimes every day of the week where Year 9 students could ask tutors questions and get explanations of concepts to aid their learning. We are very glad that this went successfully and that Year 9 students who were struggling academically received the help they needed through these sessions.

A huge thank you to Mr Winn for supporting and helping us and also to Mrs Clark and the Student Executive for supporting and showing their love. We look forward to holding many more events in the future and supporting the students of Lynfield College.

Kendall D'Souza and Senu Senathirajah, Academic Captains
Bhakti Tailor and Sam Boasman, Assistant Academic Captains



STUDENT LEADER PROFILE – ARTS & CULTURE CAPTAINS

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, 你好 (Ni Hao), नमस्ते (Namaste) and Hello!

We are Abhay Verma, Celesti Tan, Becky Cheng and Frank Lin and we are honoured to have been elected as Lynfield College's Arts and Culture Captains for 2020. In our role, we strive to acknowledge the many talents our students have in the Arts as well as celebrate the over 60 different ethnicities we have at our school.

Unfortunately, the start of this year did not go as planned. Polyfest, Fiafia Night and our biggest event of the year, Cultural Day, had to be cancelled or postponed until further notice due to Level 4 restrictions. However, we would still like to thank all the teachers and students who had been working so hard in making these events a success, and we hope to find alternative ways to showcase the diversity we have at Lynfield College later in the year.

We know it has been difficult for many of us during Level 3 and 4 restrictions, so to liven up this isolation period, we (alongside members of the Year 12 Student Executive team) ran some online activities that students could participate in such as an ANZAC Arts and Craft Competition, Skribb.lio (online Pictionary games) and a big Creativity Challenge in which students could express how they felt during isolation, through dance, drama, music, art, writing and filmmaking. We hoped we were able to encourage everyone to stay positive and provide some fun activities for them to do.

We would like to thank our teachers and peers for voting us as your Arts and Culture Captains - we have had a lot of fun so far working as a team. We would also like to thank our Cultural Coordinator Ms Phelan who has put in endless amounts of her time into organising the school's cultural events and has worked alongside us to plan activities for all of us to enjoy.

Kia Kaha

Abhay Verma and Celesti Tan, Arts and Culture Captains
Frank Lin and Becky Cheng, Assistant Arts and Culture Captains



YEAR 13 STUDENTS

Our Year 13 students continue to build on their independent learning skills and to focus on completing qualifications and formalising career pathways.

To provide further support, during the morning study blocks in the new timetable, Year 13 students will be supported by the Careers Advisor (Wendy Keir), the Academic Advisor (Neil Waddington) and Faculties. Ms Sandy Harris, Deputy Principal will also be available to address any assessment concerns.

LYNFIELD CAREERS CENTRE AT STUDENT SERVICES

Due to the changes of late, our Student Development Programmes for Māori and Pacific Island students will now be delivered online. We have confirmation the Year 13 Kei a Tatou te Ihi (KATTI) and Year 13 Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) Programmes will commence this term and quite possibly more agencies will follow this trend in the near future. If you have any queries please email Wendy Keir, careers@lynfield.school.nz or phone 09 6270600 ext 744.

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](#)

SPORTS SCENE

Lockdown activities

Throughout the Covid-19 lockdown the Sports Captains organised 2 competition for students:

Trickshot Challenge

The Sports Captains provided some excellent examples of Trickshots then asked students to practice some unique kind of Trickshot and submit a video of this to the Sports Captains who then judged the entries. The entries were extremely varied and novel! Follow this link to the post with the trick shot winners and videos: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CAUNKWxHoHY/>

Sports Council Quiz

The Sports Council have a 4 round sports quiz underway. Two rounds are completed and the winners posted on Schoology.

The current leader board is:

22 points - Mr Christie, Thomas Watson

21 points - Jacob Cowen, Liv Smith

20 points - Jonathan Knox

19 points - Akhil Mathur, Melita Fernandes

18 points - Faiiz Ahmed, Stanley Long, Bailey Connor McQuoid, Leslie Chang

College Sport Iso 3K and College Sport Iso Distance Competitions

These interschool competitions were open to all our students and staff to take part. It was an interesting way to virtually compete against other schools when we couldn't be involved in any 'in person' team sports. A significant number of students and staff enjoyed these challenges.

Cricket Academy

The Lynfield College Winter Cricket Academy is designed specifically to accelerate the development of the high performing and committed cricketers who attend Lynfield College. Outcomes are designed to develop the individual as a person as well as a cricketer. A holistic approach will be taken to this programme to prepare the successful applicants for the summer of 2020/21 and beyond. Although the upcoming season will be in mind throughout this academy, the athletes' long term development and wellbeing is our first priority.

We are privileged to have *Jonny Basset-Graham* as the head coach for this academy. Jonny is the current coach of the Suburbs New Lynn Premier team, Head Coach of the Auckland U17 cricket team, and Assistant Coach of the Auckland A team. As well as this, Johnny heads up The Cricket Institute. Johnny will be supported by Mr Fletcher and Mr Underhill in the coaching of this group. Applications are now open for this new opportunity.

Getting Physical!

With the Covid-19 restrictions for Level 2 still in place there are health and safety considerations which mean we are taking time to get it right and provide a safe, quality sporting experience for as many students as possible. A number of programmes will be launched over the next 2 weeks.

- **Fitness training** sessions will happen each Wednesday morning starting at 8.00am. This short, sharp fitness session is open to **ALL students**. Last year it attracted Y9 – Y13 students who ranged from our top athletes to students who made this their only sporting involvement. It is cleverly designed to challenge everyone at their own level in a very supportive atmosphere.
- **Run Club** starts this week. **All students** are welcome to be a part of this group of runners and walkers who cover about 4km. Meet at the staffroom at 7.30am on Thursdays.
- This term sees the introduction of a weekly **Pilates** session. A local YMCA instructor comes in each Monday at lunchtime to take a challenging session. This is open to **ALL students**.

- The **Sports Council** is surveying students to find out what events to organise to best meet the needs of our students. They will be organising at least one event this term.
- **Student coaches** – Sign up on Schoology or come to the Sports Office to express interest in coaching a winter sports team.
- This term, we are looking to establish a group of student **referees** in various sports to help support many of our sports teams. This provides further opportunities for students to participate in sport in a wide variety of ways.

Check out the Lynfield College Sports Facebook and Instagram pages for more detail and photos.

House Competitions

The Sports Captains are now reviewing the format of our House competitions, given the loss of time to run these in Term 1 and the reduced time frame of Term 2. They are looking to run a competition later this term.

Team Talk

In our first week back on site we have been working hard to establish the fastest and safest way to get our winter sports teams ready for competition while staying within the parameters set by the government in Covid-19 Alert level 2.

Today we were advised by College Sport that:

On Monday 25 May the government will announce if the current 10 person gathering limit will increase. This directly impacts on College Sport competitions. An increase in the limit will allow our programmes and inter-school competitions to commence for the winter season. Entries for College Sport competitions will open on Monday 25 May following the government announcement. College Sport are currently working with national and regional sports organisations regarding their return to play dates. Some organisations have released these whilst others are waiting for the announcement on Monday. Some winter sports along with their return to play dates are listed below. I am expecting all these dates to be reviewed on Monday.

Netball – proposed return 20 June

Rugby – information will be released following the May 25 announcement

Football – Week beginning 15 June

Basketball – Week beginning 15 June

Hockey – Week beginning 15 June

The seasons for most sports will be extended until the end of Term 3 to allow viable competitions to take place.

As a result of this announcement we can now move forward in our planning of winter sports teams:

- Musters have been organised for Friday 22 May for all students interested in playing basketball and all football apart from 1st XI (teams in place already).
- Netball NZ came out with this plan for school and club netball yesterday:
 - **PHASE 1**
Get Ready for Netball
Commenced on 15 May, 2020
No Netball activity is to commence, including trainings and workshops.
 - **PHASE 2**
Prepare to Play
Netball activity may start on or after 29 May, 2020
This includes trainings and workshops. This does not include the delivery of competitions.
 - **PHASE 3**
Return to Play
All Netball activity may start on or after 19 June, 2020.
This includes the delivery of competitions. Centres moving into the delivery of each of these phases must ensure they are compliant with all requirements as outlined in the guidelines.

Please note: All this is dependent on the number at a meeting being increased by the government and Ministry of Health at the announcement next Monday.

Huge thanks to those parents, friends and families who have put their hands up to help with managing or coaching our teams. It is very much appreciated by the many students who would not otherwise have been in school teams. **We still urgently need coaches for football, netball and hockey.**

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