



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 6

5 JUNE 2020

Kia ora koutou

As of Friday 29 May we have seen 93% of our students return to school and we look forward to welcoming the remaining 7% once the move to Alert Level 1 has been announced.

Next week we will host our first 'friendly' sports fixture with winter sport competitions scheduled to resume this month. Please be aware that we are required to record the details of anyone entering the school grounds (including participants and spectators) for contact tracing purposes. A College Sport QR code will be displayed in support of this.

We were very relieved to receive communication from NZQA on Wednesday informing us about changes to NCEA and UE to address the impact of COVID-19 on student learning and assessment. If you missed seeing the information that was emailed it can be accessed [here](#). In addition there has been an [information sheet](#) made available to the students on Schoology.

#### Give N@thing to Racism

Over the past week our students have expressed horror and concern about the events in America and have been working on a show of solidarity. This has been a catalyst for celebrating our diversity and saying NO to racism at Lynfield College.

Racism has been a theme in assemblies throughout the week along with the challenge to 'not be a bystander'.

*"Racism starts small. Sometimes it lives in everyday actions and comments that we laugh off, nod in agreement to, excuse, and therefore accept. But we don't have to. We can stop casual racism from growing into something more extreme. We can give it no encouragement. No respect. No place. No power. We can give it nothing."*

Together we can stop casual racism growing in NZ <https://giventhings.co.nz/video/about>

The following [video](#) was also played to our Year 12 students this morning. We look forward to sharing student responses over the coming weeks.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell  
Tumuaki | Principal

**Give  
no  
thing  
to racism**



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**Racism will get  
no support here**

[giventhings.co.nz](https://giventhings.co.nz)

#GiveNothingtoRacism

#### Some important dates to remember in Term 2:

Week 9	Mon 8 Jun Tue 9 Wed 10	ROAD RACE Y13 PILOT Y13 KATTI
Week 10	Mon 15 Wed 17 Thu 18	All College Sport Competition begins this week Scholarship Information Evening, 6pm Hall 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)

## Kimberhall Avenue Traffic Congestion

When parents/caregivers are collecting Lynfield College students in Kimberhall Avenue after school, we ask that they park away from the Marshall Laing Primary School entrance, to allow the younger children to be safely collected closer to their school gate.

## Kowhai Kai

During lock down a number of surveys were completed by both students and parents. An array of valuable responses were collected and synthesized. A number of these were around food. As a school we have responded to this need by introducing Kowhai Kai. The Kowhai Kai initiative is facilitated by staff who are committed to providing healthy meals at interval for those students who need the support. If you would like to support this initiative in any way please contact [lwichmankelly@lynfieldschool.nz](mailto:lwichmankelly@lynfieldschool.nz) for further information.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR RECENT SUCCESS:

### New Zealand Association of Language Teachers Awards

These students gained Excellence endorsement for their 2019 NCEA Chinese external exams:

NCEA Level 1 Chinese: Isha Vaidya, Esther Wong, Maggie Kuang, Aashish Ramanlal, Jooyoung Heo.

NCEA Level 2 Chinese: Amy Johnston

NCEA Level 3 Chinese: Shyla Mani, Alexandra Yap



**Youthtown Song Writing Competition** – As finalists in this competition, Leigh Hine (Y11) and Melissa Ashley (Y9) received a studio recording prize. They can now record their songs *Strawberry Kisses* and *The Way to Yesterday* professionally, at Parachute Studios.

## Year 12 Business Studies - Social Enterprise Project

Four teams from Year 12 Business Studies have competed in a Social Enterprise Project. Team *Evergreen* placed first with their project with the Lynfield College Community Creche. Below is a report from the team.

Evergreen is a team of Year 12 Business Studies students who have strived to support their local community, as part of their social enterprise project. They chose Lynfield College Community Childcare Centre because they wanted to help young children.

Their project involved engaging in consultation and collaboration over the last 4 months to produce customised and eco-friendly wet bags for children at the centre in which to store their wet clothes and belongings. They also provided a monetary donation to support the centre in the work they do. Sharing a letter with each product, to educate and raise awareness about avoiding plastics and recycling, to the young children and their parents, was a way of aligning their team values of kaitiakitanga with the centre. All 8 team members were guided by their Business Teacher/Mentor, Mrs Raneeta Prasad. They were commended for their teamwork, manaakitanga, empathy and professionalism, key attributes for social entrepreneurs.

Below: Denise Tolliday, Creche Supervisor with Evergreen team members Rikhil Parmar, Nabeel Dean, Gabriel Leaso, Taine Hunt, Huzaiifa Afzal, Ryan Narayan, Oliver Huang, Harry Singh.



### New Zealand Online Mathematical Olympiad

Running for the first time in 2020, the New Zealand Online Mathematical Olympiad is the largest mathematical Olympiad in New Zealand. The inaugural competition took place on Saturday 9 May 2020. Students had 2 hours to attempt 10 problems. The competition is targeted at capable New Zealand students in Years 8 to 11. There are two divisions: the Junior Division for Year 8 and 9 students; and the Intermediate Division for Year 10 and 11 students. As a mathematical Olympiad, students are expected to fully justify their answers and write proofs.

Congratulations to Evan Huang, 9JP who has won **Third Place** in the competition this year.



Kayan Mehta 9CN was gardening this week with Teacher Aide Rachael in the gardens made by Lynfield College students for Learning Support during the Caring for the Community programme last year. They have planted the first seeds ... and found a slater!

## 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:

<http://www.adhb.health.nz/about-us/news-and-publications/latest-stories/covid-19-community-testing-network/>

## SPORTS SCENE

### Road Race

The annual Lynfield College Road Race will take place Monday 8 June, 11.15am – 12.30pm. This is run around local streets with strict safety considerations in mind. **This is no longer compulsory for all Y9 & 10 students.** All students have had the opportunity to sign up for this event and only those who have registered will be allowed to compete.

Juniors will complete a 3.3km course while a keen group of seniors run 5.4km. **There are strict time limits within which the students must finish.**

### Getting Physical

Back into school, and back into sport. It has been awesome to see so many students transition back into school life fitter and stronger after the break they had, and even more eager to jump at the many sporting opportunities which are on offer.

Regardless of their areas of interest, there are various things which students at all year levels can get involved in:

- **Athlete Development Programme** is going very well, with 22 of our top athletes involved in alternative training opportunities, mentoring, training programmes, and hearing from speakers in the area of athlete development.
- **Winter Cricket Academy** began last week at the Suburbs New Lynn indoor centre, with the support of Head Coach Jonny Basset-Graham and assistant coach Tanishq Tailor.
- **Football Academy** - Local coach Sammy Negash is running this and it is open to Year 9-11 students. This is a brilliant opportunity for our footballers, to have such great coaching and support – the programme runs weekly on a Thursday morning at 7.30am. If you take your football seriously, this is the perfect opportunity for you to grow as a player and help you to reach your potential.
- **Fitness training** sessions are also in full swing and are open to **any** students who want to come along each week. *These sessions are targeted at anyone who wants to improve their fitness level, whether they play a sport or not.* They are held each Wednesday at 8am in the Upper Gym.
- For those interested in sport for fun sake, we have a **volleyball club** which runs every Friday at lunchtime.
- **“Throwback Wednesday”** got underway this week. This lunchtime sports programme in the Upper Gym is host to some old-school games for the students to be part of and have fun. All students are very welcome to drop into these sessions on a casual basis as they have time.
- The school **weights room** is open each Monday and Wednesday at lunchtime for students to train.
- Each Tuesday after school, the gym is full of keen **badminton** players – if anyone is interested in playing, they are welcome to come along with a racket and join in the fun.
- The **Sports Council** have some exciting new events in the pipeline as well, so keep your eyes peeled for upcoming lunchtime tournaments and events!

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

### On-site Physiotherapist

Beginning 8 June, a physio will be on site everyday Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 1230pm. Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be Hannah, and Tuesday and Thursday will be Andrew. Bookings remain through the [Physiotherapy@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:Physiotherapy@lynfield.school.nz) Email. You will receive follow up text reminders from the physio. ACC related physio treatments will remain free.

### Uniform care

To help us continue to provide quality uniforms for our sports teams it is really important that these simple washing instructions are followed for all our sporting garments:

**Cold wash, NO dryer, NO iron**

### **Team Talk**

Winter sport competition is due to start 20 June at earliest. Some sports will not begin until Term 3 but all sports will continue to the end of Term 3, meaning the season length is very similar to previous years. There will not be any national tournaments this year, but some sports will be organising regional tournaments for secondary schools instead. We are still getting information regarding the changes to school sport caused by the Covid-19 pandemic so things are likely to change further.

### **Individual Honours**

Percy Maka (Y11) and Rina Maka (Y10) have both received Gold Heart Scholarships for their determination and talent in shot put and discus. The scholarships are awarded to those who have demonstrated excellence in their field and aim to help them reach their full potential.

*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](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)*

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### **Auckland Transport Safe Speeds Programme**

New speed limits are being implemented across Auckland from 30 June 2020. Some of these new limits include reduced speeds past some schools.

Find out more about Auckland Transport's Safe Speeds programme:

<https://at.govt.nz/projects-roadworks/vision-zero-for-the-greater-good/safe-speeds-programme/>