



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 1

9 February 2021

Kia ora koutou

Welcoming those new to our school and those returning was the focus for our first week back at school.

Starting with a pōwhiri for our new staff this was followed by a pōwhiri for our Year 9 students and their whānau. Our school hall was overflowing. It was a real pleasure to be able to speak with a number of parents afterwards. We missed not being able to meet with you face-to-face for enrolment interviews in 2020 due to Covid.

It was also a real pleasure to meet all the Year 9 students, in form class groups, during their Orientation Programme. I shared what we value at Lynfield College and some of the history of our school with them. The number of students who have had a parent or grandparent previously attend Lynfield seems to increase each year!

The other year levels were welcomed by their Dean and form teachers with students now having confirmed their learning programmes for 2021. The happy and excited buzz of our students upon their return has set a positive tone for the year. We extend a particularly warm welcome to those students joining us for the first time in 2021.

Friday saw the whole school on normal timetable with students showing manaakitanga in helping each other find where they were supposed to be. Due to the refurbished F Block classes not all being released for use until later in the month some room changes were needed.

2021 will be a year of Design and Construction at Lynfield.

#### Design:

- for the new 30 teaching space block with Brewer Davidson, Architects, being appointed by the MOE at the end of 2020.
- as we further progress our own localised curriculum.

#### Construction:

- there has been considerable building work around the school over the holiday break. In addition to the refurbished F Block, air-conditioning is being installed in G Block classrooms and the turf replaced in 2020 has been protected with new fencing.
- Further construction work has now begun to address watertightness issues at the front of the Library and Lower Gym. Students are reminded not to enter the signed construction zones.
- The asphalt courts are scheduled to be resurfaced and the school gates installed by the end of the term.

I look forward to meeting with more of our whānau as the year gets underway.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell  
**Tumuaki | Principal**

### NAMING ITEMS OF UNIFORM

We appreciate parents' time and effort put into ensuring that their child/ren are wearing correct and presentable school uniform. Please remember also to fully name your child's clothing so that we can return it to them, should they lose something.

## NCEA RESULTS 2020

Despite the challenges and disruption to learning due to Covid19 in 2020, our Year 11,12 and 13 students achieved some very pleasing results for NCEA.

### Highlights:

Year 11: 78.4% gained L1 certificate. Of these 31.9% had their level certificate endorsed with Excellence and 30.7% endorsed with Merit.

Year 12: 83.6% gained L2 certificate. Of these 16.5% had their level certificate endorsed with Excellence and 31.7% endorsed with Merit.

Year 13: 81.6% gained L3 certificate and 61.4% gained UE, which is above the national statistics of 51.7%. Of those receiving their L3 certificate 17.8% were endorsed with Excellence and 23.6% at Merit.

A reminder, that the last day for a review and reconsideration of exam papers is Friday 26 February. The link is <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-results/reviews-and-reconsiderations/>

## SCHOLARSHIP EXAM RESULTS FOR 2020

27 Scholarships were awarded to 14 Lynfield College students across 9 subject areas for 2020.

These included 1 Outstanding Scholarship (Calculus)) and 1 Outstanding Scholar Award. This is a fantastic result and indicates the high achievement by this group of students. Top achievers in Scholarship results were:

**Baylee Verzyde** (We expect that this will earn Baylee an Outstanding Scholar Award)

Outstanding Scholarship in Calculus

Scholarship in Chemistry

Scholarship in Classical Studies

Scholarship in Music

Scholarship in Physics

Scholarship in Statistics

### **Sharjil Kazi**

Scholarship in Chemistry

Scholarship in Calculus

Scholarship in Statistics

Scholarship in Physics

### **You Ting Lei (Year 12)**

Scholarship in Calculus

Scholarship in Statistics

Scholarship in Physics

All the students who gained a scholarship are given a monetary award for their university study, approximately \$38 000 in 2020. The College is very proud of each student who gained one of these top academic awards and recognises the work done by the teachers to prepare and tutor these achievers.

Scholarships were achieved in: Biology (4,) Calculus (5), Chemistry (2), Classical Studies (2), Geography (1), History (2), Music (1), Statistics (3), Physics (8)

## NCEA rule change for Resubmissions from 2021

A student can now only be offered a resubmission opportunity when a minor error prevents them reaching an 'Achieved' grade. This means the highest grade that can be awarded for a resubmission of an internal standard is 'Achieved'.

## Student Assessment Guides 2021

Links to these are also available on our website and students can access them on Schoology. It is important that students read these guidelines carefully before assessments begin.

[Year 11 and 12 Student Assessment Guide](#)

[Year 13 Student Assessment Guide](#)

## PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR COMING EVENTS

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

## FIRST WEEKS BACK



### PŌWHIRI TO WELCOME NEW STAFF



## YEAR 9 STUDENTS' FIRST DAY AT LYNFIELD



## YEAR 9 ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

The Year 9 students had two days of orientation activities to settle them into school before classes started. The most important part was the Peer Support sessions, where senior students helped the form class build whanaungatanga. We are grateful to our Peer Support leaders for their responsibility and care for our new students.

Year 9 students also learnt how to access the school computer network and Schoology, demonstrated our school values, and discovered opportunities available to them at the college.



## LEARNING SUPPORT NEW STAFF

Lynfield's Learning Support Department staff all attended professional development last Wednesday at Waikowhai Primary. The RTLB service combined with the Ministry of Education to facilitate workshops aimed at fostering inclusive learning. Topics included plugging literacy and mathematic gaps, understanding ASD, ADHD and Dyslexia and ways to enhance social and emotional wellbeing. The afternoon featured a presentation on Trauma informed schools which was presented by Debbie Watkin, psychologist and Allie Fyfe, nurse specialist. Feedback from the Learning Support Department was very positive.



*New staff members, Poto Lulu and Seini Moala*



*Professional Development in the Library*

## KEEN GARDENERS

The Learning Support unit has flourishing garden beds, thanks to the generosity of two 10WT students, Lilli McKinley and Zara Qureshi. They planted seeds and plants they brought from home last spring and tended the gardens during the holidays. Lilli and Zara also have plans to plant gardens in other parts of the school.



## 2020 VEX IQ ROBOTICS CHALLENGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ten students travelled to the Palmerston North Conference and Function Centre from 12 – 13 December and competed in the 2020 VEX IQ Challenge National Championship with excellent results.

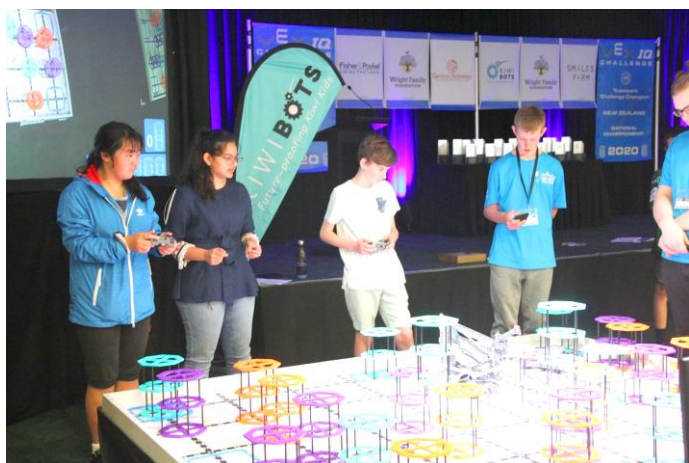
2915V, Vania Liu and Deevya Shah: Teamwork Champion Award

2915S, Daisy Chen and Oskar Ludvig: Teamwork 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award

2915S, Daisy Chen and Oskar Ludvig: Innovate Award

2915, Evan Huang: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Skills – This is the combined score from 1 minute of driver control and 1 minute of programmed autonomous driving.

**Vania Liu and Deevya Shah qualify for the VEX Worlds competition in April.**



## BYOD AT LYNFIELD 2021

Lynfield College is a Bring your Own Device (BYOD) school. Every student is required to have a suitable device for learning that they can bring to school every day.

That means that all of our courses at every level have an online component and devices are used by students on a daily basis to access learning activities and resources. It also provides us with the ability to switch from 'face-to-face learning' to 'learning from home' should we have to enter lockdown again.

There are a range of suitable devices available from a number of different retailers. The basic recommendations can be found on our website: <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Curriculum/e-Learning.html>

If you are struggling financially to provide a device for your child(ren) we can arrange for them to loan a device from the school with a \$30 deposit for one device, \$50 for two and \$70 for three or more from the same immediate family. This will involve your child picking up an agreement form from the library or front office to take home for you to sign and returning this form to the accounts office with the deposit. This is a refundable deposit should the device(s) be returned in full working order.

The school aims to support all students to have access to a device but we will only be able to loan devices where there is family hardship. That way we can use our limited resources to supply those students in genuine need.

Should you like to discuss your individual situation please contact Deputy Principal, Richard Winn at the College [rwinn@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:rwinn@lynfield.school.nz) or phone on 627 0600 extension 705.

## SPORTS SCENE

It is extremely busy and exciting as we start our sporting year. Weekly summer sports begin in Week 2 and Week 3 with girls and boys cricket, dragon boating, rock climbing, tennis, orienteering as well as senior water polo and volleyball teams competing in weekly competitions.

Signups, musters and meetings for these sports are happening every day in the Sports Centre. All meetings and signups are/will be advertised on Schoology so it is very important all students check Schoology notifications or they may miss out on opportunities.

### House Competitions

**House Sports Day** for the whole school is on Friday 19 February. There will be more information about this before the big day. Check out the website for further information closer to the big day.

The Lynfield College Athletics Champs will be held on 16 February. This event targets our talented athletes who feel they are at (or close to) the standard needed for the Central and West Zone meet.

### Help Required

We are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coach, manager referee or umpire of a team. ***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:***

Phone: 6270600 ext 595

email: [sport@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:sport@lynfield.school.nz)

### Basketball Clinic

This will get underway very soon. Watch **Schoology** and/or our **Lynfield College Sports Facebook page**.

## INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

Congratulations to our students who have achieved outstanding results in their chosen sports.

## NZSS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

The 48<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Secondary School Athletics Champions for 2020 was held in Tauranga 11 – 13 December. Some very impressive results were achieved by our athletes over the weekend.

Congratulations to our students who were involved, Percy Maka, Rina Maka, Fiona Siaopo, Mia Powell, Tom Christie and Selena Gee, many of whom won their events.

Special mention goes to **Tom Christie** who gave a stellar performance to win gold in Junior boys 100m and bronze in the Junior Boys 300m Hurdles; and to **Rina Maka** who won bronze in Junior girls Discus.

See highlights on our Lynfield Sport Facebook page.



At the **Colgate Games** in January, **Fiona Siaopo (Y10)** performed very well winning bronze medals in the 14 year old age group for both Shot Put and Discus. She also finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100m final and narrowly missed out on the 200m final.

*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 (eg 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)*

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