



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 3

5 March 2021

Kia ora koutou

Thank you for everything that you are doing to support our learners in remaining engaged and connected with their learning. We have heard of some lovely stories about class activities being undertaken with photos. These included one synchronous English lesson being closed by a student performing a musical item!

COVID has changed our 'normal' in many ways including the payment of school fees and GP donation. Further to a 20% drop in families paying the GP donation in 2020, the BOT recognised the effect that COVID was having and signed up for the Government Donation scheme for 2021. This scheme provides \$150 for every student under the age of 19 (calculated from the school roll in July of the previous year). This is why you have not been invoiced for course costs this year nor has a voluntary GP donation been requested.

The link below will take you to some information from the Ministry of Education.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/donations/MOE-Donations-Scheme-Info-A3-FA-Web-16-MAR.PDF>

We continue to support families that we are aware are facing extra challenges while at Alert Level 3 by providing care packs.

Please note that we have an early finish for students on Wednesday 10 March when staff will be involved in professional learning with external facilitators. Students will be released at 2.00pm. The Kiwi Coaches school bus services will depart as follows: The Mangere Bridge bus will depart at 2.15pm and the Laingholm/Titirangi bus will depart at the usual time of 3.20pm. The College Library will be open for study purposes until 3.30pm.

We were very relieved to hear today's announcement that Auckland will be moving to Alert Level 2 from 6am Sunday 7 March and that school will be open for all students from Monday 8 March. All students should go to form class at 8.45am. There will be no assemblies.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell

**Tumuaki | Principal**

### PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS

The school has been contacted by concerned residents who have had their driveways blocked by parents waiting to collect their child from school.

This has also affected our local Early Childhood Centres, one of whom recently reported an accident involving one of our parents using their entrance to make a u-turn and one of their parents entering their carpark to collect their child.

For everyone's safety, please do not use the driveways or entrances of the Early Childhood Centres.

### BEING CONNECTED AT LYNFIELD COLLEGE

There are a number of ways Parents and Caregivers can be connected to the College to check on school reports, check results, see work their children are doing and keep you contact details up to date.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vMxrXPtmjsu6\\_DI5R6025ONqzL50UrJm/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vMxrXPtmjsu6_DI5R6025ONqzL50UrJm/view?usp=sharing)

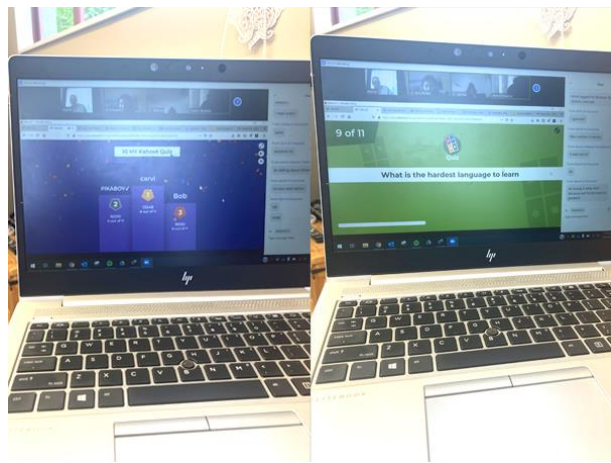
## LEARNING IN LOCKDOWN

The morning of Monday 1 March saw our Senior Leadership Team and Library Manager cataloguing more than 50 Chromebooks for contactless collection by students for a week of online learning.



Left: Here is a Learning Support zoom meeting with student Kayan, his mum Frian, teacher Raj and teacher aid Rachael. Kayan is very much enjoying hearing the story that Adil has made up about him and is reading from his 'light book'.

Right: 10HY have a zoom meeting and kahoot, organised by class reps Alston and Alexia, based on the school work the class has been working on this week. Great leadership demonstrated by both class reps and great fun.



Left: Technology student Kimi Kimaat from Year 10 made a really cool Covid19 video rap. Check this out: <https://youtu.be/XCVinuStwfA>

Right: Kyle Larsen's 11SCB class doing a live kahoot via zoom. A great way to reconnect with the students with the use of a synchronous learning lesson.



## YEAR 12 DESIGN & VISUAL COMMUNICATION PLANT SHARE

In Design & Visual Communication this year, the Y12s have the opportunity to design a plant shop, and the Y13s have been looking at redesigning the uniform shop and surrounding gardens. Lots of excited conversations in class about plants has started off the sharing of cuttings, and even whole plants, between staff, students and parents. A lovely way to build strong working relationships in the classroom and keep in touch with whanau. Gardening is a hobby that contributes brilliantly to our well-being and our interior décor – a double win for everyone.

## LOCKDOWN POETRY BY 10ST

Prompt was the short video 'Papatuanuku is Breathing'.

*We are stuck at home once again  
As I looked outside to see the rain  
Drippity, drip, drip  
Isolated in our bubbles  
I looked outside  
With a smiling grin  
The streets are empty as the wind howls  
In a mischievous chuckle.  
What to do now.  
Will we ever find a way  
to lead us back to yesterday?*

Zhilan Kansil

*Fellow kiwis,  
Tamaki Makaurau has had enough,  
The city still and quiet as Papatuanuku replenishes her hurting soul,  
Fear not communities in Auckland  
as we go back to our doleful delicate bubbles,  
Another fight for us to get through,  
but more experienced than the last,  
Papatuanuku we are ready,  
we hear your cries,  
we feel your sorrows,  
So now it's time to replenish,  
for morrow will not daunt us but bring us strength and hope.*

Briana McCready

*I woke up. The sky is bright.  
I check the time, 10:00am daylight outside.  
I log into Schoology with my eyes half asleep.  
How will I fit all this work into my day?*

*English work, another poem.  
Science work, chemistry and atoms.  
Digital work, testing your savy computer skills.  
Music work, remembering your notes.*

*I push my lazy self to do my work  
Remembering it's still schooltime, but just at home.*

Zak Ma'u



*A buzzing sound almost deafens my ear  
Covid-19 alert  
Great.*

*I seep into the cushioning of my pillows  
How many cases do we have? Will it end?  
School Work is knocking on my computer screen*

*Flood rains down the sky  
The atmosphere chokes me inside my room  
Click clack click, submit*

*How many more? Three? Five? Four?  
Agh too much work.  
Sleep.*

Alana Anindya



"I was wary of another lockdown happening after the surprise one back in week three so I was semi prepared for this one. It wasn't exactly convenient having a lockdown a week before some of my internals are going to take place because I was still grasping most of the knowledge being fed to my brain. However, judging my progress through this week, I will make it through the next. One of the ways I de-stressed was painting. It doesn't matter if it doesn't look to good, it doesn't matter what you're painting as long as you enjoy yourself and you feel good. I also like to settle with a cup of hot chocolate and read a few comics at night."

Divya Ram Prakash Year 11



Our staff are also learners and the Wednesday morning PD session on Restorative Practices was held via Zoom. This was facilitated by our new HOD Guidance, Catherine Hawke.

### **NCEA EVENING**

Unfortunately we have to reschedule our planned NCEA information Evening on 10 March due to Covid19 restrictions. We have rescheduled the presentation for **Wednesday 17 March**, 7pm in the Staffroom.

### **PROGRESS CONFERENCE EVENINGS**

These are planned for the following dates, all going well!

#### **Year 9 Intergrated Learning Classes and Ponamu and Pacific Form Classes**

(These parents meet with their child's mentors or form teachers.)

Thursday 25 March between **4pm and 7pm**

Friday 26 March between **9am and 3pm**

#### **Progress Conferences**

(All other parents meet with their child's subject teachers.)

Thursday 8 April between 4pm and 7pm

Tuesday 13 April between 4pm – 7pm

Details on how to make an appointment will be emailed out soon. All bookings will be made on Schoolpoint via the Parent Portal.

#### **Progress Reports**

These will be on the Parent Portal on 24 March (focusing on Key competencies).

If you have any queries, please contact the Deputy Principal for Assessment, Ms Sandy Harris at [saharris@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:saharris@lynfield.school.nz).

## BADGES ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 25 February, we held our Badges Assembly where badges were presented to all 45 student leaders on the Student Executive: Heads and Deputies, BOT representative, Academic Captains, Sports Captains, Arts and Cultural Captains, Cultural Ambassador, Social Coordinators, Year 12 Coordinators, Ambassadors, International representative, Year 12 Executive, and House Captains.

This Assembly acknowledged a diverse group of capable leaders in their respective roles. Our Student leaders are very hardworking, passionate and put their 'all' into everything they do for the school. This is why the team was so very grateful to have teachers, classmates, friends, and families there to support them.

A special thank you should go to the Jazz Combo, for their amazing performance, to Tyler Quigley Biggs for his solid and powerful welcome and to Tim Elliot our guest speaker (Head Boy 2007). We were so privileged to have Tim give up his valuable time to deliver a reflective and thought-provoking speech. A speech which everyone in the Hall would have learned from. We look forward to being the voice of our students and to lead in 2021!



## STUDENT LEADER PROFILE - SPORTS CAPTAINS

Sport is a major component of student life for many at Lynfield College. This year we have started strongly with presentations to Year 9s, showing them the various sporting opportunities here and encouraging physical activity from the very beginning of their high school journey. Unfortunately, everyone in the sporting community is experiencing an abrupt halt due to lockdown with trials and games all on hold. However, it's not all downhill and at times like these it's important to acknowledge the good.

We were extremely fortunate to have our **House Sports Day** go ahead even though it was initially surrounded with uncertainty due to Covid-19. It was an amazing day, and with the coordination of the Sports and House Captains, it all went smoothly and (mostly) stress free. House Sports Day was a special day as it was a mental break for students while keeping physically active because instead of being shoulders deep in studying and experiencing the stress that comes with that, instead everyone was having a blast while competing in events like tug of war or long jump alongside all of Lynfield College, both students and staff, the only time where we all have the opportunity to come together as a school.

Currently we are planning the House competitions which will run throughout the year and we are looking forward to the surprises in store of us and to support students as they go through their sporting journey at Lynfield College. We aim to encourage students of all skill levels to maintain proper physical and mental health, especially through these tough times.

Shreeya, Floyd, Serina, Frisco



## VIRTUAL TRIP TO GERMANY 2021

In January, we were selected among a few other Year 12 students from different parts of New Zealand, to attend a 'Virtual Trip to Germany' at the Goethe-Institut in Wellington. We boarded our flight to Wellington on the 17th with 5 other students from Auckland. After we landed we were greeted with a warm welcome from Judith Geare, along with a few other students who had come to Wellington from Christchurch, Dunedin and Ashburton.

On the first day we had a chance to start getting to know one another, and the group of students and teachers clicked instantly. Everyone we met, including the teachers with us were so fun and interesting!

At the Goethe Institut, we did heaps of different activities. Most of them were team building games to build relationships with everyone. We also managed to make a small dance to a German song within the short time we had there. It was very fun and allowed us to become more comfortable with everyone else. Goethe Institut also provided us with many opportunities to practice speaking in German and learn more about the culture. We also had the chance to make and try different German food (ie Pretzels and Obatzda), Schultüten (a large paper cone given to young kids starting their first day of school), and bracelets with our favourite German word on them!

Along with all the activities at the Goethe Institut, we were given the freedom to go and explore Wellington. We also got to visit the Te Papa Museum and went to many amazing restaurants during our stay.

We were so lucky to be able to attend this trip and create many unforgettable memories with a wonderful bunch of people. Three days sure seemed like a lot before going to Wellington, but it was extremely sad while saying goodbye to all the new friends we made! Thank you to the Goethe Institut New Zealand for organising this wonderful event.

Revati Ekbote and Johanna Motupally, Year 13





## SPORTS SCENE

We have had an extremely busy and exciting start to our sporting year. Swim time trials have taken place and dates for zone events in swimming and athletics have now been shifted to later this term. College Sport has worked hard to reschedule events subject to Covid Alert levels and no events our students are involved with have yet been cancelled due to Covid.

This month our senior boys volleyball and premier boys tennis teams will take part in regional and national competitions respectively. Watch this space!

### House Competitions

**House Sports Day** for the whole school was another big success. This year junior form class & House relays were run immediately after the House Mascot and chants and really set the mood for the day.

	<b>Bray</b>	<b>Fatialofa</b>	<b>Faumuina</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	<b>Reid</b>	<b>Zoricich</b>
Morning Events	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	6th
Best Dressed House	5th	1st=	6th	4th	3rd	1st=
House Mascot	1st	6th	4th	5th	3rd	2nd
House Chant	4th	5th	6th	2nd	1st	3rd
Rubbish	2nd	3rd=	6th	5th	1st	3rd=
Relays	2nd	1st	3rd	5th	6th	4th
<b>FINAL PLACING</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>6th</b>

We are still waiting for confirmation from Auckland Council, of a rescheduled venue for our Zone trials for our talented athletes.

**Turbo Touch**, our first lunchtime **House competition** will hopefully begin in the next two weeks.

We are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coach, manager ref 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: [fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)

### Run Club/Walk Club/Fun Club

This is for anyone interested in some personal fitness at a time that does not clash with other activities. It is very informal and all are welcome, **regardless of fitness level**. A staff member will be waiting at the staffroom at 7.30am to run &/or walk with any students who are keen. We usually cover 3km – 5 km and are back at school in plenty of time to shower and be ready for class at the usual time. This will get underway next Thursday.

### Team Talk

#### Summer Sports

Weekly summer sporting competitions began in Week 2 and now we have girls and boys cricket, dragon boating, tennis, as well as senior water polo and volleyball teams competing in weekly competitions. Covid L3 has meant we are still waiting for rock climbing and orienteering to get underway.

The 2021 summer season is under way with approximately 200 students competing (or soon to begin) in regular weekly interschool team competitions in tennis, cricket, dragon boating, orienteering, water polo and volleyball.

Please remember, all team members are required to wear an appropriate sports uniform which the Sports Office will supply.

- **Team fees and the uniform bond can be paid online** (either via the parent portal or direct credit), **by eftpos** or in cash.
- **Payments by eftpos can be made at the Accounts Office or Sports Office.**

### Cricket

#### A determined 1st XI Boys team proceed to the 1B top four

Playing Avondale in the final round of the round robin, the 1st XI won the toss and decided to bat. A half century from young gun Rishitt Walavalkar and a powerful 38 from Harman Reen, set a defendable total of 172. Despite being 5 for 55, Avondale College fought back hard and had the 1st XI on the back foot. A determined spell from Maanov Bali, and 5/39 from Rikhil Parmar meant the 1st XI got over the line by 38 runs. A valiant effort.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI dominate the competition standings, with Kartik Banerjee being the leading wicket taker, with 21 wickets, and also the fifth highest scoring batsmen (255 runs), Rikhil Parmar is also the 4= most effective bowler, with 12 wickets, Urwah Afzal not far behind, with his 11 wickets from only 7 matches. Maanov Bali has also made a great impact to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI this term, taking 5 wickets so far in his first three games, at an economy of 2.91, impressive during the middle overs of the match.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI are now only a few wins away from the 1B final, where they hope for their hard work to pay off in the hope of playing in the 1A competition come term four of this year.

Also Saturday the 27 February saw the unique opportunity for a Junior Lynfield vs Lynfield match, as both our Junior teams had a bye. Playing a 30 over format, Team 2 captained by Aryamaan Nannegari batted first, posting 126, with runs from Aryamaan (35 runs), Fareh Mubashar and Kishan Patel. In response, team one – captained by Shiv Patel, chased it down in 24 overs, with Shiv Patel making 42\*, Ayush Swarnapuri 24, and Kailash 17 runs. The boys loved the opportunity to compete against each other and challenge themselves to play under the pressure of their peers.

The **2nd XI boys** team had a great win on Saturday 20 February against Sacred Heart 3rdXI. Batting first, we made 249, with Adil making 102. Then we bowled Sacred Heart out for 228 in the final over. Great death bowling by Huzaifa and Hassan.

### **Orienteering**

This year we have 30 students from all year levels ready to start this competition which is held on the grounds of a different school each week. Each competes individually to find all the check points in the fastest possible time. The 1<sup>st</sup> competition day is next Monday hopefully.

### **Dragon Boating**

The word is out that this sport is for anyone who likes a team sport which is heaps of fun! With no experience needed, no trials and 21 in each boat, Dragon Boating has attracted 44 very committed students who have a 2 hour weekly training at Westhaven. They will compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools regatta on Lake Pupuke on March 14. This is a 'full on' day with the 1<sup>st</sup> race at 8am and the last one about 4pm. After the fantastic fun the paddlers over the past 6 years, they are really looking forward to an awesome day!

### **Winter Sports**

#### **Musters and trials**

#### **Pre-season training has started for:**

Girls' football and boys' football

Rugby

Netball trials have begun.

Hockey, Rugby League and Basketball - dates yet to be confirmed.

***It is not too late to join any of these sports. Please contact the Sports Office and check Schoology.***

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

We need your help to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, in order to provide sporting opportunities to the large number of Lynfield students wanting to play sport. 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!**

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

### **Individual Honours**

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

**Serina Daunakamakama (Y13)** was selected for the NZSS National Development Netball camp (the top 60 secondary school netballers from throughout NZ)!

She also trialed for the Northern Marvels Beko netball team for 2021. This team feeds to the Mystics team. She was the youngest trialling for this team and is the only player selected as a training partner for the Northern marvels Beko team.

**Kartik Banerjee (Y13)** has been selected for the U17 Auckland Cricket squad and attended a 3 day camp (training sessions and games) during January..

**Josie Wells (Y12)** competed in Artistic Swimming New Zealand National Championships. in Hamilton on 12/13/14 December, 2020. (These were formerly known as Synchronised Swimming National Championships):

1<sup>st</sup> 13-15years Duet

1<sup>st</sup> 13-15 years Team

3<sup>rd</sup> Combination Team

2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Tech Duet

***Josie also was awarded by Artistic Swimming NZ:***

Top International Performance of 2019 for her 13-15 age Duet at the Argentina Open

Top International Performance of 2019 for her 13-15 age Solo, at the Argentina Open



Josie was all geared up to compete as a NZ Junior Aquafem at the FINA Junior World Championships in Quebec in 2020 but that was cancelled due to the pandemic. She is currently having a break from competing and is coaching for her club.

North Harbour Synchro offers 2 free trial sessions if boys or girls would like to give synchro a try - it's the combination of the 3 best sports in our view - gymnastics, swimming and dance! Just visit [www.northharboursynchro.co.nz](http://www.northharboursynchro.co.nz) for details.



**Stanley Long (Y12)** has been selected as a member of the U17 Auckland Tennis team for the NZ Junior Teams event to be held in Wellington during ANZAC weekend.

**Caleb Young (Y11)** had his first diving competition for 2021. He competed in the Auckland Regional Champs, in the Boys Age Group A section, winning the **gold** medal on the 3m springboard, and managed to successfully dive his first 2 ½ somersault in a competition. Unfortunately, he didn't get to compete in his other events that were scheduled for the Sunday, due to Covid L3.

*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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