



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 4

19 March 2021

Kia ora koutou

We were delighted to see such a demonstration of enthusiasm to return to onsite learning with 94.7% of our students having returned when Auckland moved to Alert Level 2. Form teachers focused on reconnecting with them during this week in their form classes and virtual House Meetings were hosted by the House Captains.

Moving in and out of Alert Level 3 has made welcoming parents into school challenging. Being able to run our NCEA information evening onsite, therefore, was a huge relief. Those attending took away lots of new information and some useful tips. Further information is contained in this newsletter.

Our Year 9 Whānau evening wasn't so lucky. After already having been postponed previously a second postponement wasn't a viable option. Instead, our Year 9 form teachers have been emailing or phoning parents to see how the transition from Year 8 is going. The form teachers have valued receiving information about the students and making connections with whānau.

If you would like to speak with your child's Year 9 form teacher, please email [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz) and the request will be passed on.

We look forward to meeting you in person at the Progress Conferences later this term. Please feel free to make an appointment with the form teacher as well as the subject teachers if you would like a face-to-face conversation.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell  
**Tumuaki | Principal**

### STUDENT LEADER PROFILE – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia Ora Koutou

This year it is my privilege to be the student representative on the Board of Trustees. In this role, it is my responsibility to represent students at the governance level to ensure I create, develop and maintain support networks that students can use to achieve their potential. On the Board, I am responsible for reporting the views, feelings and thoughts of students each month which evolves the Board's understanding of student voice and informs my votes on decisions being made.

As part of my role, I work closely with the Student Council (made up of representatives from each form class across the school) to make sure we are able to build a system and a structure that amplifies the voice of every student at Lynfield. A goal central to the work we do is to make sure that we understand those around us, so we can look at ways in which we can address their needs and concerns, creating a better environment for our students and raising the profile of student leadership at our school - we believe big change starts small.



Nga Mihi

Sophie Yang, Board of Trustees Student Representative 2021

## YEAR 9 STUDENTS SETTLING INTO COLLEGE LIFE



*Left:*

9FOT class enjoying the food they had just made.

Cheese muffins and French toast, garnished with fresh herbs gathered from the herb garden.

*Right:*

Last week 9IL had two student leaders from the Puketapapa Youth Foundation talk to our Innovative Learning class about the Auckland Council's Long Term Plan. Over the course of the afternoon, students were able to get a perspective on some of the decision making that Council goes through and whether that decision making is something they can relate to.

To accomplish this, Sanat and Evana (student leaders) walked the class through a survey, which asked what they thought of the 'Long Term Plan'. All in all, there was a lot of fun, learning and a realisation that the voices of young people do matter.

This learning was linked to the term's theme of Diversity. The class have examined "Who I am?/Who am I?" and the meeting of cultures in New Zealand. Next term, the theme is Communities, and students will explore the Industrial and Digital revolutions, sustainability and eco-housing. Learning occurs across the curriculum, in English, Science, Social Studies, Health and PE, Maths, Technology and Te Reo Māori.



*Below:*

A jubilant Junior B Cricket team, after winning their second game of the season.



## LYNFIELD STUDENT LEADERS WORKING WITH GLENAVON PREFECTS WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH

Our student leaders had a wonderful time at Glenavon school, working with the Glenavon Prefects about what it means to be a leader! The passion and enthusiasm demonstrated by all leaders were inspiring!



## YEAR 13 CAREERS PRESENTATION

The Year 13 'Wayfinding Your Future' seminar took place on 18 March with Dr Val O'Reilly giving our students tips for navigating their careers.

Writing a CV and cover letter in a professional manner was addressed, with relevant suggestions for using the modern ATS Applicant Tracing System when applying for work. Forming a LinkedIn account was summarised, then an opportunity for a Q & A with Dr Val to gain expert advice.

Mrs Keir, Careers Advisor, followed on with an overview of what would be offered across 2021, encouraging students to take a range of opportunities to assist with their development and decision making.



## INNOVATION IN SPORT AWARD

The Innovation in Sport Award recognises initiative in school sport that is deemed to be exceptional in providing quality sporting opportunities for students.

Leveraging off the play-sport successes, that Lynfield College had encountered in 2019, it was determined to work from the inside and employ a person within each of these schools whose sole focus would be on creating quality sporting and physical activity opportunities beyond the traditional sporting model, based on the student voice.

To achieve a positive impact for our rangatahi, particularly the inactive students, a locally-led approach built from the inside was chosen. The focus was to give equitable opportunity for every student and to increase student participation and enjoyment statistics. All three schools employed fantastic and committed individuals who have already had an impact in their schools, despite the chaos of COVID-19. Through these roles 1,400 students have received physical activity opportunities. Other outcomes include:

- More opportunities in the 'girls only' setting
- Engagement in the home setting during lockdowns
- Increased engagement in physical activity
- Schools working in partnership with local sports clubs
- Increased engagement of school staff being involved in the sports programme

The Senior Leadership Teams of Lynfield College, Mt Roskill Grammar and One Tree Hill College saw the massive value in such a role. They each invested into their respective positions financially and in time committed to sourcing additional funding.

The role is highly valued by the schools with all three principals seeking further advice and funding opportunities so that such roles can continue. All three roles have now been funded into 2021.

*Below: Thomas Fletcher, Sports Engagement Leader, receives an Innovation in Sport Award on behalf of Lynfield College.*



## NCEA INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday 17 March, 148 parents/caregivers attended our NCEA Information evening. It was wonderful to see so many families join us after the disruption due to Covid 19 in 2020. Our Academic Advisor, Neil Waddington gave the presentation and outlined what NCEA is all about, 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, Careers Advisor Wendy Keir and Year 11 Dean Sarah Reynolds, were also on hand 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: <https://tinyurl.com/yfs9xbc9>

The presentation will also be put onto the College website.



## CHANGES TO NCEA

Currently the Ministry of Education is in the process of strengthening NCEA by making a series of changes to improve well-being, equity, coherence, pathways and credibility. The changes will be phased in over five years, with new achievement standards at Levels 1, 2 and 3 in place by January 2025.

These changes are:

- Make NCEA more accessible – zero fees, fewer barriers for learners with disabilities and learning support needs.
- Mana ōrite mō te mātauranga Māori (equal status for mātauranga Māori in NCEA).
- Strengthen literacy and numeracy standards and assessments.
- Fewer, larger standards – new achievement standards and resources will be developed to replace existing standards.
- Simplify NCEA's structure – credits can no longer be carried over to the next level and resubmissions will only be allowed where they take students from a 'Not Achieved' grade to an 'Achieved' grade. Sixty credits are required to pass each NCEA level.
- Clearer pathways to further education or work.
- Keep NCEA Level 1 optional.

The MOE has set up 50 Subject Expert Groups to help develop new Achievement standards and are trialling new Level 1 standards for four subjects this year.

Development and piloting of each level will be over several years. The new standards will be implemented in 2023 (Level 1), 2024 (Level 2) and 2025 (Level 3).

A number of Teacher Only days will occur over the next couple of years to support the implementation of the changes to NCEA.

Two key changes that have already been implemented in 2021 are:

1. **An Achieved Course Endorsement is now available.** This is in addition to the Merit and Excellence course endorsement awards already recognised. The purpose of this is to acknowledge that students who attain 14 or more credits at an Achieved grade or higher, have demonstrated a sound level of skill and understanding in the subject matter of that course.
2. **A change to resubmission rules.** Schools may offer a resubmission opportunity to students only when a minor error prevents them from reaching an 'Achieved' grade. On this basis the highest grade that can be awarded as a result of a resubmission of an internal assessment is limited to 'Achieved'.

We will keep you informed of future developments when we know more.

Also coming up:

### PROGRESS CONFERENCES WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

**Thursday 8 April** between 4 – 7pm

**Tuesday 13 April** between 4 – 7pm

Booking instructions will be emailed on 29 March. Bookings open on 31 March.

### Scholarship Information Evening

This will be held on Tuesday 13 April at 6pm in the Hall.

## CULTURAL WEEK AND FESTIVAL DAY

Nau mai haere mai - fakaalofa atu - afio mai - talitali fiefia - aere ma

**Cultural Week** at Lynfield College begins week 10 on Wednesday 7 April and continues through till week 11 Tuesday 13 April.

There are a range of activities organised by staff, students and our Arts and Culture leaders throughout the week.

- **Fiafia Night** Wednesday 7 April from 6 – 8.30pm. We are excited to showcase our many Cultural Groups and ASB Polyfest participants, both Kapa Haka and Niuean Group. Entry by Gold Coin donation in the Hall.
- **Cultural Mufti Day** Friday 9 April. Gold coin donation.
- **Cultural Festival Day 10am - 4pm at Lynfield College, Saturday 10 April**

There will be over 15 food stalls selling a range of high-quality food and cultural group performances from over 7 different ethnicities. The food stalls will open at 12 noon.

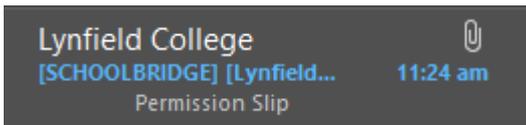
This year due to popular demand we will be running two cultural group performance shows, the first beginning at 10.30am and the second at 1.30pm. Each show will last approximately 90 minutes. The day will begin with a Pōwhiri at 10.00am.

Tickets for the shows will be distributed from school in the week leading to Cultural day. To ensure all families are able to see their children perform, a maximum of 10 tickets have been allocated per family. Please contact Mrs Wichman-Kelly [wichman-kelly@lynfieldcollege.school.nz](mailto:wichman-kelly@lynfieldcollege.school.nz) to discuss the option of purchasing more tickets. Please note there is no charge for entry into the hall to enjoy the performances.

## TRIPS AND OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

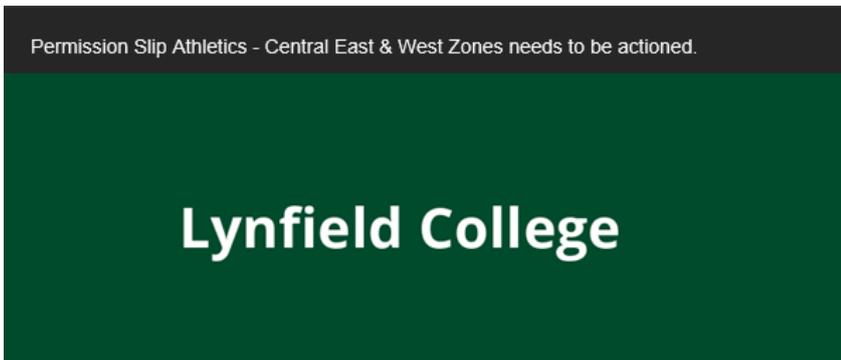
We are moving to a paperless process for parents/caregivers to give permission for their children to attend any offsite activities of trips.

Requests will be emailed out to the primary caregiver email addresses we currently have on record.



To read the details of the trip and to give permission (or not) for your child to attend you will need to login using your login and password.

This is the same as you will use for the portal. If at any stage you need these resent to you please contact [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz) and the details will be resent



## DEVICES FOR LEARNING

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. This means that all 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.

If you are struggling financially to provide a device for your child(ren) we can arrange for them to borrow a device from the school. There is a \$30 bond 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 bond. This is a refundable bond should the device(s) be returned in full working order.

If you would 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 627 0600 extension 705.

## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Social media can be a positive way for students to connect with friends, family and teammates. It can also be a place where some young people nationwide see the anonymity of social media as an excuse to say what they are thinking without filtering their thoughts.

At Lynfield College our values of Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga tika are relevant not just at school but also online.

This message is relevant to all year levels:

“If you can be anything in this world, be kind.”

What we want to see in students' online presence is for them to understand:

**There is a time and a place:** If students are having trouble disconnecting at night we have recommended putting their device on flight mode so they don't receive notifications. They can also put their device physically out of reach, so they are not tempted to use it late at night.

**If someone asks them to join a chat:** If the person is not your friend, don't join.

**Negative behaviour:** If you see it, call it out and disconnect.

### Contact Netsafe

Our Deans can help if students don't know how to contact Netsafe. They can also support restorative meetings where needed to resolve any issues so students can continue to work alongside each other and focus on their learning.

**As a school,** if we have any concerns about what is being said online we will encourage students to contact **Netsafe** and where necessary, contact families.

Lynfield College works closely with Netsafe and if, as a parent/caregiver, you have any concerns about what is happening online please do not hesitate to contact Netsafe.

**Netsafe's** contact centre is available from 8am – 8pm weekdays and 9am – 5pm weekends and public holidays.

### NETSAFE HELPLINE

Call toll-free on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)

Email [help@netsafe.org.nz](mailto:help@netsafe.org.nz)

Complete an online contact form

Text 'Netsafe' to 4282



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## SPORTS SCENE

### Central Western & Eastern Zone Athletics

Our team was *extremely* competitive and represented our school with pride, achieving several winning places in track finals and field events. Team members were Caleb Waititi Y9, Troy Maka Y9, Fiona Siaopo Y10, Rina Maka Y11, Tom Christie Y11, Neel Kumar Y11, Percy Maka Y12, Otis Wilson Y12, Elliot, Mia Powell Y12, Kartik Banerjee Y13, Serina Daunakamakama Y13, Shreeya Prasad Y13.

Those who qualified for the AKSS Champion of Champions meet to be held 24 March at Mt Smart are:

Troy Maka	1st	Junior Boys	Discus
	2nd	Junior Boys	Shot Put
Fiona Siaopo	4th	Intermediate Girls	Long Jump
	3rd	Intermediate Girls	Shot Put
Rina Maka	2nd	Intermediate Girls	Discus
Tom Christie	2nd	Intermediate Boys	100m hurdles
Percy Maka	1st	Intermediate Boys	Discus
Mia Powell	1st	Senior Girls	400m
	2nd	Senior Girls	200m
Serina Daunakamakama	3rd	Senior Girls	Long Jump

***For further information and photos visit the Lynfield College Sports facebook and Instagram pages.***

### Team Talk

#### Summer Sports

Some summer sports would normally be reaching the end of their season, but our time in Covid L3 lockdown has extended the season for most competitions. We have had 15 teams entered in weekly competitions. These range from beginners to very experienced and lots in between!

#### Water polo

This team has performed well in a tough competition. It has had a mixture of wins and losses as is to be expected given our team is comprised of juniors and seniors and is entered in a senior boys competition.

#### Dragon boating

Our 2 dragon boating teams will compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships regatta on Lake Pupuke on Sunday 11 April. Their two hour/week trainings continue at Westhaven until this date.

#### Tennis

We have entered a team into the NZSS Tennis Cup mixed division. This event will take place next week at the Scarborough Tennis Centre in Auckland. We will watch with interest to see how our team of Stanley Long, Nicholas Curin, Jessie Chen and Zara Ranchod progress.

#### Cricket

As there is no opportunity for our cricket players to take part in a NZSS tournament, next Sunday morning (28 March) 16 of our male cricketers will fly to the South Island for an eleven-day cricket tour. The group, which spans Y9 to Y13 students from a mixture of Lynfield College cricket teams, are really looking forward to the trip. They will play six games across three cities as well as doing a variety of tourist activities along the way.

The trip begins in Christchurch where they will play a 50 over match against St Bedes College. Following that is a one day, Twenty20 tournament with Riccarton High School and Cashmere High. The boys then travel to Timaru, with a day trip to the NZ Cricket High Performance Centre in Lincoln on the way through. The next day brings the big challenge of Timaru Boys' High School, and then the boys will travel the scenic route to Queenstown for their final matches of the tour. We wish the boys all the best for what will be an epic and memorable trip.

***For further information and photos visit the Lynfield College Sports facebook and instagram pages.***

#### Winter Sports

Trials for some teams are completed while others are partially complete. Some teams have already been selected. Teams lists are posted on the Sports noticeboard as trials were completed and team selection finalised.

**In preparation for winter sports going ahead next term, please consider whether you will be able to facilitate this in any way:**

#### ***Help urgently needed***

*Coaches and managers needed for all winter sports. Please take time to consider whether you could coach or manage a team. 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!**

Currently we definitely need coaches and managers for:

- Football
- Basketball
- Netball
- Hockey
- Table Tennis

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

### Individual Honours

A number of our students have been selected in various teams to compete in the Junior Oceania Indigenous Invitational Tag Cup at Pulman Park this weekend:

**Frisco Tuipulotu (Y13), Kane Adams (Y12), Tonyinia Iuvala (Y9), Andreus Vakatini (Y9), Jesse Kirisome-Patii (Y9), Anthony Wulf (Y12).**

The following girls have been selected to represent their football clubs at the 2021 U17 National Youth Football Tournament March 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. This tournament has 16 women's teams from across the country competing for the 2021 U17's Championship title at Seddon Fields in Auckland.

**Amy Crawford** – Northern Rovers Football Club

**Amy Tan** – West Auckland Association Football Club

**Ashley Mar** – West Auckland Association Football Club

*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)*

Below: 1<sup>st</sup> XI Boys Cricket Team in action

