



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 10

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Kia ora koutou

Our focus for weeks three and four of Term 3 has been on our school value Wairua Kaha - we are confident. This is highlighted in this newsletter with examples of leadership and achievements by our scientists, musicians, visual and performing artists and Pacific Pride leaders. We also recognise the achievement of staff member [Grant Angus](#), Health and PE teacher and Specialist Classroom Teacher, who leaves us to take up the role of Deputy Principal at Kamo High school.

For weeks five and six our focus is Wairua Kaha - we persevere, which is particularly relevant with Auckland students returning to remote learning. This year has presented more than its fair share of challenges and young people may be finding this second lockdown more difficult with anxiety around upcoming assessments and exams. SchoolTV, with their recently released report "Riding the Corona Coaster", has been recommended for families seeking guidance on how to teach children the skills required to manage uncertainty, and focus on the things they can control so that they can be more resilient. The link to this report can be found in this newsletter.

With remote learning back into full swing, parents have the ability to access Schoology, our online learning platform. From this you will be able to see the work that your child is involved with here at Lynfield College.

Information on how to access Schoology can be found here

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ysTfSalA6yow5d0Yb3XcFZxUfAtO_8XX/view?usp=sharing.

The Ministry of Education has updated their 'Covid-19 information for parents and whānau'

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/>.

This includes links to Distance Learning Support from early learning to senior secondary.

August is Course Selection month at Lynfield College. In a lead up to Course Selection our Year 11 students had the opportunity to participate in an Employers' Showcase. We particularly thank Wedderburn and Steel and Tube for taking time out of their busy work lives to visit our school to educate our students. Student feedback gathered by the Ministry of Education in a post-event survey was very positive. We were looking forward to meeting with you at the Progress Conferences in support of your child's learning and future pathways. However with Auckland moving back to Alert Level 3 these will need to be rescheduled for later in the year. Meanwhile do take the opportunity to have conversations with your child about their interests, skills and strengths.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell
Tumuaki | Principal

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STUDENT WELLBEING

SchoolTV is an Australian online resource designed to empower parents with credible and sound advice and practical support strategies. Their recent report, "Riding the Corona Coaster" has been shared with our school. It provides guidance on how to teach children the skills required to manage uncertainty, and focus on the things they can control so that they can be more resilient.

https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-riding-corona-coaster

As most of the supports in the video are Australia based, here are contact details of locally based supports.

- Lifeline - 0800 543 354 or FreeTXT 4357
- Youthline - 0800 376 633 or FreeTXT 234 or online chat at www.youthline.co.nz
- What's Up? - 0800 942 8787 (Mon - Fri 12pm - 11pm and Weekends 3pm - 11pm)
- What's Up? - Online chat at www.whatsup.co.nz (Every day 3pm - 10pm)
- Healthline - 0800 611 116 (Every day 24 hours)
- 1737, Need to Talk? - FreeTXT or call 1737 any time
- Depression Helpline - 0800 111 757 FreeTXT 5626
- Suicide Crisis Helpline - 0508 828 865

RECENT EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NEW ZEALAND'S NEXT TOP ENGINEERING SCIENTIST 2020

The 2020 competition was held on Saturday 1 August. The question was posted online at 10am and students had to compile a comprehensive report and email it to the organisers by the 6pm deadline. This annual competition is a problem solving event for teams of three to four secondary students, organised by the Department of Engineering Science at University of Auckland.

2020 question: How many satellites can be launched into orbit before astronomers on earth can no longer observe the night sky without interruption?

This year, we had 5 teams in total, consisting of Year 12 and 13 students. The judges (comprising PhD students and lecturers) at the university are now going through hundreds of reports and the results of the competition will be released next term.



NZ CHAMBER MUSIC CONTEST

A superb Chamber Trio Performance by Carey Chen, Ailis Su and Jack Harkin, was filmed in our Rehearsal Studio for their entry to the NZ Chamber Music Contest.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acPMWLXbxGM&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1XROs0P34CCNU_TATSjxNcJ6AUJhn6MCBop81zOHI1IMNDInMw9VPUTqI

LYNFIELD COLLEGE YEAR 11 EMPLOYERS' SHOWCASE

On Wednesday 29 July in the College hall, students were connected with employers and employees from two large New Zealand companies within the important strategic sectors of Construction and Infrastructure and Manufacturing and Technology. The aim of the event was exposure to the 'world of work', to educate about the important employability skills required for the future and to make new connections with industries to ensure our students have a pathway to employment.

Students found the guest speakers career stories uniquely interesting, hearing about the tasks the employees job roles involved, the employability skills required, how to develop within the company/industry and how to gain employment. Short videos showcased areas of work within these companies and our students were impressively inquisitive, asking great questions. All students were surveyed by the Ministry of Education and the results showed that exposure to these industries made a difference:

73% gained new ideas about a career in the trades and services

50% now feel more confident about a career in the trades and services

65% now feel more prepared about the employability skills they will need to develop

Within a week there has been a significant increase in enquiries for the career services offered at Lynfield College, especially a rush on applications for the Gateway programme 2021.

Lynfield College has forged new relationships with the two large New Zealand companies that engaged with our students and we have since had Work Shadowing offered and set up for senior students at one company and work experience opportunities for our senior students set up at the other company.

Below left: Steel and Tube representative. Below right: Wedderburn representative.



COOK ISLANDS LANGUAGE WEEK

Kia orana. To recognise and celebrate Cook Island language week our Year 9 Pacific form class made a short video including Cook Island greetings for staff and students. This was supported by our Pacific Pride Leaders who spoke and performed in our Year level Assemblies and staff briefing. A huge meitaki ma'ata to Whaea Jen and Whaea Reta for organising the ei katu making (head garland) during Friday lunchtime. Both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed this occasion.





LYNFIELD MUSIC GROUPS FILMING FOR ONLINE COMPETITIONS

On Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 August, the Music Department worked with a professional videographer to capture videos of most of the Music Department groups. These videos will be used to participate in a number of music festivals that have gone with an online format this year. This was a fantastic experience for the students and the end product will be a wonderful keepsake for them and their families. We will post the videos on the Lynfield College Music Department YouTube Channel when they are finalised.



AUCKLAND PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA STRING QUARTET VISIT

On Monday 10 August students in the Year 11 & 12 Music Studies class were treated to a performance by the Jade Quartet which is a string quartet made up of players from the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra. This visit is part of the schools APO Connection Programme. The quartet played a fascinating selection of music from the Baroque Era through to contemporary works. Then to conclude they played four compositions by members of the Music Studies class which proved to be a real highlight. The students who had their work performed were Lorelle Kemp, Ava Shields, Crista Sanvictores and Eliana Competente. These performances can viewed on the following links.

Eliana Competente: <https://youtu.be/IINfPRlyQFU>, Crista Sanvictores: <https://youtu.be/-cH4vx-0qgs>
Ava Shields: <https://youtu.be/UEj5D2LXhtQ>
Lorelle Kemp: <https://youtu.be/GMILVulkWms>



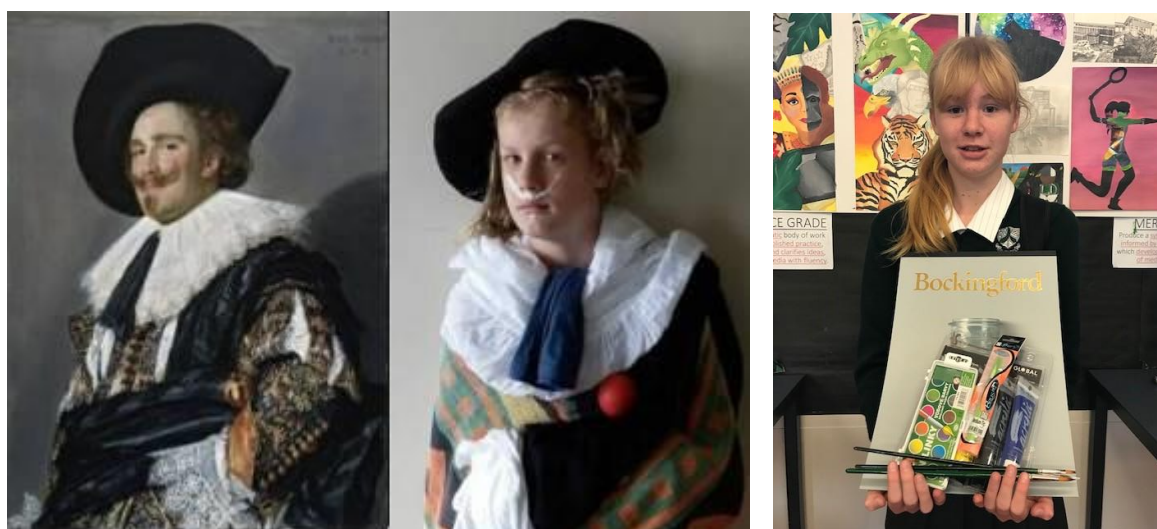
2020 LYNFIELD COLLEGE ART COMPETITION

Our theme this year was Art re-creation. Students selected a famous portrait painting and recreated the image using the media of their choice. The competition was open to all students with prizes awarded to the best senior and best junior entry.

Issy Mason won the Senior Art Prize for the re-creation of "Girl with the Pearl Earring" by Johannes Vermeer, painted in 1665. The Senior prize this year was a medium Wacom Intuos drawing tablet.



Laura Mcleod won the Junior Prize for her re-creation of the "Laughing Cavalier". This was originally painted by the Dutch painter Frans Hals in 1624. This year's Junior prize was a collection of painting materials that consisted of Bockingford watercolour paper, a set of watercolour paints, a set of acrylic paint and a selection of art brushes.



LYNFIELD STUDENT STARS IN K-POP ACADEMY SERIES

Talented and accomplished dancer, Katie Smith (Year 10) features with **Team Crazy** in the new TV series **K-Pop Academy** currently playing on TVNZ ONDemand. Here is the link to the series promo <https://www.facebook.com/kpopacademynz/videos/333159491418527/>

Thank you to the K-Pop Academy, NZ on Air and TVNZ for the following photos.



ADVANCED OPEN OCTOFINALS RESULTS

Congratulations to the two Advanced Open teams who won their Octofinal debates last night online!

Lynfield 1: Aashish Ramanlal, Rahul Reddy and Aiken Shadbolt.

Lynfield 2: Eliana Competente, Jasimine Pickston and Michael Jury

The moot was "That we should abolish the 5% threshold to party vote."

Next week both teams will compete in the Quarter and, if they win, the semi-final in a double-header! Exciting!

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2021

Planning is underway for 2021 already! An important step in this process is the opportunity for students to select their courses for next year.

August is going to be Course Selection Month for Year 9 - 12 students. This process will be completed by using our new online platform: <https://lynfield.schoolpoint.co.nz/>

Selections will need to be completed by Friday 28 August (Year 10 - 12) and Friday 4 September (Year 9). To access the platform to approve your child's course selection, you will need to know your parent portal login and password. If you have lost/forgotten your parent portal login and/or password, please contact the main office admin@lynfield.school.nz

It is important for students to think carefully about their selections and make informed decisions. For many students, choosing courses can be an anxious time. However, there are many places from which they can seek help. At school, students can talk with Mrs Wendy Keir, Careers Advisor, their Year Level Dean, subject teachers or form teacher for advice.

At home, families and whānau can help by reassuring their child and helping their child to identify their interests, skills and strengths. The transition to starting a career has changed in recent years and may be different from parents' experiences, when they were making the same decision.

Below are some links to the Careers NZ website in support of students and whanau:

- [1. How to choose NCEA Subjects](#)
- [2. Tips for having conversations](#)
- [3. Importance of studying STEM subjects](#)

ASSESSMENT

We are mindful that parents and senior students may be worried about NCEA assessments, due to the ongoing disruption from COVID 19. We want to reassure parents that our teachers have been working hard with their students this term, to complete assessments and they will continue to do so online while we are at Level 3. Teachers are adding assessment results to the portal as soon as possible.

We encourage our students to engage with online learning and to complete as much course work as they can. Students who aren't able to complete assessments from home while we are at Level 3 will have opportunities to do so once we are back in school. Students will not miss out on assessments due to circumstances beyond their control.

Teachers are also preparing students for their external practice exams which are in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. These practice exams are important as they can be used as evidence if a student needs to apply for a derived grade in the NCEA external exams later in the year.

A reminder that NZQA are offering Learning Recognition Credits (LRC) because of the disruption. Students can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they receive this year. For every 5 credits they receive through internal and external assessment, they are entitled to an extra LRC. For Level 1, they can get up to 10 credits and for Level 2, they can get up to 8 LRC. If they do not complete NCEA this year, LRCs do not count again in 2021.

We are monitoring student workload. If a student is concerned about meeting deadlines, they should in the first instance email their teacher and then Ms Harris, Deputy Principal in charge of Assessment.

DIGITAL EXAMS

Our school is scaling up our offering of digital exams this year. Students in the following subjects and courses have been offered the choice of doing their practice external exam in September and their NZQA external exams on a digital platform.

Level 3: Chinese, Japanese, German, English (13ENC), Classical Studies, History

Level 2: English (12ENG & 12ENC), History

Level 1: History

Teachers in these subjects have been talking with their students about what this choice involves and are now preparing students who have made the choice to do their exam digitally. Students access the exams using their NSN learner login. They already use the student login to see their results, Record of Achievement, personal details or to apply for a review or reconsideration. **Students doing the digital exams will need to create their account if they do not already have one, or they will need to login to check their information.**

*Teachers will check students know how to login but please remind your child to create/check their account, well before they do a digital exam on the NZQA platform. They **will not be able to fix issues with their login in the exam room.***

Information on how to create an account or login:

Create An Account

If a student has not logged on before, they will need to know their [National Student Number \(NSN\)](#). Their NSN number is also on the portal and they will be issued with an NSN card soon.

NZQA are supporting schools with practical advice and information about infrastructure, devices and guidance for teachers to support students. Resources to help students get ready include practice activities, digitised versions of 2019 exams and video resources showing how to use features and functions of the exams. More information can be found on the [Student Exam Hub](#).

ENROLMENT FOR 2021

Our prospectus and enrolment forms for 2021 are available now.

NEW STUDENTS ENROLLING FOR 2021

We are currently taking enrolments for 2021.

Our online application form can be accessed here: <https://lynfield.mystudent.school.nz/enrolment>

For further information about enrolment, please visit the Lynfield College website enrolment page. <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Enrolment.html>

SPORTS SCENE

House Competition

Junior House volleyball took place in Week 3 and it is fair to say that the atmosphere in the Lower Gym during lunchtimes that week was electric! We clearly have some excellent junior volleyball players and the spectators were brilliant too! Reid finally managed to take the prize after an exciting final against Faumuina.

With 3 competitions to go, the points table is tight. Zoricich leads, followed by Reid and Fatialofa. The other three houses are not far behind, all in 4th place and all in with a chance of causing an upset.

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

Get to Go Challenge

We entered a team of 8 into this junior 1-day adventure racing competition held at Onehunga and Western Springs. We finished 8th out of 20 teams, which is pretty impressive considering all team members are new to the sport. Our team finished 4th overall from 20 in the orienteering and 13th overall in the Standup Paddleboarding.

Lynfield College Sports or Creative Innovative Scholarship

This new Lynfield College scholarship has attracted a lot of interest from our talented students involved at a high level in extra-curricular activities. Applications were due to close 14 August but with Covid Alert Level 3 being imposed this date has been changed. **Applications will now close three days after we return to school in Level 2.** Please submit your application to fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz or in person to main reception or to the sports office.

On-site Physiotherapist

We have a physio available every morning from 8.30am – 12.30pm at our school. Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be Hannah, and Tuesday and Thursday will be Kamal. **Bookings are essential** and must be made through Physiotherapy@lynfield.school.nz. Once booked, the student will receive follow up text reminders from the physio. All ACC cases are free.

Team Talk

Any other year, the Winter sports season would now be in playoff rounds and our top teams preparing for NZSS Tournament Week. In this very different year things are ever changing. Last Wednesday Auckland went into Covid Alert Level 3 again meaning no sports trainings or games. Decisions around what the rest of the winter sports season will look like are yet to be announced by College Sport.

Given the very uncertain and disrupted times we have had this year, any sport has been enjoyed more than normal. We have fielded a very similar number of teams to last year and there have been some really exciting, close games. Thank you to the friends and family of our players - the sideline support has been tremendous. Wednesday afternoons have been particularly busy with as many as 5 home games on at once!

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Football

This year we have taken a different approach to our football teams with the introduction of the Boys Premier Development Football team consists of our best Y9, 10 & 11 players which has been entered in the 15A2 grade. This has proved to be an excellent decision for these boys and for the future of Lynfield's 1st XI. Under coach Thomas Banks they have been extremely competitive in their games. Manager, Jacquie Martin reports on their 1 August game v Rosmini:

Another very evenly matched game today and the score 3-3 reflected this. It was 2-2 at half time with goals coming from Otis & Manish. Rosmini scored first in the second half but we managed to level the scores with a late goal from Otis just before full time.

Basketball

Our basketball teams are thriving under the new basketball programme lead by George Tapaatoutai, Milo Nanai and Ben Ohleguy. This programme takes a holistic approach and the team members are required to perform on the court, in the classroom and engage positively with all those around them if they want game time. The boys are loving the structured and disciplined approach and their performances in games reflects this. We have hosted most of the games for our 19s and some for our juniors too. The atmosphere has been awesome for these home games and we have had more wins on the scoreboard than losses.

Individual Honours

Kevin Zhang (Y9) made waves at the AKSS swim champs on 9 August. He was competing in the 13 and under category and could only enter 4 races. He placed in every race!!

1st place in 100m freestyle and 200m Individual Medley

3rd place in 100m backstroke and 100m breaststroke

Kevin will compete in the NZSS swim meet later this month.

Stanley Long (Y11) recently competed in the Under 16 National Tennis Tournament in Christchurch.

Jayden Baek (Y11) competed in the North Harbour Stroke Play Golf Tournament 7, 8 and 9 August at Omaha beach Golf Course.

Caleb Phillips (Y11) will be competing in the JKS Karate Nationals in Christchurch on 25 and 26 September.

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