



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

### NEWSLETTER 11

4 SEPTEMBER 2020

Kia ora koutou

It was with pleasure that we welcomed back our staff and 78% of our students on Monday. The number of students returning to onsite learning has steadily increased over the week so we look forward to seeing more of our students back in classrooms next week.

Wearing masks has become normalised with some real creativity on display with a number being home sewn. Students wishing to make their own masks will be supported in doing so by one of our trainee teachers who will be offering workshops during lunch breaks next week.

As part of the Health and Safety guidelines being followed, hard surfaces are cleaned regularly throughout the day and students are asked to sanitise on the way in and out of the classroom. Should any student wish to do additional cleaning, disinfectant is readily available in all teaching spaces. Water fountains are currently taped off. However bottles are able to be filled. Please make sure your child brings a bottle to school. Water purchases can be made at the tuckshop. For those who haven't yet checked out online purchasing orders, these can be placed and paid for in advance for the week ahead ([www.schoollunches.co.nz](http://www.schoollunches.co.nz)).

Next week we celebrate Tongan Language Week. This has been a particularly challenging year for our Culture Groups with our annual Culture Day being cancelled. We are hoping to have returned to Alert Level 1 (or 1.5) by week 10 so that our Cultural Fashion Parade and Cultural Mufti Day (originally scheduled for Term 1) can proceed.

Planning for 2021 classes is well underway. We have had 1414 students log into the course selection platform and 6440 courses selected which is amazing as it gives us a clear picture for planning classes. If you have yet to login to approve your child's course selection please do so by Thursday 10 September. Instructions on how to do this can be found through the following link.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-xvqylmHM8SSLxkLsngFIEsyx\\_65WZ3JmUy68CpgpX4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-xvqylmHM8SSLxkLsngFIEsyx_65WZ3JmUy68CpgpX4/edit?usp=sharing)

We thank you for your support of your child in managing this process fully online this year.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell  
Tumuaki | Principal

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nothing  
to racism**



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COLLEGE

**Racism will get  
no support here**

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**#GiveNothingtoRacism**

## SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK - WEDNESDAY 16 – TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

These practice exams are for *externally assessed standards* only, not internally assessed standards *and are not the only evidence that can be used for a derived grade*. A course does not have to assess all standards during Senior Assessment Week. Students have been issued with a timetable and examination instructions. The timetable is also on the College website <https://tinyurl.com/September-Practice-Exams>

The morning assessment time slot starts at 8.40am and the afternoon time slot starts at 1.00pm. Students should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of each assessment. ALL assessments must be attended. When students do not have an assessment they are encouraged to not be at school. They can come to school and work in a study room if needed. These are **B3** and **L2**.

Should your son/daughter not be able to attend one of their timetabled assessments, for sickness or other reasons, please ring the College absence line before their assessment starts. If a student is sick, it is best to obtain a medical certificate.

It is important that students are fully prepared for these exams by:

- Knowing their assessment timetable – highlight each assessment
- Seeing Ms Ram (E block) immediately if they have any clashes (do not leave it until exams start)
- Carefully reading the *Examination Instructions for Students* information
- Students are to wear full and correct uniform at all times while at school

If you have any queries in regards to this assessment time or the NCEA external exams, please contact Sandy Harris, Deputy Principal for Assessments [saharris@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:saharris@lynfield.school.nz)

## BREAKFAST CLUB - ASSESSMENT WEEK

With Assessment week starting week 9 this term, Lynfield College will be providing cereals, fresh fruit and juice across the 5 days. All students are welcome to attend from Wednesday 16 September -Tuesday 22 September from 8 – 8.30am in D12. Thank you to the staff who facilitate Kowhai Kai and Deans for supporting this initiative.

## BLENDED LEARNING

Students and staff continue to use Schoology as our platform for learning, messages and school organisation. We have found that Schoology works well for us both onsite and remotely. Please encourage your child to look for work on Schoology if they are not at school for any reason, and to also keep up with any general information such as student meetings, sign ups and career information.

A group of staff is working on how Schoology can be used to develop learner agency as students enjoying more control over their learning was an important piece of feedback we received during remote learning.

## 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](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](http://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](http://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

## LOCKDOWN ONLINE – TAKE 2

### UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND STUDENTS JOIN LYNFIELD YEAR 10 CHINESE CLASS ONLINE

Friday 21 August 2020 at 9.30am, two Chinese language ambassadors from University of Auckland, Niki Menzies and Min-Ji Yang, joined our Year 10 Chinese online class. They are very successful Chinese language learners and have been studying Chinese for 4 years at the university. They are doing conjoint degrees in Business, Law and Chinese. This year is their last year at the University of Auckland, but they have already got wonderful job offers from NZ Government organisations in Auckland and Wellington. Niki and Min-Ji shared their Chinese learning experiences with our students and answered questions from our students and teacher. Their presentations were very impressive and inspiring and have motivated our students to learn foreign languages. Many thanks go to Niki and Min-Ji, as well as go to Jennifer Jefferson who is the liaison person for this activity.



### LEARNING SUPPORT

Students Alex Finan-Jenkin and Zane Gordon enjoy a Zoom class with teachers Mr Prakesh and Ms Kusabs, while Alex's favourite comedian, Mr Bean, looks on.



### ONLINE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

#### EDUCATION PERFECT SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Thank you to all the students who contributed to the Science Challenge. We finished 27<sup>th</sup> globally out of 1874 schools and 9<sup>th</sup> in New Zealand out of 478 schools. Congratulations to the following students:

Emerald Certificates - Harisan Loganathan, Celesti Tan, Tanvi Kher, Darshana Gorantla, Alexandra Pullen  
Gold Certificates – Kiti Thavornpayal, Kevin Xie, Kareena Nand  
Silver Certificates – Yufei Wang, Jessica Drage  
Bronze Certificates – Frank Lin, Harsh Sharma, Harsha Pathi

## ASD SEASON WRAP-UP

Congratulations to the two Lynfield Debating teams who reached the Semi-finals of the Advanced Open and Premier Junior Grades in the Auckland Schools' Debating competition.

### Advanced Open

Lynfield 1: Aashish Ramanlal (Y12), Rahul Reddy and Aiken Shadbolt (Y13s)

Lynfield 2: Eliana Competente, Jasmine Pickston and Michael Jury (Y12s)

Two Advanced Open teams (above) competed in the Quarter-final online on Tuesday night. The moot was "This house would legally obligate children to give a percentage of their income to their parents in old age." Unfortunately, Lynfield 1 lost their debate to Selwyn 1.

Lynfield 2 successfully negated the moot and moved directly to the Semi-final that immediately followed. The moot was "This house would allocate places at schools through a lottery system rather than by school zones." In what was a very high-quality and difficult debate to affirm, a 2-1 split decision was awarded to Selwyn 1.

### Premier Junior

Congratulations to Heather Mitchinson, Zoya Qureshi and Sophie Yang for winning their Quarter-final debate Wednesday night 19 August against Westlake Girls. They successfully affirmed the moot "This house regrets docu-dramas that "put people on trial" after their exoneration or death (e.g. Leaving Neverland about Michael Jackson, The People v O. J. Simpson, The Disappearance of Madeleine McCann)".

They competed in the Semi-finals Wednesday night 26 August, also online, against the undefeated Westlake Boys 1. The moot was "That children should have the right to leave their parents for foster care under the state". In what was an incredibly outstanding debate, resulting in a 2-1 split decision by the three judges, Lynfield lost to Westlake Boys 1.

We are very proud of all of the Lynfield debaters who have persevered through the challenges of lockdown and the shift to debating online.

## LYNFLFIELD COLLEGE DEBATING TEAMS 2020



## THE NEW ZEALAND MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAN (NZMO)

Congratulations to Evan Huang (Y9) who has made it to round 2 in this national competition. Round one consisted of a take home exam (a set of 8 problems) which lasts approximately one month. Participation is open to any New Zealand intermediate or secondary level student. Round 2 is a three hour exam in September. Participation at this level is by invitation only, based on results of round 1. The results of both rounds of the NZMO will be used to select about 25 students to participate in the NZMOC training camp, held at the University of Auckland in January. We wish Evan well in his participation in this competition.



AND WE'RE BACK!



I WEAR A MASK BECAUSE...  
**CORONA**



I WEAR A MASK FOR...  
**SAFETY**



## UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND SUPPORT FOR AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AFFECTED BY COVID-19

The University of Auckland has advised that in recognition of the impact of Covid-19 they will be providing further support in addition to the previously advised changed entry requirements for 2021.

This will include catch-up credits on campus over summer for those who have not achieved UE. Details of the full range of additional supports are still to be provided.

Do have conversations with Mrs Keir, Mr Christie, Mr Waddington and/or your teachers if your plans included attending University of Auckland but you have concerns about meeting their requirements.

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/entry-requirements/undergraduate-entry-requirements/2021-university-entrance-for-school-leavers.html>

## VOTING IN THE NZ GENERAL ELECTION

1. Will you be 18 years or older on 17 October 2020?
2. Are you a NZ citizen / permanent resident?
3. Are you living in NZ?

If you have answered yes to all 3 then you need to register to vote in this year's election <https://vote.nz/>

There will be some students who were originally not eligible to vote (when the election was scheduled for 19 September) but now will be due to the rescheduled election date now being 17 October.

Those living in the Mt Roskill Electorate may find the [Mount Roskill Electorate Candidates Debate 2020](#), facilitated by the Puketapapa Youth Board (includes past and present Lynfield students) informative.

## 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>

## ASSESSMENT UPDATE

We are aware that due to the disruption of Covid 19, many of our students need more time to complete their assessment work.

### NCEA Level 1 and 2 Achievement in 2020

Both of these NCEA qualifications can be achieved across two years. They do not have to be achieved in a calendar year. If your child does not achieve a Level Certificate this year, they will not have to repeat the year.

**As a school we will continue to find opportunities to support our students** to achieve their NCEA Certificates this year.

We are doing this in a range of ways:

- We have reduced the number of standards in some courses.
- We have found alternative standards if required i.e. replacing those that required field work.
- We are offering extra workshops and time outside timetabled classes for practical subjects to complete portfolios (Arts and Technology).
- We have modified our assessment practices by gathering assessment evidence (for internals and externals) in a variety of ways, to meet the needs of the student's situation e.g. oral, visual, as well as written.
- We have modified our timetable. This has meant longer periods to focus on practical work. We will also be using our extended 90-minute periods to assess students for practice externals and derived grades if teaching has not been completed by Assessment Week this term.
- We will be giving students who still need to complete assessments at the end of the year, opportunities to do this.

Students should speak to their subject teachers to discuss specific assessment arrangements.

# NZQA Changes and Guidelines for 2020

**With Covid-19 bringing a significant disturbance to this year it is important to know and understand the new NZQA changes that will impact on you this year. This is a simplified guide to help you understand the new changes, but for further questions and greater understanding refer to our Careers Counsellor Mrs Wendy Keir.**

## Exam Date Changes

- NCEA and New Zealand scholarships will start on **Monday 16 November** and end on **Wednesday 9 December**
- The requirement for NZQA verification of Level 1 and 2 Visual Arts portfolios has been removed giving students more time to complete their work
- Students that need to submit portfolios for their courses ave had their submission date extended to **Thursday 12 November** 2020.

## Endorsement Changes and University Entrance

- The number of credits now required to get an overall endorsement is **46 credits** at merit or excellence level.
- Now you only need **12 credits** at excellence or merit in order to gain course endorsement.
- Your Learning Recognition credits **cannot** count towards an endorsement.
- University Entrance requirements have also changed due to Covid-19 hence students this year only need **12 credits** in **each** of the three university approved subjects. However literacy and numeracy requirements have not changed.

## Learning Recognition Credits

- These credits are given by NZQA in acknowledgment for students affected by Covid-19. The Learning Recognition Credits will be calculated in January 2021.
- For every 5 credits you achieve in an internal or external assessment you are entitled to one Learning Recognition Credit.
- Level 1 students can get a maximum of 10 learning recognition credits. Level 2 and 3 students can get a maximum of 8 Learning Recognition Credits.
- These credits are not graded or linked to a specific standard but these credits along with the credits you gain will go towards your NCEA qualification.

## Derived Grades

If for some reason, you cannot sit your external examinations at the end of the year (due to sickness or bereavement), your final grade for those standards will be taken from the **HIGHEST** grade you have achieved throughout the year. This could either be from your practice exam, topic test, or evidence that has been carried out in class (under assessment condition), throughout the year.

## Timetable

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-andstandards/qualifications/ncea/exams-and-portfolios/examination-timetable.pdf>

## SPORTS SCENE

### House Competition

Senior House volleyball is underway and again, there is some excellent volleyball being played. Unfortunately, being in Alert Level 2.5 means we cannot have spectators on the sideline.

With three 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 4<sup>th</sup>= place and all in with a chance of causing an upset.

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

### Summer Sport

Sign-ups are underway for junior summer sports – cricket, volleyball, touch, and softball. **Sign-ups for Volleyball, touch and softball are being done online. Links to the sign-ups are on Schoology and the Lynfield College Sport facebook page.** If any students have problems signing up in this way, please ask them to come to the Sports Office.

Competitions for these teams begin early next term and are held at local venues. **We can only enter teams in these competitions if we have coaches. At present we do not have any coaches for these sports. Are you able to help? Do you know anyone who would be a suitable coach for one of these junior teams?**

Next term, senior boys cricket begins a new competition. We are likely to have at least three teams competing. Trials start:

Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI - 11 September

Junior boys - 22 September

Senior boys - 12 October

Girls 1<sup>st</sup> XI - 19 October

For a full calendar of trial dates please see the Sports Noticeboard.

### Uniform Return

As winter sports finish for the year **please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office as soon as possible.** When the uniform is returned the uniform bond will be refunded to your nominated bank account, as per the letter your son/daughter brought home at the beginning of the season.

### Getting Active

To close out term three, a teachers vs students game of multi-sport will take place in the Lower Gym on the last Friday of the term.

All-comers sessions continue on Wednesdays at lunchtimes (a Sports Council initiative), Volleyball Club on Tuesday and Friday at lunchtimes - both in the Upper Gym. Any questions, please ask at the sports office.

### Lynfield College Sports or Creative Innovative Scholarship

This new Lynfield College scholarship has attracted a lot of interest from our talented students. Applications are now closed and shortlisting will begin next week.

### Lynfield College Sport Scholarship & Lynfield College Arts and Cultural Scholarship

Application forms for these scholarships will be available from **Monday 7 September, to Year 13 students**, from Mrs Leete's desk in the Admin building. Applications close on **Thursday 24 September.**

A **Sport** Scholarship and an **Arts and Cultural Scholarship** will be presented at the Festival Awards Evening in Term 4 (Date TBC).

### 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](mailto:Physiotherapy@lynfield.school.nz). Once booked, the student will receive follow up text reminders from the physio. All ACC cases are free.

## TEAM TALK

Following today's announcement that Auckland will remain in Covid Alert Level 2.5 until Wednesday 16 September, there will be **NO GAMES AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS UNTIL THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER AT EARLIEST.**

College Sport will make an announcement early next week regarding the remainder of the winter sports season. No inter-school team games can take place until the gathering size is lifted to 100. Whatever the outcome, we are fortunate to have had any winter sport at all!

*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)*