



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 12

18 SEPTEMBER 2020

Kia ora koutou

This week we have had a focus on Wairua Kaha - we are resilient. This has certainly been evidenced by the return of our students to onsite learning with 93% of our Year 9 and 10 students in class.

Our senior students are having their resilience tested as they sit their practice exams. These assessments are completed under exam conditions but are not the only evidence that can be used for a derived grade at the end of the year should your child not be able to sit an external exam.

Students working towards Level 1 can be reassured that their learning programme in 2021 will provide further opportunities for them to achieve this certificate without them being disadvantaged. Students will not be asked to repeat a year.

For students hoping to enrol in Engineering at the University of Auckland, notification has just been received that offers will be made to Engineering applicants below the guaranteed Rank score of 260 (https://uoa.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/1971/kw/engineering/p/213). This, along with other changes, will help reduce some of the anxiety currently experienced by those choosing this pathway.

The last three weeks of Term 3 have seen a real focus on our cultural diversity with celebrations for Tongan Language week in Week 8, te wiki o te Reo Māori in Week 9 and Chinese Language week in Week 10. We have rescheduled the annual Cultural Mufti Day, usually held during Culture Week in Term 1, to this coming Thursday, 24 September and look forward to a vibrant and colourful day as students and staff celebrate and learn from each other.

With this being the last newsletter for the term we wish everyone a safe holiday break and look forward to an uninterrupted Term 4 to finish the year.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell
Tumuaki | Principal

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW). This week is a reminder that we all have mental health – and we need to look after ourselves.

This year hasn't been easy for any of us, and Assessment Week provides an extra challenge for students. MHAW 2020 provides us with the opportunity to build on the simple things we do to look after ourselves and concentrate on the things that make us feel good.

The Safe School Committee students are putting posts on Schoology and Instagram to remind everyone to look after each other and themselves. They are also making a video providing encouragement to use the five activities based on Te Whare Tapa Whā (Connect, Give, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Be Active).

There are a number of suggested activities on the Mental Health Foundation website: <https://www.mhaw.nz/>

National helplines:

Need to talk? Free call or text [1737](tel:1737) any time for support from a trained counsellor

Lifeline – 0800 543 354 (0800 LIFELINE) or free text 4357 (HELP)

Youthline – 0800 376 633, free text 234 or email or online chat

TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI - MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

This week students and staff have participated together in a variety of activities in celebration of Māori Language Week:

Pepeha competition for akonga and kaiako
Morning karakia in staff briefing
Year 9 student Zia Khan shared pepeha in staff brief
Pounamu class led karakia in online assembly
Quiz for staff
Kupu o te ra on Schoology
Whakatauki for staff
Waiata learning in Te Reo Māori
Māori language movement at midday on Monday- ha ki roto, ha ki waho
Zoom Hui, learning kiwaha and pepeha

Why is learning Te Reo Māori important?

Some responses from akonga:

"I am from New Zealand – it is part of my culture and history. It just makes sense to me to have, at least some knowledge of Te Reo."

"It's a really cool language and it's a big part of Aotearoa culture."

"It is also important to normalise learning and speaking the language."

"Because it is my culture and none of my family really know how to speak it, so I thought that I would learn the language."

"To spread it to others."

"Learning Te Reo Māori is important to me because I don't know anything else about my Māori side, so I think it is important to at least know the language of my people."

Some Responses from Kaiako:

"It makes me feel good."

"It is important to help me connect better with Māori students. It deepens understanding of culture and history."

"It is our job to encourage and share with others the beauty of Te Reo Māori so they may be inspired to learn. We must also tautoko the efforts of those keen to learn to ensure the survival and to make speaking Te Reo common place in Aotearoa."

"To demonstrate manaakitanga."

Here are some Maori language learning sites to check out:

<http://animations.tewhanake.maori.nz/>

<https://www.tewikiotereomaori.co.nz/>

<https://maoridictionary.co.nz/>

<https://kupu.maori.nz/>

KIA KAHA KI TE KORERO MAORI



Above: 13BK form room noticeboard



Clockwise from left: Staff play Tākako, a Te Reo memory game; 9PHE play a Māori game called Poi Toa.

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

This year to promote the richness of the Tongan Language week we acknowledged and recognized the Tongan language and culture across multiple platforms. Our students presented in assemblies, staff briefings, and on Schoology, ending the week with the option of wearing traditional Tongan attire, the Puletaha, Kiekie or Tupenu. Thank you to all our Pacific Pride Leaders for your commitment to this auspicious occasion.

Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Lotu Mo'oni.



GIRLBOSS ADVANTAGE PROGRAMME

Congratulations to Evana Chan (Y12), who has been selected as one of the 25 GirlBoss Interns from applications across New Zealand. The GirlBoss Advantage Programme is a selective leadership programme, designed for young women who are passionate about participating in the fields of engineering, construction and trades and is fully subsidised by the Ministry of Education. This 5-day accelerator programme is designed to empower the participants to reach their full potential and encompasses interaction in the following areas:

- Networking and interviewing skills in a real life corporate environment
- Intensive leadership and career training
- Developing personal branding skills
- Quick-fire problem solving
- One-to-one and group mentoring
- Site visits across the hosting company

Evana's passion is architecture and she is looking forward to learning these valuable skills and making connections and friendships that will stay with her as she enters her future studies.



PUKETAPAPA YOUTH BOARD SUMMIT

On Monday 20 August, more than 60 Lynfield College students, attended the annual Puketapapa Youth Board: Youth Summit. Throughout the day, they worked with rangatahi across our community, to craft innovative solutions to problems faced by young people. Not only did they contribute solutions, but they were able to form meaningful relationships with students of other schools and they exhibited themselves as leaders and change makers for the future. We are incredibly proud of this group, and of the Youth Board's team in our school, who put hard work and effort into ensuring our students can participate in these opportunities.

FACE MASKS WORKSHOPS

To support students and staff in our journey to learning at school with the challenges of COVID, our training teacher Ms Azarian and Textiles teacher Ms Wills ran lunchtime workshops for students to construct their own face masks during Week 8 of this term.



EXAMS GO DIGITAL AT LYNFIELD COLLEGE

Teachers of 11 courses across 6 subject areas (English, Classical Studies, History, Chinese, German and Japanese) have chosen to give students the opportunity to do their NZQA external exams digitally in 2020. Here are some of our students doing their practice exam in preparation and for a derived grade if required.



SENIOR ASSESSMENT WEEK - WEDNESDAY 16 – TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Assessment continues next Monday and Tuesday. 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.

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

BREAKFAST CLUB - ASSESSMENT WEEK

For the duration of the senior assessment week, Lynfield College will be providing cereals, fresh fruit and juice for breakfast. All students are welcome to attend next Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 September from 8 – 8.30am in D12. Thank you to the staff who facilitate Kowhai Kai and Deans for supporting this initiative.

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>

EXTRA LEARNING RECOGNITION CREDITS FOR AUCKLAND REGION

Last week the government recognised that Auckland students have lost another 13 days of classroom time during the recent Alert Level 3 lockdown and have now made some additional changes to support you to achieve NCEA this year.

Auckland students will now receive 1 credit for every 4 credits achieved (previously it was 1 for every 5) to get over the line. See below for the maximum allowed. NZQA will add these to your Record of Learning in January.

Changes to earning rate and LR credit maximums

NCEA Level	LR credit maximum	LR credit earning rate	Total number of credits required from assessment
L1	Up to 16 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	64
L2	Up to 12 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	68 (48 + 20 from another level)
L3	Up to 12 LR credits	1 for 4 credits achieved	68 (48 + 20 from level 2 or higher)

Changes to certificate endorsements

Instead of 46 credits, you will now need 44 credits to earn Merit or Excellence Certificate Endorsements.

If another COVID-19 disruption prevents you from sitting end-of-year examinations, there are steps in place to ensure you can still receive a grade. Your teachers have been gathering assessment evidence from the course work you have been doing that shows whether you have met the requirements of the standard.

Changes to University Entrance (UE) were announced in June, meaning students need to achieve 12 credits, rather than 14 credits, in each of 3 University Entrance Approved Subjects. There are no extra changes to UE, but universities and other tertiary education providers are also taking the unique circumstances of 2020 into account in their discretionary entry requirements for 2021.

If you need further clarification please contact Ms Sandy Harris, Deputy Principal saharris@lynfield.school.nz

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>

SCHOOL BALL CANCELLATION

2020 is an unprecedented year. COVID-19 has affected students, staff and their families with school and community events being rescheduled, redesigned or, in some unfortunate cases, cancelled.

At the end of August we had to make the decision to cancel our school Ball for 2020 and with great sadness we advised our Year 12 and 13 students of that decision at a special assembly.

We will be working with our Year 13 students in support of creating a modified Leavers' Dinner to hopefully end the year on a higher note.

As always, the safety and wellbeing of our students is paramount.

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>

HPV (HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS) IMMUNISATION

Earlier in the year we notified parents that a catch up programme was going to be run here at Lynfield College for those students who have not had the HPV (Human papillomavirus) immunisations. Because of Covid this year, this has not yet happened.

We have been approached by the GP that is organising this for us. They want to administer the vaccines next week, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 September. Vaccinators will follow Ministry of Health protocol for Covid, both in preparation and while administering the vaccines.

The vaccines will be administered at school on these dates, for the students that we have already received the consent forms back for. We are unable to add anyone else to the list at this stage. You can go to your GP for the vaccine if you want your child to have it, and have not sent a consent form back to us.

The date for the follow up dose, due after the first dose has been administered at school, will be communicated to the parents. Parents can then go to their GP, or to the GP that is administering these vaccines, at the date they specify the follow up vaccine is due.

If you have any queries, or don't want your child to have the vaccine but have already sent the consent form in, please email Lee Hieatt, school nurse on nurse@lynfield.school.nz

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SPORTS SCENE

Team Talk

This year has been tough, and a cancelled winter season to top it off is not what we hoped would happen. With our seniors having lost a good winter season due to COVID19, the Sports Office is running a **special Winter Sports Festival** for our Y11, 12 & 13 students who have been in our winter sports teams this year together with their coaches and managers. This will be a fun way to finish what has been the most unusual season we've had. The format will be flexible, but the idea is for players to play a mini-tournament in their sport but in mixed up teams eg all the boys who turn up and have played football for us will be divided into roughly equal ability teams to have a mini-tournament OR one team might be handicapped in some way to make a closer game, etc, etc.

We plan to run football, netball, basketball and modified versions of rugby, league and hockey next Wednesday 23 September 3.15 – 5.15pm on the fields, turf, courts and in the gym.

Unfortunately, as Auckland will still be at Alert Level 2.5 next Wednesday this will have to be a spectatorless event.

Summer Sport

Sign-ups are underway for junior summer sports – touch and softball. Cricket and volleyball trials are well underway. 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 are in need of volleyball and cricket coaches. Are you able to help? Do you know anyone who would be a suitable coach for one of these junior teams?**

Uniform Return

With all winter sports now finished 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 volleyball will take place in the Lower Gym on the last Friday of the term.

For junior students as well, there are the usual summer sports which are softball, volleyball, cricket, and touch – and as always, anything which the students are prepared and keen on getting involved in! Any questions, please ask at the sports office.

Individual Honours

Taichi Nakao (Y13) has been one of the top players in youth grades for a number of years. He received the U19 Nationals MVP award for 2020 and has consistently proved himself as a high level defensive player, excellent pitcher and reliable hitter.

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

Pawan Prasad (Y12) was a member of the Waitakere West Auckland Basketball Club's representative squad last year which travelled to Hawaii and Melbourne last year.

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



Nominations open: A special NEiTA Awards in 2020 to recognise excellent on-line and remote teaching, and school leadership in a time of crisis.

We encourage nominations from any member of your school community for the special 2020 National Excellence in Teaching Awards. It only takes a few minutes to [nominate](#) outstanding teachers and school leaders who have made a difference to your child, or to their school / centre in this year of school closures and learning on-line.

To Nominate: <https://neita.awardsplatform.com/>

For further information, please: visit <https://neita.com>, call **+64 (0)9 308 05 76**, or email AwardsNZ@neita.com.

About the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA)

NEiTA is Australia and New Zealand's only nationally based community-centred teaching award where parents, grandparents, schoolboards/councils, student councils, parent associations, committees of management and community organisations can directly nominate educators for an award. The objective of the NEiTA Awards is to support improved teacher quality and retention, assist teacher professional development and promote professional recognition. Since its inception, nearly 40,000 educators from all sectors have been nominated by their communities.