



## LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 15  
10 September 2021

***Kia mau ki te tokanga nui a noho. There is no place like home.***

Mālō e lelei

This week I greet you in Tongan as we celebrate Tonga Language week.

It has been awesome to see students and staff demonstrating our school value of *hinengaro wawata* - we are innovative and creative as they continue to find ways to recognise and celebrate our language weeks and set challenges to extend and engage our community. Details of some of these can be found in this Newsletter.

Next week we will celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and invite you all to join with us, for the Māori Language Moment at 12 noon on Tuesday 14 September, in reciting '*He ra ki Tua*' and '*Kia kaha Te Reo Māori*' ('better times are coming' and 'make the Māori language strong').

Learning for all continues while we work from home. For staff this has also included learning more about the Teenage Brain during our Monday and Thursday Staff Briefings. For those of you who haven't already viewed these Nathan Wallis video clips they are highly recommended with each of the 12 clips being around 3 minutes in length (<https://www.nathanwallis.com/pages/teen-brain>). Staff also took the opportunity to attend a presentation by one of our parents, Friar Wadia, on *The importance of inclusion and valuing children with disability... a parent's perspective*.

We have been contacted by parents informing us of Pharmacies offering COVID-19 vaccinations for our staff, students and their families. If you are looking for a vaccination provider these have included:

- Pharmacy Care Group - The Medication Management Hub (105 Great South Road, Epsom) have set aside Wednesday 15 September solely for Lynfield College staff, students and their families. Registrations are required - [Register Here](#)
- Balmoral Pharmacy (611 Dominion Rd, Mt Eden) take walk-ins each day. Anyone is welcome to join the queue.
- Rosebank Road Medical Services, Avondale - call directly to book an appointment (ph 098288237).

Finally, our warm wishes to all members of our Jewish community who celebrated Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year this week. May the new year bring peace and happiness to all of you and your loved ones. Shanah tovah u'metuka

Kia noho haumaru - stay safe and well

Cath Knell  
Tumuaki | Principal

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nothing  
to racism**



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## TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Malo e lelei, ofa ke mou mau ha uike lea faka-Tonga fie fia.

Unfortunately, due to the current lockdown we were not able to celebrate Tongan Language week in school. However, we were able to engage with students through Schoology, sharing a PowerPoint presentation with phrases students could learn while being in lockdown. [Tongan Language Week](#) We have also started a competition encouraging staff and students to introduce themselves in Tongan following this template:

(Greeting) Malo e lelei  
(My name is) Ko hoku hinga ko \_\_\_\_  
(I come from) Ko 'eku lele mai mei \_\_\_\_  
(I work at Lynfield College) 'Oku ou ngaue he Kolisi Lynfield

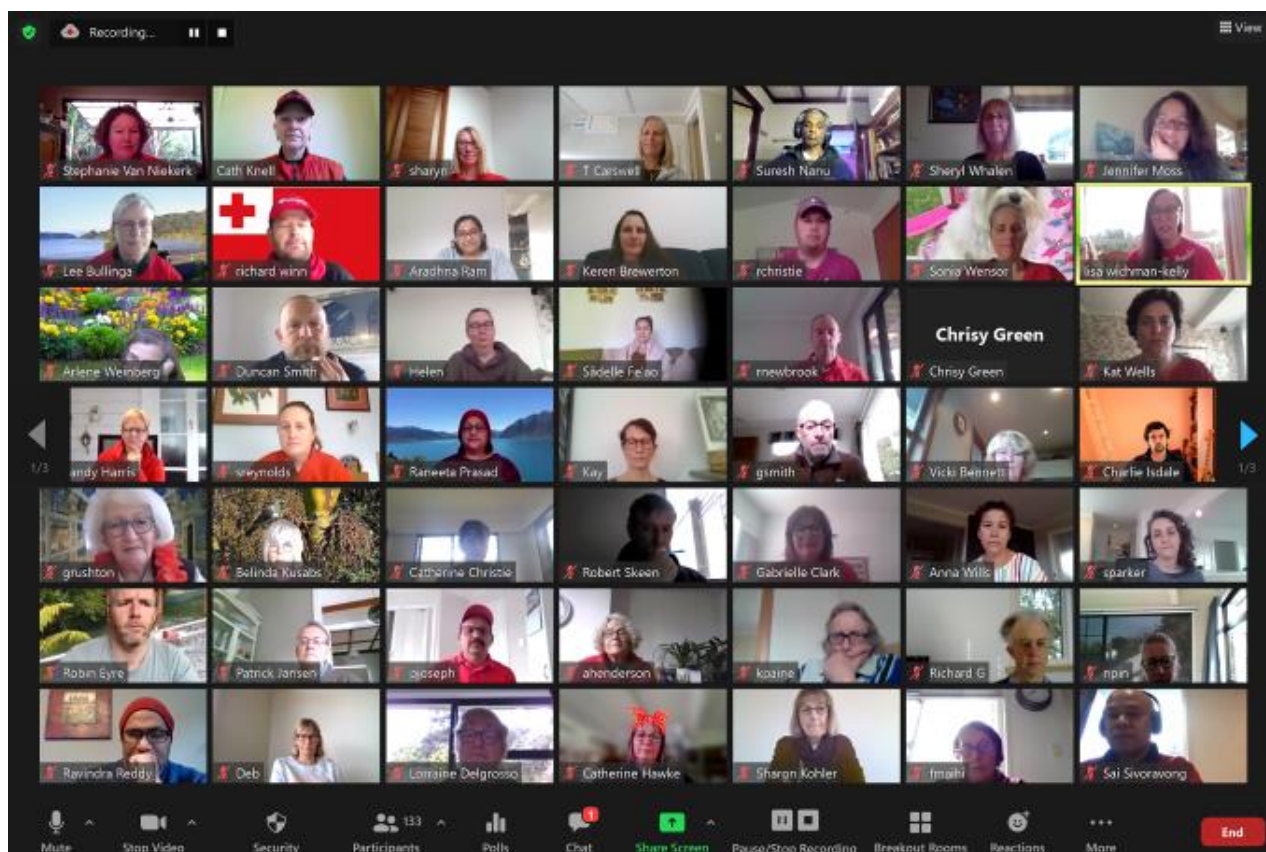
We have challenged our staff and students to make the very delicious Keke Isite! Thank you to our staff who wore red for our Staff briefing to honour Tongan Language week. Malo 'Aupito, Mou Me'a a.

Happy Tongan Language week!  
Pacific Pride Group

## Pacific Pride - Talanoa

The Pacific Pride leaders want to share their disappointment at having to cancel the Talanoa for Term 3 which was focussed on NCEA. We are working on the Talanoa for Term 4 which will focus on Student Achievement/Successes. We look forward to being able to Talanoa together soon. Nofo i api nofo malu. Leveleva malanga tua ofa eiki atu malo.

## STAFF BRIEFING – WEARING RED FOR TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK



## LEARNING SUPPORT ONLINE ZOOM CLASSROOMS

Students in M Block have been zooming with teachers and teacher aides on a regular basis and sharing Level 4 Lockdown stories. On occasions students and staff have been experimenting with different backgrounds. Visiting teachers have been joining in on a regular basis.



## STAFF MATAURANGA CLASS

The Lynfield College Te Reo Māori staff learning group had their fortnightly meeting last week using Google Meets. The group had a great korero about the importance of using Te Reo Māori in the classroom and in our everyday lives. We produced a list of kupu (words) that we will endeavour to include in our online lessons from now on. For example, easy kupu swaps could include using Kia ora instead of Hi to start an email, using ka pai when giving feedback on student work or using the phrase 'Kia noho haumaru' (stay safe and well) to finish an email instead of Kind Regards.

We have chosen to swap five words out for the Te Reo Māori version for the next fortnight, and we challenge our Lynfield whanau to do the same!

What kupu could you swap out this week? He pai ake te iti ike kore - a little is better than none.

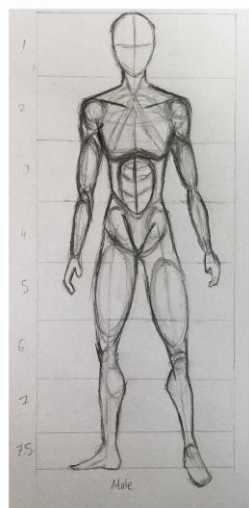




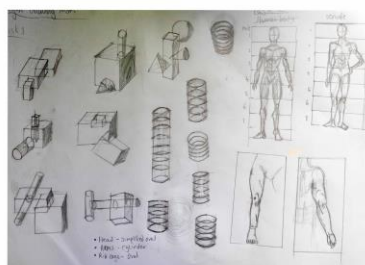
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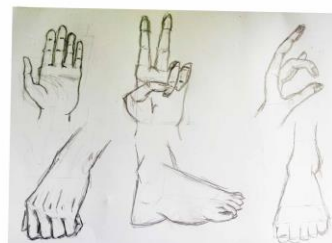
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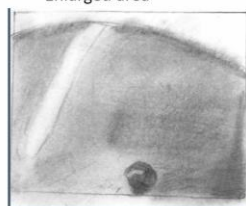
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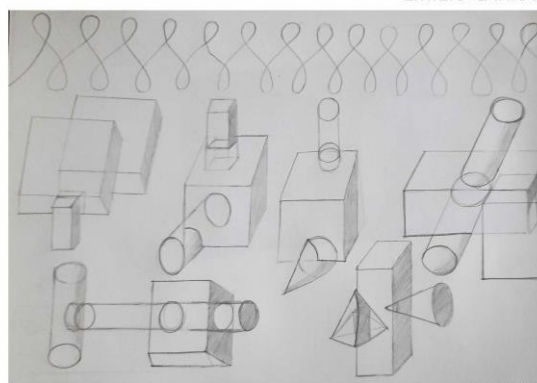
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Lynfield junior school creating  
art works in lockdown

## STUDENT AND STAFF ONLINE ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

Students and staff quickly responded to being back in online learning with a range of fun activities and competitive lockdown challenges. **Check out Schoology for entry /sign up details and results!**

**Quick Draw Challenge**

**Lockdown Song Writing Competition**

**Cultural Leaders – whole school Singalong to the chorus of 'Hold Tight' by Che Fu**

**How well do you know your Student Leaders?**

**Academic Council - Boredom Busters**

**LC Creatives**

**Create a Model**

**Wero Pepeha Challenge**

**Library - Wheelers ebook trial**

**Thursday Staff Yoga Zoom Class with Mr Smith, Guidance Counsellor**

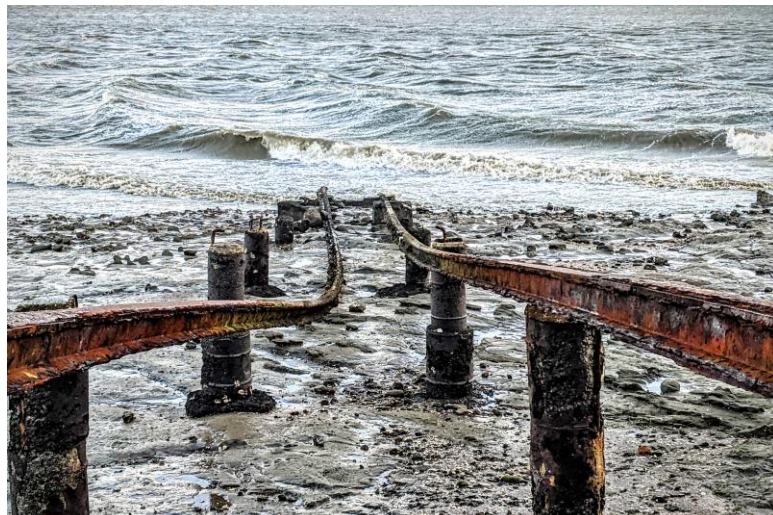
**Sport Leaders - Trickshot Challenge**

**Auckland Sport Auckland Keeping Active Step Challenge**

## LOCKDOWN CONSERVATION PHOTO CHALLENGE

Malo e lelei and happy Tongan Language week from the head students. We have been trying to make lockdown life at Lynfield as easy as possible for all students, this of course means making sure that our students' learning is not suffering and they have access to any and all resources they need. But we are also mindful of how low morale can be, learning in lockdown, so in conjunction with Conservation Week we have decided to do a school-wide lockdown conservation photo challenge. The aim is to get people outdoors and engaged in the school community with a small fun challenge. See some of our team's photos below!

Stay safe, hope to see you all soon,  
The heads and depts team



## LEARNING FROM HOME

Students are being encouraged to vary their learning while at home. This includes participating in the challenges posted on Schoology and looking at other tools and methods to show learning. To support learning at home and school, all students have access to the Google Read&Write extension. This tool helps students understand their reading with options to hear the text and extend their vocabulary, and to improve their writing accuracy. Here is a link to a short introductory video on the main features of the tool: [Read&Write for Google Chrome](#)

To support families with online learning, this link will take you to a useful resource: <https://www.nathanwallis.com/pages/latest-advice-for-parents-during-isolation>

## SCHOOLGY

Schoology is our platform for communication to students. As well as teachers posting work for students, it is also where information is shared about wellbeing, motivation, access to the Library and ebooks, and contact details if students need help. We encourage students to check Schoology every day and to 'like' posts to show that they are reading them.

Parents are welcome on Schoology to see what information is being posted. The following link has instructions on how parents can access Schoology [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-74lt66jc\\_YUto3d6XGO0SOWJPzAYZkJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-74lt66jc_YUto3d6XGO0SOWJPzAYZkJ/view?usp=sharing)  
If you have forgotten your password or are having any difficulties getting access, please email [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz).

## ASSESSMENT UPDATES

We are aware, that due to the disruption of Covid 19, many of our students will need more time to complete their assessment work. We will be giving students who still need to complete assessments at the end of the year, opportunities to do this as much as possible.

If you are concerned your child might not achieve Level 1 in 2020 because of the disruption to their learning, please note:

*Level 1 NCEA does not need to be achieved in Year 11. Level 2 credits gained in Year 12 will count towards a Level 1 Certificate. The same applies if your child is in Year 12, Level 3 credits will count towards a Level 2 Certificate.*

**The good news is, NZQA has announced that Learning Recognition Credits will be available again this year.**

## CHANGES TO NCEA

Because being in COVID-19 lockdown has affected learning and assessment, NZQA have made some changes to NCEA, Scholarship, and UE for 2021. Here are the changes:

### The more credits students achieve the more they are entitled to.

- For every 5 credits students achieve through internal or external assessment, they are entitled to 1 extra credit. These extra credits are called Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs).
- Up to 10 LRCs earned this year can be used towards the 80 needed for NCEA Level 1.
- Up to 8 LRCs earned this year can be used towards the 60 needed at Level 2 and Level 3.

### Endorsements are still achievable.

- To get a **certificate endorsement** students will need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50.
- To get a **course endorsement** students will need 12 credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level in a course, rather than 14. They still need to achieve at least 3 credits in externals and 3 in internals.
- LRCs don't come with Merit or Excellence, so they can't count towards an endorsement.

### University Entrance has been adjusted.

- For 2021 the UE requirements have been adjusted from 14 down to 12 credits in three [UE-approved subjects](#). Students still need to have NCEA Level 3 and the usual [literacy and numeracy standards](#).

### They have got more time to study.

- Most portfolio due dates and exams for NCEA and Scholarship have been moved later, to give more time for students to learn and prepare.

### What do students need to do?

Keep working to make sure that they achieve as many standards as they can. Teachers will help them to track their progress. Make sure that they know when their portfolios are due, and double check the [new exam timetable](#).

## A reminder of other KEY INTERNAL ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- Internal assessment deadlines are currently on hold
- Teachers are collecting evidence from student work during lockdown, and this may be used for evidence towards internal assessments and a derived grade for an external exam
- **Our Senior Assessment Weeks have been rescheduled and are now in Term 4 – Weeks 3 and 4**

### DCAT and digital exams for Classical Studies and English will be in Weeks 1 and 2 Term 4:

Week 1	Thursday 21 Oct	AM Level 1 DCAT
	Friday 22 Oct	AM Level 3 DCAT
Week 2	Wednesday 27 Oct	AM Level 2 English
	Thursday 28 Oct	AM Level 3 Classics
		PM Level 2 Classics
	Friday 29 Oct	AM Level 2 DCAT
		PM Level 3 English

### MCAT Exam (Level 1) 28 September TBC

If you need any more information, please contact your child's Dean or Deputy Principal, Sandy Harris  
[saharris@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:saharris@lynfield.school.nz)

## COURSE SELECTION FOR 2022

All students in Years 9-12 need to make course selections for 2022. This is to be done via the online platform  
<https://lynfield.schoolpoint.co.nz/>

Students sign in using their school login and password. Parents and caregivers need to approve selections by logging in using their portal login and password. Instructions for whanau and how to approve your son/daughter's selections can be found here:  
<https://bit.ly/3zTTLDP>

Here is a brief presentation for students and parents/caregivers to refer to <https://bit.ly/3nd2ygD>

Year 9 students going into Year 10 choose 2 option subjects – compulsory Science, Social Studies, Health, Physical Education, English, Mathematics.

Year 10 students going into Year 11 choose 2 option subjects – compulsory, Science, English, Health and PE, and Mathematics.



Year 11 students going into Year 12 choose 5 options subjects – English compulsory.

Year 12 students going into Year 13 choose 5 option subjects plus 1 study – no compulsory subjects.

Courses for 2022 will be worked through in Term 4 based on selections. Some courses may not run in 2022 if there are not enough students to make it a viable course. We need choices to be as accurate as possible so staffing and classes for 2022 can be finalised as early as possible.

There is support available to assist in the selection process from:

Mrs Keir – Careers Advisor

Mr Waddington – Academic Dean

Faculty Leaders

Year level Deans

Form Teacher

Teachers

Year 9 students who have not completed all of their option rotations for 2021 can make changes to their choices during Term 4 if they wish.

**ALL SELECTIONS ARE DUE BY MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER.**

### INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR AMELIA PARKER

**Keep New Zealand Beautiful** have just announced that five New Zealand students have won top awards at the 2021 Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) International competition. These five students were all winners from the national New Zealand Young Reporters for the Environment 2020 competition and were put forward to compete internationally from more than over 454,000 students from 44 countries across the globe.

Students were asked to investigate an issue relating to litter, research a solution and then report on it using film, photography or writing. They were then required to disseminate their piece via available channels and their entry was judged by an international jury. YRE gives young people the opportunity to be part of the solution by producing creative and engaging environmental journalism.

Congratulations to **Emilia Parker** from Lynfield College who won second place in the Article: 15 - 18 years category for her article about the consequences of chewing gum titled '[Chews a Better Future](#)'.



### AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS DEBATING COMPETITION

The Advanced Open Debating Teams 2 and 3 were in competition against each other in the Quarter-finals of the Auckland Schools Debating Competition.

Team 2 with Aashish Ramanlal, Rahul D Souza and Malisha Gosh managed to win the round against Team 3 with Eesha Mahimkar, Teesha Sharma, Uday Jain and Sarka Ludvigova. Team 2 advanced to the Semi-finals round against Birkenhead College.

Unfortunately, Team 2 were beaten in the Semi-finals on Tuesday 7 September. Thanks to all Advanced Open teams for their skills and flair in representing Lynfield in the Auckland Secondary Schools Debating Competition.

## LYNFIELD COLLEGE KOWHAI KAI CARE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During lockdown we have been providing a number of our families with Kowhai Kai parcels which have included an array of food items and products. We are grateful to a number of local businesses, staff and community who have donated considerably to these parcels. If you are in a position where you are able to make a financial contribution to continue the delivery of these parcels, please use the following account.

Lynfield College  
12-3049-0248027-00  
Ref: Kowhai Kai





# MĀORI LANGUAGE MOMENT

12PM | 14 SEPTEMBER 2021



## WIKI O TE REO MĀORI 13 – 19 SEPTEMBER 2021

### KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI – LET'S MAKE THE MAORI LANGUAGE STRONG!

Next week in support of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Lynfield whanau, staff and students will be encouraged to participate in a range of activities shared through Schoology. [Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Schedule 2021 - Google Docs](#)

Our staff will also be engaging in the Māori Language Moment at 12pm on Tuesday 14 September. Our moment will be as a school to recite these words together, 'He ra ki Tua' and 'Kia kaha Te Reo Māori' in recognition of this moment.

Ko te reo te taikura o te whakaaro marama. Language is the key to understanding.

### The Youth Declaration 2021 highlights the priorities that youth would like to see addressed in Aotearoa

It was created by youth from all walks of life who attended UN Youth's national civics conference for high school students, Aotearoa Youth Declaration (AYD). AYD is a four-day conference that gathers 150-350 young people from all over the country to share their views on the decisions being made now and into the future. They are placed in groups learning and sharing on the topics they're passionate about - from climate change to mental health to modernising NCEA. All their views are compiled in the Youth Declaration 2021.

Find it at [bit.ly/youthdeclaration21](https://bit.ly/youthdeclaration21). 🔥



## YOUTH SEARCH AND RESCUE

### Learn to Survive, Thrive & Save Lives

Calling Year 9, 10 & 11 students wanting to make a difference. Gain qualifications needed for national search, rescue and emergency response - volunteer or career.

- Master survival skills, land, and sea
- Trial new search, rescue, and emergency technology
- Help to find people faster to save lives
- Gain confidence and leadership skills
- Earn Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold along the way.

You must be between 14 and 16 years old on 1 February 2022.



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Applications close **30 September 2021**

For more info and application forms: [www.YSAR.org.nz](http://www.YSAR.org.nz)



### Know where to go!

The following **FREE** national services are here to support you and your whaanau.

They're available 24 hours, 7 days a week and have translation services available in multiple languages. All of these services are **FREE** to call on your mobile or landline.

#### Organisations

Alcohol and Drug Helpline 0800 787 797		Police (Emergency) 111	
Anxiety NZ 0800 269 4389		Police (Non-urgent) 105	
Depression helpline 0800 111 757		Quitline 0800 778 778	
Family Violence 0800 456 450		Rape Crisis 0800 883 300	
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust NZ 0800 472 637		Safe to Talk text 4334	
Healthline 0800 611 116		Samaritans 0800 726 666	
Immunisation Advisory Centre 0800 466 863		Seniorline 0800 725 463	
Kidsline 0800 543 754		Shakti NZ (Women's Refuge) 0800 742 584	
Mental Health Peer Talk 0800 234 432		SHINE (Family Violence) 0508 744 633	
Mental Health after-hours 0800 775 222		Suicide Crisis Helpline 0508 828 865	
Need to talk 1737		Supporting Families - in mental illness 0800 732 825	
Plunket 0800 933 922		0800 What's Up? 0800 942 8787	
National Poisons Centre 0800 764 766		Women's Refugee NZ 0800 733 843	
Outline 0800 688 5463		Youthline 0800 376 633	

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