



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 5

1 April 2021

Kia ora koutou

As we head into a much needed 5-day break for Easter it is with pleasure we send you this newsletter to read.

Our students and staff have had a particularly busy couple of weeks and the next couple of weeks will be even more packed full of activities and student led events.

It has been a real pleasure to have parents join us onsite for recent events and we look forward to seeing more of you at the Po Whakangahau / Fiafia Night on Wednesday, the Progress Conferences on Thursday and our Cultural Day on Saturday. *More information about these events is contained in this newsletter.*

Tomorrow, 2 April, we encourage our students and families to recognise International Autism Day by joining us in supporting the members of our community on the Autistic spectrum.

Wear blue April 2

Looking forward to seeing our students returning refreshed on Wednesday for the last eight days of the term.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell
Tumuaki | Principal

EASTER PUBLIC HOLIDAY DATES 2021

Schools are closed from Friday 2 April until (and including) Tuesday 6 April.

Schools re-open on Wednesday 7 April.

SOME KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

The VEX Robotics National Champs will be held this weekend at the Vodafone Events Centre on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 April. This event was originally scheduled to occur in March but was postponed due to a COVID-19 Alert Level 3 lockdown. Five Lynfield College teams will be competing, with a total of 54 North Island teams in the event. For free admission register on eventfinda.

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2021/kiwibots-2020-21-vex-robotics-competition-nationals/auckland/manukau-city>

Next Wednesday 7 April we have a Ministry of Education run Year 11 Future Pathways event at the College. At the end of the event there is an important survey that all Year 11 attendees are required to complete online. ***It is therefore very important that all Year 11 students bring their devices to this event.***

HEARING TESTING – YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Just a reminder that the hearing testing of Year 9 students will be carried out the week of 12-16 April. If you have not yet consented for this yet, please use this link <https://www.nfdhearinghub.org.nz/copy-of-parental-consent-form> to enrol, or email nurse@lynfield.school.nz saying you consent for the hearing testing.

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AT LYNFIELD COLLEGE

We have two Physiotherapists at Lynfield college. Hannah works Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Fanaye works Tuesday and Thursday. Their hours are 8.30am to 12.30pm. There is no charge for ACC treatments. To make an appointment email physioappointments@lynfield.school.nz or contact the nurse.

NEW STAFF PROFILES



Nick Wright (*above left*)

Hi there, I teach Digital Technology and Commerce, skills in these subjects are interchangeable and becoming increasingly important in a globalised world. It is my goal to develop student capabilities in multiple, relevant, digital and commercial platforms whilst nurturing student entrepreneurial skills. Through these goals I hope to have all students ready to take on the competitive but bright digital and commercial world.



Jonathan 'Ilaua (*above centre*)

Talofa lava and Malo e lelei. I have joined Lynfield College as the newest member of the Health and Physical Education department. This is my first year of teaching and am excited to be a part of a team that is dedicated to pursuing excellence across all areas of the NZ Curriculum. I enjoy coaching rugby and playing AFL. I am also interested in looking to push for an increase in Pacific student achievement within our school.



Ben Coop (*above right*)

Ben has joined us from Avondale College where he worked in Mathematics and Statistics for 8 years, including 3 years as year level Dean. He lives in Mt. Wellington, is married to Verity (Ngai Tahu), who is a registered Psychotherapist and has three teenage children, Eve at Auckland Uni studying English and Arts, Harry at AUT studying Media & Film and Tess in Year 11 at Michael Park School. He has an interest in restoring motorcycles, has a 2004 Triumph Bonneville T100 and his pride and joy is a 1988 Honda GB400TT. He sings bass in Auckland Choral and recently performed in Tim Finn's composition, Ihitai 'Avei'a – Star Navigator with NZ Opera. He has a passion for Mathematics & Statistics and for turning around embedded anxiety about the subject that pervades society. He is studying a Masters in Educational Leadership with particular interest Pasifika learners.

STUDENT LEADER PROFILE – DEPUTY HEAD BOY AND GIRL

Amanda- My name is Amanda D'Souza and I am the 2021 Deputy Head Girl of Lynfield College. I am an outgoing person who is passionate about leadership. I love getting involved in as much as I can, such as playing football, going tramping, cleaning up our coastlines or even just having a chat and connecting with our students. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the amazing Student Executive team we have this year, to make 2021 a good one for all, especially us year 13s who are preparing to take on a new chapter in our lives!

Michael - I'm Michael Jury and I am the Deputy Head Boy of Lynfield. I like meeting new students and helping people out. Whether that is introducing new programs or initiatives to help students or just having a chat. It's awesome getting to help out our Student Executive team we have here at Lynfield and really make a difference.



Our goals for the year:

Amanda- My goal this year is to work with the Student Exec team to utilise our leadership skills to connect with students and ensure they are enjoying their time at school and reaching their full potential.

Michael- My goal for the year is to help make things happen that benefit the students, whether they are fun events or student-run study resources. I also want to make our students feel welcome and involved.

Concluding message:

Amanda- I am looking forward to the rest of the year and can't wait to see what 2021 has in store for us, because it will all whizz by before we know it!

Michael - I can't wait for the year to shift into gear and to start getting all of our cool ideas into action, knock on wood!

The two of us are so excited to make this year an awesome one!

YEAR 13 PILOT

The Year 13 Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) programme took place at University of Otago House on Thursday 25 March, with five Lynfield College students graduating after attending every year since Year 10. The theme was PROGRESSION - "Our ancestors were once PILOTS of the ocean". A day packed with learning activities and time for forward thinking was enjoyed by all.



HUI WHANAU

We had a hui for our whanau kapa haka on Monday 29 March at Te Ringa Awhina Marae. It was great to see parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters present where the group performed a few well received waiata for whanau. We are looking forward to seeing the roopu in action at Polyfest on Friday 16 April. Kia kaha koutou!

Ahakoia he iti he pounamu
Whaea Maihi and Whaea Leauga

TALANOA NIGHT

Malo e Lelei, Talofa, Bula Vinaka, Fakalofa Atu!

On the Wednesday 31 March Lynfield College Pacific Pride Leaders facilitated our first Talanoa for 2021. It was a fabulous evening of sharing and celebrating our Pacific students' achievements, upcoming events and future Talanoa with our parents and community.

We are looking forward to meeting with more of our families and their fanau as the year progresses. Fa'afetai!



3-WAY STUDENT, PARENT, TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Thursday 25 and Friday 26 March we offered our Progress Conferences a bit differently than usual for our Year 9 Innovative Learning Class and Pounamu and Pacific vertical Form Classes.

We were all set up to trial this in 2020, but unfortunately on both occasions Covid 19 got in the way and we went into lockdown! This time around Parents / caregivers of students in these classes, were given the opportunity to meet with their child's mentor or form teacher only for 15 minutes instead of the usual 5-minute appointments with subject teachers. They were able to hear their child talking about his/her goals for school and for the future and there was an opportunity for mentors / form teachers and the school to build relationships with parents.

After gathering feedback from our participants, we will look at whether we continue and or expand this trial. Feedback so far has been very positive from teachers, parent caregivers and students.

PROGRESS CONFERENCES

These are in Weeks 10 and 11 of this term.

Thursday 8 April (student surnames A - L), 4 - 7pm

Tuesday 13 April (student surnames M - Z), 4 - 7pm

All parents/caregivers are expected to visit their child's teachers on one of these afternoons as it is a part of the school/home partnership so vital to a student's progress. Students are released at 2.15pm on these days.

PLEASE NOTE: The Kiwi Coaches bus service to Mangere Bridge will depart at 2.30pm and the Laingholm/Titirangi bus will be departing at the usual time of 3.20pm. The College Library will be open for students who must wait for a bus or parents.

Scholarship Information Evening – Tuesday 13 April

On the second Progress Conferences evening, there will be a Scholarship Information presentation in the College Staffroom from 6.00 – 7.00pm. Students are very welcome to attend with the parents/caregivers.

YEAR 11 FUTURE PATHWAYS EVENT

Students will get to explore a range of careers available in trades and meet with local employers at a Future Pathways event. This opportunity has been funded by the Ministry of Education, to connect students to the world of work while in school and to hear first-hand from employers about the skills they need and the pathways to achieve that.

When: Wednesday 7 April period 2

Where: College Hall

Bring: EVERY STUDENT NEEDS A DEVICE/PHONE TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL DEBATING COMPETITION

National Debating Competition and to identify students for the development squad. Five Lynfield College teams participated and debated strongly. Congratulations go to the Premier Advanced 2 team Michael Jury, Jasmine Pickston and Leigh Hine who were placed 5th in the break. This was a very commendable achievement, especially considering that 40 teams competed.

This year we have 50 students competing in 13 teams in 4 grades of the Auckland Secondary Schools Debating competition, which will take place once every 2 to 3 weeks between now and August. Lynfield College is hosting the Western division of the Junior Open grade. We wish our debaters all the best in enjoyable, challenging competitions.

12CSA STUDENTS PRACTISE THEIR INTERVIEW SKILLS WITH ADULT ESOL STUDENTS

This week the Year 12 Customer Service Award class interviewed members of one of our Adult ESOL classes. This proved to be a very special and valuable exchange for students and adults alike, with the growth in student confidence and engagement moving to another level!



NCEA RESOURCE FOLDER – ACADEMIC COUNCIL INITIATIVE

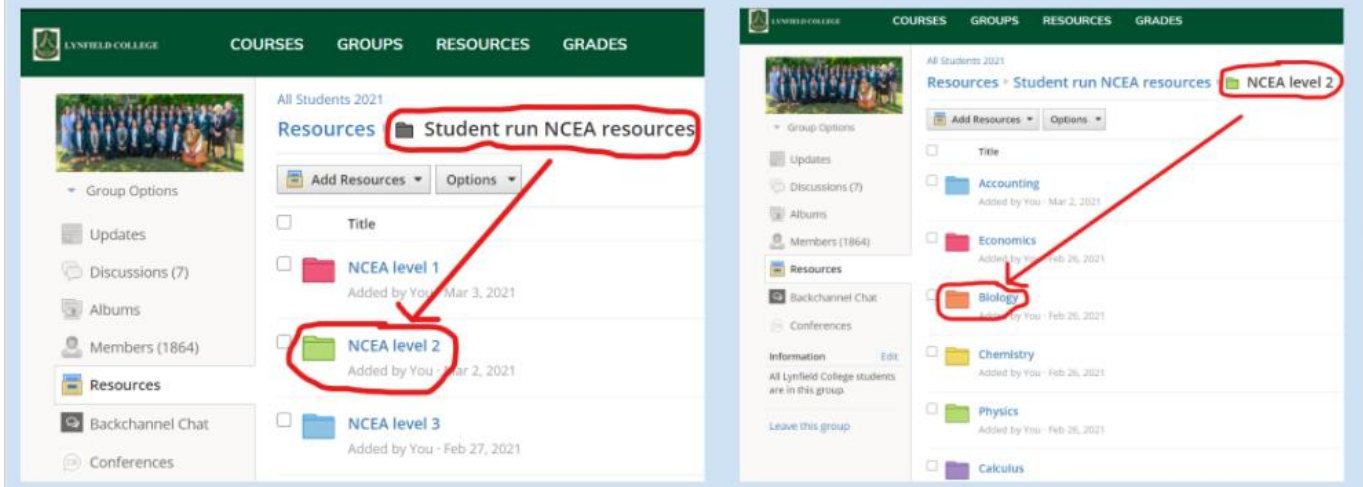
One of the main goals that we as the academic council have this year is to provide more resources and tools for students to succeed in their studies. Last year along with all of its lockdowns showed us how important it is to be able to learn and study independently. Some of us even found out we can learn better on our own. Therefore, we wanted to create more resources that were easily accessible for all senior students to study from. So, we have started a student run NCEA resource folder.

The intended use of this folder is to help students study for external exams and mock exams through providing a variety of different past papers across NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. This folder will include different exams of all grades across many different years of examinations throughout all subjects the school teaches. These papers will be supplied by students, and it will be entirely confidential. Each folder will also include a marking schedule and a blank exam for each standard and its specific year. All of the NCEA resources from the NZQA website will also be included.

This will make the Schoology folder an easier, more accessible version of the official NZQA website for all students to use. To help our students achieve better results in their external exams.

What the folder will be used for?

It will be used to store and sort students past NCEA papers confidentially for studying



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.

- **Po Whakangahau / 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 lwichman-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.

2021 Cultural Week Events

Brought to you by the 2021 Arts and Cultural Team

Wednesday 7/4/2021

Lunch:
Chinese painting/calligraphy - C5

Thursday 8/4/2021

Lunch:
Origami - C4
Kapa Haka Performance - MCC
Fashion Show Rehearsal - Hall

Friday 9/4/2021

Cultural Mufti Day

Interval:
Photo Booth - Between F and G block

Lunch:
Fashion Show - Hall
Kapa Haka Performance - MCC

Saturday 10/4/2021

Cultural Day

Monday 12/4/2021

Lunch:
Henna Hand Painting - Shade between F and G block

SPORTS SCENE

Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

These were held at Mt Smart this week. To qualify for this event an athlete must be one of the best 16 in all Auckland. This year 8 of our students qualified to compete but unfortunately 2 were unable to attend this meet. Competition was (predictably) very tough. Congratulations to our athletes performed exceptionally well. **Every one of our team won at least one medal!!**

Special mention for Tom Christie who set a new record for the AKSS Intermediate Boys 300m Hurdles.

Troy Maka	2 nd	Junior Boys	Discus
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Fiona Siaopo	3 rd	Intermediate Girls	Discus
	4 th	Intermediate Girls	Shot Put
	5 th	Intermediate Girls	Long Jump
	9 th	Intermediate Girls	100m
Rina Maka	2 nd	Intermediate Girls	Discus
	3 rd	Intermediate Girls	Shot Put
Tom Christie	1 st	Intermediate Boys	300m hurdles
	2 nd	Intermediate Boys	100m hurdles
Percy Maka	1 st	Intermediate Boys	Discus
Mia Powell	1 st	Senior Girls	400m
	4 th	Senior Girls	200m



Top left: Troy Maka
Top right: Rina Maka and Fiona Siaopo
Bottom left: Tom Christie
Bottom right: Percy Maka



Left: Mia Powell
Right: Jamie Hall



Central Western Swimming Zones

We had several of our swimmers compete in this event at Westwave recently. Only the top 16 in each event from a combination of all 4 zones qualify for the Auckland Secondary Schools Champion of Champions meet to be held next Wednesday 3 April. Congratulations and good luck to our 3 relay teams who have qualified:

House Turbo Touch competition

This is now complete. The finals for both the senior and junior competitions were very intense! The outcome makes the points table even closer and more interesting than before this event began.

	Junior comp		Senior comp	Overall
1 st	Faumuina		Fatialofa	Faumuina
2 nd	Bray		Reid	Fatialofa
3 rd	Zoricich		Faumuina	Zoricich
4 th	Fatialofa		Zoricich	Bray
5 th	Lewis		Bray	Reid
6 th	Reid		Lewis	Lewis

TEAM TALK

Summer Sports

Most are now finished for Term 1. All players have represented the school with energy and pride and several teams have been very successful.

Tennis

Congratulations to our **Senior A Boys** team who smashed out an amazing Senior A3 Plate win in an intense final against Auckland Grammar Black. After Auckland Grammar Black finishing the round robin section in 1st place the final score of 6-3 to Lynfield was awesome! A well-deserved win. This is especially noteworthy as it is a very young senior team.

Members were Ethan Hildrick (Y12), Evan Hewett (Y11), Anish Hira (Y11), Tommy Lobb (Y11), Krish Morriswala (Y11), Karan Shah (Y11) and Richard Potter (Y10).



NZSS Tennis Champs

Congratulations to our players who formed a mixed team to WIN the NZSS Tennis Cup held in Auckland recently. Team members were Stanley Long (Y12), Nicholas Curin (Y13), Zara Ranchod (Y12) and Jessie Chen (Y12).

Our school tennis championships are being held next week. Results will be in the next newsletter.

Cricket

With the cricket season over, a group of 16 cricket boys are now playing a number of South Island schools as well as having a wide variety of other experiences including a 'behind the scenes' guided tour of Hagley Oval where they had the opportunity to test their skills as commentators as well as soaking up the atmosphere in the Black Caps changing room! Today they are visiting the NZ Cricket High Performance Centre at Lincoln University. This is the experience of a lifetime for these boys and they will give a full report in the next newsletter.

Check out the Lynfield College Facebook and Instagram pages for further updates and photos.

Tag

One senior boys team and one senior girls teams played in the Central North Western Secondary Schools Tag tournament earlier this week.

Uniform return

Most summer sports are now complete. **Summer sports uniforms should be returned to the Sports Office as soon as possible.** When players return their playing strip their \$25 uniform bond will be refunded to their nominated bank account. Any students with outstanding Sports uniform or fees will only be able to play another sport for the school once they have addressed this issue with the Sports Office.

Sports Fees payment

Payment of sports fees and uniform bonds can be made at the Accounts Office or online.

Winter Sports

Trials are nearly complete and several teams have already been named. Final trials are taking place next week for winter sports and team selections posted on the Sports Office noticeboard. *Once students have been placed in a team they must meet all training and game commitments, as well as pay their fees to secure their place in the team.* All students in sports teams will take home a letter containing important information (eg playing dates, venues, costs) soon after selection. In fairness to all involved, all fees must be paid prior to the first game of the season, as per our NO PAY = NO PLAY policy. Competitions begin in the first two weeks of net term.

URGENT - help needed

Coaches and managers needed for all our 50+ winter sports teams. 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!

Huge thanks to those parents, friends and families who have put their hands up to help with managing or coaching our teams. It is very much appreciated by the many students who would not otherwise have been in school teams.

We still urgently need coaches for football, netball and hockey and basketball:

Basketball	U17 Boys – games are Thursday afternoons
Netball	Senior - games are on Tuesday night at Te Pai Pl, Henderson
	Junior - games are on Saturday morning at Te Pai Pl, Henderson
Hockey	Boys - games are Wednesday afternoons/evenings
Football	Boys - games are on Saturday mornings

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, email Felicity Walbran (Sports Director) fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz or sport@lynfield.school.nz

Pre-season games

Football (girls and boys) and rugby have organised several pre-season games which are largely being played at home. These are excellent preparation for the competition season which begins the first week of next term.

Rugby

The new rugby programme is well underway. After school training is every Tuesday and Thursday and this will continue throughout Term 2. It is great to see boys working together on a wide variety of skills, largely based around safe play on the rugby field. All boys are very welcome to join.

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

Congratulations to the following students who have recently excelled in their sport:

Serina Daunakamakama (Y13) has today been named as a member of the NZSS Netball squad. She is one of only three Auckland players to be selected in this 19 member squad from which the final NZSS Netball Team will be selected.

Jamie Hall (Y12) last Sunday he won the college senior top rope and speed rock climbing competition at Vertical Edge to retain his number 1 spot from last year. He placed 4th in the senior school nationals at Rotorua recently and he has been invited to join the national youth development squad by Climbing NZ.

Jamie's results in the last few months have been very impressive:

- Top rope/ Lead climbing - Jamie Hall in the last Month came 4th in Nationals (placing ahead of current NZ representatives), 1st in the Auckland Interschools Senior category,
 - Bouldering - Second (against adults) in the Vertical Adventures Boulder comp.
 - Speed - Fastest time on the speed wall at Vertical Adventures 3.14 seconds - blink and you miss it fast
- Jamie in the last 12 months has been phenomenal and put in hours and hours of time on the Rock Climbing wall, all this has just resulted in Jamie being included in the New Zealand development squad which puts him on the short list to represent New Zealand and now Sport Climbing is now an Olympic sport....

Check out the Lynfield College Facebook and Instagram pages for further updates and photos.

Lily Andrews (Y10) placed 5th in her division of the college senior top rope and speed rock climbing competition at Vertical Edge. She was in one of the most competitive divisions in the country (she faced off against 4 top ten climbers in the country, so to score on par with them was a monster effort).

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

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