



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 6

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Kia ora koutou

This is our last newsletter for Term 2. It has been a long 11-week term and both students and staff are understandably tired and looking forward to the break. We have, however, ended the term on a high note, having been able to hold a number of 'real' events including our Progress Conferences, Po Whakangahau / Fiafia Night, Culture Week and Cultural Day. Thank you to those of you who attended and/or provided support.

Today our Kapa Haka and Niuean groups performed at Polyfest, another event that had been cancelled in 2020. Their performances were two years in the making. They did themselves, their tutors, their whanau and the school proud.

Our Deputy Arts & Culture Captains, James and Evana, with Zoe from Kapa Haka, were honoured to be talking to Prime Minister Jacinda Adern after the performance.

We have two Staff/Teacher Only Days in the first half of Term 2:

Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day – Thursday 13 May

The Ministry of Education has determined Teacher Only Days across the country for staff to learn more about the upcoming changes to NCEA. The Auckland region is having a Teacher Only Day on Thursday 13 May. The focus for this day is changes to Literacy and Numeracy, and Mātauranga Māori.

Kāhui Ako Conference / Staff only day - Friday 4 June

On Friday 4 June, our staff will be engaging in professional learning with the other nine schools in the Lynfield Kāhui Ako. The focus for the day is Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy, and there will be a variety of external and internal experts that our staff will be working with.

Limited supervision will be available on these days for students under the age of 14 if required.

I wish everyone a safe holiday break and look forward to welcoming back our students, rested and refreshed for Term 2, which begins on Monday 3 May.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell
Tumuaki | Principal



WE FAREWELL OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR, MR BRIAN TONKS

Lynfield College has been my place of work and home-away-from-home for nearly twenty-five years. I have been a part of its community and felt a sense of belonging here that has only increased with the years.

I want to acknowledge the warmth and genuineness of its staff – a constant over all the time I have been here. I want to acknowledge the support I have had from its Management and the Board of Trustees. Above all, I want to thank the student body, the young people who have shaped my understanding of how things are and who I am, and in whom I have such confidence.

Brian Tonks



NEW STAFF PROFILES



Catherine Hawke (*above left*)

After 4 and a half years of commuting to South Auckland everyday it makes wonderful sense to live and work in the same area! I have joined Lynfield as Head of Guidance. I arrive with a Masters in Counselling, a background in teaching and I enjoy working with teens, their parents/caregivers and the staff on all things adolescent.

So much happens in the five years we have students at Lynfield College and as there is no instruction manual there are times when things are hard. I am a resource for your teen to help work through issues and problems as they arise. I look forward to supporting every young person I meet and watch them become the best versions of themselves.

Elliot Dye (*above right*)

Hello. I am Elliot and have joined Lynfield College as the Acting Head of Faculty of Health and PE after 5 years of teaching in international schools in Thailand. I was born and raised in the UK, before moving to New Zealand just over 20 years ago. I taught Health and PE at two schools on Auckland's North Shore before taking on the role of Faculty Leader role at Avondale College in 2008. I have great experience playing and coaching football and am looking forward to be able to get involved with Lynfield College football this season.



STUDENT LEADER PROFILE – ARTS & CULTURE CAPTAINS

Kia Ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu

It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Arts and Cultural Captains for 2021. Diversity, inclusivity, creativity and efficiency are values that we believe in. Our school is home to a diverse range of ethnicities, cultures, beliefs and values, so it is our job to make sure that our student voices are heard. We also believe that expression and representation of art and culture are essential and as your captains, we want to explore and discover what activities we can all take part in.

So far, it's been a busy but rewarding year for us. We have been able to successfully run and co-ordinate key cultural activities such as Cultural Week and were looking forward to the popular Talent Quest in Term 3. Cultural Captains' tasks and responsibilities can at times seem overwhelming, but we're a team that's made up of dedicated students with specific skills and experiences that complement each other. We are also guided by the expertise of staff members who we report to. Our regular catch ups with staff have been so important to us.

Working alongside staff, fellow student executive members and the general public is a humbling experience. We strongly encourage students and teachers to present any new ideas or suggestions they would like us to consider, as it is their feedback and support that makes us better leaders. Finally, thank you to everyone who supported the recent Cultural Week. After last year's cancellation, even a little rain couldn't stop our students from performing and our families, friends and teachers from coming out to support us.

We have an exciting calendar of events for 2021 and we look forward to sharing these with our fellow students.

Thomas Wandstraat, Luviah Saito Sililoto, Eva Chan, James Liston



43RD NATIONAL YOUTH JAZZ COMPETITION

Secondary school students from throughout New Zealand gathered to compete for trophies, prizes and awards at the National Youth Jazz Competition held at Baycourt Community and Arts Centre, Tauranga from 31 March to 1 April. Some of the world's best jazz exponents are on the judging panels and the workshops have produced some of the nation's most outstanding jazz players.

The National Youth Jazz Competition showcases the very best emerging jazz players from secondary schools across New Zealand and Lynfield College is always well-represented. Congratulations to our very talented and successful musicians and a special mention to our equally talented Music Department staff, Lisa Norman, Sigmund Sue, Charlie Isdale and Paul Norman.

BIG BAND AWARDS: Lynfield College Big Band: **GOLD**
COMBO AWARDS: Lynfield College Jazz Combo: **SILVER**

<https://youtu.be/l1mdd-XT4G0> | Without the Paper

<https://youtu.be/ezUV3Hse2gQ> | We'll Be Together Again



VEX ROBOTICS VRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

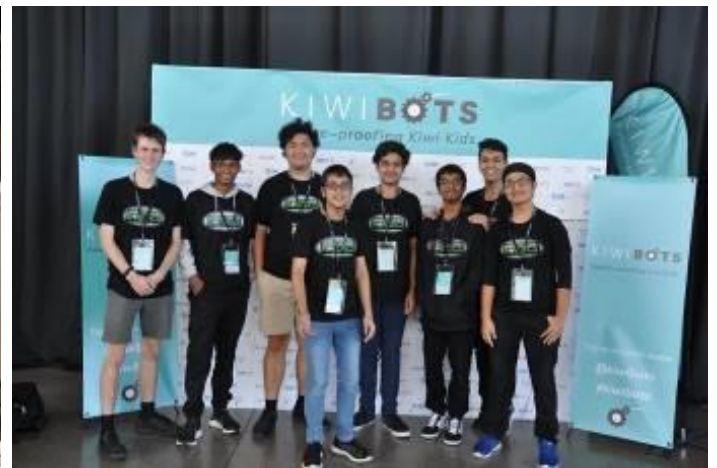
In partnership with Auckland Unlimited, Kiwibots presented the 2020-21 VEX Robotics Competition National Championships held over Easter weekend at the Vodafone Events Centre. The VRC Nationals is where we see teams across all NZ compete for qualification spots to VEX World Championships in Dallas, Texas 2021! This is the largest VEX Robotics Competition run in NZ each year.

Lynfield College teams 2915B, 2915E and 2915X made it to quarter finals, Team 2915P was eliminated in the qualification rounds.

Below left: Team 2915B: Ahil Hussain, Damon Atherstone, Toby McIsaac

Below right: Team 2915X: Kaelem Chandra, Diam Amani





Above left: Pranav Malik

Above right: Nicholas Belt, Jordon D'Souza, Mathew Hoseinzadeh, Pranav Malik, Kaelem Chandra, Ahil Hussain, Diam Amani, Ishnoor Singh

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KAPA HAKA AND NIUEAN GROUP MATINEE PERFORMANCE

Year 9, Waikowhai Intermediate, Glenavon School and Blockhouse Bay Intermediate students were the audience for our very first matinee performance at the Lynfield College hall for our Kapa Haka and Niuean group on Wednesday 7 April. A huge thank you to our guests from the Kahui Ako including kaiako and akonga who came to watch.

Kapa Haka tutors Brenda and Tu along with Whaea Maihi, Whaea Reta, Whaea Bell and Whaea Leuga were happy to see akonga display Māori performing Arts, Te Reo Māori on the atamira with such kaha. Ngaa mihi to all the whanau and kaiako from Lynfield who have assisted with kai and tautoko, special mention to our Senior Leadership Team, the Latoa whanau and Eileen Foskin for their contributions and tautoko. Special mention and thanks also to our Niuean Tutors, Malcolm Lakatani and Noel Fe'ao. Both are teachers at other schools, however they have made a commitment to celebrate Niuean culture here at Lynfield College.



PO WHAKANGAHAU AND FIAFIA NIGHT

Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana and warm Lynfield College greetings to you all.

On Wednesday 7 April, Lynfield College held a Po Whakangahu - FiaFia Night to showcase our Kapa Haka, Niuean, Cook Island and Samoan cultural groups. The evening was a great success for all who attended.

The hard work of our students, their tutors and teachers in charge, was evident in the high standard of performance for each group. Mr Bower, our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, kept everything running smoothly. He was supported by Mrs Wichman-Kelly (Front of House), Mr Waddington (Lighting & Sound) and Mrs Hunt (Backstage). The Kapa Haka and Niuean Group will be competing at the ASB Auckland Secondary Schools Māori & Pacific Islands Cultural Festival (Polyfest) on Friday 16 April.

The teachers, tutors in charge and student leaders of the groups include:

Kapa Haka: Teacher in charge, Whaea Leauga. Tutors are Whaea Brenda and Matua Tu. Student leaders Temeneti Matthews and Naomi Fruean.

Niuean Group: Teacher in charge Mrs Fe'ao. Tutors are Malakamu Lakatani and Noel Fe'ao. Student leaders Luka Cedric, Scarlett Perez, Brianna McCready and Honor Makalima.

Cook Island Group: Teacher in charge Ms Van Heeswijk. Student Leader Elena Latoa.

Samoan Group: Teacher in charge Miss Reddaway. Student leaders Luviah Saito Sililoto and Millie-Lei Hansell.

The support of all our staff, students and parents who attended the evening was greatly appreciated by our groups. We wish our Kapa Haka and Niuean groups all the best for their performance at Polyfest 2021.

CULTURAL WEEK AND CULTURAL DAY

Lynfield College celebrated the week leading up to Cultural Day by offering a variety of activities for students to participate in Chinese painting/calligraphy, origami, enjoying Kapa Haka performances and the Cultural Fashion Show.

Cultural Day on Saturday 10 April was a highly anticipated community get-together where Lynfield College welcomed the community to celebrate different cultures and ethnicities from around the world. Overall, it was a successful day where students and whanau were able to enjoy a diverse range of delicious foods. In addition, audiences were enthralled by the colourful and vibrant dances performed by the Lynfield Cultural Groups. A big thank you to our families and wider Lynfield community for celebrating the day with us.





Further photos will be shared on our website shortly.

9IL SET UP A FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

Our school Field of Remembrance is a way that we honour those New Zealanders who fell during World War I. 103,000 New Zealanders served overseas, 59,500 were casualties and 18,200 died. The white crosses in our Field of Remembrance are a silent reminder and commemorate those men and women, their service and sacrifice. The crosses bear the names of some of those men and women who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.



YEAR 11 FUTURE PATHWAYS

Inspiring Year 11 students about some 'Cool Stuff to Do When You Leave School'.

A Park Ranger working with nature, an Apprentice Builder and a BCITO business development advisor, were three of the guests Year 11 students heard from at our Future Pathways event in the Hall on Wednesday 7 April. The 350 students enjoyed the Kahoot challenges arising from their knowledge about the skills required to work in a wide range of job roles within the Primary Industries and the Construction & Infrastructure Industries.



After the event, 71% of Year 11's stated in a survey that they felt more prepared with the skills you need in further education or employment and 60% of Year 11s felt more confident now about a career in the trades and services. Thank you to the Ministry of Education for funding the event and to the guests, to Shaun our Master of Ceremonies and to the Career Development Company for opening our student's eyes to future employment opportunities.

SOUTH PACIFIC INDIGENOUS ENGINEERING STUDENTS (SPIES)

This week 24 Year 9 -11 students from our Maori and Pasifika community were informed of the paths they can take to get into engineering as a career.

The South Pacific Indigenous Engineering Students (SPIES) is a new initiative that the University of Auckland is offering Lynfield College. The aim of the university team is to "Seek to Inform and Inspire (S'I)". Our students were offered fun activities, one requiring working in teams to build a tower, which certainly opened their eyes to wanting to find out more about why young Maori and Pasifika are essential to the engineering world. The next engagement will be a trip to the University of Auckland Engineering campus mid-year.

2021 NZ CAREER EXPO: 20 – 22 MAY 2021 – FREE ENTRY

Be inspired by your career choices. We encourage whanau to visit **The NZ Careers Expo** at the ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane, which celebrates 30 years of partnering with schools across New Zealand. **Go with Tourism Expo** will also be there to help students navigate through these times and help identify the future potential in these industries.

We encourage attendance on Saturday 22 May anytime between 10-3pm. Visit [careersexpo.org.nz](https://www.careersexpo.org.nz)

Online Digital Expo - <https://www.careersexpo.org.nz/exhibitors/page/4/> which will be updated constantly before and after the Expo as a resource for students to explore.

PROGRESS CONFERENCES

On 8 and 13 April we held our Progress Conferences. After not being able to hold these in 2020 due to Covid 19, it was great to see so many parents / caregivers meet with our subject teachers and discuss their child's progress. We will be holding Progress Conferences again on 19 and 24 August, so please pencil in those dates now. Details will be sent out via KAMAR in Term 3.

SCHOLARSHIP EVENING

On Tuesday 13 April, our second Progress Conference Evening, we also held a Scholarship Presentation. Mr Neil Waddington, our Academic Advisor shared information about Academic Scholarships and a variety of different scholarships students could apply for. The evening was targeted at Year 13 but it was lovely to see parents who had students also in Year 12 present.

Below is the link to the presentation.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OU-dtvWWDHSz3HiD50IV2ZFMYYjG8ZPO8YG20xIqjIw/edit?usp=sharing>

SPORTS SCENE

South Island Cricket Tour, 28 March – 7 April

Below is a brief report from “Men of the Tour”, [Rishitt Walavalkar](#) and Maanov Bali:

Our trip started off in Christchurch with the first day being hot and sunny, perfect conditions to raid the nearby vending machine and play backyard cricket. Our games in Christchurch were challenging but exciting; we played St Bedes College, Riccarton High School and Cashmere High School. We were also lucky enough to get a tour of the Hagley Oval, explore Christchurch City and have food at the Riverside Market.

On the way to Timaru we stopped at the New Zealand Cricket High Performance Centre to have a tour and training session. Timaru was colder than we expected. We played against Timaru Boys High School which are one of the best cricketing schools in New Zealand.

Next we started our long journey to Queenstown. On the way we stopped at Lake Tekapo which had a breath-taking view, we all took some beautiful photos. Continuing our journey to Queenstown we took a short break at Cromwell which had these gigantic metal fruit sculptures. The final drive to Queenstown was filled with amazing views and sights of nearby mountains. We finally reached Queenstown after a long day of driving. Some of our activities in Queenstown were jet boating, Skyline gondola and mini golfing. We also had a chance to have a burger from Fergburger and go shopping around town. Our last two games were at Millbrook Cricket Club (which had a spectacular view of mountains all around) against Wakatipu College.

Overall this trip was not only a great opportunity for the boys to develop their cricket skills but to also grow as young men and put Lynfield College on the map of strong cricketing schools. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Fletcher, Mr Christie, Craig Martin and Jacky Martin for all the hard work they put in to organise and make this tour possible.

TEAM TALK

Swimming

The AKSS Champion of Champions Swim meet at was held at Dio this week. Two of our students qualified for this prestigious event where only the top 16 swimmers in Auckland for each event qualify to compete.

Kevin Zhang (Y10) and Abigail Williams (Y9) each qualified in 3 events and performed extremely well.

Kevin swam outstandingly in the 50m Freestyle to claim the BRONZE medal for the 14-15years age group. This result was more notable because, having just turned 14 he was one of the youngest in his age group.

Abigail swam an excellent race to finish 4th in the 50m Butterfly, only 0.9s off the bronze medal in the 13 & Under age group. We wish both swimmers well in the National Age Groups event which is to be held in Wellington in the school holidays.



Dragon Boating

Unfortunately the weather was unsuitable for safe competition on the rescheduled day for the AKSS Dragon Boating regatta, forcing cancellation of this event this year.

Congratulations to:

1st XI Boys Cricket – 3rd in 1B grade
Senior A Boys Tennis – 1st in A3 Plate

Again, we have about 50 teams entered in weekly winter interschool competitions. Competitions begin in the first two weeks of next term. Fee payments and issue of uniform is well underway in order to meet the tight time schedule to have teams “competition ready” for the beginning of Term 2.

Help still needed - We still need coaches for:

- 2nd XI boys hockey (game day Wednesday approx. 4 – 6pm)
- Junior boys football (game day Saturday morning)
- 3rd XI boys football (game day Saturday morning)

We are also still looking for **managers** for each of our teams. **Please** consider whether you are able to help by managing your child's team. **Please contact the Sports Office 627 0600 ext 595 or email sport@lynfield.school.nz or fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz**

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

Uniform care

To help us continue to provide quality uniforms for our sports teams it is really important that these simple washing instructions are followed for all our sporting garments:

Cold wash, NO dryer, NO iron

Individual Honours

Congratulations to our students who have recently had great success at regional and national level:

Caleb Young (Y11) won the Gold Medal in the 3m Springboard in the Boys Aged group A division of the Auckland Diving champs on the 28 March (postponed earlier due to Covid). Last weekend he competed at North Island Champs. There was tough competition from Otago, Wellington, Waikato and Auckland. He won Bronze on Platform Boys Aged Group A, and Silver on 3m Springboard Boys Aged Group A. This was his first time competing his Platform list.

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



Mt Roskill ANZAC 2021

Mt Roskill Parade and Service

Join the Puketāpapa Local Board for the ANZAC Day Commemoration Services in remembering those whom have fallen;

9.55am – Parade assembly at the corner of Cullen Ave and May Road.

10.10am - Parade starts.

10.15am - Service commences at the Roskill War Memorial Cenotaph and Hall, 13 May Rd.

This event will only proceed under Covid Level 1.

Find out more:
Contact Sheena
Oughton 021 786 006

Lynfield College Tennis Champs 2021 results

Event	Winner(s)	Runner(s) up
Senior Girls Singles	Jessie Chen	Zara Ranchhod
Senior Girls Doubles	Jessie Chen and Zara Ranchhod	
Senior Boys Singles	Stanley Long	Nicholas Curin
Senior mixed doubles	Nicholas and Jessie	Stanley and Zara
Year 11 Girls Singles	Amber Joe	Francesca Walsh
Year 11 Girls Doubles	Amber and Francesca	
Year 11 Boys Singles	Yash Morriswala	Tommy Lobb
Year 11 Boys Doubles	Yash and Yoog Gudani	Tommy and Anish Hira
Junior Girls Singles	Prisha Patel	Prianka Patel
Junior Girls Doubles	Prisha and Lauren McCormick	
Junior Boys Singles	Johnathan Mar	Calum Bint
Junior Boys Doubles	Johnathan and Sahil Vagh	

NB Junior boys were a mixture of Year 9 and 10. No Year 10 girls entered.

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