



LYNFIELD COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER 7

7 May 2021

Kia ora koutou

The Term 1 holiday break was a time at school with a number of property projects being progressed. The resurfacing of the asphalt courts has now been completed much to the delight of both our Sports and our PE departments who, as you can see in the photo below, will be using this as one of their teaching spaces. The gates to secure the grounds and our facilities have also been installed though further work is needed here to make them fully operational.

It was also a busy yet rewarding couple of weeks for some of our students who have been representing us at a National sporting level. You can read about their achievements in the Sports section. Special mention, however, goes to Kevin Zhang (Year 10) for his incredible medal haul. Five gold medals and one bronze!

For Term 2 the school value that we will be focusing on is **Whanaungatanga Tika**. This week our assembly themes have been around one aspect of *'Whanaungatanga Tika - we are connected'*. Our student leaders demonstrated this connection to our community through their leadership role at the ANZAC Day Service at May Rd on Sunday 25 April.

Yesterday we were advised of our students demonstrating *'Whanaungatanga Tika - we are caring'* in the community. They had helped an elderly member of the community, who had been injured, to return home safely where he could be looked after by his family. It is not unusual to hear stories about our students going the extra mile to be helpful and we look forward to sharing more of these with you.

With the Covid surge in India we are very mindful that we are likely to have families concerned about the wellbeing of relatives and friends in India. Student Services is available to provide support for our students here if needed. Joining our Guidance team this week is Mr Smith who will join Mrs Hawke in supporting our students.

We have two Teacher/Staff Only Days this term, the first of which is next Thursday.

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. Limited supervision will be available on these days for students under the age of 14, if required. There are two further MOE Teacher Only Days scheduled for later this year, 10 August and 25 November.

Kāhui Ako Conference / Staff Only Day – Friday 4 June

aging 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. All teaching staff will be off site on this day, therefore the school will be closed and no student supervision available.

9 Innovative Learning Whānau Evening

The whānau of 9IL, the Year 9 Innovative Learning class, are warmly invited to an Information Evening on Tuesday 18 May, 7.00 – 8.00pm, in the Staffroom. More information will be sent home next week.

Noho ora mai

Cath Knell
Tumuaki | Principal



ASB POLYFEST CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Polyfest returned to Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland at the end of Term 1 after two years away. For 2021, last year's theme was retained as it had become more important than ever, signifying how we celebrate our communities by "Healing the body, mind, spirit and soul with the strength of Culture." The festival, held from April 14 - 17 in Manukau, was called off in 2019 because of the Christchurch Mosque attacks, and again in 2020 because of Covid-19.

Our Niuean group of 9 students gave an outstanding performance on the Niuean stage on Friday 16 April and received very positive feedback from other schools, Niuean elders, judges and members of the polyfest community on their exceptional singing and dance performance. This group of 9 placed in four out of five items performed. A huge feat considering most groups have performed for a number of years and consist of 25 – 40 dancers. Overall an amazing outcome of which we are very proud.

Acknowledgement must be given to our tutors *Malcom Lakatani* and *Noel Fe'ao* who are both teachers at other schools. The students and I are grateful for their time, commitment and creativity. Acknowledgement must also be given to the Kapa Haka group who performed beautifully on the Māori stage. The Niuean group is grateful for the support of a haka tautoko, packed lunches for each Niuean dancer and invitation to join their hakari whakamutunga (finishing celebration). We participated in an exchange of encouraging words and food. A humbling display of manaakitanga from Kapa Haka to the Niuean group. Nga mihi Whaea Jen and Whaea Maihi.

Lynfield College Niuean Group placed:

- 3rd: Co-ed schools' category
- 3rd: Overall presentation
- 3rd: Lologo tuai (seated chant)
- 3rd: Tame (semi-circle action song)
- 2nd: Meke (stomping dance)
- 3rd: Whakaotianga (exit)

Media links:

Lynfield Kolisi

performance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Wnxc34CCo&t=1062s>

An interview quoting our male leader, Honor Makalima:

<https://www.facebook.com/7759768730/posts/10158508129178731/?d=n>

Results: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/440664/live-polyfest-2021-day-four>

Highlights can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.live.asbpolyfest.co.nz/>

Tongan, Niuean and Samoan stages: <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/440647/polyfest-2021-day-three-tongan-niue-and-samoan-stages>

Below from left: *Pauline Kaufusi, Luviah Saito Sililoto, Luka Cedric, Scarlett Perez, Nykolias Cedric*



Reporters from RNZ News asked those who attended what was different since the last time they'd been at Polyfest and this is what Pauline, Luviah, Luka and Scarlett had to say:

Pauline: “We were performers in the past but then Covid-19 came, so we couldn’t. We’re here to support this year. I feel like missing out on all of this means we don’t see all the ethnicities and what they have in stock for us. Coming here now, we see everybody out here, celebrating, in different costumes and designs.”

Luviah: “Polyfest to me is gathering everyone’s ethnicities and cultures and learning new things about it. The last time we came here I was in year nine, so there’s lots of memories. Been away too long. There’s less people now because of Covid-19 but there’s still lots going on.”

Luka: “We just performed - we’re the first Niuean group from Lynfield College. Definitely grateful and blessed to come here and perform, and that we still have this running even though we’ve had Covid and the Christchurch Mosque shootings. It feels amazing - being able to rep my culture, stand proud and rep my school as well.”

Scarlett: “It’s really cool - I haven’t been to any big events where there’s heaps of people because of Covid, so it’s really exciting”.

In the build up to Polyfest our Niuean leaders attended the Leaders Conference 2021 where all participating schools united in preparation for the four-day event. Luka Cedric was given the opportunity to speak and Brianna McCready was a front row performer.



Left: Some of our fantastic supporters!





STUDENT LEADER PROFILE – ACADEMIC CAPTAINS

Hi Everyone! We are honoured to be your academic captains for 2021 and are extremely excited for the upcoming year.

Raising the academic profile of Lynfield College is a very broad statement and does not mean much more than improving students grades. However, this is not exclusively what we are aiming for this year. While this is a major focus for our team, we want to create a safe, sustainable learning environment for all students, in which they feel comfortable with their own learning potential. Each and every student has potential and as academic captains this year we are striving to ensure that students have the support, resources and ability to recognise and reach their full potential.

The year began with forming our council. We were overwhelmed with over 100 responses, all of very high standard and quality, making our job of selecting students extremely difficult. We have now formed our council consisting of 17 students ranging from Year 9 to 13 and are meeting weekly to discuss ideas and future plans. From there, our council assisted us in the pending creation of our NCEA past exam resources folder, which greatly improves the accessibility of past exam exemplars which is a helpful resource in improving students' learning and grades.

Our other plans for this year include having a peer-to-peer tutoring system set up, to further assist students struggling in subjects, with sessions led by the student body. In the unlikely case of another lockdown, this may be crucial for ensuring students don't fall behind while working from home. We are also planning our annual Quizzex, which will be a great way to get the whole student body involved in a fun, academic competition. Lastly, we are also aiming to create a set of course information blurbs from students' perspectives so that more informed decisions can be made regarding future subject choices.

We have already achieved so much and have so many more exciting plans for the rest of the year. We would like to thank you all for your constant support.

Ashley Mar, Andy Davy, Isha Ramanlal and Areesh Patni



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Be inspired by your career choices....we encourage whanau to visit **The NZ Careers Expo** 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.

When: AUCKLAND 20 -22 May 2021.

We encourage attendance on **Saturday 22 May anytime between 10.00am – 3.00pm**

Where: ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane

Visit: careersexpo.org.nz

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

AMP'D CAREERS IS OFFERING ANOTHER FREE PARENT WEBINAR 8.00PM 19 MAY 2021

The next FREE 60 min webinar discusses the questions **“What ARE employers looking for in their young workers today?**

And what can parents do to help their kids to get the edge in today’s job market? Amp'd Careers is bringing together prominent employers and a parenting expert to discuss the skills and traits that make great young employees, whether it is their first job, or as a graduate. They will cover why these skills matter in today's working world, and most importantly how parents and families can help their kids develop these sought-after skills.

Register here as spaces are limited: <https://www.ampdcareers.com/parent-webinar>

LYNFIELD COLLEGE HOMEWORK CENTRES

Subject/Faculty	What help is offered	When	Where
English	Assessment and homework help.	Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20pm	F10
ESOL	For ESOL students: Writing, reading, understanding the language of subjects, specific subject help from Senior Study Buddies.	Thursday lunchtime (in odd weeks), Friday lunchtime (in even weeks)	L6
Mathematics & Statistics	Study tips, general subject help, homework help, clarification and feedback about internal/external assessment requirements, extension opportunities.	Monday - Thursday lunchtime	G15
Music	Rehearsal space is available (and supervised) – booking system. Computer room with music software available most days before school, lunchtime, afterschool. External and Scholarship workshops.	Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri - before school; Mon/Wed/Fri – lunchtimes; Mon-Thu afterschool During study leave	Music Suite
Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Maori subject help	By arrangement with Whaea at lunchtime.	Te Ringa Awhina Marae
International Languages	Computer room open for language students to catch up with homework	Tuesday after school 3.10-4pm	C5A
Visual Arts	Individual support progressing student folio boards. Extra assistance for achievement of internal standards.	Lunchtimes (individual students to negotiate with teachers). School holiday workshops Terms 2 and 3	B8, B10 and B12
Drama	Rehearsal spaces for groups working towards a practical assessment. Tutorials and individual help for external assessment.	As required Term 4	PAC, B1, B6 B6
Dance	Rehearsal spaces for groups working towards a practical assessment. Tutorials and individual help for external assessment	As required, by arrangement Term 4	PAC, B1 B6
Technology	Support with assignment work Fashion and Design TEL assignment support as required	Every lunchtime Term 2 and 3 lunchtime D1 lunchtime	E2 D8
Science	Assessment and homework help	Tuesday lunchtime	G7

NEW ZEALAND BLOOD SERVICE (NZBS) WILL BE HOLDING A MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE AT:

Lynfield College Hall Friday
14 May 2021
9am to 2pm

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND WHĀNAU

It is important that we encourage students into a lifetime habit of donating blood and making a worthwhile contribution to their community. The Care of Children Act 2004 allows people 16 years and over to make their own decisions about whether or not they wish to give blood. Students may choose to donate blood at this session. NZBS recommends that students discuss becoming a blood donor with their family. If families have a particular objection to the student choosing to donate blood, please make this known to the student and to the school before the blood drive date, stated above. More information about blood donation will be available on the day of the blood drive. NZBS respects the privacy of all donors and recommends conversations around blood donor eligibility is carried out sensitively. If you require any further information please call **0800 GIVE BLOOD (0800 448 325)** or visit www.nzblood.co.nz

BECOMING A BLOOD DONOR

Age:

First time donors Existing donors 16 to 65 years of age. Up to 71 years of age.

Height /Weight:

Weigh at least 50kg – First-time donors under 25 years of age must also meet the height and weight criteria. Use our handy calculator on our website at www.nzblood.co.nz to find out if you can donate.

Health:

- You must be in good health.
- You cannot donate if you have a cold, flu, sore throat, cold sore, stomach bug or any other infection.
- If you have recently had a tattoo or body piercing you cannot donate for 4 months from the date of the procedure.
- If you have visited the dentist for a minor procedure you must wait 24 hours before donating; for major work wait a month.

Travel:

- You must not have lived in the United Kingdom, France or the Republic of Ireland between 1980 and 1996 for more than 6 months or received a blood transfusion in ANY of these countries since 1980.
- If you have been overseas recently, please refer to the "Donating after Travelling" tool available at www.nzblood.co.nz to find out when you can donate.

Food:

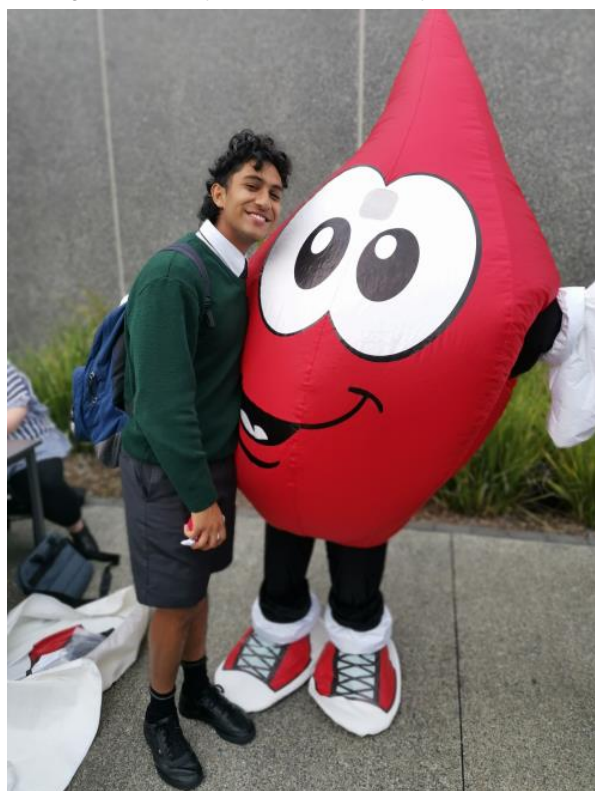
You must have eaten some food during the four hours prior to donation.

Identification:

You need to bring suitable identification with you. Examples of acceptable ID are driver's licence, birth certificate or passport. A Student ID Card is acceptable if it features full name, date of birth and a photograph. With your consent we may also ask the school to confirm you are at least 16 years of age.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT BLOOD

- There is no substitute for human blood -healthy donors are the only source of our blood supply.
- Around 29,000 patients are treated with blood or blood products in New Zealand each year.
- A blood donation is separated into different components, each of which is used to treat different patients - accident trauma, patients undergoing surgery, people with leukaemia, transplant patients and many others. Blood products are also used for immunisation to help prevent diseases such as hepatitis A and B, tetanus and chickenpox.
- Each donation can help save up to 3 people - blood donors are literally lifesavers!



SPORTS SCENE

Aon National Age Group Swimming Competition

Kevin Zhang (Y10) and Abigail Williams (Y9) competed in the Aon National Age Group Swimming Competition. Kevin was outstanding, with 5 gold medals and 1 bronze!! His medal haul was:

- Gold medal in 100m Breaststroke, 200m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 200m Individual Medley, 400m Freestyle
- Bronze medal in 200m Backstroke

He also made the finals of the 50m freestyle and 100m backstroke.

Abigail Williams also swam very well to make the finals of the 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke.

House Competition

The next lunchtime House competition will be volleyball. The junior competition will be played in Week 4 and the senior competition in Week 5.

Netball and Tennis courts

Previously asphalted and in need of renovation, our netball courts and three of our tennis courts have just been astroturfed. This provides a surface that is kinder to the players knee joints and also reduces the likelihood of slipping.

Travel to and from school games

When students are transported to and from games in a school van they will be returned to school. Sometimes this may be after dark. Staff who transport our students to and from games cannot be expected to wait for significant periods with students until they are collected. Please ensure you have arranged for your child to be collected **immediately they return to school**. All vans will return to Gate 2 and **students should be collected from the Gate 2 car park**.

While the school has minivans to **help** with transporting students to and from their games, we are still very reliant on parents to provide the bulk of the transport requirements for our teams. If you are able to provide transport for any team members, please contact the team coach or manager or the Sports Office (sport@lynfield.school.nz). On Wednesday afternoons we have 10 teams playing games! There is enormous pressure to transport all players to games, so if you are able to help by transporting students it would be very much appreciated.

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**

Uniform Return

All summer sports uniforms should now have been returned. If your son or daughter still has a uniform they used for summer sport we would really appreciate its return as soon as possible.

Team Talk

Winter sports are now underway. We have 50 teams entered in weekly competitions in 9 different sports. Some teams have started on their grading games while championship rounds have begun for others. Each week on Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning, there are 'home games' played on our football and rugby fields and basketball games on Wednesdays in the Lower Gym (4.00 – 6.30pm). We welcome the support of our school community at these games.

While some teams have now started their competitions, the rest begin in the next two weeks. Progress of the various teams will appear in the next edition.

Boys Football

We have 3 junior and 3 senior boys football teams this year. We still need a few more boys to join our LC teams. This is the perfect opportunity for any boys who are now wishing they had signed up for football but did not get around to it. ***If you know of anyone who would like to join a football team, please contact the Sports Office as soon as possible*** (sport@lynfield.school.nz).

Individual Honours

Our students certainly take on some interesting sports and challenges! Several have had notable success recently. Congratulations to:

Divyanshi Chauhan (Y12) was named as the Premier Women's Cricketer of the Year for Suburbs New Lynn Club. This is an outstanding achievement for a Y12 student.

Caleb Young (Y11) won the Gold Medal in the 3m Springboard in the Boys Aged group A division of the Auckland Diving champs on 28 March (postponed earlier due to Covid). He also competed at North Island Champs where 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. Excellent results, especially considering this was his first time competing his Platform list.

Kevin Zhang (Y10) did exceptionally well at the National Age Group Swimming Champs during the holidays collecting 5 gold medals and 1 bronze.

Maddison Wesche (Y13, 2017) has been selected in the NZ Olympic for the Japan Olympics. She will be competing in the Women's Shot Put.

Serina Daunakamakama (Y13) has been selected as a member of the Y9-1 rep team for Netball Waitakere. Serina also plays in both our 9 Gold and Premier 1 teams.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please bring your own cup to help minimise eco waste if possible

Also Community Patrols will be selling lanyards for \$5 ea as a fundraiser during this event

Puketapapa Community Network
Thursday 13th May 2021 - 11:45-1pm

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REMINDER

Venue - Auckland United Football NEW Clubrooms
 Keith Hay Park: Arundel Street Mt Roskill
 Near Children's Play area

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DATES AVAILABLE TO BE IN THE PROJECT STUDIO AUDIENCE:

Wednesday 5 May - 4th Host: Laura Tupou
 Monday 10 May - 4th Host: Paddy Gower
 Tuesday 11 May - 4th Host: Mark Richardson Plus Special Guests Two Hearts (Laura Daniel & Joseph Moore Live in Studio)
 Wednesday 12 May - 4th Host: tbc
 Thursday 13 May - 4th Host: tbc
 Friday 14 May - 4th Host: Jaquie Brown
 Monday 17 May - 4th Host: Paddy Gower
 Tuesday 18 May - 4th Host: Urzila Carlson
 Thursday 20 May - 4th Host: Mark Richardson
 Friday 21 May - 4th Host: Jaquie Brown
 Monday 24 May - 4th Host: Paddy Gower
 Tuesday 25 May - 4th Host: Mark Richardson
 Wednesday 26 May - 4th Host: tbc
 Thursday 27 May - 4th Host: Urzila Carlson
 Friday 28 May - 4th Host: Jaquie Brown
 Monday 31 May - 4th Host: Paddy Gower
 Tuesday 1 June - 4th Host: Mark Richardson
 Wednesday 2 June - 4th Host: tbc
 Thursday 3 June - 4th Host: tbc
 Friday 4 June - 4th Host: Jaquie Brown
 Please note, Hosts & Guests are subject to change

TIME: 6:30pm -7:30pm

STUDIO LOCATION: Boston Road, Eden Terrace

AGE: 13 years+ (13-15 year old must be accompanied by an adult)

To book your free seats in the audience, please email taniagoldsbro@tv3.co.nz with your date request, with a back-up date in case your first choice is full, and how many seats you need (maximum 6 - or more if you'd like to organise a social group outing). Your name will be added to the Audience Guest List and an e-ticket confirmation will be emailed to you. Our studio is wheelchair accessible. We will be adhering to health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of all audience and crew members.

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