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From Principal Cath Knell

Mehemea ka moemoeā ahau, ko ahau anake.

Mehemea ka moemoeā tātou, ka taea e tātou.

If I dream, I dream alone. If we dream as a collective,
we can achieve our dream | *Te Puea Herangi*

Kia ora koutou

This past week our school value of Whanaungatanga tika has focused **on 'We are collaborative - We learn together.**

We are certainly learning together, in new and different ways, as we adjust to increasing numbers of positive test numbers nationwide and the associated isolation requirements. For clarity as to who is required to isolate, please refer to the diagrams at the end of this edition which have been updated for CPF Red, Phase 3.

This has presented real challenges for us in covering classes. Today we had 19 teachers absent which we weren't able to cover by relievers. This resulted in classes being joined together and teachers covering for each other.

This is not sustainable which is why we had to make the call to roster a year level home each day - starting next week:

Mondays: Year 13
Tuesdays: Year 12
Wednesdays: Year 11
Thursdays: Year 10
Fridays: Year 9

Where supervision at home is not a possibility, children under the age of 14 are able to be supervised at school. Registrations are required, at least two days prior, so we can organise supervision. The work that will be set will be the same that the rest of their class will be working on at home. Please email Deputy Principal Sandy Harris saharris@lynfield.school.nz to register your child.

We are delighted to be able to highlight and celebrate some student, and staff, successes on both a National (1st in Scholarship Biology) and a World (VEX Robotics) stage. Congratulations to all of those involved for their determination, perseverance and commitment. With schools operating under CPF (Covid Protection Framework) RED there will be further changes to if or how school events and activities can run. You can expect emails advising you of how this will affect our students and our school community closer to the time the event or activity has been scheduled for.

Thank you for your support of your child and the college and your understanding of the changed guidelines that we are operating under.

Noho haumarū - *stay safe and well*

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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Student Executive 2022: Head Boy and Head Girl

Kia ora koutou

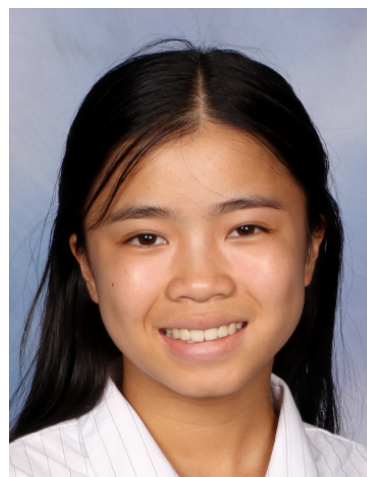
This year we have the privilege of serving as the head students of Lynfield College. We are so lucky to have an incredible team to work alongside and we can't wait for what 2022 has to bring. Student Executive is focused on delivering for the students of the College by amplifying student voice, standing up for issues that matter and leaving a legacy for the future of Lynfield, beyond the time we spend here.

Our year started with a two-day leadership training before the school year began. It gave us an opportunity to share insights and bond for the year ahead. We left feeling inspired and excited by the knowledge and unique perspectives each member brought to the team and it allowed us to plan and set up for what we knew would be a challenging year, but one we felt we could make valuable impact in.

Over the last few weeks Exec have worked together to organise a joint Valentine's Day and Tongan Relief event. These events were lead by our Social Co-ordinators, Pacific Pride and Young Māori leaders with a focus on supporting families in Tonga. Whilst we celebrated Valentine's Day with our peers, we also wanted to make Tonga our Valentine. With every purchase of a note and chocolate for fellow students, all proceeds were donated to Tonga directly. The event was incredibly successful raising over \$500.00 along with non-perishable items brought in by families also donated. Thank you to all the students and staff for their donations and support for this event.

With the new year just beginning, we look forward to meeting and working with more of the Lynfield community this year.

Sophie Yang and Kartik Malik



House Captains 2022

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected House Captains.

BRAY	Francesca Walsh and Hellina Dagnev
FATIALOFA	Arwa Barghash and Eric Nanai
FAUMUINA	Chris Peng and Maria Petelo
LEWIS	Jameel Waniya and Divyanshi Chauhan
REID	Marie Fruean and Emma Turner
ZORICICH	Alina Petricheva and Shalini Patel

Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Students are invited to nominate themselves or another student to stand as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees.

Students of all year levels may stand and will vote. **Nominations close Friday 11 March at 3pm.** The election will be held on Wednesday 13 April.

Nominees must write a short (less than 400 words) statement about why they should be elected, which will be shared with students. **Nomination forms are available from outside Mr Waddington's office.**



Team Building and Leadership Training



Organising Valentine's Day



VEX Robotics National Championships

Last weekend the VEX Robotics National Championships were held. It was split over two days as two separate events to keep numbers under 100 on each day.

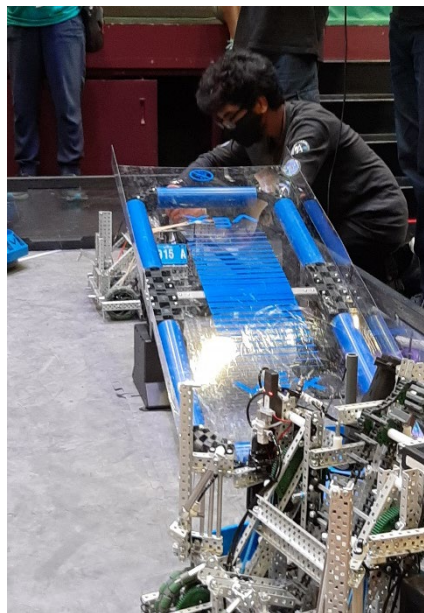
On Saturday Lynfield College had one team competing. The 2915A team members are Damon Atherstone (Y13 in 2021), Kaelem Chandra and Ahil Hussain. Although knocked out in the semi-finals, they were however awarded the **Think Award** for the programming of their robot, especially for their consistently good autonomous robot control.

On Sunday we had three teams competing. Team 2915U members Zak Ray, Rielly Moore and Nicholas Belt performed consistently well all day and completed the qualifying rounds, ranking 1st. They continued this throughout the quarter finals, semis and finals to finish as **New Zealand Champions** and qualify to compete in the World Championships. They were also awarded the **Amaze Award** for the team that had built the most consistently high-scoring and competitive robot, with the robot showing high-quality construction and effective programming.

Team 2915F members Evan Huang, Jaidev Bhikha, Didula Semasinghe, Kovid Dev and Faiz Khaja (not in attendance), all Y11, were awarded the **Middle School Excellence Award**. The excellence award is the highest award presented in the VEX Robotics Programme. The recipient is a team that exemplifies overall excellence in creating a high-quality competitive programme. The team is a strong contender in numerous award categories and exemplifies dedication, devotion, hard work and teamwork. The team is committed to quality in everything they do.

Congratulations to Lynfield College Team 2915F on being selected a winner in the VRC Middle School - Make It Real CAD Engineering Online Challenge Sponsored by Autodesk. This year there were entries from 42 states and 17 countries and each entry was reviewed by multiple judges.

Link to our teams (Evan Huang's) entry <https://challenges.robotevents.com/challenge/161/vexu-make-it-real-cad-engineering-online-challenge-sponsored-by-autodesk/entry/10291>





VEX Robotics Teacher of the Year Award

The recipient of this award is chosen by the students. It is presented to a teacher who shows true leadership and dedication to his or her group of students. The winner of this award continually exceeds expectations to ensure a safe, enjoyable and educational experience for all students.

Congratulations to Doug Bryan on receiving the VEX Robotics Teacher of the Year Award 2021/2022.



Welcome to our New Staff

We will be highlighting our new staff over the next few issues of Newslink.



JANE GRANT (GRT)

I teach in the Science department. I was last teaching at Lynfield in 2017 and in my absence, I travelled with my family, worked with beginning teachers and managed a household with three busy children. The activities I enjoy are baking, sewing and preserving, as well as joining in with all the things having a family involves.



GREG MCLARIN (MLN)

My name is Greg McLaren and I am excited to be leading the Music Department at Lynfield College. I have spent the last five years teaching at Kaipara College in Helensville, but I'm a West Auckland native so am enjoying teaching closer to home. I play various instruments and enjoy all things music! Outside of school you will likely find me at Brains Park playing football, or at the beach with friends and family. Looking forward to being involved with the busy Music life of Lynfield and can't wait to get some gigs going!



ROSE FENTY (FNT)

Hi, my name is Rose Fenty and I am teaching ESOL at Lynfield College. For the past few years, I have taught at Westlake Girls' High School. My interests include languages, psychology and wellbeing, and being immersed in the arts is my happy place. I have one daughter, who is a second-year University Student, Lily. I like to keep fit and healthy by walking and running regularly and the gym is my favourite place to go.

Scholarship Celebration

On Friday 18 March we held a very small and targeted celebration with our four successful Scholarship students for 2021. A total of 6 Scholarships, including 2 Outstanding Scholarships were achieved. It was a wonderful opportunity to congratulate these students and wish them well in their forthcoming tertiary studies. A big thank you to Mrs Van Niekerk for her support in catering for the event.

Scholarship winners were as follows:

Isha Ramanlal in Economics, Statistics and Biology (Outstanding)

Eliana Sanvictores in Design (Outstanding)

Benjamin Mason in Design

Aashish Ramanlal in History

Isha was also the Top Scholar for Biology across Aotearoa / New Zealand

We are very proud of what they have achieved.

Helpful Resources for Caregivers and Parents

HEARING LOSS

The trends in Aotearoa seem to be mirroring global statistics where 1 in 5 young people have hearing loss. The National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing expect this number to double if we do nothing. To raise awareness of this issue, they will be running a campaign in March to teach people safer listening habits. <https://www.nfd.org.nz/make-listening-safe-filter>

PORNOGRAPHY

A recent New Zealand survey of 14 to 17 year olds found that 75% of boys and 58% of girls under 17 have seen porn, and a quarter of them had done so at 12 or younger. The Light Project is a website for young people and their whānau wanting to learn more about porn. It contains excellent advice for parents on how to handle conversations with their teenagers and children. <https://thelightproject.co.nz/>

VAPING

The results of a survey in 2021 looking at the vaping habits of secondary school students in New Zealand found that:

- 26% of students reported vaping and 15% reported smoking cigarettes in the past week.
- Nearly 20% of students are vaping daily or several times a day, the majority with high nicotine doses.
- Over half of those vaping were vaping more frequently and at higher nicotine doses than last year.

Don't Get Sucked In is a website encouraging teens not to pick up vaping or smoking with advice and resources for teenagers and their whānau. <https://dontgetsucked.in.co.nz/>

NCEA Presentation

Unfortunately, this year due to Covid 19 restrictions, we will be unable to hold our regular NCEA Information Evening. Alternatively, a pre-recorded presentation will be added to our website by 9 March.

The presentation will give you an opportunity to learn more about NCEA and understand NCEA terminology such as Credits, Standards, Course, Portfolios, and the requirements to achieve Level 1, 2 or 3 certificates.

Year 11 parents/caregivers will be the target audience however, parents/caregivers might also find the information a useful reminder.

The presentation will be given by our Academic Advisor, Neil Waddington. If you have any questions about NCEA and studying at Lynfield College, please email him at nwaddington@lynfield.school.nz. He will endeavour to answer these in the presentation. The deadline for sending your questions is Friday 4 March.

A slide will also be available containing the contact details for our Faculty Leaders. Should you have further subject specific queries post viewing, you can contact them directly.

Progress Reports and Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

TERM 1 PROGRESS REPORTS

The reports will be on the Portal on **Wednesday 23 March**.

This report will focus on the progress your child has made against several key competencies during Term 1. A more detailed Report will be issued in July for Junior students and in August for Senior students.

TERM 1 PARENT STUDENT TEACHER (PSTS) CONFERENCES

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's Hui mai teachers at our Term 1 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. These will be on Wednesday 30 March (4pm to 7pm) and Thursday 31 March (9am -3pm). The focus of this first meeting will be goal setting. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we will be holding these conferences on-line. Instructions for making an appointment will be shared with you via email in the coming weeks.

There will be a further opportunity to discuss your child's achievement and their course selection for 2023, in Term 3 (hopefully on-site!).

Uniform

NAMING UNIFORM

We already have a high number of lost property items that have been found around the school which have not been named. This makes it difficult for the items to be returned to their rightful owners. Please name all items of Uniform. If you have lost an item, all lost property is displayed at the uniform shop.

CORRECT UNIFORM

Enclosed, plain black leather or leather-like lace-up or slip-on shoes only. Jandals, boots, canvas shoes and sandals are not permitted, due to health and safety reasons. *Students will not be permitted into Technology classes without correct uniform footwear.*

Sports shoes are to be used for Physical Education and sports only.

Hoodies are not a correct uniform item. This also includes tournament sports hoodies.

Uniform and Stationery Shop

The Uniform and Stationery Shop is open to all students on site for their uniform and stationery needs during first and second interval, Mondays to Thursdays, and before school at 8am and first interval on Fridays.

To work within current government guidelines, we are only able to accommodate parents/caregivers on site to assist with uniform fittings or purchases **by appointment only**. For an appointment please book at [Schoolpoint](#) with instructions on using Schoolpoint [here](#).

Online ordering is available through our website <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/shop.html>. Payment can be made by direct credit or credit card and students onsite are able to collect the items from the Shop during the above times.

For any further queries please email Nicky Pin at uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz

SportLink

SPORTS SCENE

This year's summer sport has presented many challenges because of the situation we are all facing with all the effects being in a pandemic brings. In the interests of reducing the likelihood of Omicron spread throughout our school and the opposition's school, we have made the tough but responsible decision not to enter teams into summer sports competitions where the players are in close contact with each other. For this reason, we will not be entering teams into water polo, volleyball, dragon boating, touch and tag competitions. Orienteering has already been cancelled by the organisers as they cannot run the events with complete Covid safety. Tennis and cricket are going ahead as the players are well spaced and outdoors.

We are preparing normally for Term 2 sport and really hope the peak in Omicron has passed by the beginning of T2. Trials for winter sports have started for some winter sports and others will begin over the next couple of weeks. These will be advertised on Schoology as usual. Students need to check the notices on Schoology at least twice per day so they don't miss out on being a part of something they will enjoy.

HOUSE SPORTS DAY

This has been postponed while we create a modified plan that will keep our community safe while at the same time engender house spirit.

SPORTS COUNCIL

We had a large number of applications for our Sports Council and successful applicants will have their first meeting next week where they will discuss a range of initiatives they can organise at lunchtimes for students to enjoy while keeping active.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

House Captains have just been elected. They will be organising House Competitions at lunchtimes – the first one will begin early March.

SUMMER SPORTS

Our 3 **Tennis** teams began competitions last Saturday with 2 teams winning their games.

Cricket 1st XI boys team, playing in the 1B grade, have had two good wins so far. In their 1st game v Long Bay College, Rishitt Walavalkar (Y11) scored 106 not out, and Muhmed Patel (Y12) scored 68 not out.

The 1st XI girls team played their first game last Wednesday beating Mt Roskill comfortably and had an excellent close win over St Marys yesterday. Our team is showing they really are a force to be reckoned with!



We need your help to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, in order to provide sporting opportunities to the large number of Lynfield students wanting to play sport. 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 are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coach, manager, referee or umpire of a team. We will not enter a team into a competition unless it has both a coach and a manager. If you have skills in any sport and can spare some time to work with our students in some way, please contact the Sports Office: Phone: 6270600 ext 595, email: sport@lynfield.school.nz or email Felicity Walbran (Sports Director) fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

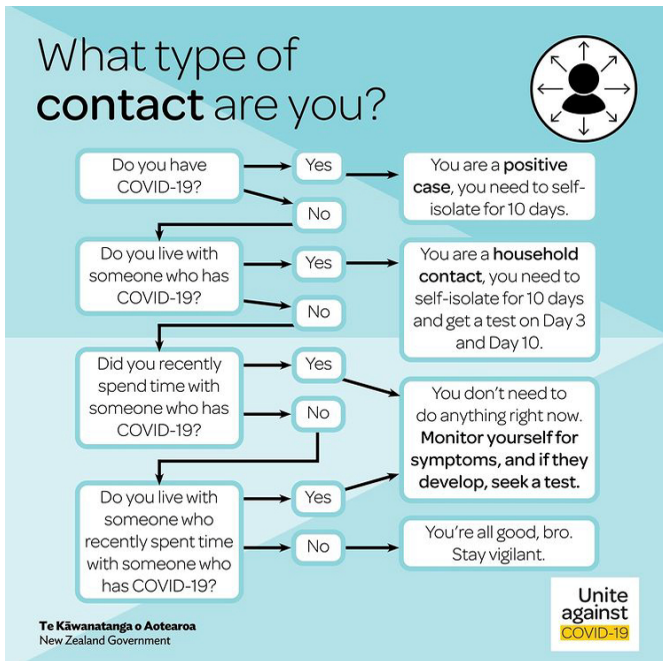
Congratulations to our students who have achieved outstanding results in their chosen sports:

Stanley Long (Y13) has now achieved a world tennis ranking.

Mia Powell (Y13) has been performing at a very high level in athletics. She is currently ranked #4 in NZ for women's 400m. She cemented this ranking last weekend at the Sir Graham Douglas International Athletics meet at the Trusts Stadium.

Summer van Gelder (Y13) was one of only 30 girls in the North Island invited to attend the 3-day Netball NZ training camp during January. She has also been selected in the Tamaki Makaurau U19 netball team.

Understanding the COVID-19 Protection Framework at Red Light Phase 3



Updated guide to self-isolation

You will need to self-isolate from others if you:

are positive for COVID-19	live with a positive case
You must isolate at home or in suitable alternative accommodation. If you test positive for COVID-19, a health professional will help you decide if managed isolation is suitable for you.	
Isolate for 10 days from when you test positive	Isolate for 10 days
No further tests required unless directed to	Tests on Day 3 and Day 10
Financial support may be available - check our website to find out what you may be eligible for: Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/	

This information is accurate as at 24 February 2022. However, it may be updated if phases of the Omicron response change. For the most up to date information, please visit our website at www.covid19.govt.nz

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Unite against COVID-19

WHAT TO DO IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Follow these steps so that we can look after you and your schoolmates.

STEP 1: LET US KNOW

Email absence@lynfield.school.nz or phone 627 0600, Extension 729. We keep your health information private.

STEP 2: TRACK YOUR MOVEMENTS

One of the Deputy Principals will call you to find out some more information. They may ask who you were with at lunchtime, did you visit the Nurse, had you played sports, etc.

STEP 3: SELF-ISOLATE

Follow the guidelines from Public Health at www.health.govt.nz. If your symptoms get worse, seek medical advice immediately (your doctor or Healthline 0800 611 116).

STEP 4: LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

The DP will ask if there's anything you need. We can help you with a device or other support you and your family might need.

STEP 5: KEEP CONNECTED

Work will be posted on Schoology. Try and keep up, but let your teachers know if you're not able to.

AFTER YOU'VE ISOLATED

Forward your notification of release to absence@lynfield.school.nz. We look forward to welcoming you back to school.

Information from the COVID Protection Framework Red Phase 2, 14 February 2022.