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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

Last NewsLink for Term 1

This is the last NewsLink for the term and celebrates a number of individual and team successes.

The Korowai Value for Term 1 has been Whanaungatanga Tika with the last two weeks being focused on ***'we are active in our community'***. Our students have risen to the occasion by organising a Student-led Community Week. It has been so lovely seeing both students and staff participate with such energy and enthusiasm.

In recognition of the extra long 11 week term we have confirmed an early finish for the last day of the term, Thursday 14 April, with students finishing at 2.10pm. All classes will still operate but will be shortened, as will the lunch break. Supervision will be available for those who need it. The Kiwi Coaches Mangere Bridge school bus will depart at 2.20 pm and the Titirangi/Laingholm school bus will depart at the usual time of 3.20 pm.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2 May for Term 2.
Noho haumarū - stay safe and well

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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Safety at the School Gates

The context for the challenges we face with congestion at the school gates has been shared in Newsletters over the past couple of years. For those who have more recently joined our school community this is being shared again.

We have been working with traffic engineers from Auckland Council over the past few years to see if the traffic flow around the College can be improved. Health and safety concerns, culminating in a Fire and Emergency Appliance being unable to access our buildings due to onsite congestion when responding to an alarm activation at the end of the school day, has meant that student drop-offs and pick-ups will continue to be off the school grounds.

Parents are encouraged to spread the drop-offs across the four access points to the school (Gates 1, 2 and 3 and the pedestrian access gate on Kimber Hall Avenue) and to drop their children away from the gates wherever possible. Auckland Transport has encouraged the drop-offs to be further away from the school gates with the students walking the last kilometre. Students are expected to be onsite by 8.50 am. All pedestrian gates (White Swan Rd, Boundary Road and Kimber Hall Avenue) are open from 8.00 am. Traffic congestion at the gates has been highlighted for addressing within the master rebuild plan for the school. However there has been no timeframe provided as to when this will be addressed.

Safety at the School Gates Continued:

While we did deploy additional staff to the gates during the thunderstorm (Monday 21 March) this isn't something that can be supported on a daily basis, given the pre-school meetings and activities running, and particularly not on fine days.

Support the Lynfield College Robotics Team and their Give a Little Page

Lynfield College Robotics Team 2915U has qualified to compete at the VEX Robotics World Championships in Dallas Texas, USA. The team has set up a Give a Little page to help them attend this competition. The following link will take you directly to their page. If you are willing to assist the team in reaching their goal any donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support of these fine young men and their high quality machine. The page closes soon so please be quick.

Give a Little page link: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/please-help-the-lynfield-college-robotics-team>

The team also has a number of donated items for sale on Trade me. These items have generously been donated to the team by BedsrUs and the Bricklane Restaurant in New Lynn. Here are the links for these auctions:

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/home-living/beds/queen/beds-with-mattresses/listing/3545141089?bof=Y8txaHVb>

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/travel-events-activities/activities/listing/3545143598?bof=Zw3cyRIH>

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/travel-events-activities/activities/listing/3545144175?bof=Zw3cyRIH>

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<https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/marketplace/travel-events-activities/activities/listing/3545148409?bof=EoUz10xS>



Student Executive 2022: Academic Captains

Hey everyone!

We are privileged to be your Academic Captains for 2022 and are very excited to carry out our projects planned for the year ahead. Our team's purpose is to raise the academic profile of Lynfield College by increasing students' confidence in their learning. We do this by ensuring equal and fair opportunities for everyone, and by providing sufficient tools and support throughout the year to help students reach their potential.

This year began with forming our Academic Council. Shortly after releasing the applications, we received numerous outstanding applications that caught our attention, which made the selection process extremely challenging. Our council now stands with 14 members ranging from Year 9 to Year 13 and meets weekly to discuss new and ongoing plans. Our diligent council members have helped us stay connected with Faculty leaders around Lynfield, by providing constant feedback to assist our future decision making.

Some of our plans for this year include implementing a peer-to-peer centralised tutoring system designed to help those who are struggling in certain subjects, with sessions led by both staff and students. These sessions are crucial for ensuring students have access to help, so that they can be more confident in their assessments. We are also planning to implement a Schoology database containing a wide range of past papers to help prepare students for their NCEA internals/externals. This is in the works, and will be available soon with the help of our academic council members! Finally, we'll be planning our annual Quizzex which is an awesome opportunity for students to get involved in a fun, academic competition, and is a yearly highlight.

We look forward to working with everyone this year!

Brooklyn Sanisitou, Sarka Ludvigova, Ricky Zhou, Eesha Mahimkar



Brooklyn Sanisitou



Sarka Ludvigova



Ricky Zhou



Eesha Mahimkar

Peer to Peer Tutoring

Next term the Academic Council is planning to start up a peer to peer tutoring support for students needing a bit of help with the current topics being covered in subjects across the school. This will happen during set lunchtimes in the seminar room.

More information will be posted on Schoology early in Term 2 with more details.

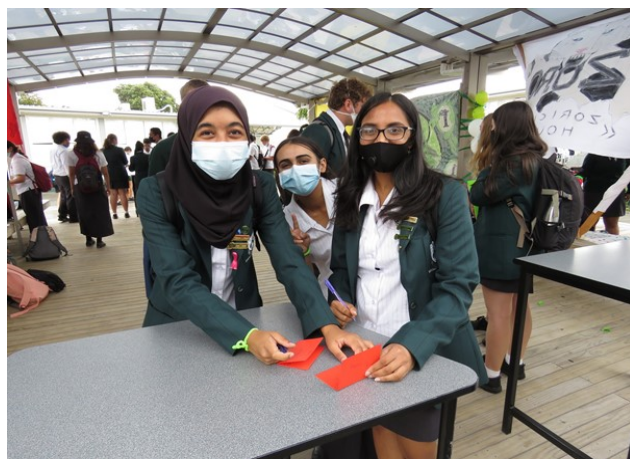


Community Week

Over the last few weeks, the Student Executive have been working to generate more student involvement both within the school and in the wider community. Aiming to connect the Lynfield College community and be active outside of it following a challenging term, the idea of a 'Community Week', held during Week 10 of Term 1 came to life.

The house system was used to raise school spirit and support various different charities. Activities throughout the week included raising awareness and writing appreciation cards in house stalls, lunchtime performances, a non-uniform day and a students vs staff game of Tapuae to finish the week. All proceeds raised will go towards the charities supported by each house.

Community Week was a huge success with high engagement from students and staff across the school. A clear sense of community was felt throughout the school; a fitting and enjoyable way to wrap up a heavily disrupted start to the school year.



Some of the Appreciative Comments to Staff

You're an amazing teacher. Thank you for being you!

Just like the rain - you are the best!

We are so grateful to have you as our teacher!

Thank you for being a wonderful teacher. You have helped us a lot. We would not have achieved things without you!

Thank you for your tremendous support with my work. It's a pleasure to be in your class.

Thank you for being a very kind, generous and friendly teacher. You have helped me so much.

Staff V Students Tapuae Game

A fun and challenging game of tapuae was played between staff and students. Staff were the clear victors, much to the disappointment of the students. **The final score was 5:3.**



Learning Supports Students Enjoy Uniform Day

Our Learning Support students exhibiting the key competencies of participating and contributing and relating to others during a collaborative task - and of course enjoying their learning on non- uniform day!



Kapa Haka

Kapa haka has started with our roopu preparing for cultural week performances and the konohete for our Kāhui Ako in term 3.

We've had to be creative rehearsing outdoors and using digital platforms to demonstrate our school value of manaakitanga for those who are unable to be on-site.

Kia kaha koutou!

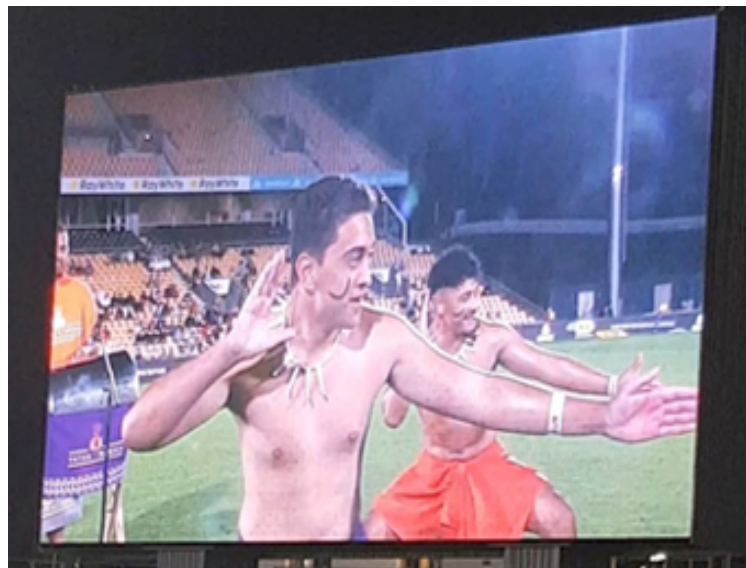


Young Māori Leader Performs at Eden Park

Raithe Savieti (Akonga 13PNU)

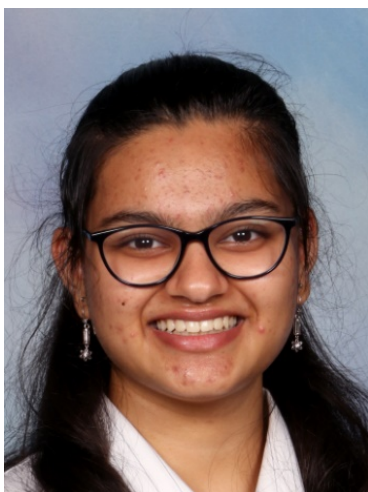
On Tuesday 29 March, Young Maori Leader Raithe Savieti along with the other leaders of his performing arts group 'Tatau Manaia' performed for the Moana Pasifika V Blues Rugby game. At halftime, they performed for 14,000 people and showcased traditional Siva Samoa and Fa'ataupati.

"I'm honoured to have performed with my group at the Moana Pasifika Blues Game. I'd like to say thank you to my tutor Albert Tupuola for getting us the gig and refining our performance throughout the practices. Even though I am not of Samoan descent, I can see how passionate he is about getting people inspired by Samoan Culture. Also thank you to the other leaders who performed and who really showcased what Samoan Culture is."



Scholarship Success for Deevya Shah (11MTH)

Experience Germany ONLINE



This year's PAD scholarship allows outstanding students of German from all over the globe to take part in an exciting virtual German immersion programme this winter. The PAD is Germany's public organisation working on behalf of the Federal States to promote international exchange and cooperation in the school sector.

After a successful selection interview with the Goethe-Institut Neuseeland, **Deevya Shah** from Lynfield College was selected as one of three students from New Zealand participating in the one week programme in July.

The course runs for four hours a day for five days and focuses on the students' conversational skills in German as well as aims to deepen the understanding of Germany's cultural offerings. Students work together in international groups of 10 to 15 students to research, understand, present and discuss a variety of topics in German. The sessions are led and supervised by a team of students and university teachers of the Teaching German as a Foreign Language programme at Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn.

Parent Student Teacher Conferences Survey

Last week we held our Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences. We were very pleased with the turn out, considering the challenge of having to do the meetings online. We are still analysing the data, but parent / caregiver attendance approximately doubled compared to previous years.

We would really appreciate your feedback on the conferences. Note: Section 1 is for those who did not attend and section 1 and 2 is for those of you who did attend. The final date to complete the survey is Wednesday 13 April.

Survey link: <https://forms.gle/L3qNaiVj7FAdVxpCA>

Thank you to those of you who attended the conferences. Our teachers really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet you and discuss with you and your child, their goals and progress at school.

Winter Uniform

With the arrival of the cooler weather, it's a good time to purchase warmer uniform items. The following is available from the Uniform and Stationery shop:

Showerproof Jackets, all sizes \$93 | **Fleece Jackets**, all sizes \$91 | **Green Woollen Jumpers**, from \$98 to \$110
Windbreaker Jackets, \$30 (this is a discontinued item however there are still XS and S sizes available).

The Shop will be open as normal for all students on site for their uniform and stationery needs during **interval and lunchtime Monday to Thursday and 8am to the end of interval on Friday.**

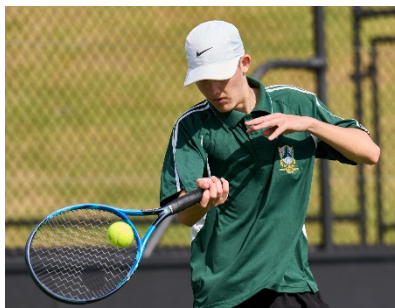
We are able to accommodate parents/caregivers on site to assist with uniform fittings or purchases **by appointment only**. For an appointment please book on Schoolpoint with instructions on using Schoolpoint [here](#)

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

SportsScene

SUMMER SPORTS | Team Talk

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

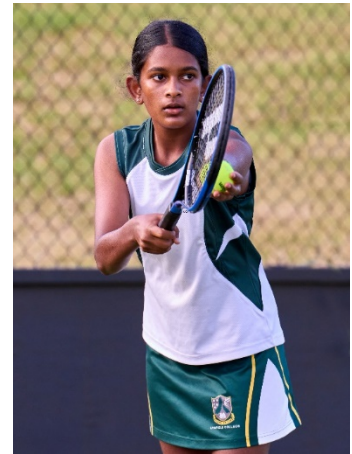


Junior B Girls Tennis

Travelling from school to school, Junior B Tennis Girls had a season that was enjoyable and thrilling. We developed skills and learned new techniques to excel at the sport.

We all had our highs and lows during the season, which meant winning, and at other times losing, but despite that, we still had a really successful and enjoyable season. We had a few weeks where not all of us were able to make it to a match but thanks to year 9s Chante and Emma we were still able to play.

We cheered each other on, and although we may have not had the best season, we hope to continue playing for the school in future years. **(Meera, Tanisha, Sumedha, Alina, Nishikaa, Melita and Selena).**



Junior Boys Cricket

Lynfield College Boys Junior cricket team are proud winners of the Boys Junior Cricket Championship for 2022. The first debacle in the opener, in which the team lost to Westlake Boys High School and the challenges faced due to Covid did not deter the team from winning the championship to display a picture of true resilience and teamwork. The team was led to victory by the captain, **Shiv Patel** who contributed both with bat and ball and ensured the team always played up to their potential. He was well supported by the entire team.

The bowlers were led by fiery **Runako Halligan** who unleashed a spell of fast bowling that often caught his opponents by surprise. **Ayush Swarnapuri, Parthiv Yeddula, Rudra Pandya** and **Yug Sharma** were the pick of the bowlers who ensured that they continue taking wickets at regular intervals through the season.

The openers, **Atharva Muley** and **Vyom Barot** got the team off to a flying start in the finals. Atharva continued with his splendid performance with the bat by scoring an unbeaten 52 in the finals which laid the foundation for the win.

Special thanks to coach, **Mr Zubin Irani** for the engaging sessions making sure that each player is involved and progresses, regardless of effort and to the team manager, **Mrs. Stephanie van Niekerk** for always being supportive and managing the team.

In the end, it was sweet victory for the boys, as the team was able to win the final match comfortably against the same team, Westlake Boys High School, against whom they had lost the opening match. It was a commendable performance for the boys and many of them look forward to play for the Senior Lynfield College team next season.



From left to right: Stephanie van Niewkerk (Team Manager), Aryamaan Nannegari, Het Patel, Rudra Pandya, Ayush Swarnapuri, Parthiv Yeddula, Kasim Khan, Affan Kamran, Shiv Patel (Captain), Bhavya Seth, Zubin Irani (Coach). Front Row: Vyom Barot, Yug Sharma, Runako Halligan, Atharva Muley, Izak van Niekerk.

1st XI Boys Cricket

Lynfield's 1st XI Cricket had a decent first half of their season finishing in the top five and still in contention for the top four playoffs. The team bonded well and started strong with a convincing win over Long Bay College with year 11 student **Rishitt Walavakar** scoring an impressive 106 of 92 balls. The team followed up a strong start with a comeback victory over Orewa College to go 2 from 2. The 1st XI continued to pick up wins until we had an unfortunate loss to Glendowie College. The team didn't finish the way they wanted to as they were beaten convincingly by Avondale College on Saturday 2 April. (Ryan Martin, captain)

Archery

Congratulations to **Rajal Sharma** (at right), of Year 9 who came 7th equal in the individual compound bow section of School Sports Archery. There are no age groups or divisions in this section so everyone is competing against students of all abilities ranging from Year 9 to Year 13. Rajal's score increased every week despite his having had a 3-year break from archery and using a new bow.

The final session was a fun shoot. Students were divided into 20 teams of four and given different challenges. The team that Rajal was in came second and he was awarded a certificate at the prizegiving. Well done!



Archery is a great sport for developing focus, co-ordination and strength.

Getting Ready for 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 next term.

URGENT - HELP NEEDED | URGENT - HELP NEEDED | 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 cannot 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 AND BASKETBALL:

**Basketball | U17 Boys – games are Thursday afternoons
and 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.

Sports Uniforms

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.

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

SPORTS FEES PAYMENT

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

Individual Sports Honours

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

Mia Powell (Year 13)

Mia competed in the Australian National Athletics Champs in Sydney earlier this week. She came 2nd in the 400m U20 Australian nationals, with a new pb of 54:35!! Mia also broke the Auckland U20 record, making her the U18 and U20 Auckland 400m record holder.

Jayden Baek (Year 13)

We are so proud of our International student Jayden Baek who has won the North Island Disability Golf Open for the second time. The golf course was very long and tough and there were many challenges during the game, but Jayden never lost his top position throughout and finished with the top result.

Fiona Siaopo (Year 11)

Fiona went to the North Island Interprovincial Athletics meet where she competed in discus, shot put and 100m. Points from all 3 events were tallied and Fiona finished 2nd in the U16 grade.

Jemma McCormick (Year 12)

Jemma McCormick (Y12) has been selected to attend the NZ Women's U-17 training camp, to be held at St Peters Cambridge from 18 – 24 April.



Mia Powell



Fiona Siaopo



Jayden Baek



Jemma McCormick

If your son and/or daughter has achieved representative status (Auckland or New Zealand) 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 (e.g. certificate, letter of selection etc.), so we have the exact wording of their achievement, or email these details to fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

Lions Young Speechmaker Contest 2022

Students interested in entering this contest can open the following link for competition rules, criteria and application form: <https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/services/youth/young-speechmaker-contest#:~:text=The%20Lions%20Clubs%20of%20New,through%20your%20local%20Lions%20Club>



Young Speechmaker Contest

The Lions Clubs of New Zealand offer youth from 16 to 21 years of age (as at 15 Nov 2022), the opportunity to participate in a national public speaking contest. Entry is free to the contestants and open to the public through your local Lions Club. Generally, there will be at least a district contest with the winner/s coming forward to the National Final in Palmerston North on Sat 13th August 2022.



What is the Young Speechmaker Contest?

Your local Lions Club will contact your School or Youth Group and offer to sponsor speakers for the District contest. They will provide copies of the Rules, and the Judges briefing and score sheets so you have a good understanding of the contest expectations.

The District contest/s are all to be completed by the 30th June 2022 and up to two contestants from each District will come to the National (MD202) Contest on Saturday 13 August 2022 in Palmerston North. Travel arrangements and venue details will be provided by Lions at no cost to the contestants early in July 2022.

We encourage participation and support from fellow students, their families and Lion Club members at all contests. The only cost involved in attending is the catering charge (typically around \$15) for morning tea, lunch and an afternoon tea before you all head home. Contestants are paid for by Lions.

Prizes are awarded to all winners. A4 Certificates of Appreciation are provided for all contestants to place in their CV. At national level good prizes are provided by our sponsors for the top three winners.

Attached with this flyer are the rules and entry form.
We look forward to your students' participation.

Blockhouse Bay- Lynfield Lions Club, your local club, has sponsored students from Blockhouse Bay and Lynfield high schools for many years and would like to again showcase our local youth in this great competition.

Please return entry forms direct to Youth Co-ordinator,
<mailto:blockhouse.bay@lionsclubs.org.nz>



Winners of the 2021 NZ Lions Young Speechmakers Contest




Mia Hollingworth 2021 NZ Lions Young Speechmaker Contest Winner

Mia's speech was on the topic of fake news. You can read more about Mia and her achievement in the Southland Times article of Sept 21 [here](#).

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

Household Contacts what you need to do



Do you live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19? Visit [Covid19.govt.nz/household](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/household) and follow these steps:

Stay home* and isolate for 7 days from the day the person with COVID-19 tests positive (Day 0). Try to avoid contact with them if you can.

Take a test on Day 3 and Day 7 (or sooner if you develop symptoms).

Tested negative? You still need to finish your 7 days of self-isolation.

Tested positive? You will need to start a new 7 days. Please follow the guidance on our website.

Did someone else in your house test positive? You don't need to restart your 7 days (unless you test positive).

[Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)

You can complete your self-isolation at the same time as the first person in your house who had COVID-19 if your Day 7 test is negative, and you have no new or worsening symptoms. Tino pai!


* Some people who are Household Contacts and critical workers may be able to still go to work through the Close Contact Exemption Scheme. See our website for more information.

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Updated 12 March 2022

Testing positive at different times



	Day 0	Day 3	Day 7	
OG Case	A	+	Self-isolates for 7 days. Can leave after 7 days if no new or worsening symptoms.	
Household Contacts	B	+	Self-isolates, and tests positive on Day 3. Starts a new 7 days of self-isolation. Can leave after 7 days if no new or worsening symptoms.	
	C	Self-isolates, and tests negative on Day 3. Tests positive on Day 7.	+	Starts a new 7 days of self-isolation. Can leave after 7 days if no new or worsening symptoms.
	D	Self-isolates for 7 days. Can leave after 7 days if they have a negative Day 7 test and no new or worsening symptoms.		

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+ when you test positive, or when you first develop symptoms, whichever comes first, is your Day 0.



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.

Free Young Drivers' Workshops

Did you know that we offer free driver licence workshops? If you or someone you know needs support in gaining a **Learner, Restricted** or **Full licence**, book in today.



We've got all the resources and advice you need to work through the different stages together. If you're a parent who's ready to teach someone to drive, we also have resources and specific 'Train the Trainer' workshops for you.

For more information on when our workshops are running, please visit the links below.

In these sessions, we provide:

- Info on the different stages of NZ's graduated driver licence
- Advice on how to stay safe when driving
- Resources to help work towards a Learners, Restricted or Full Licence
- Insights into what to expect on the test day
- An opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and obtain advice from experienced trainers.

For more information, please contact our road safety team.