From Principal Cath Knell

Kia ora koutou, welcome to Term 2

We have started the new term with a focus on our Korowai Value of Manaakitanga-including a focus on we are inclusive and culturally responsive. Our Muslim families celebrated the end of Ramadan this week and we wish them Eid Mubarak. Next week we celebrate New Zealand Sign Language Week, with a focus for 2022 on 'NZSL is ESSENTIAL' and Rotuman Language Week, with a focus on 'sustainability'.

Term 2 will also have a focus on Careers in preparation for planning for 2023 (course selection, further training or the workforce). Students, supported by their Hui Mai teacher, have begun with a focus on 'Developing self-awareness and exploring opportunities'.

Services Resuming Under Covid Protection Framework Orange

With the move to CPF Orange, we have been able to welcome representatives from tertiary institutes and industries back onsite to connect with our senior students. Dates and times for their visits plus details of Open Days and Experience Days can be viewed on the Schoology calendar.

Te Puna Awhina Tauira I Student Services

Over the past five months there has been a major refurbishment of our Student Services Centre, funded by the Ministry of Education and overseen by Project Company, Rubix and our Business Manager Rob Skeen. An early morning Blessing was held on Wednesday 4 May, involving student, staff and

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Board representation. Matua Toi Katipa. Matua Jarrod Waetford and Matua Te Whainoa Te Wiata facilitated this supported by our Kapa Haka and tutors Whaea Brenda Rawiri and Matua Tu Tata. It was such a pleasure to have past pupils Matua Jarrod Waetford, Kristelle Varney (school Board) and Bruce Carter (Marathon Construction Company) present for this ceremony.





We look forward to the Health Centre, Guidance, Careers and Gateway and the International Department resuming their services from this refreshed space in the next couple of weeks.

Noho haumaru - stay safe and well

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

Board of Trustees Student Representative

Congratulations to Jessie Chen (Year 13), our new Student Representative on the School Board. Her election speech is below.

Hi everyone,

I cannot promise you a perfect school but it is in my best interest to strive for one. I'm running for the position of your student representative on the Board of Trustees as I hope to create a greater impact on our wider community by not only expressing the opinions of those closest to me, but every single one of you.

I believe that Lynfield should have an environment where our students feel safe and their needs met. To achieve this I am ready to dedicate my utmost contribution to this role in hopes of a brighter future for our school. As someone approachable and reliable; I am eager to help and communicate openly with you. It would be my greatest honour to have your entrusted faith.



To be on a governance focused board can be intimidating but I am prepared and driven by my passion to serve you. So please, use my voice as your voice. And vote Jessie as your student representative 2022.

Special Mention for Outgoing Student Representative Sophie Yang

Sophie was elected Student Representative two years ago when she was in Year 11. The role of Student Representative is for one year only but the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA), deferred elections due to Covid, extending Sophie's role until now.

Sophie has been an exceptional student representative providing thoughtful insights, considered decisions and always working to uphold the trust students gave her when they voted her on to the Board as their representative. Sophie has been commended by the Board for her comprehensive reporting, committment and support over what has been two complex years for teaching and learning due to Covid. It has been a pleasure to have her as a member of the Board of Trustees.



Election results are available on our website.

Lest We Forget: ANZAC Day Commemoration

The effects of Covid meant that the Mt Roskill ANZAC Day service had to be adapted to prioritise the health and wellbeing of veterans and attendees. ANZAC Day 2022 was instead held as a private online ceremony at the Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall with no parade.

We were represented by Head Girl **Sophie Yang**, Deputy Head Boy **Oliver Pracey** and **Principal Cath Knell** with past Head Boy (2021), **Sanat Singh** who was representing the Puketāpapa Youth Foundation.





Student Executive 2022: Young Māori and Pacific Pride Leaders

Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa Atu, Noa'ia, Kia ora!

In the absence of a Talanoa in Term 1, the Pacific Pride and Young Māori Leaders have created a short video for the Māori and Pasifika students and parents: https://youtu.be/igpn6iKUKqo

In the video they introduce themselves and speak about their current future goals and aspirations.

One Leader from each portfolio discussed their current work plan, such as an after school homework centre being developed for Māori and Pacific students to encourage them to thrive. This homework centre will be facilitated by dedicated staff and supported by our local community.

They are also building on a proposal to the Board of Trustees, requesting a Tupenu/le-faitaga as an official uniform item for Lynfield College 2023.

They have a number of exciting events planned, including Cultural Week, week 10 this term:

"We have a bright year awaiting us and we look forward to sharing our successes with you as we move forward. He rā ki tua - there are better days ahead."



Raithe Saviete



Sitaita Latuila



August Luani Otess



Maria Petelo



Marie Fruean



Alfred Fononga



Tom Tuipulotu



Ovalata Hala'ufia

NCEA Information for Parents and Caregivers

NZQA have developed resources to support parents/whānau and help them understand the changes that are being implemented to strengthen NCEA. Links are below:

<u>Whānau Pocket Guide</u> (PDF, 1.6 Mb): This seeks to help whānau understand the NCEA Change Package and consider ways of supporting their children to succeed.

<u>Fact Sheet: Changes to Strengthen NCEA</u> (PDF, 1.2 Mb): This explains the seven changes that NZQA are implementing as part of the NCEA Change Programme.

Legal Career Holiday Experience for Year 11 Pounamu Student

In collaboration with Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa (the Maori Law Society) and the Pacific Lawyers Association, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts and Kāhui Legal designed a programme which showed high school students what it is like to be a lawyer in New Zealand. Hunter Savieti writes about her experience.

'During the holidays I attended a three-day programme for students in years 11-13 who are looking to pursue law. We had guest speakers Judge Joe Williams, the first Māori Judge appointed to the Supreme court; Judge Ida Malosi, New Zealand's first Pacific Island Judge and other Pasifika and Māori lawyers and law students to share their experiences in law school and in court and how they worked their way up to their positions.' Hunter Savieti



Community Scooter Jam Event organised by Year 12 Student

Year 12 student Caleb Young noticed there weren't any community run events in Auckland for scooter riders so took the initiative and organised a Community Scooter Jam on Saturday 30 April at Valonia Skatepark.

Over 40 kids turned up to enjoy the day. Caleb also organised prizes, donated from four major scooter companies in New Zealand and had approximately \$900 worth of prizes for the participants to win on the day, plus three Proriders to assist him on the day to be judges.





A fantastic effort, Caleb!



From the Technology Faculty

Kowhai Kai | We would like to thank our new tuck shop provider, CMS Kitchen, for coming on board and for their continued support of Kowhai Kai meals.

D'café | D'café will be open next week in D9 selling Hot Chocolates for \$3.00 each. Payment can be made with cash at the café, or at the Accounts office by EFTPOS (please retain your EFTPOS slip to show at D'café).

New Literacy and Numeracy Pilots

As we have foreshadowed in a previous newsletter, Lynfield College is supporting the Ministry of Education and NZQA to pilot the new literacy and numeracy standards this year.

The new literacy and numeracy standards will help ensure that students have the foundational skills to support them in further studies, work, and life. The standards will become a mandatory part of NCEA in 2023.

Some of our Year 10 students will be sitting the assessments in late June and others in late September. These students will be able to count the credits gained in the pilot this year, towards their NCEA level 1 Certificate in 2023

Over the next week an email with further information, will be sent to parents / caregivers of those students who will sit the Pilot assessments in June.

Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences

Despite having to work under Covid restrictions last term, we still managed to successfully hold our Parent Student Teacher Conferences, albeit on Google Meet. Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey last term. Overall, the feedback we received, indicated it was a positive experience for the majority of those who participated.

For many years, the attendance data for conferences was on average under 30%. In March this year, we almost doubled this attendance despite the challenges of online and Covid! We will continue with three-way conferences with the Hui mai mentor in the next meetings in August.

Many of you told us you liked having an online option, so we will offer online AND face to face meetings in August.

We will continue to work on building stronger communication with our families in terms of sharing achievement information. Please remember the Parent Portal is live (it has academic achievement, punctuality, and attendance information). Conversations with subject teachers can be arranged if you have concerns over your child's academic progress. The aim is always to have no surprises in August, no matter what system we use. Pastoral concerns should go through your child's Hui mai teachers and Deans. Your child's Hui mai teacher is the first port of call and they can guide you as to how you can contact other teachers.

We look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible in August. Dates are currently being confirmed. **The focus** for Term 3 PSTs will be option choices and achievement progress.

Mr Coop Graduates!

Congratulations to Ben Coop, our Head of Faculty for Mathematics and Statistics, who has graduated with a Masters of Educational Leadership (with Distinction) this week. This was a three-year part-time journey for Ben, while he continued to work full time. His studies included the challenges facing middle-leaders, who are often implementers of change and find themselves as "the meat in the sandwich" between senior leaders and teachers.

However, his primary research topic was a self-inquiry into how his personal ancestry and own lived history as a descendent of a colonising timber-milling then sheep farming English family, has shaped his values, feelings and relationships with today's urban Māori and Pasifika youth in his classroom.

Ben has a particular interest in how Pasifika students value relationships and exercise them through the culturally inherited concept of vā tapuia. This is loosely defined as the sacred space of relationship between people, along with the idea of teu le vā; the obligation of those in relationship to nurture and evolve the vā for the mutual benefit of each other.



Wā hono | Time to Connect

Friday saw the start of **Wā hono**, **Stage 2** for our Year 9 and 10 students. Wā hono means Time to Connect, and the aim of the programme is for students to be active in their learning and make connections between different subject areas. In Term 1, all junior students learnt about the theme of Castaway in their classes. Activities included creating survival devices such as water filters and snares in Science, mapping skills in Social Studies, and the correct protocols for harvesting and using harakeke in Te Reo and Art. Students also learnt about teamwork and problem solving.

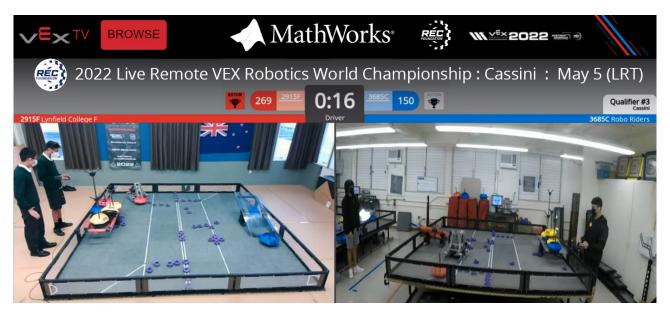
Stage 2 is for the students to have a creative response to their learning. They will spend Fridays for the first part of the term making connections between their learning and working collaboratively on a project. They could make a short film survival guide, they could design and test a programme for identifying edible plants, they could ...!

This is an exciting opportunity for students to be active learners, and to explore their own interests from the Castaway topic. They will also have real experience of working in a team and problem solving. The end of the programme will see the students presenting their creative responses to the rest of their Year group in Week 5 and Week 6.

VEX Robotics World Championships 2022

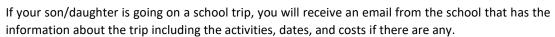
Team 2915U are now in Houston Texas getting ready to take on the rest of the world for this championship event. More photos of their journey can be found on the website.

Meanwhile Team 2915F are competing online with the first day of competition today (Thursday 5 May USA time) and the second on Saturday 7 May (Friday 6 May USA time). Those of you that have been supporting our Robotics programme and the team (2915U) that is competing 'live' in Dallas can follow the Live Streamed match times (all USA times). The live broadcasts can be found here: https://www.vexworlds.tv/#/?channel=z9evotcv3ir25iu2exfo.



Education Outside the Classroom: Trip Permission Procedures

Any trips where students are taken off site during class time will require parental permission to attend the trip. Gone are the days of lost letters that need signing and returning to school. We run a paperless Permission Slip system run through an online platform called Schoolbridge.





To give permission and provide any required information please follow the instructions at the bottom of the email, by clicking the relevant link and signing in using your login and password. This is the same login and password you use to access the portal and to book parent student conferences,

Please click the link below to action this form.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS

Alternatively you can access the permission forms at this link: https://lynfield.bridge.school.nz/

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

Career News | We need to start early: Fostering a career mindset in young people

Tertiary visitors from institutes and industries across New Zealand have commenced visiting and connecting with our senior students on our Lynfield College campus this term. Massey University delivered an overview on Tuesday and AUT University on Friday this week. Keep an eye on the Schoology Calendar for these lunchtime sessions to remind your student. There are many *Experience Days* also offered within Tertiary for seniors that are advertised on Schoology.

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND have outreach programmes commencing for Māori and Pasifika students studying Sciences and Maths, with an interest to learn more about a career in the Health Sciences, Medical Sciences or Engineering sector.

Whakapiki Ake Information Evenings for Year 12 and 13 Rangatahi Māori and Whanau

Contact Mrs Keir to register on Extention 744 or Email: wkeir@lynfield.school.nz

10 May: 6 – 8.00 pm South Auckland Campus | 12 May: 6 – 8.00 pm Grafton Campus, Auckland City

TERTIARY OPEN DAYS commence this month onwards throughout 2022.

Massey University: Online Information Evening 19th May, 6.00 – 9.00 pm

Book Here: https://www.massey.ac.nz/about/events/future-students-undergraduate-information-evening/

University of Waikato: Open Days with free buses return from Auckland. See Mrs Keir to register attendance plus free bus if required:

Hamilton campus Open Days: Friday 27 May, 9.00 am - 2.00 pm and Saturday 28 May, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Tauranga campus Open Days: Friday 17 June, 9.00 am - 1.00 pm and Saturday 18 June, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Year 13 STEM and Health Experience Day 2022, Massey Uni Albany Campus, Wednesday 1 June 9.30 am - 2.15 pm. A showcase of their unique offerings in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Health areas. The day will see our great academics staff host interactive workshops on the Albany campus with the aim to inspire students to consider STEM and Health pathways as a career. See Mrs Keir to register.

University of Canterbury: New Courses and Updates

https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/get-support/career-advisors/updates-for-cas/

NAVAL OPERATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR AND LOGISTICS SUPPLY SPECIALIST

Webinar 11 May 2022 @ 1900

Operational Administrator is a very exciting role, working in the Ship's Support Department. This role takes care of all administration and payroll tasks onboard. This exciting job is important to the Ship's Command as the Operational Administrator is the subject matter expert of administration policy for the Navy and NZDF, advising the Commanding Officer of policy during the deployments. Logistics Supply Specialists in the Navy provide logistical support to ships at sea and are an essential link in the efficient supply chain between ships and shore.

The Zoom link is for Wednesday 11 May at 1900 (7.00 pm): https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86458089282
The Facebook event can be found at this link: https://www.facebook.com/events/355920229924344/

GIRLS WITH HI-VIS® is back this June, when companies from some of New Zealand's most critical industries open their doors to host a **Girls with Hi-Vis®** (**GWHV**) event, giving female high school students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, hear from inspirational women and learn about the career opportunities in Infrastructure.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR IS ALL ABOUT? Infrastructure is what keeps New Zealand connected, through roads, bridges, water pipes, power lines and wifi networks. The civil, energy, telco and water sectors are booming and talented new recruits are in high demand. Careers are exciting, varied and skilled, and provide the opportunity to gain tertiary qualifications while earning a salary.

Don't miss out or overlook the opportunity. Register your interest in attending a June event now, by emailing Mrs Keir today, as closing date is early in May: wkeir@lynfield.school.nz



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS: REACH (Realising Educational Aspirations for Careers in Health) is a University of Otago scholarship for Year 13 Māori secondary students interested in a career in health. For more details use this link: https://www.otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/otago611826.pdf Registration is through Mrs Keir in Careers.

MONEYHUB: This consumer finance website has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2023. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students and includes privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships. Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. **Make the most of this opportunity!**

MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the *MoneyHub Scholarship* page.

MoneyHub has also updated its comprehensive directory of student jobs. With more than 50 well-known employers listed and links to their student job application details, getting a part-time job is much easier with this guide: https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/student-jobs.html

Like their scholarship page, this guide is free to use, download and take action on. They have published a number of tips for job application success as well as a CV guide and interview tips, designed to make the application process less stressful for your students.

SportsScene

Sports Office staff

We welcome two new part-time staff to our department:

Kieren Chhiba will be working with the Sports Council to organise suitable physical activities to engage a very wide range of our students. He is also overseeing football and hockey. Some of you may remember Kieren as our Dux Ludorum and Sports Captain in 2019. Since leaving school he has continued to play hockey at a regional level.

Louise Matson has taken over the role of netball co-ordinator. Louise has three sporty children who have all been (or are) involved in sports teams at Lynfield. She coached netball for several years and is one of the driving forces in the Blockhouse Bay Netball Club.

Re-engaging our Students with Sport

After an extremely fragmented two years of school sport and physical activities we are really looking forward to offering activities to re-engage as many of our students as possible. There will be a variety of free activities at lunchtimes and after school. Exactly what will be offered will be determined by the responses we get to a survey of all students this week. The aim is to support all students to find some kind of physical activity they enjoy and can continue easily after they leave school. Watch this space!

Sports Council

The Sports Council is running their 1st event next week. All students are welcome to join in a fast and fun-filled session of multi-sport in the Upper Gym on Thursday at lunchtime. This is something all students have played in PE at some stage and are very familiar with.

Their next big event will be a futsal mini-tournament. Rules will be posted on Schoology at the end of next week. Again, this will be open to all students.

All Sports Council events will be posted on Schoology and on our Lynfield College Sport Instagram page.

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.

While the school has five minivans to help with transporting students to and from their games, we still need and rely 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.

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 got underway with Senior netball starting on Tuesday night and boys hockey on Wednesday evening. We have close to 50 teams entered in weekly competitions in 11 different sports. Some teams are just completing 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. We welcome the support of our school community at these games.

Girls League

The Lynfield College Girls League team started training in term 1 and have their first home game in Week 4 on Thursday 26 May at 4.00 pm. *It would be great to have a supportive home crowd!* If you are interested in playing, trainings are on Monday and Wednesday after school. Send Ms Bell a message if you are keen. *Kia kaha girls!*











Individual Sports Honours

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

Mia Powell (Y13)

Mia has been selected to represent New Zealand at the World Youth Athletics Champs (U20) in Colombia in August!

Jayden Baek (Y13)

Jayden won the 'New Zealand All Abilities Golf Championship' that took place at Muriwai Golf Club in April. More details of his excellent win can be found here: https://www.golf.co.nz/news-detail?newsarticleid=25657&tags=Tournaments

Summer van Gelder (Y13)

Summer has won awards and selection in netball, rugby league and tag recently:

- Aotearoa Maori Netball Top 10 Player in the U19 Grade and selected in the Tournament Team
- Waitakere Rangatahi Whakataetae Indoor Netball Finals MVP
- Selected in the Te Māhurehure Hokianga Storm U18 Girls Team to compete in the NZMRL Nationals
- Competing in the APAI National Championship (Aotearoa Poitarawhiti A Iwi) Men and Mixed Māori Netball Nationals

Caleb Young (Y12)

Caleb competed at Diving NZ North Island Champs in the first week of the holidays where he won silver in the Junior Elite A boys on both Platform and 3-Metre Spring Board at North Island Champs. It was also his first time competing in the Syncro 3 Metre Event. With his partner, he won the gold medal in the Junior Elite A Boys division.

He will attend a Diving New Zealand training camp next week where some of the Junior Elite Team members have been invited to train with the commonwealth long list divers, so this will be a great experience for Caleb!

Kevin Zhang (Y11)

In the holidays, Kevin competed in the National Age Group swimming champs in Wellington. He swam in 8 events in the 15 year old boys category *and* won all 8 races!!

Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m Individual Medley: 400m and 200m Breaststroke: 50m and 100m







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

Community Notices and Events

BayLynn Youth Band is now recruiting New Members!

The band is a unique community 'bandchestra' based in the Blockhouse Bay area and has been running since 2015. We have performed in various locations — from Kids4Drama productions to the Blockhouse Bay Primary Carnival and Santa Parade, local retirement villages and the Cancer Society's 'Relay For Life' event. We welcome all students from Year 5 and above who have some music reading skills and can play the following instruments:

- Strings (Violin, Viola and Cello)
- Brass (Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Horn, Tuba)
- Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon)
- Keyboard/Piano
- Guitar or Bass Guitar
- Drums

The band rehearses every Wednesday during school terms from 6.45pm to 8.30pm at the Blockhouse Bay Primary Performing Arts Centre. Come along to our 'Bring a Buddy to BayLynn' Open Rehearsal on Wednesday 25 May (Week 4 - Term 2). All you need is your instrument and music stand if you have one. For more information about the band see our website and social media. You can also get in touch via email blybpromotional@gmail.com Hope to see you there!

Website: https://www.baylynnyouthband.org.nz/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BayLynnYouthBand Instagram: https://instagram.com/baylynnyouthband







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