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From Principal Cath Knell

Kia ora koutou

With a focus on Manaakitanga we are working on supporting student lead initiative and events. Throughout the week there has been a focus on 'Random Acts of Kindness' and Hui mai classes have explored Bullying-free NZ Week. Today this saw students adding pink to their school uniform in recognition of Pink Shirt Day.

With the move to Covid Protection Framework 'Orange' winter sport is off to an excellent start. We are so pleased with the interest shown by the students, their supporters and the wider community. Last Saturday our school fields were a hive of activity with a number of home games being played. Thank you to those who came down to encourage and support our players. I look forward to speaking with more of you on the sidelines as the season progresses.

Last week I had the honour of being able to attend the Award Ceremony for Isha Ramanlal who was presented with her Top Scholar Award 2021 for Scholarship Biology. Never one to miss an opportunity I presented Isha with her Lynfield College Year 13 Dux medallion for 2021 in front of her parents while in the Parliament Buildings. As our senior prizegiving was held virtually the opportunity to present this medal in person had not been possible.

Managing continuity in learning

Yesterday we emailed notification that we will be operating shortened days from next week in support of covering classes. Please read this information in full. In making this move we are joining a number of Auckland secondary schools who have already made the move to shortened days / rostering home this week.

Students requiring supervision until 3.10pm will have this provided. Registration is required <https://forms.gle/bRWoRFM7urkEWwGd7>. Thank you to those who have already submitted this information.

Noho haumaruru - stay safe and well

Cath Knell
Tumuaki | Principal

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MOE Accord Teacher Only Day – Friday 27 May

On Friday 27 May the College will be closed for one of the Ministry of Education Accord Teacher Only Days. Teaching staff will be reflecting on our junior curriculum and the opportunities it presents for our students.

Whilst we have our Teacher Only Day, other local schools will be having a normal school day. We will be reminding the students of this and that it's not a day to go visiting their previous primary and intermediate schools. Thank you for your support with this.



On Friday 20 May Lynfield College celebrated **PINK SHIRT DAY** to unite against bullying! As a school, we wore pink to show our support and ensure our school is a safe and secure place, where everyone is respected and valued. Safe Schools and Skittles groups ran activities throughout lunchtimes such as affirmation cards, pronoun key chains, a lolly jar competition and a photo booth!

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Student Executive 2022: Sports Captains

Kia ora koutou

This year we are privileged to have the responsibility of being the school's Sports Captains. We all have a love for sport and we are looking forward in the remainder of the year to being able to share this passion with the rest of the school. One of our goals for this year is to encourage as many people as possible to participate regardless of ability. With various plans for sporting events such as house competitions and lunchtime sports we believe that we can achieve this goal.

Although we got off to a slow start this year due to Covid, we were able to organise our first event alongside the Sports Council. We started off with a lunchtime event of multi-sport and were pleasantly surprised with the amount of people who turned up. We had both juniors and seniors come along, with plenty of opportunity for everyone to have a go. This event was definitely a success and we are looking forward to organising more events like this in future.

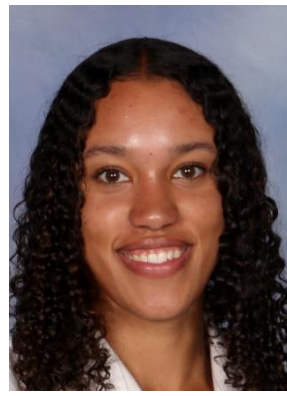
We are also currently beginning to plan our house competitions which will run throughout the year. The sports involved are turbo touch, netball and volleyball, with turbo touch coming up first. It's always great to get out there and compete against the other houses and we encourage all students regardless of skill level to participate and support their House!



Summer van Gelder



Stanley Long



Mia Powell



Esther Rouse

VEX Robotics World Championships 2022 Team Report

We feel glad and incredibly proud that we had the opportunity to represent our school and fellow Kiwi STEM enthusiasts and compete in the biggest high school robotics competition in the world. The team worked tirelessly throughout the season to get to this point and we're extremely happy with our achievements, but it wouldn't have been possible without the support and assistance from our sponsors, mentors and the school who supported us through thick and thin. Sincerely from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Although we didn't make it into the knockout stage, we still had a life changing experience to compete at VEX Worlds against 1,600 other equally hardworking and talented STEM enthusiasts. Something that none of us had done beforehand. We competed alongside other fellow aspiring engineers, got to meet teams from other parts of the world and travelled to Dallas and Houston, where we got to visit the official Houston NASA headquarters, 6 flags in Arlington, and the Frontier of Flight Museum.

We were close to getting to the knockout stages this season and we have the drive and determination to do it all again to compete for the big red trophy at the world stage next season. We are still learning and for some of us it was our first season in robotics. Thank you to everyone who supported us throughout our journey and thank you to those who will continue to.

To keep up to date with everything 2915, check us out on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/lynfieldrobotics>

Team 2915 | Lynfield College Robotics



NZ Sign Language Week and Rotuman Language Week

Noa'ia e mauri gagaj atakoa,

On Monday 9 May till Sunday 15 May Lynfield College acknowledged and celebrated NZ Sign Language and Rotuman Language week.

Young Māori and Pacific Pride leaders created two presentations to be shared amongst the staff and students during Hui mai and Staff briefing.

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<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1f6xhuEyQe1MK6e8b6JW8vS09JbRTZsK6s2fqdiSM9Ws/edit#slide=id.p>

Faiak se'ea



Judith Sosich from Ko Taku Reo (Deaf Education) teaching Learning Support students to sign their names.

20ED Hunua Camp Report

On Wednesday the 11th of May, a group of 28 students and 3 staff took the trip out to Upper Mangatawhiri Camp in the Hunua Ranges as part of their Level 2 Outdoor Education course assessment. The students spent the majority of Wednesday afternoon setting up for the two nights and the tramp ahead the next day, as well as taking part in navigational tasks such as giving a 6 figure map grid reference and pair/team building exercises.

The tramp, which was student-led and full of opportunities for students to have different aspects of their assessment ticked, was kicked off with a great start. The group enjoyed lunch atop a peak along the track where they could all access cell phone service to update their socials and check in with family and friends back in the Lynfield Community. After two chilly nights and foggy mornings, the camp was wrapped up with a dip into the stream nearby before returning for the college.

On behalf of the students and teachers who attended the camp, I would like to thank the parents for allowing this to be made possible and to Mrs Reynolds and Mr Smith for making sure we could actually have a camp to come too. As well as to Graeme Smith for joining us for the 3 days we were away, Mr Dye & Mr Winn for taking time out of their days to come and drop off/pick up a van load of students as we were a teacher down, and to all the students who attended the camp for making it an absolutely fantastic camping and tramping trip.



Learner Licence Workshop

On 11 May our Senior SPEC students and selected Year 13 students participated in a one-day Learner Licence workshop facilitated by Auckland Transport, where the 20 students were given resources and instructions about the NZ Road Code. It was a very successful day, made even more enjoyable by the delicious lunch that the instructors also provided!



Music Update

Te Marama Puoro o Aotearoa – New Zealand Music Month has been in full swing at Lynfield College, with students writing, recording, performing and listening to music all over the place. This kicked off with 7 Entries in the Play it Strange Youthtown Songwriting competition, an original song contest for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. Finalists in this competition will get to spend a day recording their song in a professional recording studio, and have their song released on Spotify as part of the Youthtown Album. We will be eagerly awaiting the results, which are due at the end of the month.

Our Senior music students attended the annual Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra's Discovery concert, where all of the music was based around the concept of journeys. The programme featured some classics like *In the Hall of the Mountain King* by Edvard Greig and the *Orpheus Overture* by Offenbach. However, it was the two distinctly New Zealand songs that really stood out. *Tupaia*, a complexly delicate piece by New Zealand composer Salina Fisher, featured Māori percussion instruments and haunting strings depicting the journey of Tupaia over the pacific on the way to the shores of Aotearoa. Alongside this was the premiere of Liam Pram's Piece Regarding Human Beings Like Roses. It was a confronting piece, reflecting the isolation over the last two years, and how we often turn to digital technologies as a source of escapism. Both of these pieces captivated our students and were a fantastic reminder of the power of live music.

Our Year 10 Music Academy students have been busy as well, recording some cover songs, which will be available for viewing on our Youtube channel in the very near future. In the meantime, head over and check out what is already uploaded at [this link](#).

Lastly, I encourage everyone to get out and [support a local act](#) over the last week of Te Marama Puoro o Aotearoa!

Top Scholar Award 2021 Presentation

Isha Ramanlal was presented with her Top Scholar Award for coming first in New Zealand for Biology in 2021. **Principal Cath Knell** was also invited to attend the ceremony at Parliament in Wellington. New Zealand Scholarship examinations assess students against challenging standards and are demanding for the most able students. NZQA celebrates the success of the highest-achieving New Zealand Scholarship students at the annual Top Scholar Awards Ceremony hosted at Parliament in Wellington.

The awards recognise the elite students who make up the 2021 Premier Award and Top Subject Scholarship Award winners.



Te Kuhunga Law Scholarship

Past student **Aashish Ramanlal** (2021) was presented with a Te Kuhunga Law Scholarship by Chief Justice Dame Helen Winkelmann (also a past Lynfield student) on Thursday 19 May 2022 at Meredith Connell law firm.

Aashish is enjoying his Stage 1 Law studies with History and Economics at the University of Auckland this year.

Te Kuhunga involves school visits by young lawyers from diverse backgrounds, special small-group visits to Meredith Connell's offices, Open Days at University, and the opportunity to apply for scholarships which involve financial support and ongoing mentoring and support. Congratulations Aashish.



Firefighter Floyd Tunnell

Congratulations to past-pupil Floyd Tunnell (Sports Captain 2021) who has now become a qualified Firefighter for the Titirangi Volunteer Fire Brigade. Floyd passed in his unqualified red helmet for the qualified yellow helmet with single stripe and new epaulettes.

Qualified firefighter training includes attending multiple training sessions over several months at the brigade itself, a study of theory books, a two-day first aid course and a gruelling one week training session in Mt Wellington, Auckland where their knowledge, suitability and fitness for the role is tested.

The activities they must pass to qualify cover:

Search and rescue, live fire training, hose work, observation and reporting, forestry and vegetation fire management and the hardest part - managing breathing apparatus under simulated fire in a confined space in the dark.



Literacy and Numeracy Pilot

This week a letter has been emailed to parents and caregivers of Year 10 students who will be sitting the Literacy and Numeracy Pilot Assessments between 28 - 30 June.

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.

Students have been informed by their English and Maths teachers if they are entered for these assessments and over the coming weeks will have the opportunity to become familiar with sample assessment questions.

The letter outlines key points parents /caregivers need to know about the Pilot.

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.

Term 3 PSTs will be held 18 and 23 August. We look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible. **The focus for Term 3 PSTs will be option choices and achievement progress.**

Student-led Tutoring

The Academic Council is offering a **lunchtime** student-led study support system in the Seminar Room, for all year levels, starting from this week. This will run every week for the remainder of the year, and closer to exam time there will be additional sessions for help with studying. This study system will run three days a week, and has been grouped into three main categories:

Tuesday - Maths

Wednesday - English

Thursday - Science

We encourage anyone needing extra help or support with their work to come along! There will be a range of senior students available to help, as well as teachers available for Maths.

IPU TI WEDNESDAY

Our Young Māori and Pacific Pride Leaders are running a weekly academic workshop which is open to all year levels, for students with looming deadlines and needing help with unfinished work.

Meeting Wednesdays in I1 and I3 from 12.45 – 2.30pm

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

Please email Mrs Keir if you require further details wkeir@lynfield.school.nz

JOBS AVAILABLE NOW

Airlab

Airlab is seeking a school leaver to fill a role as a Junior Technician within the Construction Industry, with full training with their Auckland team in 2022. We have had great results from taking students (with a passion for science) who want an alternative to going to University and providing them with an outstanding career in a challenging and rewarding industry. Level 2 Science and Maths is preferred and suited to this role, testing and balancing HVAC systems and certifying clean environments such as Hospital operating theatres, Data Centres and laboratories. Check us out on <https://www.airlab.co.nz/> https://youtu.be/y1_76tNNMhk

Wanted: Trainee Locksmith

Where: Hardware Direct / Auckland Locksmiths based in Dominion Rd, Balmoral

Requirements: Honest, well-presented, ability to work well in a team, committed, clean criminal record, current Restricted Driver Licence (nearly at Full Driver Licence stage)

Starting Pay: Minimum wage (with progression for those with aptitude)

Contact: Baden May, Manager, Mb. 021 958 370 or DDI: 09 9720 2571, Em: baden@hardwaredirect.co.nz

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TERTIARY UPDATES, OPEN DAYS & OPPORTUNITIES

Manukau Institute of Technology:

Open Day Saturday 21 May 2022, 10am-1pm, more info on link

[Open Day | Manukau Institute of Technology](http://www.manukau.ac.nz/open-day)

University of Waikato:

Open Days commence 27-28 May <https://openday.waikato.ac.nz/>

Massey University:

Open Days at each campus, Experience Days for students. Sign up online: <https://www.massey.ac.nz/about/events/>

Lincoln University:

Lincoln University will visit Lynfield College to give an overview of courses they offer – Wednesday 1 June lunchtime. Senior students to sign up to attend through Mrs Keir in Careers.

University of Otago:

University of Otago will visit Lynfield College to give an overview of courses they offer – 23 June lunchtime. Senior students to sign up to attend through Mrs Keir in Careers. See Poster below for Parent Information Evening in Auckland Tuesday 21 June, at 6.30 pm at Ellerslie Event Centre, and we would love your students and their parents to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear all about Otago, including accommodation, scholarships and study options.

Te Herenga Waka -Victoria University of Wellington:

New 2023 qualification brochures have arrived and are available for whanau to collect from the Careers Office in Student Services. Students can register to attend events on the website: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/events-visits/first-year-information-evenings>

TE KUHUNGA for future lawyers:

Year 11-13 students with an interest in the legal profession are encouraged to see Mrs Keir prior to 3.30pm Monday 23 May to discuss the Law in Schools programme for Lynfield College. This involves young lawyers engaging with students

to explain the profession, a visit to a Law firm, a special Law Open Day, as well as an opportunity for Year 13s to apply for a Law Scholarship.

Otiwhiti Station Land Based Training Agricultural School:

2022 Open Day for the 2023 intake will be held on 11 June 2022 at Otiwhiti Station, where students are trained to be good hill country employees in the wider Manawatu / Rangitikei / Whanganui region.

Students will have to show a keen interest in farming as a career choice • Average to above academic achievement and average to above average behaviour • If students wish to enter at Year 12 or above, they must have either passed NCEA Level 2 or may gain entry at the discretion of the course tutor • All students must have NCEA Level 1 Maths (minimum of 8 credits) or equivalent • Year 13 students are preferred • A selection process is undertaken for the 2023 course. See Mrs Keir for details.

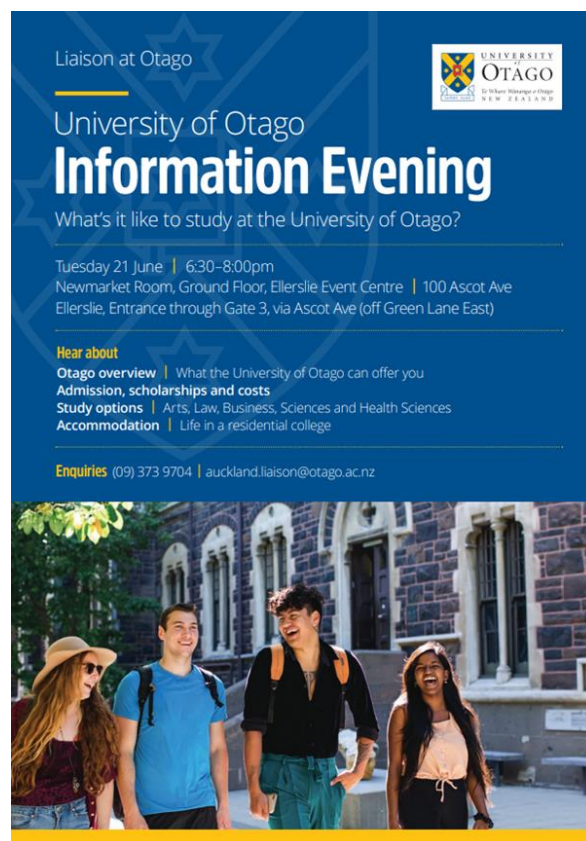
Whitecliffe:

Register on link below if you're interested in

Open Day: 11/6/22 10am-2pm Manukau Campus

Open Day: 18/6/22 10am-2pm Auckland City Campus

<https://www.whitecliffe.ac.nz/open-day>



The poster is for a 'Liaison at Otago' Information Evening. It features the University of Otago logo and crest. The text includes the date and time: 'Tuesday 21 June | 6:30-8:00pm', the location: 'Newmarket Room, Ground Floor, Ellerslie Event Centre | 100 Ascot Ave Ellerslie, Entrance through Gate 3, via Ascot Ave (off Green Lane East)', and a list of topics: 'Otago overview | What the University of Otago can offer you', 'Admission, scholarships and costs', 'Study options | Arts, Law, Business, Sciences and Health Sciences', and 'Accommodation | Life in a residential college'. Contact information is provided at the bottom: 'Enquiries (09) 373 9704 | auckland.liaison@otago.ac.nz'. The bottom of the poster shows a photograph of four students walking outdoors in front of a building.

SportsScene

House Competitions

Our first House meetings will be in Week 5. (Due to the hall and Lower Gym not being available we have not been able to have any House meetings this year.) The Sports and House Captains have planned competitions in turbo touch in Weeks 6 & 7 and netball in Weeks 8 & 10 this term but these will, of course, be weather dependent.

North/West Zone Cross Country

This was held recently at Moire Park, Massey. We entered 8 runners in this event. Most notable was Dylan Tearle who finished a very creditable 9th out of 55 in the Junior Boys race.

Getting Physical!

The Sports Council has begun its fortnightly drop-in sessions in the Upper Gym on Thursdays at lunchtime. Last week more than thirty students of all age groups turned up for a full-on game of multi-sport. On the back of that success, next week the council will run another multi-sport session but will change-up the activities within this to add to the fun.

Physiotherapy Service

We now have physiotherapists back on site every morning from 8.30am – 12.30pm. Entrance is through the Student Services office door closest to the staffroom. Students can book appointments through this email physiotherapists@lynfield.ac.nz

Team Talk

A total of 40 teams are entered in weekly winter competitions this year. The number in each code is:

Badminton 8, Netball (senior) 4, Basketball (boys) 3, Netball (junior) 5, Basketball (girls) 1, Rugby League (girls) 1, Football (boys) 5, Rugby 1, Football (girls) 2, Squash 1, Hockey (boys) 1, Table Tennis 2, Hockey (girls) 2, Curling 3, Rock Climbing 1

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.

Spectator and coach behaviour at College Sport Association competitions

From College Sport, the organising body for all interschool competitions for secondary school competitions in Greater Auckland: **Abuse of a match official is unacceptable. In many cases these match officials are unpaid volunteers.**

College Sport Auckland has a Statement of Integrity and Code of Conduct at the start of its Bylaws. One of the key messages is to “uphold the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship in any CSA competition”. Respect of all officials, colleagues, coaches, players, supporters and opponents is not negotiable.”

Below left: 2nd XI Football Boys Below right: Student Coach Jordan D’Souza with Junior Green Football



Individual Sports Honours

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

Jamie Hall (Y13)

Jamie placed Third in the Climbing New Zealand La Sportiva National Championships. Sport Climbing is an Olympic Sport with three disciplines:

Speed (how fast you can climb 15 or 22m up a wall, Bouldering, climbing without ropes on a set problem up to 4.5m high, Lead climbing which is clipping your rope to the wall as you progress up.

The national leads is a Pinnacle event in New Zealand

Jamie has jumped two levels of competition and is competing with individuals significantly older than himself to improve the competitiveness of the competition he gets. This is a strategic decision on his part to further test and grow his abilities within the sport, he was the youngest competitor in both categories he competed in.

The Nationals is a selection event to join the New Zealand Development program, from which NZ representatives are selected. It is an event the elite climbers from across New Zealand attend with competitors from Northland to Fiordland in attendance. We are thrilled for Jamie, it’s such a brilliant & very much deserved reward for his training.



Summer van Gelder (Y13)

Summer has been selected in the Netball Waitakere U18/1 (=U18A) Rep team

Fiona Siaopo (Y11)

Fiona has been selected in the Netball Waitakere U16/B (=U16B) Rep team

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

On-site Physiotherapy clinic at Lynfield College

Proactive Northwest are excited to be providing physiotherapy at Lynfield college for the third year running.

Our goal is to ensure that every student has access to Physiotherapy services. At Proactive we want to ensure students get the right advice so that they can keep being active and have a full recovery so that injury doesn't affect them later in life or stop them from ongoing involvement in sport, exercise and recreation.

The on-site programme allows students to attend physiotherapy appointments without missing too much school and to prevent caregivers having to leave work to take them to appointments.

To start off we will be available for appointments at the College Monday to Friday from 8.30am - 12.30pm. These physio appointments are available to all students and staff members. Initial appointments will be 40 minutes and follow up appointments will be 20 minutes. Appointments can be made by emailing physiotherapists@lynfield.ac.nz

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