

Tena Koutou Katoa

Learning at Home under Alert Level 3

All parents/caregivers and students should have received an email from me over the weekend outlining arrangements for the next 8 school days during lockdown. Students should have started engaging with their learning online through teachers' Google Classrooms. We were delighted that so many students took advantage of the opportunity to collect gear they needed for learning on Friday morning whilst maintaining strict social distancing requirements. Thank you to parents for your support too.

At times like this, it is particularly important that we look after our own wellbeing and that of others. The Ministry of Health's website includes [Top ways to look after your mental wellbeing](#) during the Covid-19 lockdown which is very helpful. Also helpful are these contacts:

- Need to Talk? Dial 1737. This is a free service for New Zealanders feeling down, anxious, a bit overwhelmed or just need to chat to someone. You can call or text for free 24/7.
- Youthline - Free call [0800 376 633](tel:0800376633) or Free text [234](tel:234)



Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.



Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.



Stay home if you feel unwell.

For updates and more information on keeping yourself safe, visit [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)

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Soaring at The Readers Cup Competition

Last week, five of our Year 9 students headed to Glendowie College to participate in the Readers Cup competition. This is a quiz-based competition based on predetermined books. Our students have been preparing for the competition since Term 1 by reading six novels each, memorising plot points, creating questions to quiz each other and working collaboratively as a team. They arrived determined to Soar, and Soar they did, tying second with Glendowie. Well done, team! We are very proud of you.



Readers Cup Team L to R: Micaela Lizasoain Ren, Sakurako Uehara, Sivakami Sathyendran, Toby Low, Toby O'Leary

Soaring in the Year 10 Speech Competition

Recently the whole of our Year 10 cohort came together to listen to the top speaker from each English class present a speech on a whakatauki.

The speakers addressed issues of LGBTQ+ rights, #metoo, mental health, our responsibility for the Earth and stereotypes.

Our first place winner was Esther Sovincet who spoke on the Black Lives Matter movement and how when we work together as oppressed and allies, the work will be complete. Esther's passion on the topic was powerful and won her first place.

We also commend all of the speakers who soared impressively.

The top three place-winners were: 1st- Esther Sovincet, 2nd - Hollie Maguire and 3rd - Mitchell Rumble



Left to right: Hollie Maguire, Esther Sovincet and Mitchell Rumble

A Great Year 12 PILOT Day Experience

Just before lockdown, Year 12 students Margaret Tuakoi, Petuana Malupo, Colin Matthews and David Tapa joined over one hundred other students from Auckland schools at the 2020 Year 12 Pacific Island Leaders of Tomorrow (P.I.L.O.T.) day held at the Unitech Campus. It began on the Unitech Marae with a Powhiri in the stunning whare whakairo, 'Ngākau Māhaki'. The vision of the programme is to inspire students to achieve their very best and assist them in exploring and making informed decisions about their educational and career pathways. Following an inspirational keynote speaker, our students then participated in a number of interactive workshops focused on leadership. It was also lovely for the students to be welcomed by a former Head Student of Selwyn College Afu Aleva who recently graduated from university and is a wonderful role model for our Pasifika students.

Margaret Tuakoi summed up the experience for her:

"I've learned more about leadership and the identity of our culture. PILOT is an amazing Pacifica campus where all Polynesian teenagers congregate in one place and share what we know leadership is and how we show this to our next generation."



Left to right: David Tapa, Petuana Malupo, Margaret Tuakoi and Colin Matthews



Former Head Student Afu Aleva second from left with our students.