



**LYNFIELD
COLLEGE**

NEWSLINK

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From Tumuaki Cath Knell

He aha te mea nui o te ao

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

What is the most important thing in the world?

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to 2024! To those whānau joining us for the first time an extra warm welcome. We look forward to working with you over the course of the year and meeting on the sports sideline, at culture events or at our parent / whānau meetings.

Welcoming new staff

We have had 14 new staff join us for 2024 and look forward to introducing them to you in subsequent newsletters. Their energy and enthusiasm for their new role has been great to see. There are two further [vacancies](#) we are looking to fill on our Support Staff, Homestay Manager, International Department, and Technology Technician. The job adverts can be viewed on the school website.

Celebrating success

There have been some wonderful student individual and group successes since we finished for the year last December, both in and out of the classroom. Some of these, including our Scholarship recipients and National Athletics title holders, have been highlighted in this NewsLink. Others will be recognised at celebratory events and/or assemblies over the next month. Congratulations to all our students who have achieved, or exceeded, the goals they set for themselves in 2023.

Kiwibots VEX Robotics VRC Nationals

The 2023-24 Nationals are being hosted at Lynfield College in the Lower Gym this weekend. Those interested in seeing the top NZ teams in action are welcome to join us in the gym or follow via the live stream link (this will be posted on the Kiwibots facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Kiwibots?mibextid=LQQJ4d>)).

Phone policy

You will be aware of the Government introducing new regulations around the use of phones at schools [Phones away for the day](#) unless a teacher requires students to use phones for a specific education task or purpose. Lynfield College has an existing Phone Policy (phones must be switched off and in bags or zipped pockets when entering each class). To bring this policy in line with Government's regulations there will need to be guidelines introduced for break times. Consultation on this, student and whānau, will be held this term ready for implementation in Term 2.

Kia noho haumarū - stay safe and well.

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 13 February
Uniform Shop Closed
Wednesday 21 February
Y10 – Y13 ID Photos
ALL Hui Mai Class Photos
Friday 23 February
House Sports Day
Wednesday 28 February
ID Photos Catch Up

Please Help Support Kowhai Kai

Kōwhai Kai is a student wellbeing programme that supports Lynfield College students and their whānau going through hardship. At the start of lunch time, kai is provided in D12 for students who do not have the means to bring lunch to school. If you want to find out more, you can contact Mrs Wichman-Kelly, Deputy Principal. This has been able to operate thanks to the generosity of our community. With one of our main sponsors having changed jobs, we would love to make connection with a new corporate sponsor.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO: LYNFIELD COLLEGE, 12-3049-0248027-00, REF: KŌWHAI KAI

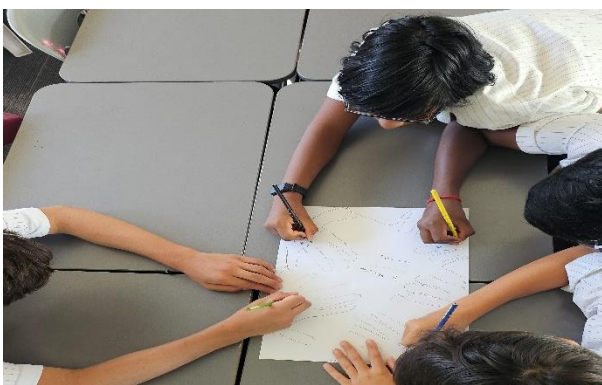
2024 Year 9 Students welcomed with a pōwhiri



Year 9 Orientation Programme

The Year 9s had a chance to settle themselves into the school during the Orientation programme. Activities included developing a class treaty, understanding the timetable and Schoology, and 'getting to know each other' games. The Year 9 students were wonderfully supported by our senior Peer Support leaders and their Hui mai teachers. It was also an opportune time to include a lockdown emergency drill.

The programme finished with a tabloid sports afternoon so students could practise working together and enjoying each other's company in Hui mai groups.





Mihi Whakataurua for New Staff



Welcome to our new Staff

We are delighted to have the following new staff at the College and look forward to introducing them over the next few issues of NewsLink.

Sheldon Revell, Deputy Principal

James Appleby, Year 12 Dean, Health & PE

Priyanka Prasad, Humanities and Commerce

Ann O'Byrne, ESOL

Daniel Hiriwa, English

Praneel Prasad, Science

Michael Henwood, Technology

Preeti Chahar, Science

Ronald Lal, Mathematics and Statistics

Tina Clarkson, English and Geography

Mariana Lote, Geography and Social Studies

Samuel Feleti, Youth Engagement Leader

Adam Williams, Science

Frances Duncan, School Nurse

Karin Grimmer, Senior Science Technician

Imogen McQueen, Technology

Isabel Klier, German

Welcome back to the following returning staff

John Bower, HOD Junior Social Studies

Sarah Streat, English

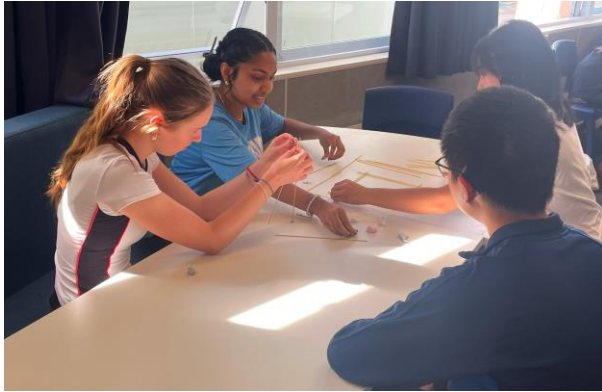
Susan Jacobs, Adult ESOL

Student Leadership Training

Our new 2024 student leaders came together for 2 days at the end of January for leadership training. This involved the new team learning more about their individual roles, getting to know each other and to start planning for the year. We were grateful to have members from the iSpeak Trust to guide us on our 'public speaking' journey as this year will include many speaking opportunities. Students also led team building activities to practice their leadership skills and give the others an opportunity to connect.

The student leadership team was given the privilege to experience a guided tour around our new 3 story teaching space which is under construction. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this as it allowed our students who were interested in the construction field to ask questions and learn more about their career pathway.

We finished off this training with learning the kapa haka for the Year 9 Powhiri, led by our Young Māori leaders. It was a privilege to be able to welcome the Year 9s to our Lynfield Community. The Lynfield leaders would like to thank Mrs Clark and Ms Small for the hard work and effort put in to make the training so successful.



Student Action

Our annual Valentines Day celebration involves writing a sweet message to another student in the school, to be then sent with a heart shaped chocolate on the 14th of February. This event gives people the opportunity to express their appreciation for their peers, so they feel loved on Valentines Day. It is always so much fun opening up the little cards from our friends or even some anonymous messages to have a good laugh at some cheesy pick-up lines. Our Heads, BOT Rep and the Year 12 Student Executive team had a great time preparing for this lovely event and maybe even being a recipient of a wholesome message and a little chocolate ourselves!



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This week
7TH, 8TH, 9TH

***Valentines
Day
Specials***

♥ CARD AND CHOCOLATE FOR \$2 ♥

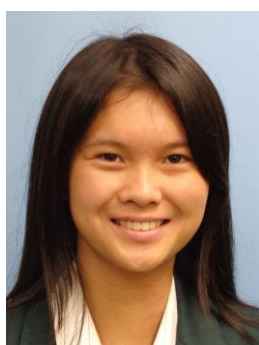
Where: Upper gym

When: Interval & Lunch

Head Students



Calum Bint
Head Student



Daisy Chen
Head Student



Aaron Crasto
Deputy Head Student



Zara Qureshi
Deputy Head Student

International Students Orientation

This term we welcome new international students from Belgium, China, Italy, Japan, and Vietnam. We hope they have a great time at Lynfield College making new friends, exploring New Zealand culture, and discovering new things.



Scholarship Results 2023

21 Scholarships were awarded to 14 Lynfield College students across 11 subject areas for 2023. Congratulations to all our Scholarship students:

Evan Huang (Year 12) in Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Economics

Anthony Haze Fleming in English, History

Jessica Brewerton in Chemistry, Physics

Neel Kumar in Japanese, Biology

Mei Matsuki in Japanese

Michael Yu (Year 12) in Calculus

Nyah Jarvis in Biology

Riya Patel in Biology

Kenan Egene (Year 12) in English

Darred Godinez (Year 12) in English

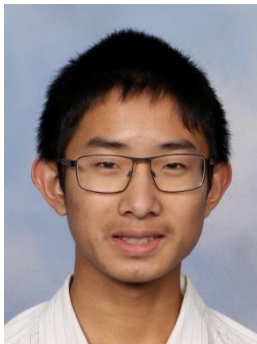
Akhil Mathur in Physics

Nitya Kumar in Design

Jeremy Watson in Design

Kovid Dev (Year 12) in Technology

Students who gained a scholarship are given a monetary award for their university study. The College is extremely proud of these students. The school also recognises the work done by the teachers to prepare and tutor these high achievers.



Evan Huang



Anthony Fleming



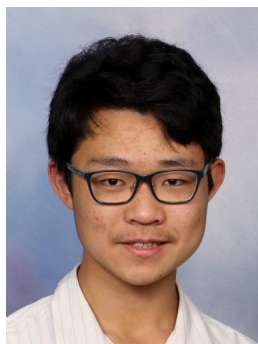
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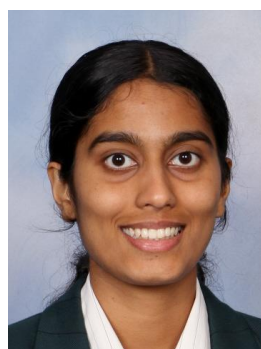
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NCEA Results 2023

In summary:

Year 11: 15.5% of students had their level certificate endorsed with Excellence and 37.6% endorsed with Merit.

Year 12: 19.5% of students had their level certificate endorsed with Excellence and 29.2% endorsed with Merit.

Year 13: 10.9% of students were endorsed with Excellence and 32.2% at Merit.

Note: These are interim results and may vary slightly before finalised in March by NZQA.

REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION OF EXAM PAPERS

A reminder, that the last day for a review and reconsideration of exam papers is February 21st. See the following link for information and the application process. We advise students to show their teacher the exam scripts before applying. Exam papers were returned to candidates digitally at the end of January.

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-results/reviews-and-reconsiderations/>

REPORTING

A new reporting system will be initiated in 2024 for all College students. Instead of two reports during the year (mid year and end of year), reports will be issued regularly in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term. It is anticipated that the reports will be uploaded to the College's Parent Portal on Thursday evening of those weeks.

The report will show "engagement in learning" grades for each subject. Engagement covers aspects of learning such as punctuality, effort, organisation and being prepared for learning. The report will form a basis for regular discussions with students at home, at school, and the Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences held during the year (Terms 1 and 3). The frequency of reporting will enable ongoing conversations regarding student engagement at school with learning along with recognising those students who are doing well and others that need support. Academic progress and attendance information will be available separately on the Parent Portal.

There will be five possible colour-coded grades for engagement in learning:



Each issue of the report will contain all engagement grades since the start of the year. Grades added during the year will reflect the engagement since the previous entry i.e. over the preceding three weeks.

If you have concerns about what the engagement report is showing, please contact your child's Hui mai teacher or Dean in the first instance. **More detailed information will be emailed home over the coming days.**

Stage of the Year	Term 1			Term 2			Term 3			Term 4		
	Early	Mid	End	Early	Mid	End	Early	Mid	End	Early	Mid	End
<div><div>Subject name</div><div>A Teacher</div></div>												
Engagement												

This is the link to the page on our school website for the Parent Portal sign in.

<https://lynfield.mystudent.school.nz/>

Information for parents/caregivers regarding access to the portal will be emailed home in the coming days.

Wellbeing Survey 2024

As part of our continued efforts to support students' wellbeing we will be once again completing the "GoodSpace Schools Wellbeing Survey" across all our year levels.

This survey takes a confidential look at a wide variety of aspects of wellbeing including: School Life, Self-care, Belonging, Home Life, Identity & Sexuality and Mental Health. We run this survey in year level groups. The whole school will be able to complete the survey in weeks 4 and 5 (19th February through to 4th March). Students will be encouraged to complete this survey in their Hui mai time.

The generalised data is incredibly helpful for directing our attention and resources to things that are relevant for certain year levels and the school as a whole. It may also highlight individual students who may be struggling. These students will be offered the opportunity to meet with one of the counselling team for an individual, confidential counselling session.

If at any time you are concerned about your young person please reach out to our Head of Counselling, Catherine Hawke. chawke@lynfield.school.nz or your young person's Dean.

Community Survey

In Week 5, we will be sending out a survey to all students and families asking for your views on issues key to our strategic plan. We would appreciate hearing from as many families as possible so that all voices are represented in planning for the future of our students.

BYOD at Lynfield College 2024

We expect each student to have their own device to complement their learning here at Lynfield College. Basic criteria for a device can be found [e-Learning \(lynfield.school.nz\)](https://lynfield.school.nz/e-learning). There are a number of different retailers that provide devices for purchase.

We understand that a number of families are not in a position to provide their child with their own device. To support this we run a loan scheme where a device can be loaned from the school for a \$30 refundable deposit. Students will be provided information about this in their Hui mai classes, or you can contact Mrs Wichman-Kelly, Deputy Principal lwichmankelly@lynfield.school.nz or Mr Winn, Deputy Principal rwinn@lynfield.school.nz should you have any questions.

Sports Scene

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS SUCCESSES

Two Lynfield athletes competed in this very prestigious event in December last year. Both came back with gold medals! No other school in NZ had a 100% success rate with gold medals. We are very pleased for these athletes who have worked so hard in their chosen events, and very proud too.

Congratulations to gold medal winners:

Rina Maka (Y13, 2022) Senior Girls Discus PB 47.67m!

Troy Maka (Y10, 2022) Junior Boys Discus (53.91m) and Junior Boys Shotput (14.97m)!



House Competitions

House Sports Day for the whole school will be Friday 23 February. Students will hear more about this in their first house meetings on Tuesday next week.

Helping our students enjoy sport

We are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coach, manager, ref or umpire of a team. *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

Getting Active

We have a number of initiatives getting underway in the next 2 weeks. Most involve sessions at lunchtimes.

TEAM TALK

Summer Sports

After a very, very hot January we are pleased that our fields are in good condition and we are looking forward to an uninterrupted sporting year. Weekly summer competitions begin with 1st XI Boys Cricket this weekend then volleyball, all other cricket, tennis and orienteering will start in the next two weeks.

Sign-ups for these and other sports are done at the Sports Office. It is essential that students look at Schoology notices frequently and thoroughly as all calls for sign-ups will be made using this messaging system.

Please remember, all team members are required to wear an appropriate sports uniform which the Sports Office will supply.

Team fees can be paid online (either via the parent portal or direct credit), or by eftpos or cash, with payments made at the Accounts Office.

Winter Sports

Musters and trials will begin very soon. All notices concerning sport are on Schoology. Students need to check the notices on Schoology at least twice/day so they don't miss out on being a part of something they will enjoy.

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 will not enter a team into a competition unless it has both a coach and a manager.

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 or email Kieren Chhiba (Sports Co-Ordinator) sport@lynfield.school.nz

Uniform & 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 on Fridays before school at 8am and first interval.

We are not open on Saturday and Sunday, Teacher Only Days or the between term holidays.

Parents can attend the shop at the following times:

Monday – Thursday: 10.00am – 12.00pm and 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Friday: 8.00am – 11.30am

PLEASE NOTE: THE UNIFORM AND STATIONERY SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY.

Online Ordering

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.

Stationery packs are available in the shop and online for year 9 students. Stationery lists for all other year levels can be found on our website <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/site/lynfieldcollege/files/Stationery-Lists-2022.pdf> and all stationery items on the lists are available for purchase at the Uniform and Stationery shop.

For any further queries please email Alys Higgs at uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz

Returns Policy

We require a purchase receipt and tags to still be in garments to process returns. Pleated skirts must also still have their white "runner stitch" in the bottom of the skirt for us to accept as a return. Please be aware that we can only return items up to 90 days from the date on your receipt.

Community Events

ST JOHN YOUTH PROGRAMME 2024

St John Youth is a structured programme for young people aged 5 to 18 years. The programme is not just about learning first aid and lifesaving skills; it's about building confidence, leadership, and resilience in our young people. From hands-on first aid training to community service projects, this programme empowers our young minds to become future leaders and compassionate community members.

Youth members meet once a week in the evening during the school term at their local division, and there are always other exciting activities and opportunities throughout the year to meet new people, learn new things and have loads of fun.



The graphic features a group of young people in St John uniforms standing in a circle on a grassy field, raising their hands in a celebratory gesture. Below them is the text "Join ST JOHN YOUTH" in large, bold, yellow and blue letters. To the right is a QR code with the text "Find out more" and an arrow pointing to it. Below the main text, it says "Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities." and "St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us." The "St Lukes Division" is mentioned, along with the location "Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mount Albert Road, Three Kings, Auckland". Contact information includes "youth@stjohn.org.nz", "0800 ST JOHN", and "youth.stjohn.org.nz". At the bottom right is the "Hato Hone St John" logo.

Join
**ST JOHN
YOUTH**

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

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St Lukes Division

Tuesday 6:30pm - 8pm

Fickling Convention Centre
546 Mount Albert Road,
Three Kings, Auckland

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz

Hato Hone
St John

