



**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

Now that we have finished Week 4 of the term, most students have had a complete run through of their 10-day timetable. With the extra enrolments since the beginning of the year, however, we are going to have to put in some extra classes to accommodate the roll growth and allow us to balance class sizes. Links to the adverts for these teaching positions can be found below.

House Sports Day

The fields were awash with colour for House Sports Day today. It was so lovely to see such high levels of student engagement and House Spirit on display. We look forward to sharing the results and photos in the next NewsLink.

Connecting with whānau

Next Wednesday we look forward to seeing our fields again awash with colour, this time with picnic blankets as we welcome our Year 9 students and their whānau to a BBQ and picnic evening.

Engagement reports

Still on the theme of engagement, the first of the new engagement reports went out last week and are available on the parent portal. These have already proven to be a valuable conversation starter in support of ensuring that students have all the equipment they need to participate in class activities and are engaged in their learning. The next report will be issued in Week 6.

Celebrating success

We continue to celebrate student success with the outstanding achievements of our robotics teams at the recently held VEX Robotics National Championships. These have been highlighted in this newsletter. We look forward to having conversations with those who are able to connect us with sponsors to help get them to the Worlds in Dallas, Texas, in April.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

LYNFIELD COLLEGE ROBOTICS TEAMS ARE SEEKING SPONSORSHIP

A "Give a Little" page has been set up where donations are welcomed to help support our students get to the Worlds in Dallas, Texas in April. QR code on the right.

[Please help Lynfield College Robotics teams get to the VEX Robotics World Championships](#)

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 26 February
Whole School Wellbeing Survey (over weeks 5 & 6)
Wednesday 28 February
ID Photos Catch Up
Year 9 Whanau Evening
Tuesday 5 March
NCEA Information Evening



VEX Robotics NZ National Championships

This year the VEX Robotics NZ National Championships were held at Lynfield College in both of our Gyms over 3 days, 9-11 February. There were 65 High School teams and 3 University teams competing for seven qualifying spots to the World Championships in Dallas Texas. Two of our five teams did extremely well, winning the NZ National tournament as an alliance, but one of them, our only Middle School team was outstanding in that they also beat all the High School teams in the Robot Skills section of the NZ Nationals and won the prestigious Middle School Excellence Award.

BOTH TEAMS HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MID-APRIL THIS YEAR.

TEAM 2915E MEMBERS (YEAR 11)

Markus Maertzschink, Sohail Asyaban, Harry Baker, Rio Carron

TEAM 2915X MEMBERS (YEAR 12)

Hola Afasa, William Hooper, Arnav Kumar, Oliver Mun

It is vitally important that we do all we can to help these 8 students get to Worlds to take advantage of the opportunity they have worked so hard to achieve. Currently we are looking at needing a total of around \$7000 per student to enable them to travel and stay in Dallas, compete in Worlds and do a little sight-seeing while they are there.

If you own or know of a company that may be able to help with sponsorship, please contact Craig Yearbury cyearbury@lynfield.school.nz for more details.

We would like to thank Beard Brothers Handcrafted small Goods for their generous donation of 30Kg of really nice sausages that we used at our fundraising BBQ at Nationals.



Teaching Vacancies at Lynfield College

We currently have 3 teaching vacancies at the College. Please follow these links to find out more about the positions.

[Digital Technologies and Programming Teacher:](#)

[English Teacher:](#)

[Maths, Science, English, Health and PE Teacher/s:](#)

Two non-teaching positions are advertised in the body of this NewsLink.

Greentown Yuhua Qinqin School Visit 18 – 21 February

China Hangzhou Greentown Qinqin School Language and Cultural Exchange Group, with 16 students and 2 teachers, were warmly welcomed and their visit both at the College and with their host families was very successful.

In 2010, Lynfield College established a sister-school relationship with Hangzhou Greentown Senior and Greentown Qinqin Junior Schools. This began a reciprocal exchange which has taken place every year until COVID-19. This recent exchange has provided many Lynfield College students with exciting opportunities to practise their Chinese with local Chinese students, and also has provided the opportunity for Lynfield College students going to China with the exchange next year to be immersed in Chinese culture and understand China better.





Badges Assembly

On Tuesday afternoon, our 2024 Student Leadership team were presented with badges at our annual Badges Assembly. This celebration officially recognised our students and their roles to the wider community. The assembly was attended by proud parents, teachers, and the Year 13 cohort.

Board of Trustees Student Representative Rishitt Walavalkar welcomed everyone to the assembly, followed by the presentation of badges to the Young Māori and Pacific Pride Leaders. Michael Yu then entertained everyone, performing a piano piece by Bach. We were also lucky enough to have past student leader Jessika Varney (Lynfield College Head Girl 2019) as guest speaker for the event. Her speech about goals and our vision for the school was inspirational and thought-provoking. The Year 12 Student Executive and Year 13 Student Executive next received their badges followed by the Senior Leaders.

To round out the event, Head Students Daisy Chen, Zara Qureshi, Aaron Crasto and Calum Bint congratulated the entire 2024 Leadership Team and shared their insights into the year ahead. Finally, Ms Knell officially concluded the assembly. The 2024 Student Leadership Team is made up of 55 confident and dedicated leaders who are excited to make this year the most enjoyable for all Lynfield students.



Head Students Calum Bint and Daisy Chen with guest speaker Jessika Varney, Head Girl 2019

Scholarship Breakfast

On Friday 16 February we celebrated our NZQA Scholarship award recipients, whanau, and teachers, at a celebration breakfast. It was fantastic to celebrate their successes, and for those moving off to university, hear about their next endeavours, and for those returning, not only celebrating but being challenged to continue to strive for excellence and better their achievements in 2024.



Gateway Students

This week, Lynfield College Gateway students began part of a pilot programme linking schools to site visits to work experience and to possible apprenticeships. This is due to the investment of organisations and companies like Kainga Ora and Precision Construction who believe in working towards our future work force and developing apprentices.

Our students learnt about the importance of site safety, pre-construction, horizontal and vertical construction, materials that are used in the industry, and why. They also learnt that companies such as Precision Construction are taking the initiative in being a sustainable industry and cutting down on construction waste as it saves them \$\$\$ in the long run. Our students also heard from site managers about the need for leadership skills and they heard from apprentices, about what it was like getting into the industry. They found out that maths is soooooo important in the industry! Surprise! Surprise! Plus ... problem-solving and being able to complete your paperwork are two really important aspects of apprenticeships. The students discovered that construction is not just a job but a career that can take them places, including Level 7 (equivalent of a degree) qualifications provided they are willing to be proactive learners.



From the students ...

"I learnt about the tools that are needed by apprentices as well as funding that is available for tools." Sol Alderton

"I learnt about the all the things that go on behind the scenes to make sure that everything runs smoothly on a job site." Reuben Alexander

"I found out about the importance of planning ahead." Reuben Elisaia

"I found out how important maths was in the construction industry." Elijah Tallent

Huge shout out to Kainga Ora and Precision Construction for being part of our Lynfield College community and investing in our rangatahi!!! A fantastic out-of-class learning experience for our students.

Important Dates Coming Up

Year 13 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 13 students may order and pay for a 2024 Leavers' Hoodie from Monday 26 February. The cost is \$60.00 .

Year 9 Whānau Evening

We welcome Year 9 students and their whānau to a picnic evening on Wednesday 28 February, from 6.00 – 7.30pm on the school field. Details will be sent home to Year 9 families separately.

Community Survey

As mentioned in the last Newslink, we will be sending out a survey to all caregivers to help us in our strategic planning. The survey will be emailed in Week 6. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated as we develop learning, support and extra-curricular programmes for the next three years.

NCEA Information Evening

When: Tuesday 5 March

Where: Staffroom

Time: Year 11 at 5.30pm, Year 12/13 at 6.30pm

The Year 11 focus for this information evening will be a brief outline of NCEA in the Senior School and what this looks like for students moving from Year 11 into 12 and 13. Our new program at Year 11, and what parents can expect and what student success looks like.

The Year 12/13 focus will be around careers/pathways, success at Year 12/13, University Entrance - what is needed and what to look out for, how to track progress and achievement throughout the year, Scholarship, and where to go for support.

Phones Away for the Day

We are currently refining our current Phone Use policy to include breaks during the day. Staff have identified some strategies to support students in developing self-management as well as possible consequences for unsanctioned use. Students are being consulted through their Hui mai representatives. There will also be opportunities to consult with parents at upcoming school events such as the Year 9 Whānau Evening and the NCEA Information Evening.

The updated policy and procedures will be communicated to students in the last weeks of this term, in preparation for the implementation from the beginning of Term 2.

Message from the School Nurse – COVID-19 and Health Guidelines

Since the beginning of term, there have been high numbers of students presenting to the health centre with symptoms of COVID-19.

Please do not come to school if you are feeling unwell. You can access RAT tests for COVID-19 at Countdown Pharmacy, Lynfield.

If you test positive for COVID-19, it is recommended you isolate for at least 5 days, even if you only have mild symptoms, starting at Day 0. Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or when you tested positive, whichever came first.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/testing-and-isolation/if-you-have-covid-19/>

Please Help Support Kōwhai 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

New Staff Profiles

We will be highlighting our new staff over the next few issues of Newslink. Here are the first three.



PRANEEL PRASAD

I am Mr Praneel Prasad and originally from Fiji. I came to NZ in 2018. I am a teacher of Mathematics and Physics. This is my fourth school in NZ. My hobbies are socialising, watching movies, playing soccer and volleyball.



MARIANA LOTE

Talofa lava

My name is Mariana Lote and I'm a part of the Humanities Faculty. I'm a Social Studies/Geography kaiako here at Lynfield College. This is my third year of teaching and I'm excited to be a part of the Lynfield College community.

Faafetai lava



ADAM WILLIAMS

Kia ora, my name is Adam Williams, a first year science teacher joining Lynfield College for 2024. When I am not teaching, you can find me playing the bass guitar or reading a good book. As a previous student of Lynfield College, I am excited for the opportunity to give back to the school and the community by sharing my passion for teaching and the sciences. I am looking forward to building a positive and supportive learning environment for all students alongside the wonderful teaching staff at Lynfield College.

Job Vacancies at Lynfield College

INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY MANAGER

FULL TIME, PERMANENT

If you have strong people-focused values and excellent interpersonal skills, we'd love you to join our busy international office team supporting our international students and their homestay families.

The successful candidate will be an experienced administrator. A high level of proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office and Google docs is essential and experience with student management or similar systems is highly desirable. Excellent communication skills, a caring nature along with cultural empathy and an enthusiasm for working with young people from all around the world are vital in this role.

Applicants must have New Zealand residency. The role is subject to a satisfactory Police check. Please visit our website for more information: www.lynfield.school.nz. Email a brief CV with including the names of two referees to: Lee Bullinga, Executive Secretary, jobs@lynfield.school.nz

Applications close 4.00 pm on 8 March 2024

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP TECHNICIAN

PERMANENT, PART TIME | TERM TIME ONLY | STARTING IMMEDIATELY

We are seeking a motivated Workshop Technician for our Hard Materials department. The ideal candidate will have experience in the maintenance and repair of equipment and knowledge of the health and safety requirements in the workshop. Experience in construction could be an advantage for which extra hours could be negotiated.

The position would suit a retired tradesperson or ex hard-materials teacher that would enjoy working in a school environment. The position is for 15 hours per week.

Applicants must have New Zealand residency. The role is subject to a satisfactory Police check.

Please send a cover letter addressed to the Principal and a brief CV with two references to: Lee Bullinga, Executive Secretary at jobs@lynfield.school.nz

Applications close at 4.00 pm on Friday 8 March 2024

For more information about the College visit www.lynfield.school.nz

Sports Scene

We have had an extremely busy and exciting start to our sporting year. Weekly summer sporting competitions began in Week 2 and now we have girls and boys cricket, tennis, orienteering as well as volleyball teams and archery competing in weekly competitions.

Zone trials for our talented athletes will take place on Tuesday 27 February. House points will be announced when the results of the sprint finals are added to the points gained on House Sports Day.

Girls' football and **boys' football** 1st XI training squads have been underway for a couple of weeks and trials for all other football teams will begin in the next 2 weeks.

Rugby (boys and girls) pre-season takes place each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon 3.15 – 4.30pm

Netball trials and selections for winter sports teams are already underway and provisional Premier teams have already been selected.

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

We are always appreciative of any help our school community is able to offer whether it is as a coach, manager ref or umpire or even driver for a team. **We are currently in need of netball, basketball and football coaches and managers.**

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

TEAM TALK

Summer Sports

The 2024 summer season is under way with approximately 200 students competing in regular weekly interschool team competitions in tennis, cricket, orienteering, archery and volleyball. We have a great number of students involved in summer sport this year including 2 boys and 2 girls cricket teams, all of which have performed exceptionally well so far and with great enthusiasm.

Please remember, all team members are required to wear the appropriate sports uniform supplied by the Sports Office.

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

Orienteering

This year we have approximately 38 students from all year levels ready to start this competition which is held on the grounds of a different school each week. Each individual competes to find all the check points in the fastest possible time. The 1st competition day was Monday 19th at Rutherford College. Despite a couple of our boys getting lost along the way, the students had a great time finding their way around the map and logging some great times. Most notably Calum Bint and Elias Capps each having the 6th fastest time in their age bracket.

Next week's competition will be held at Avondale College where our students will look to build on their successes from the previous week.

Cricket Junior Boys

Junior Boys cricket has gotten off to a superb beginning of the 2024 season. The boys have taken out their first two opponents, with both Westlake and MAGS losing by 138 and 96 runs respectively. In the Westlake game, year 9 bowler Xavier Pearson would take 4 wickets in 2 overs without conceding a run as Westlake was dismissed for 18 runs. The team is pleased to welcome back many of the year 9s who played last year and with their experience combined with the talents of the year 9s entering the team it has been great to see the bond between all of the players. The boys have a goal of being undefeated and they have started on that task very well, thank you to all the families for their support and cricket is looking very bright at Lynfield and can see these boys in years to come filling in the batting and bowling order in the first XI.

Cricket 1st XI Boys

We are proud to announce the remarkable achievement of the Lynfield College Boys First XI team for their promotion to Grade 1A. This introduces new and stronger teams to face and a new 50-over format. Despite facing the challenge of reconstructing the team after the graduation of 8 senior players, the new youngsters have proven their skills and passion for the game. Through hours of weekly trainings and strategic planning, the so-called 'underdogs' managed to pull off their first win of the season against the Howick Boys First XI by 9 runs. A close match and a well-deserved win, this milestone marked Lynfield's first victory in 1A. With many more games to come in the season, the boys are ready to put up a strong fight and win this competition. ***Rishitt Walavalker, Lynfield 1st XI Cricket Boys Captain***



Tag

Our Senior Boys and Girls Tag team competed this week at the Central North-Western Zone Tag Competitions this Wednesday. It was an awesome day with some great skill on display from both of our teams. The boys team managing to come away with 3 wins out of 5 while our girls managed 2 wins of their own.

Winter Sports

Musters and trials for other winter sports have already begun and others will follow in the coming weeks. Watch the "Notices" section of Schoology.

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 the department at sport@lynfield.school.nz

If your child has achieved representative status (Auckland or NZ) 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 sport@lynfield.school.nz

Uniform & Stationery Shop

HOURS

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

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.

PE Uniform Change

The school PE uniform has now changed to a black and green sports top which can be purchased from the uniform and stationery shop and your own plain black sports shorts.

Your white and green sports uniform is still acceptable to wear.

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property in the bin outside the uniform shop.

If your child has lost uniform, please ask them to come and check the Lost Property bin.

Please remember to name your child’s uniform.

Laundry Markers can also be purchased from the uniform and stationery shop.

Community Events

Celebrating 150 years

OF FIREFIGHTING IN TĀMAKI MAKAURAU AUCKLAND

open day



**SUNDAY
17TH MARCH**
10am - 3pm

**THE CLOUD
QUEENS WHARF**

- Help celebrate the evolution of firefighting in Tāmaki Makaurau
- Meet the firefighters who keep our communities safe
- Learn about fire risk and safety to keep you and your whānau safe
- Meet our partner agencies
- Free admission



