



**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

It has been wonderful connecting with whānau over the past fortnight. Thank you to all who attended the Year 9 BBQ / picnic evening or the NCEA information sessions in support of their child. The conversations held at these events and the feedback received have been valued.

Korowai of Values in action

Whanaungatanga tika is our focus Korowai value for Term 1. I have been speaking to this theme at the year level assemblies with a focus on 'we are caring'. One context that has been referenced is the use of school bathrooms. All students need to feel comfortable about using these facilities for toileting purposes. In support of this maximum occupancy signs, 1 per cubicle, have been posted on the doors as a reminder.

Legal reminders

Students have also been reminded about our legal obligations. All schools in NZ, buildings and grounds, are to be smoke and vape free. This applies to everyone on school grounds, staff, workers, parents and students.

Student engagement

The second of the Engagement with Learning Reports were emailed yesterday and are now available on the parent portal. These provide excellent conversation starters to have with your child about how their learning is progressing.

Board funded SPORTS or CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

At their February meeting the Board confirmed that these Scholarships will be offered again this year. Any student who is representing their chosen activity (sport or creative, innovative) at regional, national or international level may apply. Recipients may use the scholarship to assist with expenses directly related to the activity in which they excel while they are representing the College. Application forms will be made available next week.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 11 March
AUT Visit 12.55pm Hall
Leavers' Hoodies orders close
Thursday 14 March
University of Auckland Visit
1.25pm Hall
Friday 15 March
LC Community Survey closes
Monday 18 March
Summer Sports Tournament
Week
Wednesday 20 March
Polyfest – Kapa Haka Perform

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](#)



House Sports Day

With superb weather, a colourful and memorable day was had by all. See the Sports section for results on the day.

With superb photos from Mr Vini Laga'aia





Sports Captains and Assistants

House Sports Day has been a tradition at Lynfield College for many years now. Students were dressed in their house colours and participated with enthusiasm and pride. All of the Houses (Bray, Fatialofa, Faumuina, Lewis, Reid and Zoricich) battled it out in different ways to earn as many points as they could. We had different activities such as highjump, long jump, relays, 3-legged race, 100m sprints, basketball shooting, vortex and an obstacle course. At the end of the day everyone participated in our mascot and chant presentation and brought amazing energy! Congratulations to Bray for coming 1st for House Sports Day! Zoricich came in 2nd, Reid and Faumuina came 3rd equal, Lewis came in 5th and Fatialofa came 6th.



*Fiona Siaopo
Sports Captain*



*Annaleah Smith
Sports Captain*



*Ryan Ghosh
Assist. Sports Captain*



*Flynn Meiklejohn
Assist. Sports Captain*

Year 9 Whānau Evening

We enjoyed seeing over 400 students and whānau on the field last Wednesday evening. Whānau met with the Hui mai teachers, enjoyed a sausage sizzle, and made connections with other families. Thank you to all those who were able to make it on the evening or who have connected with the school in other ways. The home-school partnership is vital in ensuring our young people are well-supported during their time at the College.





Technology Fashion Design – Auckland Art Gallery Trip

On Friday 1st March, 18 students from Level 1 and 2 Fashion and Design ventured to the Auckland Art Gallery to see the *Guo Pei: Fashion, Art, Fantasy* exhibition.

Guo Pei's collection is highly sculptural, her use of exquisite materials and detailed craftsmanship in her designs were evocative and powerful. Each garment was complimented with custom made jewellery, headpieces and shoes.

Students were treated to viewing the large and decorative collection of garments which will inspire and motivate them back in the classroom.





2BIO Smith's Bush Field Trip

Level 2 Biology students visited Smith's Bush last week. Smith's Bush has some of the oldest remnant bush on the North Shore. It has a series of looped walking tracks amongst the mature forest including a cathedral grove of giant pūriri, kahikatea and tōtara trees. Here the students sampled abiotic data and recorded data about the plant species present in order to identify a community pattern. The trip also gave the students the opportunity to work across biology classes and learn about local flora. This was a half day field trip associated with an internal assessment. We enjoyed good weather on both days and the students are now fervently writing their written reports in class.



Adult ESOL Cooking Experience at Homeland NZ

On Wednesday 6 March our Adult ESOL students participated in cooking lessons with internationally acclaimed NZ Chef Peter Gordon at his *Homeland NZ* cooking school, which promotes food and producers from Aotearoa and the Pacific.

On the day, our participating students were from Afghanistan, China, Hong Kong, Lebanon, Myanmar and Russia. Accompanied by Trisha Friel, Director of Adult ESOL and Lan Tan, Adult ESOL Support.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C4L6Zb-SLxX/?igsh=YzljYTk1ODQ3Zg==>



Peter Gordon's post



Peter Gordon is at **Homeland NZ.**

6h · 🌐



Another fun-filled Community Wednesday @[homeland.nz](#) with a group of migrants from the Adult ESOL group at Lynfield College. I taught them to make a modern Kiwi Sunday Roast lamb with my stepmum Rose's mint sauce (love malt vinegar), kawakawa roast kūmara with minty peas, and sweet + spicy corn on the cob. Some of the group brought delicious treats from their own homelands including a rice and coconut slice from Myanmar, and labneh, za'atar, hummus, flat breads and coffee from Lebanon - the za'atar mixed with Lebanese olive oil from one of the attendee's father's olive grove back home in Lebanon. Here at Homeland we feel truly privileged to learn about kai / food from different cultures and to be able to share some of our own food culture with people from all over the world.

Thanks as always to [@beeflambnz](#) for making wonderful days like this possible.



Write a comment...



NCEA Information Evening held on 5 March 2024

On Tuesday 5 March, we held our NCEA Information Evening. Academic Advisor, Neil Waddington, delivered informative presentations to students and Whānau of Year 11 explaining the changes to achievement at level one, and then to Years 12 and 13 in the hall the intricacies of Levels 2 and 3. After the presentation whānau took the opportunity to have one-on-one discussions with Faculty Leaders and Senior staff, as well as our Careers team in the Staffroom.

Thank you to Neil, our Faculty Leaders, Careers team, and whānau for making this evening such a success.

A link to the presentations can be found here:

[Year 11 NCEA Presentation](#)

[Year 12 and 13 NCEA Presentation](#)



Literacy and Numeracy Standards for Year 10 and Senior Students

The NCEA Literacy and Numeracy standards are compulsory in 2024. This year, we are able to offer some Year 10 students the opportunity to obtain Literacy and Numeracy standards in Term 2, along with some Year 11's who are yet to achieve this milestone. Decisions about who attempts each standard will be made on individual readiness, based on curriculum levels. If students pass this year, there is no requirement to obtain this award each year. Without it however students are unable to complete Level's 1, 2, or 3.

All teachers, across subjects, will be providing tips and guidance to students, to help them hone the skills necessary to pass. Information can be accessed on the NCEA website link below should you wish to read further about these new standards.

There are two opportunities within each calendar year for students to attempt these exams.

NCEA Link: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/litnum/>

Goethe Institut PASCH School Scholarships

Congratulations to the following senior German language students whose applications for scholarship options through the PASCH network were successful.

Saima Rao, Year 12, will take part in the Wellington Immersion Day Scholarship for 3 days.

Michael Shand, Year 12, has won the scholarship programme PASCH JUGENDKURS in Germany for three week in June- July.

This is a wonderful opportunity for these students to enhance their German language skills further and connect with other students across the world and in Aotearoa who are learning German.



Saima Rao



Michael Shand

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

New Staff Profiles

We are highlighting our new staff over the first few issues of Newslink.



JAMES APPLEBY

My name is James Appleby and I am the new Year 12 Dean. So far I have had an incredibly warm welcome from the students and staff at Lynfield and I look forward to getting to know my year group as the year progresses. After 9 years at Orewa College I have a much shorter drive from my home on Te Atatu Peninsula where I live with my wife, son, stepson and three hyper-active cats. Please feel free to reach out to me if you feel I can help and support your child's journey through Lynfield College.



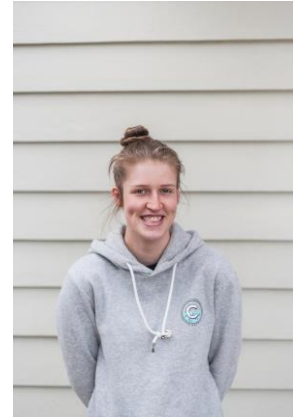
PRIYANKA PRASAD

Kia Ora, My name is Priyanka Prasad, and I'm a Commerce and Accounting teacher. My goal is to assist in shaping the future generations of businesspeople and chartered accountants, connecting with them to the real business world of demand and supply. I have been in the teaching profession for 7 years overseas and I'm thankful to be part of Lynfield College.



RONALD LAL

Greetings, I am a dedicated and enthusiastic Mathematics teacher who has just joined the team at Lynfield College. I have a passion for numbers and problem solving and I am excited about inspiring and empowering students in their mathematical abilities. I look forward to meeting and working with you to ensure that our akonga do their best in this subject.



IMOGEN MCQUEEN

I'm excited to be teaching Technology this year. I am a qualified furniture maker and have spent 6 years in the industry. My love for woodwork sparked when I was in high school myself. I also love playing social football, spending time outdoors and with friends.

Sports Scene

HOUSE SPORTS DAY

This event is a Term 1 highlight and the students were ready for a huge day of fun and colourful House rivalry.

The House Captains had worked hard to involve all students in the presentation of their House Mascot. They really let their creativity flow as they came up with some interesting ideas, to impress the judges.

With a rotation of twelve 15 minute events in the morning students tugged, ran, jumped, threw and scrambled to gain points for their house. Teachers who did the obstacle course had the incentive of winning 5 points for their house and several teachers were seen scrambling through the obstacle course too!

Congratulations to overall winners, **Bray House** who discovered participation was the key to success as the whole house ran, threw or jumped to the max.

Special thanks to Mr Dye and his team of event organisers; Mr Waddington for providing the sound system; Mrs Van Nierkerk and her team for providing morning tea for the staff while they were all out supporting their houses and the Sports department for their co-ordination of this fantastic day.

Check out our Facebook page later this week for more photos of this event.

Where the Houses are currently placed:

	BRAY	FATIALOFA	FAUMUINA	LEWIS	REID	ZORICICH
Morning	1ST	6TH	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
Events	50	25	45	40	35	30
Best Dressed House	4TH	3RD	5TH	6TH	2ND	1ST
Chant & Mascot	25	30	20	15	35	40
Rubbish						
Collection	12	6	12	12	12	12
Total Points For	1ST	5TH	4TH	2ND=	6TH	2ND=
Relays	25	15	17.5	22.5	12.5	22.5
TOTAL HOUSE POINTS	112	76	94.5	89.5	94.5	104.5
PLACING	1ST	6TH	3RD=	5TH	3RD=	2ND

CENTRAL, EAST AND WEST ATHLETICS ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three of our amazing athletes competed this week at the Central, East and West Athletics Zones held at Mt Smart Stadium. An awesome event which was only disrupted by some unpredictable weather but that couldn't stop our students' spirits. Congratulations to the following students for their excellent placings. This is an incredible medal tally and we look forward to following their progress at the Auckland Champs later this term.

TROY MAKI (Y12)

Gold in Intermediate Boys Shotput

Silver in Intermediate boys Discus



Troy Maki

FIONA SIAOPO (Y13)

Gold in Senior Girls Shotput

Gold in Senior Girls Javelin

Silver in Senior Girls Discus



Fiona Siaopo

TEAM TALK

Summer Sports

Tennis

As with most of our sports, we have some competitive and some social tennis teams. Consequently, results are mixed but all are enjoying their sport.

Volleyball

Our Senior Gold boys team have had some very difficult games this season. However this is allowing them to make and learn from their mistakes before the upcoming Auckland Champs in week 7 and the Volleyball National Championships in week 8 which they are working extremely hard for.

Volleyball Senior Girls have had an incredible season. Only losing one game, they are in a good fight for the top spot. They play in their last game this week and will be eagerly hoping that results go in their favour to win the weekly competition. In week 7 they will also be competing in the Auckland Championships where they will face some tough opponents and hope to continue their great form.

Volleyball Senior Green Boys

What a ride it's been! Our volleyball team has been on fire, dominating every game with sheer determination and skill. The energy on the court was electric as we soared to victory, leaving our opponents in awe. With each serve and spike, we showed unstoppable teamwork and unwavering passion. And guess what? We're headed to the finals! It's a dream come true, and we couldn't be more ecstatic. The camaraderie among our teammates is unmatched, and together, we're ready to bring home that championship trophy. Even though I did not have much hope for this year we still pulled it off even though we are one of the lowest graded teams and going to the finals is a dream come true. I hope we pull it off and come home with winning the whole tournament!

Ethan Gallo, Team Setter

Cricket

Our 1st XI Boys team is performing well in a very competitive grade, however they are looking to build on their mistakes to take a few games away in the coming weeks.

Orienteering

We have 38 students who are entered into the weekly orienteering competition which takes place each Monday after school. Each week the group goes to a different school to navigate a course set out around the school.

Winter Sports

Trials for various winter sports are now well underway but it is definitely **not too late** to trial for any winter teams.

Without parent/caregiver help to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, we definitely could not provide sporting opportunities to such a large number of students. 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 sport@lynfield.school.nz

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.

If your son &/or daughter 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 (eg. 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

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

Please remember to name your child’s uniform.

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

TUCKSHOP VACANCY

**4.00 Hours per day from Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 2.30 pm
to supervise student workers while they make and serve food.**

For more information please call Celia @ 021 176 1128