



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

Our Kapa Haka group performed to an appreciative audience at Polyfest on Wednesday and were featured in the [Herald](#). We look forward to seeing them perform again on Saturday 6 April at our annual Cultural Festival Day, alongside our other culture groups who have also been practicing all term in preparation. We are delighted to be able to welcome our extended community onsite to join us in these celebrations.

Parent - Student - Teacher (PST) Conferences

We look forward to meeting with more of our whānau at PST conferences on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 April. Students will be working on their scripts and preparing evidence to showcase what they have been learning and what they have achieved so far this year. More information is contained in this NewsLink.

Punctuality

Also in this NewsLink we have highlighted the link between being in class and achievement. Punctuality is an important part of getting the most out of each lesson so we are reminding students that they are expected to be in class by 9.00am. We appreciate that there is extra traffic congestion at the moment due to road works so would encourage whānau to make arrangements to accommodate this. Students using public transport may need to catch an earlier bus.

Safety in the community

You will have received communication from us recently containing recommended strategies to stay safe on the way to and from school. This was after we had been made aware of incidents where students have been approached by strangers in a threatening way. The Police are speaking about this at assemblies with the first of these presentations being made today to our Year 11 and 12 students. They will be back again next week to speak with the Year 9 and 10 students.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 27 March
Waikato University Visit
12.55pm Hall

Wednesday 3 April
Fiafia Night 6 – 9pm Hall

Thursday 4 April
Cultural Dress Day

Saturday 6 April
LC CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY

Wednesday 10 April
Summer Sports Photos
Thursday 11 & Friday 12 April
Parent-Student-Teacher

Building Progress

The roof is on and the crane has come down! Construction of the new 30 teaching space (30TS) building remains on track to be completed by Term 4. We look forward to timetabling classes into this building from 2025.



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 compete at the Worlds in Dallas, Texas, 25 April – 1 May. QR code on the right.



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

Coming Event: Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Our Term 1 Parent, Student, Teacher (PST) Conferences will take place on:

Thursday 11 April (from 1.00pm to 7.00pm) and Friday 12 April (9.00am to 1.00pm)

Bookings will open on Tuesday 26 March and close on Wednesday 10 April at 3.00pm. Please check your emails for information on how to book.

The appointments will be for 15 minutes. The meetings can be **either face to face or online** however, all bookings will receive a Google Meet link. Your child’s Hui mai teacher will ask which option you plan to use prior to the meeting.

The focus of the meeting will be on your child’s start to the year at Lynfield. This will include conversations around goal setting, engagement, what is going well and where improvements can be made. Students are expected to attend these conferences with you, and to lead the conversation.

Students will attend shortened classes until 12.30pm on Thursday 11 April.

There will be no timetabled classes running on Friday 12 April, however, lessons will be put on Schoology.

Kiwi Coaches service Thursday 11 April:

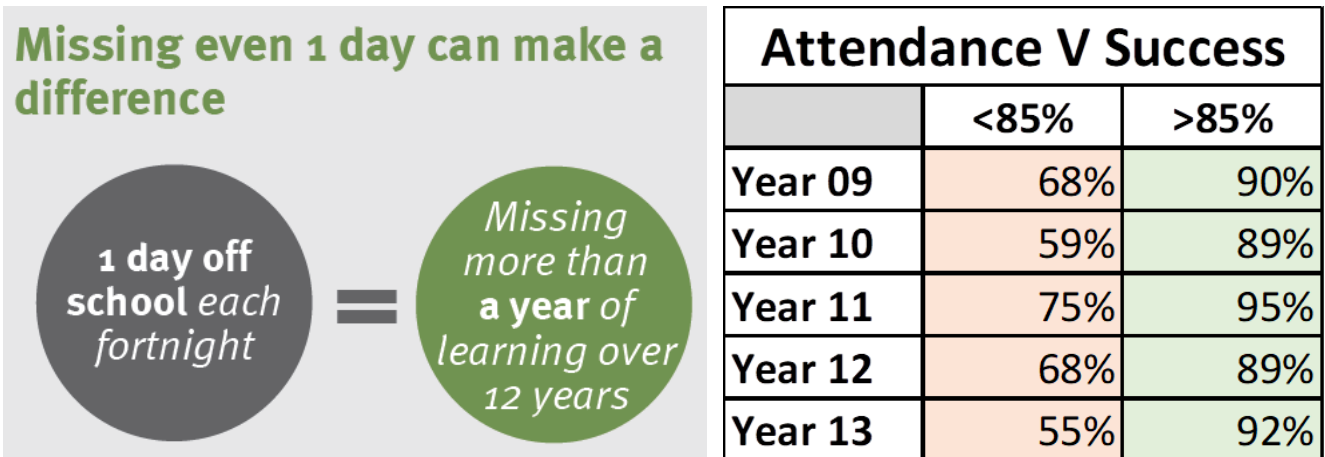
The Mangere Bridge afternoon bus will depart at 12.40pm. The Titirangi/Laingholm afternoon bus will depart at the usual time of 3.20pm.

Attendance v Achievement

Turning up and being in class has a significant impact on student performance and achievement. Our high expectations are that students are at school above 90% of the time to allow each individual to achieve to their own 'personal excellence'.

The more time students are away from the classroom the more difficult they find it to engage back into learning. How many times have we heard 'I was away, I don't know what I'm doing'? The longer students are out of the classroom the more difficult it is to engage meaningfully back into their learning.

Lynfield College Attendance Vs Success in 2023 shows just how relevant and important turning up is. The table below shows students who miss less than ONE day a fortnight are significantly more likely to succeed academically. Transversely missing ONE or more days a fortnight has a very large impact on students success. For example of the Year 13 students last year whose attendance was below 85%, only 55% of those students passed their Level 3!!



Coming Event: Lynfield College Cultural Festival Day

This will be held on Saturday 6 April and the day will run from 9.45am until 3.00pm.

Numerous food stalls with delicious cultural foods. Tokens can be purchased from 10.30am and eftpos is available. Food stalls open at 11.00am.

Cultural performances: There will be two sessions. Session One will start at 9.45am with a Powhiri. Session Two starts at 12.45pm. Entry is free and by ticket only. Come along and enjoy the day with us!

Kapa Haka Perform at Polyfest 2024

Our Lynfield College kapa haka group staged on Wednesday 20 March at the Manukau Sportsbowl. Many whanau, kaiako, past students and supporters were present or streaming the event (one whanau from Ahitereiria). The group was tutored by Matua Tu, his whanau Jas and Pare assisted him over the past month to create a set that was focussed around remembering Whaea Brenda (Matua Tu's wife and our long standing tutor, who passed). The group performed with mana and kaha and was showcased in the Herald (see photo below).

It was great to have a full whare at Te Ringa Awhina with whanau, akonga and kaiako building whanaungatanaga tika throughout this kaupapa. Special mention to Hayley Dawson for organising the kai for the group and all whanau members who contributed and set up, the kaiakaranga (Lani's whanau) Thyaree Flores for hair and make up and Dylen Motufoaki for the whaikorero and assisting the tama.

A massive mihi aroha to the group of mana wahine who drove this kaupapa, allowing our akonga to experience Polyfest. Without the Whaea (Whaea Bonn, Whaea Larissa and Whaea Maihi) this wouldn't have been possible. The late nights, dedication, kai making, uniform organisation, cleaning, etc have not gone unnoticed, Hei mahi tahi.

To our akonga, kia kaha ki te eke ki te taumata teitei.

Members: Hunter Savieti (kaitataki wahine) Danyon Varney (kaitataki tane) John Mahe, Faith Motufoaki, Ben Flores, Milla Wild, Tiamo Wild, Taylah Dawson, Leilani Day, Jaylah Devery, Hayley Duncan, Isabella James, Maryam Khan, Lorelai Postelwaight, Honey Reti-Hotu, Rai Rodriguez, Kalana Te Amo-Naea, Akeelah Te Rangi and Nakkita Tuhaka.



Above photo credit NZ Herald: Lynfield College Kapa Haka performing at Polyfest 2024.

Hui Whanau and Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal

Last week on Thursday 14 March we had a hui whanau and dress rehearsal at Te Ringa Awhina Marae for the kapa haka group, in preparation for their performance at Polyfest on Wednesday 20 March. It was a wonderful evening filled with korero, whakawhanaungatanga and kai.

Ka nui te mihi ki nga whanau nga kaiako me nga akonga.



Farewell to Sports Staff

On Tuesday we acknowledged and sadly farewelled two of our long serving staff members Felicity Walbran (over 20 years) and Su Yim (17 Years). Both Felicity and Su have worked tirelessly in the Sports Office to ensure all our students have the opportunity to be involved in sports. Su is now looking forward to spending more time with family, travelling and walking her dog!

An ex-student of Lynfield College and with strong family commitments to the College, Felicity undertook the role of Director of Sport with enthusiasm and dedication. We thank her for the long hours she has put into this role, for the passion she has displayed and for her endless support of our students.



Lynfield College Sports or Creative, Innovative Scholarship

Applications are now open for this Scholarship for 2024.

Any student who is representing their chosen activity (sport or creative, innovative) at regional, national or international level may apply for these scholarships.

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 are available online at this link: [Sports or Creative, Innovative Scholarship Application 2024](#)

Applications close at 3.10 pm on Monday 8 April 2024.

New Staff Profiles

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



DANIEL HIRIWA

Kia ora
Tāmaki Makaurau is home for me, my wife and our beautiful cat, Mr Raymond Reddington. I am honoured to have the privilege of being able to work alongside the children of the future at Lynfield College. My goal is to provide each of our students with a safe learning environment where they are comfortable to learn and grow. I am excited to engage with the school community and learn more about the things that make Lynfield such a special place.



ANN O'BYRNE

Kia ora
I started working at Lynfield College this year, based in the ESOL Department teaching junior and adult classes. My colleagues, other staff and classes are great and I enjoy working at the College. I am a Kiwi but have lived in many other countries including England, Germany and Japan, where I taught English language. I can still speak a little German but need to practise more often! I have family in Auckland and some of my whānau live in other countries. I live in a place with two boxer dogs that I sometimes pretend are mine, often playing with them and taking the younger one for walks. I enjoy catching up with family and friends socially, and I belong to a book club, where I get really good reading recommendations.



KARIN GRIMMER

Kia ora
I am the new Senior Science tech and Lab Manager.
My love of Science started when I was a student myself at Lynfield College, many moons ago. I have found all the staff at Lynfield to be very welcoming and friendly - it's a great vibe.
I live in West Auckland with my husband and three sons as well as a rather pampered corgi named Flo.



TINA CLARKSON

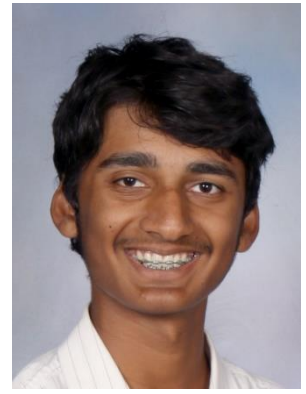
Kia ora koutou
I am a Geography and English teacher. Before working at Lynfield College, I worked as an English teacher at Pakuranga College for four years, and I loved it. This school is much closer to home for me, so I am happy to be working and teaching in this familiar area. My interests include hiking, reading, music, travelling, and trying out new and different coffee spots around Auckland. I have taught group fitness classes around my local area for two years, which is a big passion for me. Before becoming a teacher, I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and English at The University of Auckland, and I also studied Te Reo Māori at Te Wananga o Aotearoa. I am excited to continue teaching at Lynfield College and serve the community here.

Individual Sport Honours

Congratulations to the following student who has recently excelled in the field of Archery:

Rajal Sharma participated at the 2024 North Island Youth Championships held in Auckland on 10th and 11th February, placing 2nd in the U18 Men's Compound Division.

On 9th and 10th March, Rajal participated at the North Island Championships in Tauranga. He secured a Silver medal for the ranking rounds in the U18 Men's Compound Division and came 2nd in the Matchplay event where he competed against 8 other senior compound archers for the North Island Men's Compound trophy.



Sports Scene

TEAM TALK

SUMMER SPORTS

Most are now finished for Term 1. All players have represented the school with energy and pride and several teams have been very successful.

1st XI Girls Cricket

The 1st XI Cricket Girls had an amazing season. This season was the first time our squad experienced A grade cricket. We were a challenge to our opponents both with the bat and ball, and I'm very proud of the collective effort of the team. Special mention: Tanvi Rana (Y10) for being the highest run-scorer and Aanya Patel (Y11) for taking the most wickets. This season served as a great stepping stone for the achievements to come, and it's awesome to see how far we've come as players and as a group. A big thank you to our Coach Miss Lal and our Manager Mrs Matson for always supporting us.

Nabeeha Kamran (Captain, 1st XI Girls Cricket team)

2nd XI Girls Cricket

The 2nd XI Girls Cricket team wrap up a successful season, with 4 out of 5 wins and ranking 3rd in the 1B Competition! Throughout the season, the girls came together and fine-tuned their bowling, batting, fielding and most importantly - teamwork. The games showcased plenty of remarkable performances from the girls as well as their determination, resilience and passion. Most of the players on the team were participating in cricket for the first time, so it was amazing to see how quickly they got into the flow of the game. Congratulations to the team for achieving BRONZE in their first season of the year!

Nuha Wadhwanian (Senior Leader, 2nd XI Girls Cricket team)





Volleyball Senior Boys Gold

Our Senior Gold Volleyball Team have had a very eventful couple weeks. Following their final weekly matches, they also competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Volleyball Champs. This was an awesome event held at Pulman Arena and out of the 60 teams that competed, Lynfield finished 11th! This is an incredible result for the team as they went into the competition as Underdogs but managed to pull off some upset victories against Auckland Grammar and Northcote.

This week they have been competing at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Volleyball Nationals also. A much tougher competition than the Auckland Champs and lots of new experiences for the boys to learn from. Despite having several close matches with other schools, going to 5 sets, our boys have been unfortunate to not take any wins just yet. They will be playing off for 15th & 16th in Division 2 this afternoon and are eager to end their winning drought.

Volleyball Senior Girls

This team has had an incredible season topped off with some tough competition at the Auckland Secondary Schools Volleyball Champs. After Finishing 3rd in their weekly College Sport grade, our Lynfield Girls went on to compete at the Auckland Champs for the first time in many many years. This was an awesome experience for our girls to be a part of and they are still proud of their efforts to finish 44th, winning several games along the way and getting into some very close duels as well.

Uniform return

Most summer sports are now complete. Summer sports uniforms should NOT be returned to the Sports Office just yet. We will be having Summer Sports Photos on the Wednesday of Week 11 (10 April), students will need to wear their uniforms for the photo and then return them after changing back into school uniform. Any students with outstanding Sports uniform or fees will only be able to play another sport for the school once they have addressed this issue with the Sports Office.

WINTER SPORTS

Our winter sports season is beginning to get underway. Our Football 1st XI Boys have already had a preseason match against Mt Roskill with another one planned against Kristin in a couple weeks. Our Football 1st XI Girls also have 3 friendly matches lined up in the coming weeks. Many trials are already underway/finished for several sports which include Junior football, Boys and Girls Hockey, Netball, Boys and Girls Badminton, Junior and Senior Basketball and many more.

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.

Uniform care

To help us continue to provide quality uniforms for our sports teams it is really important that these simple washing instructions are followed for all our sporting garments:

Cold wash, NO dryer, NO iron

URGENT - HELP NEEDED

Coaches and managers needed for all our 50+ winter sports teams. Please take time to consider whether you could coach or manage a team. 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!

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.

We still urgently need coaches for:

Football - Coach needed for Boys 2nd XI (games are on Saturday mornings, trainings at a time to suit coach and players)

Basketball - Manager for each team, senior and 2 junior teams (game day Wednesday)

Basketball - U17 team (game day Thursday)

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 Jon Gwin, Sports Director igwin@lynfield.school.nz or 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 interval and lunchtime Mondays to Thursdays, and on Fridays before school at 8am and 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. 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 items, please ask them to 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.

Please Help Support Kowhai Kai

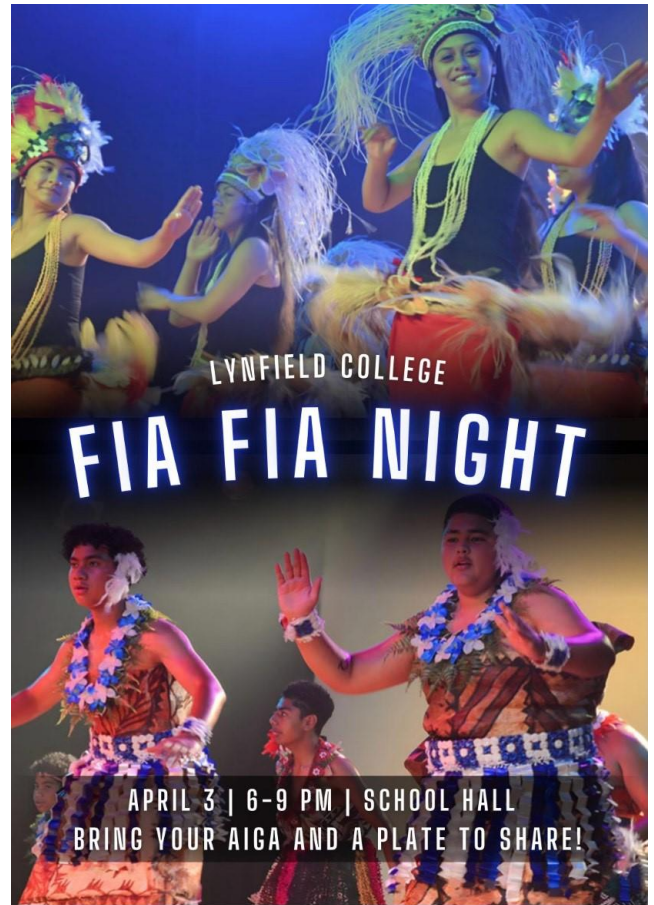
Kōwhai Kai is a student wellbeing programme that supports Lynfield College students and their whānau going through hardship. At the start of lunch time, kai is provided in D12 for students who do not have the means to bring lunch to school. If you want to find out more, you can contact Mrs Wichman-Kelly, 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

Community Events

Have your say on the Auckland Council's Long-term Plan

Auckland Council's Long-term Plan will set the income and expenditure for all of Auckland Council (including Local Boards, Auckland Transport, targeted rates etc) for the next decade. It is important to have a say how you want rates spent and what you believe are priorities for the community and city as a whole. More information, translations, feedback options and the online feedback form can be found here akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan. This consultation ends 28 March 2024.



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A colorful promotional graphic for 'Kids Fun New Zealand'. It features various travel-related icons: an airplane, a camera, a map, a compass, a gift box, a flag, and a globe. In the center, there are illustrations of a smiling boy and girl. The text is arranged in a friendly, approachable manner, highlighting the ease and fun of traveling with children.