



LYNFIELD
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From Tumuaki Cath Knell

Me mahi tahi tātou mo te oranga o te katoa

We must all work as one for the wellbeing of all

Kia ora koutou

This is our last NewsLink for 2022.

The year has finished on a real high note with Mia Powell named as College Sport Young Sportsperson of the Year, Girl's Athletics, at Eden Park. Followed by our own Prizegivings, Adult ESOL and Learning Support on Friday 2 December and Year 9 and 10 Prizegivings today, it has been a fortnight of celebrations.

The past week has also been a week of farewells and some tears. Our Year 13 students signed out on Monday and celebrated this right of passage with a Leaver's Dinner at the Sorrento. It is not only students who were being farewelled however. As in any year, there are changes to staffing. Some are leaving to take up a promotion, move to another school, change their career pathway or retire. Of those leaving are three long serving staff who are looking forward to a change in pace:

Pam Isdale has taught Maths at Lynfield since 1993

Cathie Bunce has worked at Lynfield since 2000, currently teaching English, and

Therese Marshall, Faculty Leader Humanities and Commerce, is retiring after 21 years at the college

The contributions that they have made not only to teaching and learning but to the wider life of the school, having all actively supported our sports programme, have been greatly valued. They will be missed. Their replacements will be introduced to you in next year's NewsLinks.

Thank you for your support of the college this year. Wishing you all a safe and happy summer.

Noho haumarū, stay safe and well

Cath Knell **Tumuaki | Principal**

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2023 Start Dates for Year Levels

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY | YEAR 9

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY | YEAR 13, 12, 11 & 10

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY | ALL YEAR LEVELS ATTEND ON NORMAL TIMETABLE (Kiwicoaches school bus services begin)

Full information is contained on page 5 of this NewsLink.

Please follow this [Uniform Information](#) link to ensure your child is wearing the correct Lynfield College uniform on start date.

Year 10 Prizegiving

Year 10 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student): **Ahana Lal**

Year 10 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student): **William Day**

Year 10 Merit Awards: **John Mahe, William Hooper, Sumedha Singaraju, Selena Surendran, Holly McCutcheon, Alina Murumkar, Ayush Swarnapuri, Noah Pin**

Manaakitanga Trophy: **John Mahe**

Year 10 Writing Competition Winner: **Alina Murumkar**

Year 10 Speech Competition Winner: **Brianna Stuart**

Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Year 10 PE & Health: **Sione Apelu, Prianka Patel**

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year: **Troy Maka**

Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year: **Prianka Patel**

Runner Up Year 10 Sportsman of the Year: **Dylan Tearle**

Runner Up Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year: **Agnes Wulf**

Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award: **Troy Maka**

Year 10 Performer of the Year: **John Mahe**

Junior School Service to Arts & Culture Award: **John Mahe**

Junior Musician of the Year: **William Day**

Year 9 Prizegiving

Year 9 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student): **Soha Ekbote**

Year 9 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student): **Ashton Silveira**

Year 9 Merit Awards: **Bhuvi Katakam, Caitlin Hsiao, Beth Eyre, Doris Tan, Emily Yang, Sohan Gorantla, Nabeeha Kamran, Zoe Symon**

Top Junior ESOL Student: **Piyanns Pipinold**

Year 9 Creative Writing Competition Winner: **Jacob Knox**

Year 9 Speech Competition Winner: **Eliza Shaikh**

Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Year 9 PE & Health: **Amelia Williams-Misiagi, Daijah Tavave**

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year: **Rajal Sharma**

Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year: **Annaliese Matson**

Year 9 Performer of the Year: **Wayne Wang**

Junior Sports Team of the Year - Volleyball Junior Boys Team:

Y10 members: **Sione Apelu, Michael Chan, Rocco Gough, Zack Jones, William Lee, Senna Roberts, Ayush Swarnapuri, Bill Xie**

Y9 members: **Frank Ave, Hyugo Fox, Austin Lamb, Jayden Wong**

Junior Group of the Year – Debating – Junior Open 1 (Y10)

Team members: **Mia Bradley, Srinidhi Totha, Huda El Shareif, Mishti Saha**

Learning Support Prizegiving

On Friday 2 December the Learning Support Department held their prizegiving. Wairua Kaha, so evident in these resilient students, was celebrated because they thrived despite a number of changes in the year. The students performed a Samoan Sasa and sang a song, ably coached by Poto Lauulu one of our teacher aides. It was bitter sweet to farewell Caleb Kaukau, Kyle Zhuguo, Matthew Doyle and Naheeda Nisha and although we will miss them, we know that they will keep in touch.



Leavers' Dinner

It was a beautiful evening at Sorrento in the Park on Monday 5 December, where the Year 13s enjoyed their last chance to get together. Signaling the end of their Lynfield College journey, the students celebrated by dining, dancing and sharing memories.



Christmas Cakes for Age Concern

On 14 November 2022, a selected group of students got together to bake Christmas Cakes in the commercial kitchen for Age Concern. This initiative is part of the culture of Caring for our Community since 2010. Countdown Lynfield generously donated all the ingredients to produce 113 Christmas Cakes. Students enjoyed writing a personal message and then adding Christmas cheer in the wrapping of their gifts.

On 24 November 2022, Age Concern was presented the Christmas Cakes, as well as knitted products that Ms Birch with students from her knitting club completed.

Age Concern Auckland is a charity working with older members of our community who are vulnerable for various reasons. This includes Seniors who are experiencing abuse and neglect, those living in poverty and just struggling to get by, and those who are lonely and in need of visits and support to build up their confidence and make their day a little brighter. In the weeks before Christmas, to brighten the lives of Seniors they are working with, Age Concern Auckland delivers them a little bit of Christmas cheer by delivering them a small Christmas Cake or a Christmas Care Bag with cake and a few treats inside. Age Concern Auckland is incredibly appreciative of the gorgeous Christmas Cakes that Lynfield College bakes and donates to distribute in the local area. The love and care put into the baking by your students and fantastic staff is amazing.

Alexis Sawyers, Fundraising & Communications Manager at Age Concern Auckland Incorporated



Term Dates 2023

- Term 1:** Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 6 April
- Term 2:** Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June
- Term 3:** Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September
- Term 4:** Monday 9 October – Tuesday 12 December (TBC to be confirmed)
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Starting Dates 2023

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY (*Monday 30 January – Auckland Anniversary Day – Public Holiday*)

Year 9 Assemble in the Hall at 1.30pm, then go to Hui mai rooms (released at 3.10pm)

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Year 9 Attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm (Y9 ID photos taken today)

Year 13 Assemble in the Hall at 9.00am (released at 10.00am if course changes are completed)

Year 12 Assemble in the Hall at 10.30am (released at 11.30am if course changes are completed)

Year 11 Assemble in the Hall at 12.00pm (released at 1.00pm if course changes are completed)

Year 10 Assemble in the Hall at 1.30pm, then go to Hui mai rooms (released at 2.30pm)

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Year 9 Attend from 9.00am – 3.10pm

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY (*Kiwicoaches school bus services resume*)

ALL year levels attend 9.00am – 3.10pm on normal timetable

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY (*Monday 6 February – Waitangi Day – Public Holiday*)

ALL year levels attend 9.00am – 3.10pm on normal timetable

Lynfield College BYOD

Lynfield College is an established BYOD school, meaning we require that your child brings a device to support their learning in the classroom. The ideal device for learning is lightweight with a keyboard. Recommendations on basic specifications for a device can be found here: <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Curriculum/e-Learning.html>

Through our ICT partners New Era, we give our community access to a purchasing portal called Acquire <https://newera-byod.acquire.co.nz/>

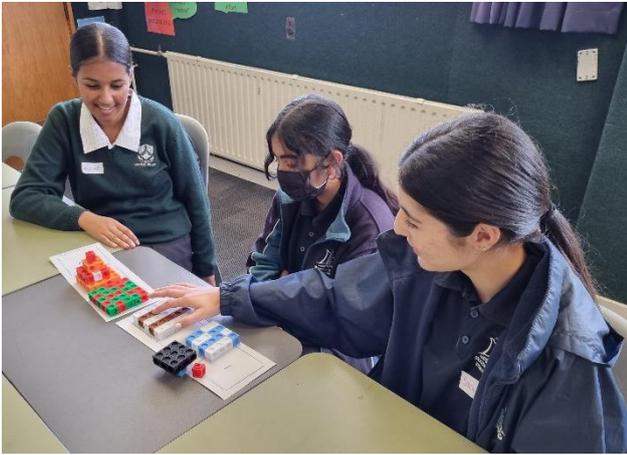
New Era seeks to provide our community with the most competitive pricing for any new device purchases.

If you are struggling to provide a device for learning, we do have a limited number of Chromebooks available for loan for the 2023 academic year for those most in need. This is to ensure all students have equitable access to a device for their learning.

To access these devices, a \$30 refundable bond will need to be paid. Forms can be picked up by your child from Deputy Principals Mrs Wichman-Kelly or Mr Winn at the start of next year.

Taster Days

In Week 6 we were able to welcome many of our Year 9 2023 students for *A Taste of Lynfield*. Our research over the last few years showed that students were worried about the unknown, so these days aim to reduce the “fear-factor” and let students experience learning as a Lynfield student. The groups were escorted by current Year 9 students who also shared some of their experiences. The photos show Blockhouse Bay Intermediate students in some of their classes.



The Whakapiki Ake Te Whe Year 10 Programme

The Whakapiki Ake Te Whē Year 10 programme final phase took place on 17 November, with four Lynfield College rangatahi visiting the University of Auckland Grafton Campus, supported by Mr Coop. The goal was to raise awareness about the importance of the core secondary school subjects and the choices rangatahi are making in these early years. The day provided exposure to science, Māori role models and potential career pathways. Groups rotated around Health Science workshops, giving our rangatahi experiences in Optometry, Biology and Chemistry laboratories. The University staff extended such aroha to our students, who thoroughly enjoyed the kaupapa, the kai and the over-all experience of whanaungatanga that was shown towards them. Our Māori rangatahi look forward to building on this experience in 2023 with further opportunities offered by the University.



10IL Tawharanui Camp

After weeks of planning and preparing, 39 intrepid students from the Year 10 Innovative Learning class boarded a bus on the morning of Wednesday 23 November, and headed to Tawharanui Regional Park, approximately 93km north of Lynfield College, for a three-day camp. Accompanied by five of our finest staff, (Ms Reynolds, Mr Bower, Ms Fe'ao, Mr Cheung and Mr Smith) and two outstanding Year 13 students, Liam Mulvaney and Rosame Wells, 10IL students were eager to get to the campsite and put their tents up.

Upon arrival at the Tawharanui campsite, Ms Reynolds and her crack team got to work. The tents and gazebos were up in no time. Better yet, the rain stayed away and the sun came out. The afternoon session had everyone down at the beach participating in several team building activities. Thanks to the outstanding and meticulous preparation carried out in Techlish with Mrs Wensor, dinner on the first day was a sight to behold. Students in the class had organized themselves into groups. Each group had prepared their meals with flair and innovation. MKR has nothing on the students of 10IL! Chicken casserole, nachos, fried rice, dumplings and butter chicken were just some of the meals on offer. After dinner, everyone went on a long night walk around the park in search of Kiwi.

On Day Two it rained for two hours in the morning. This did not dampen the spirits of 10IL students because after the weather cleared, they got to work with the park rangers to complete a community service project. Later that afternoon students competed in an Amazing Race. A final night activity on the nearby hill had to be cut short because of more rain. By Friday, it was fair to say that everyone was looking forward to heading back home. The tents were carefully taken down, cleaned and dried out in the morning sun. Bags, chilli bins and gear were loaded into the bus and the school van. Tawharanui is a special place, a sanctuary for birds and other wildlife. The students of 10IL class of 2022 will always remember and appreciate their time there.



Learning Support Beach Picnic

Our Learning Support students and staff end of year picnic at Cornwallis Beach was a resounding success. With the sun shining, a full tide just right for paddling, building sand castles and playing fun games, a wonderful time was had by all.



University of Auckland Year 10 Future Me Trip

This programme provides Year 10 Māori and Pasifika students the opportunity to explore the different study options available at Waipapa Taumata Rau | University of Auckland. Ms Pearson took ten Lynfield College students and they attended interactive and mana-enhancing workshops from a range of faculties, while engaging with academic staff and current students on the Grafton Campus. Here are some student comments:

“I felt inspired by the leaders and the guest speaker, who told a story about her life and how she got her degree with honours and can speak Māori fluently.”

“My fave was the mock trial in the law sessions”



GATEWAY Student Achievements

Sophia He was one of Lynfield College's Gateway students. This year she earned one of the top four prizes for the highest achieving students from Techorium which is a Category 1 Provider of Information Technology learning.

Sophia's hard work and commitment to learning helped her win this award. It is to be noted that she was the only female student to win one of the prizes. She earned herself a beautiful Techorium trophy to keep plus a \$300 voucher from PB Tech.

All the very best, Sophia, for your future learning and career pathway in Information Technology.

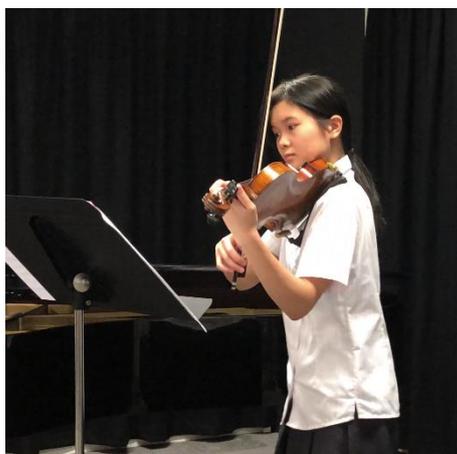


Celebrating Lynfield Music

Trinity College Examination success

Daisy Chen sat her Grade 8 Violin exam and gained a staggering 95/100 for her performance. Dropping just one mark across her three songs, Daisy once again showed what a talented musician she is, and did herself and the school proud!

Maxwell Bancroft sat his Grade 5 Violin exam, and gained Distinction for his exam as well. He was accompanied by Mr Sue, who said he played exceptionally!



Play it Strange Awards Ceremony

Off the back of her win of the Youthtown Songwriting Competition, Naimah Manchanda was invited to perform at the end of year Awards Ceremony. She performed her song Sugar and Spice, and received her award from Big Fan Studios producer Noema Te Hau who she recorded with. Naimah's Family and friends were there supporting, and were super stoked with her performance! 'Sugar and Spice' can be streamed at the link below: <https://tinyurl.com/5e242awp>

Powley House Christmas Event

Musicians from Year 10 ventured out to local retirement village Powley House in Blockhouse Bay to bring some joy and entertainment. The performances brought joy and laughter to the residents, with some even getting up to dance. They were moved by Taylor Griffin's performance of 'Where did all the Time Go', mesmerised by The Funky Foot Pigeons rendition of 'I Want You Back', and marveled at John Mahe and the classes energy during 'I Feel Good'.

Following the performances, the students were treated to a cuppa and some Christmas snacks, before decorating the Christmas Tree and chatting with the residents. The students were great ambassadors for the school, and even got an open invite back any time we want to perform again!



MATHS199 Success

The MATHS199 distance learning course is a year-long stage 1 paper run by the University of Canterbury, worth 30 points and enabling entry into stage 2 papers. Lynfield College students who are excelling in Mathematics and who have already completed NCEA Level 3 Calculus in their Year 12, typically enrol in this course, while continuing with a full Year 13 timetable. It entails a mixture of online learning and physical assessments during the year, along with an exam, that are supervised here at Lynfield College in the Maths Faculty. In 2022, we had five students enrolled and they have now received their final grades.

We are very proud to announce that all five of our students received straight As, with three A+ and two A grades. We congratulate **Daniel Chen, Jason Huang, Harbour Wang, Eesha Mahimkar and Jack Harken** on this outstanding achievement that will set them up well for further study in Mathematics and Engineering Sciences.

Current Year 12 students who are completing Level 3 Calculus this year, should talk to Mr. Coop on bcoop@lynfield.school.nz if they wish to consider enrolment in this course in 2023. There is no obligation to attend University of Canterbury when you leave school.

Whau Youth Award

Evan Huang was honoured at the Whau Youth Awards held on Friday 2 December. He received the Young Innovator Award for his outstanding achievement this year.

As a young innovator, Evan developed a personal assistant robot named DrinkBot which can grab a cup, walk around a room, and deliver the cup to those who struggle with mobility issues. Evan Huang is one of 100 Global Rise Winners and he is the first winner from New Zealand.

As a young robot developer, Evan has designed robot parts for VEX and won the World Champion in the 2022 VEX Robotics Engineering Online Challenge. Evan also won the 2022 New Zealand VEX Robotics National Champion and attended the 2022 VEX Robotics World Championship.

Whau Youth Awards honour inspirational young people who are striving for and achieving greatness in the Whau community.



Ngati Whatua Ki Orakei

On Monday 28 November a group of kaiako travelled to Ngati Whatua ki Orakei. Representatives from the different departments were involved in sessions including: learning about korowai, the history of Takaparawhau and the iwi mara kai.

Ka nui te mihi ki a Whaea Larissa mo to mahi. An awesome day hearing from the whanau of the iwi and their experiences. We look forward to an ongoing relationship in 2023 and beyond.



Careers

Job opportunities for school leavers - Any students / school leavers looking for holiday or permanent employment?

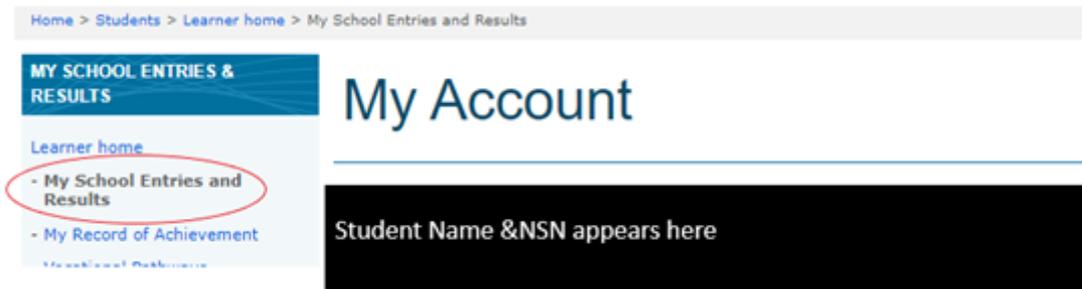
The iconic Muffin Break Café at Lynn mall will shortly be re-opening with new owners and they're actively looking for reliable and honest people to become customer service superstars alongside their team. They will train the right people in all aspects of the café business including food preparation, baking, coffee making, front of house. If you bring your reliability and honesty to us, we'll provide the training you will need. Part time & full time shifts will be available. Email Mrs Keir for an application form wkeir@lynfield.school.nz or collect a copy from Student Services Reception to express an interest in looking for work. Applications can be returned to Maree Keane, Franchise & Leasing Coordinator. Email: maree@foodco.co.nz

NZQA External Exams Information 2022

Literacy Numeracy Pilot - Assessment Event Two

The second assessment event of the Literacy / Numeracy Pilot took place in September. Well done to the Year 10 students who participated in May and September. NZQA released the results last week and we were very pleased to see that a large number of our Year 10 students have already gained Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy before they enter Year 11. (309 students gained Reading, 213 gained Writing and 357 gained Numeracy).

Results have been shared with students in their English and Maths classes. Students can also access these results through their [Student Login](#), on the NZQA website. Once they have logged in, they can navigate to their results via the link on the left: 'My School Entries and Results'.



Students must know their NSN and password for their NZQA account to login to the NZQA portal. If students do not have this information, they will need to contact the NZQA call centre on **0800 697 296**.

Please note NZQA have said marked scripts are unable to be returned.

NCEA Exams

NCEA exams finished on Friday 2 December. These went very smoothly. Thank you, students for being well organised, courteous to the NZQA supervisors and attending your exam sessions. We also thank our NZQA Exam Centre Managers; Ms Walbran and Mr Johnston, and our team of NZQA supervisors, many of whom are ex-students or relief teachers.

Results Publication and Return to Candidate Processes

Students sitting NCEA 2022 end of year exams will be able to use their Learner Login details to access their digital or scanned paper exams online from 24 January. Students sitting NZ Scholarship can access their scanned exam and grade online from 9 February. These will be available online until the end of June 2023. This includes any scanned blank paper answer books, but not blank digital ones. Paper based exam booklets won't be returned in the mail, with the exceptions of Level 3 and NZ Scholarship Visual Arts portfolios. Digital submissions will not be returned.

School Leavers

If students have used their school email address for NZQA communications and are leaving Lynfield College at the end of this year, they will not be able to access this email address after they leave. They need to change their contact email address with NZQA to a personal one.

Learning Recognition Credits

When results are released, students will be able to use their student login to see how many Learning Recognition Credits they have earned.

There will be regular calculations to include any additional or late results received up until 28 February 2023 (the end of the 2022 academic year), or any changes in results after reviews or reconsiderations.

Lynfield College Uniform Shop

2023 Stationery Lists

Stationery Lists for 2023 are now available on our [website](#).

Save yourself time and money by ordering online!

We will package your stationery ready for collection from the uniform shop on the following dates:

5th – 9th December 2022, 10.00am – 2.00pm

23rd – 27th January 2023, 10.00am – 5.00pm

Click below to order your stationery



Stationery Lists

New Student Uniform Fittings

Fitting times for new students in 2023 are available on the following dates.

Saturday 14 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday 21 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Monday 23 – Friday 27 January 10.00am – 5.00pm (Thursday 26 January open until 6.00pm)

Tuesday 31 January – Friday 3 February 10.00am – 2.00pm

Bookings can be made on our website or at this link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UniformShopBookings@lynfield.school.nz/bookings/>

SportLink

It has been an interesting, enjoyable and successful year in Lynfield Sport. Several teams have won their grades or promotion to higher grades and we have had some excellent results in NZSS tournaments.

Junior Boys Volleyball

The Junior Boys Volleyball team won Central Zones with a 2:0 win over Dilworth and a 2:0 win over Parnell too. At the beginning of the season Dilworth beat us 2:0 so it shows how far the team has come. The coaches were able to play every player so all credit to the boys!

Coaches needed

We **urgently** need coaches in the following sports for Term 1: Volleyball, Cricket, Dragon boating

If you are able to help, or know someone who can, please contact Felicity Walbran, our Director of Sport sport@lynfield.school.nz

Individual Honours

Mia Powell (Y13)

Mia was named the College Sport Young Sportsperson Of The Year for girls' athletics. This is a very fitting recognition of her excellent achievements in 400m on the world athletics stage.



Ashwin Gupte (Y10)

Ashwin is the winner of the Most Improved Junior Male squash player award in Auckland for 2022

Liam Fallon and Mason Lockhart (Y9) have been selected to represent Auckland in the U15 softball tournament next month.

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 fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

We Need Host Families for 2023

Hosting an international student is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about other cultures and forge life-long relationships.

As a host family you'll play an important role in helping our international students feel at home whenever they're not at school.

We still need families to host Japanese students for 1 term, from late January to the end of March. Host families receive \$644 per fortnight (\$322 per week), to cover full board. Email or call Vibha Bangs, our Homestay Coordinator now for more information.

Phone: 627 0600, Ext: 748
Email: homestay@lynfield.school.nz

