



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 the first NewsLink for Term 3. While we might have had a two-week holiday break there was considerable activity onsite with workshops running, music rehearsals, teams training and progress with our building projects. In addition to this was the highlight of the senior students' social calendar, the school ball.

### **Student extracurricular successes and achievements**

Congratulations to: Audrina Marsters-Singh for winning the 60kg girls weight class division at the Under 16s Youth Kickboxing Tournament; Kevin Zhang for his medal winning start at the NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships; and to Katie Bowen (Lynfield College class of 2011) on the Football Ferns win against Norway last night in the FIFA Women's World Cup. Congratulations also to Alysha Chand for the important role she played in the opening match.

Congratulations to: our **Bollywood dance group** on their second placing, and cash prize, at the inter-school Bollywood Showdown 2023 dance competition; and **Fan Club** for their opening gig invitation.

Congratulations to **Evan Huang** whose writing has been published in *The Future is STEM: A Curation of Inspirational Youth Stories by Rishab Kumar Jain and STEM Stars*. The book is a collection of 100 stories from young people who are passionate about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

<https://www.rishabjaink.com/book>

### **Enrolling for 2024**

With the promotional visits to our local contributing schools complete and open days / evening scheduled over the next ten days, enrolling for 2024 is well underway.

The School Board has determined that 75 places are available for Out of Zone Category 6 students for Year 9, 2024. These applications must be received by 4.00pm Wednesday 30 August. No Out of Zone places are available at any other year level. For full details please refer to the Enrolment Information for 2024 section on the school website <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Enrolment.html>

**Noho ora mai - stay well, look after yourself**

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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## COMING EVENTS

**Monday 24 July**

**School in Action Tours**

**11.30am - 1.00pm**

Technology Careers Week

**Wednesday 26 July**

**School in Action Tours**

**11.30am - 1.00pm**

**Monday 31 July**

**Enrolment Open Evening**

**6.00pm in the Hall**

**COOK ISLANDS LANGUAGE  
WEEK**

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## Reports and PSTs

Senior Reports will be on the portal on Wednesday 16 August.

Parent / Student/ Teacher Conferences (PSTs) will be held on 24 and 29 August, 1 -7pm (online and face to face bookings will be available).

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## School Ball 2023

Despite an awfully cold winter, the thought of the annual Lynfield College Ball kept students warm and excited throughout Term 2 and the winter break. With the Ball Committee spearheading the organisation and management behind the event, they decided on a Las Vegas casino theme. Being a bit unsure of the reception by the students, it was aptly named 'The Last Gamble' (This theme was chosen to represent that life is like a gamble, and that the graduating class of 2023 is daring and ready to take risks with a fire for life and adventure). However, the Committee's doubts were blown away by the enthusiasm from students and staff alike. Not only that, but there was an incredible amount of support for the decisions that the Ball Committee made. The DJ, DJ Dox, became a household name amongst a myriad of groups likewise with the Committee members as well. This would be the largest turnouts for a Ball at Lynfield College ever, with around 400 people. The buffet, which included delicacies like Champagne Ham and butter chicken with a creamy coconut base, was liked by everybody. Kit Kat cheesecake, salted caramel profiteroles, and a rich chocolate gateau were the well enjoyed dessert options. All things considered, it was a very triumphant event that the Ball Committee are very proud of. An amazing night to be the highlight for the graduating class of 2023!

*We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who attended 'The Last Gamble'. Thank you so much for coming, it really means a lot to us and we hope that you all have enjoyed your night. We would also like to thank Mrs Clark, who guided us every step of the way; this event would not have been remotely possible without you and your support. We hope that you all enjoyed your night and made memories that will stick with you forever!*

*Ball Committee, 2023*







***Congratulations to the above award recipients:***

***Best Dressed - Han Xie***

***Best Dancer - Lamech Uaisele***

***King - Neel Kumar***

***Queen - Parthi Patel***

***Year 12 Belle - Aanya Divekar***

***Year 12 Beau - Pranay Tailor***

***Best Dressed Teacher - Mr Gapes***

***Best Couple - Rishitt Walavalkar and Bhumi Mehta***

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## ***Debating Success***

The Advanced Open 1 team were the only team to win all their rounds in the Auckland Debating Competition. It is rare that any team achieves this. As a result, they ranked first out of the 41 teams in the Central division, which is a wonderful achievement. Warm congratulations to Tammy Bi, Heather Mitchinson and Bill Li! We wish them all the best in their octo-final on Tuesday 25 July. Ms Carswell and Mr Bangs, Coaches



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## ***Bollywood Showdown 2023***

Last term 15 talented and passionate dancers, ranging from Year 9 to Year 13, put on an exhilarating performance as they represented Lynfield College in an inter-school bollywood dance competition. It has been many years since Lynfield has participated in a competition like this so anticipation was at its peak.

The girls spent the better part of their term preparing, as they spent countless hours planning, choreographing, rehearsing and putting in the hard mahi required to curate a performance that was to an astoundingly high standard. Not only did they have the crowd cheering and clapping the entire time, but they also received great feedback from the judges. In particular, their level of energy and overall stage presence. Their fusion of traditional Bollywood with Hip-Hop, stunning costumes, intricate techniques, expressive facial expressions, enthusiasm and overall team synergy resulted in them coming home with the second place trophy.



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## ***Puketāpapa Youth Foundation Summit***

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2023 Youth Summit! PYF is so proud that these students went further into connecting with Puketapapa and striving for change in their community! Our students dived into the topics of identity, personal growth, and 'Our Puketapapa'. We explored how these three topics can come together to create a better environment for future generations. It was so amazing to see Lynfield College and Mount Roskill Grammar School interconnecting and forming strong bonds that will be upheld. The productive conversations and helpful insights our students held will be used to shape a better and more functional Puketapapa that our rangatahi can thrive in! PYF wishes you all the best, and we hope to see these driven youth in the future!"



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## Opening of the FIFA Women's World Cup

There was a Lynfield College presence at the Opening of the FIFA Women's World Cup last night. Alysha Chand in 11PRS won a competition through Cocoa Cola to be involved in the coin toss before the game. This gave her behind the scenes access to Eden Park where she got to meet the players, be part of the officiating party and of course watch the game, all in front of a packed stadium and the millions watching on TV. She also got to keep the official FIFA coin that was used.



A truly once in a lifetime experience to a well deserving student.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/lifestyle/fifa-womens-world-cup-auckland-girl-15-chosen-for-coin-toss-at-opening-match-over-the-moon/FKNNXAYIFJEDJOZ4C7362H2UIU/>

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## Wā Hono Project Day

This term, 9IL will explore invention and innovation theme. Their interdisciplinary approach in Science and English is to incorporate their insights into energy, light, and sound during science classes and use the knowledge for an exhilarating debate practice.

The hot-button motion on the table is: "Does Auckland need to adopt nuclear energy?" Split into groups, our eager learners are embracing their roles as debaters, vigorously constructing arguments, and perfecting their rebuttals for both the Affirmative and Negate stances.

Not only is this exercise enhancing their public speaking skills, but it is also teaching them the art of critical thinking and respectful discourse. They are encouraged to express their viewpoints passionately, yet with an open mind, fostering a healthy intellectual environment that values diverse perspectives.

Let's cheer for the students of 9IL, as they lead us into a world of boundless possibilities through the power of learning, invention, and innovation!





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## GirlBoss

During the first weekend of the holidays, we were selected to receive a full scholarship worth \$590 to participate in a Hackfest called 'We the Women' held by GirlBoss NZ. There were many inspirational and experienced speakers who had us on the edge of our seats. Then, in smaller groups with different girls from all around New Zealand, we worked on a real-world problem relating to the UN Global Goal #5 which is gender equality. With the use of technology we created solutions such as apps and websites for these important issues that women have to face everyday. We are so grateful to have been given the opportunity to network with people from PwC New Zealand, Spark and ANZ. Overall, It was a revolutionary two day experience and we enjoyed every moment of it!



Above: Anna Ly, Krisha Bali, Sandhini Kamble, Han Xie

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## Fan Club Perform at 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

Lynfield College student band, Fan Club, landed the opening gig after being contacted by Christchurch indie-rock artist Lucy Munro, asking if they would like to open for her album release gig. Here is the Fan Club gig review written by Marty Duda.

### Fan Club

**Opening act Fan Club, a four-piece of teenagers from Auckland then got down to business, opening with a feisty version of The Killers' Mr Brightside. This was straight-up guitar/bass & drums rock with front person Emma Wagner giving it all she had.**

**The 9-song set was liberally sprinkled with originals and covers, including The Beths' Future Me Hates Me and, most impressive, Portishead's Glory Box which featured some impressive guitar sounds from Caleb Young. The rest of the band is bassist Tilly Wells and drummer Tom Christie. Set closer, No Caller I.D. was a highlight showing that these youngsters are a band to watch.**



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## NZ Secondary School Swimming Championships

This morning Kevin Zhang won gold in the 16 year old 100 individual medley and silver in the 200m breaststroke.

This is on top of gold in the 400m freestyle on Thursday afternoon. Kevin still has 8 more events to go.



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## Attendance

We have now made attendance live on the portal so you can check your child's attendance each day or lesson by lesson to keep track if you wish. To access to the portal go to <https://lynfield.mystudent.school.nz/> and login with your child's 5 digit ID number and your password. If you have forgotten this password or would like it reset, please contact the school office [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz) and it can be sent out to you or reset.

Below are the codes that are reported.

<b>P</b> Present	<b>L</b> Present, Late to class	<b>U</b> Absent, Unjustified	<b>J</b> Absent, Justified
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**A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school you can inform the school a number of different ways:**

Email [absence@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:absence@lynfield.school.nz) giving your child's name and reason for their absence.

Phone 6270600 extn 729 giving your child's name and reason for their absence.

Give your child a note to bring to school either before their absence or on their return to school to give to the main office.

Reply to the email/text message that is sent out informing you of their absence.

Your child's Hui mai teacher will be tracking their attendance and absences followed up.

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## Education for All Our Children – Embracing Ethnic Diversity

In March 2023, Te Ihuwaka – the Education Evaluation Centre (brought to you by the **Education Review Office**) released a report on education for New Zealand's increasingly ethnically diverse school population.

ERO looked at how education meets the needs of our learners from ethnic communities. It finds that many learners from ethnic communities do really well at school. Learners from ethnic communities are more likely to achieve well at NCEA and go on to university. They also found that our learners from ethnic communities encounter widespread racism, isolation, and lack of cultural understanding. It also finds that education is not always reflecting what New Zealand's ethnic communities want.

Lynfield College was one of the Case Study schools with School leaders, Board members, students from diverse ethnic groups, teachers who teach these students and whānau from diverse ethnic groups being interviewed as part of this project.

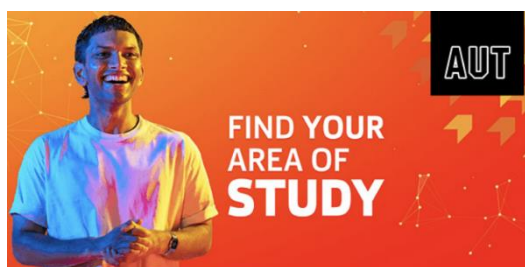
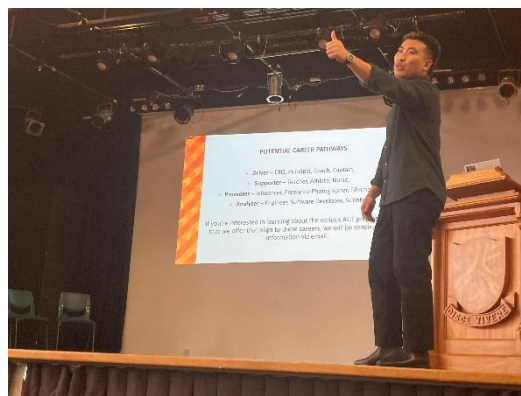
[Education for all our children- embracing ethnic diversities - summary](#)

[Education for all our children- embracing ethnic diversities](#)



## My Career Match

This week, Year 12 & 13 students had the option to attend the free **My Career Match** seminar using a new App that AUT University have created as a tool to start career conversations about what they might want to do in the future. After taking a short quiz, students received a full report with career and study options suited to their personality. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and can now use the information generated to check out suitable courses and career ideas. A follow up session with the Careers Counsellor is always on offer. Email [wkeir@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:wkeir@lynfield.school.nz) with your preferred appointment date and time.



### Profile Questionnaire - Section 2/8

(select one 'Most' like you and one 'Least' like you from each group)

		Most	Least
Group 5	I don't easily make friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I am independent and like to do things on my own.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I am creative and use my imagination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I don't like change and prefer things stay the same.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Group 6	I like to be noticed and liked.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I am not afraid to try new things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I do my best but am often hard to please.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	I don't rush into making decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Careers Opportunities

### OPEN DAYS & EVENINGS

**Massey University Open Day** August 11<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm <https://www.massey.ac.nz/about/events/>

**AUT LIVE Open Day** August 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm- register <https://www.aut.ac.nz/events/aut-live-our-university-open-day>

**University of Auckland Open Day** August 26<sup>th</sup> - Register for the programme & bus [here](#) if you haven't yet done so. Mānawa Mai Open Evening online- watch the sessions from last month [here](#).

**NZ College of Chiropractic CAREER TALK** - Tuesday 1st August, 6 Harrison Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland. OPEN DAY - Saturday 7th October. Further info at [www.chiropractic.ac.nz/events](http://www.chiropractic.ac.nz/events)



**Careers in Aquaculture Webinar**—Tuesday 15th August – 7 pm to 8.15 pm. This live webinar will provide valuable insights into the extensive range of careers available within the New Zealand aquaculture industry. Hear from a diverse group of young professionals who are passionate about sharing their personal career journeys and unique experiences in the industry. There will be a Q&A session at the end to answer all your questions. [Register here](#)

**Air New Zealand** and its preferred flight training organisations would like to invite students to Pilot Career Evenings: AUCKLAND – 16 August, CHRISTCHURCH – 24 August 2023

Tickets are free and available at Eventbrite by clicking on the following links:

[AUCKLAND Air New Zealand Pilot Career Evening](#)

[CHRISTCHURCH Air New Zealand Pilot Career Evening](#)

**Accounting AI & ChatGPT event University of Auckland Business School** 16 August, 5-6pm followed by pizza 6-7.30pm. Register: [chatgptvsaccounting.eventbrite.co.nz](https://chatgptvsaccounting.eventbrite.co.nz)

**Civil Construction & Infrastructure Career Event Thursday 31 August 1-3pm for students**

Civil Contractors are running two events at the Due Drop Centre in Manukau. The events involve speakers from the industry to connect with young folk and tell them about the industry's amazing career opportunities, Q&A sessions and then a chance to spend an hour on the exhibition hall floor. There is a massive shortage of people in the sector, and Civil Contractors are keen to showcase the vast array of roles and opportunities that young people can access directly from school. Pencil in the date and email [info@civiltrades.co.nz](mailto:info@civiltrades.co.nz) to register your interest (limited to 100 students). Click on Flyers- **Epic Careers in Infrastructure:** [Flyer #1](#) or **Civil Trades:** [Flyer #2](#)

**Maritime Expo at the Maritime Museum** in the Viaduct - Interested in the maritime industry? This can comprise boat building, engineering, design, mechanical, fabrication and a variety of different roles both on and off the water.

This is a specialised career and job expo focused around the maritime industry for students to explore these careers paths.

\* Maritime Museum at the Auckland Viaduct, on 20 September during the day.

\* Explore the museum, hear from people in the industry, then have a chance to speak to people at a mini career expo all within the museum. Spaces are limited - register with Mrs Keir in Student Services.

## **APPRENTICESHIPS:**

Don't Miss Your Chance! Exciting **Komatsu Apprenticeships** - Apply Now! Applications will be closing on 31st July, so act swiftly to secure your spot!

Are you ready to kick-start your career as a professional trades apprentice? Don't miss out on these incredible apprenticeship opportunities with [Komatsu! Komatsu Apprenticeship Program](#) 2024 is approaching fast. We are on the lookout for enthusiastic individuals like yourself, eager to undertake a Certificate in Heavy Automotive Engineering - Plant & Equipment (Level 3 - 4). Komatsu Branches offering the Heavy Diesel Mechanic Apprenticeship in 2024 include: Auckland, Hamilton & Christchurch

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## **Blood Donor Day**

New Zealand Blood Service (NZBS) will be holding a mobile blood drive at:

Lynfield College, School Hall, Tuesday, 8th August 2023, 9am – 2pm

### **Information for Parents, Guardians and Whānau**

It is important that we encourage students into a lifetime habit of donating blood and making a worthwhile contribution to their community.

The Care of Children Act 2004 allows people 16 years and over to make their own decisions about whether or not they wish to give blood. Students may choose to donate blood at this session.

NZBS recommends that students discuss becoming a blood donor with their family. If families have a particular objection to the student choosing to donate blood, please make this known to the student and to the school before the blood drive date stated above. More information about blood donation will be available on the day of the blood drive.

NZBS respects the privacy of all donors and recommends conversations around blood donor eligibility is carried out sensitively. If you require any further information please call 0800 GIVE BLOOD (0800 448 325) or visit [www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz)

### ***Becoming a blood donor...***

**Age:** First time donors - 16 to 70 years of age. Existing donors - Up to 80 years of age, subject to approval.

**Height /Weight:** Weigh at least 50kg – First-time donors under 25 years of age must also meet the height and weight criteria. Use our handy calculator on our website at [www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz) to find out if you can donate.

**Health:** You must be in good health.

You cannot donate if you have a cold, flu, sore throat, cold sore, stomach bug or any other infection.

You must wait 3 months following a tattoo or piercing before you can donate. If a piercing was performed by a registered health professional (G.P, pharmacist, etc), you may be eligible to donate after 12 hours.

If you have recently visited the dentist, you must wait at least 24 hours following a minor procedure (cleaning, fillings or braces) or until you have recovered before donating. For complex procedures, such as tooth extraction, please wait at least 7 days after your procedure and any antibiotic treatment.

**Travel:** You must not have lived in the United Kingdom, France or the Republic of Ireland between 1980 and 1996 for more than 6 months or received a blood transfusion in ANY of these countries since 1980.

If you have been overseas recently, please refer to the “Donating after Travelling” tool available at [www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz) to find out when you can donate.

**Food:** You must have eaten some food during the four hours prior to donation.

**Identification:** You need to bring suitable identification with you. Examples of acceptable ID are driver’s licence, birth certificate or passport. A Student ID Card is acceptable if it features full name, date of birth and a photograph.

With your consent we may also ask the school to confirm you are at least 16 years of age.

### **Important facts about blood**

There is no substitute for human blood -healthy donors are the only source of our blood supply.

Around 30,000 patients are treated with blood or blood products in New Zealand each year.

A blood donation is separated into different components, each of which is used to treat different patients - accident trauma, patients undergoing surgery, people with leukaemia, transplant patients and many others. Blood products are also used for immunisation to help prevent diseases such as hepatitis A and B, tetanus and chickenpox.

**Each donation can help save up to 3 people - blood donors are literally lifesavers!**



**Host Families  
Needed for  
2023 and 2024**

**Call us Now!**

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



**LYNFIELD COLLEGE**

Enrich your lives through new friendships and cultural experiences and make a world of difference to an international student's experience by helping them feel at home with your family.

**Contact Homestay Coordinator  
Vibha Bangs for more information  
or an application form:  
Email: [homestay@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:homestay@lynfield.school.nz)**





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## Uniform Shop Information

### Uniform Shop Hours

The Uniform and Stationery Shop is open to all students onsite for their uniform and stationery needs during first and second interval Mondays to Thursdays, and on Fridays before school at 8 00 am and first interval.

**Parents can attend the shop at the following times:**

**Monday to Thursday | 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm**

**Friday | 8.00 am – 11.30 am**

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.

**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.

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## Community News and Information

