



**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

The end of the year is fast approaching with only 12 more school days remaining! However, there is a lot scheduled for this time and we are reminding students of the expectation that they are onsite and in class by 9.00am each morning.

NCEA exams

We appreciate how considerate our students have been around the NCEA exam rooms. The last NCEA exams for 2023 are scheduled for Thursday 30 November.

Prizegiving celebrations

Students who are receiving awards at the Year 9 and Year 10 prizegivings on Tuesday 12 December have been advised by their Dean. Please check with your child to see if they are one of the recipients. We extend a warm welcome to parents of our award winners to join us in celebrating their achievements. Year 9 Prizegiving will be held at 9.00am followed by the Year 10 Prizegiving at 11.00am.

Building progress

Last Friday we officially opened a new learning space (article follows), much to the delight of the students who have had classes here this week. Work is also progressing well on the new 30 teaching space 3 storey block, scheduled to open at the end of 2024. Drone photos have been provided for an aerial view of the progress made.

Reminder from the Lynfield Childcare Centre

Parents are asked to keep the Lynfield Childcare Centre carpark and driveway clear when dropping off or picking up students attending the College. They are currently experiencing congestion which is unsafe for the preschoolers.

Jobs at Lynfield College

With some of our non-teaching staff moving on to new challenges, and with us sourcing additional funding in support of our students, we have some vacancies that we are looking to fill for 2024. These include **School Nurse** (full time or part time possibilities), **Head Science Technician**, **Youth Engagement Leader**, **Teacher Aide / Learning Assistants** and **Technology Technician**. Should you, or someone you know, be interested in finding out more please view the information posted on the school website (<https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Principals+Message/Jobs+at+Lynfield+College.html>).

Ke manuia te aho - have a nice day

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 12 December
Y9 Prizegiving 9.00am
Y10 Prizegiving 11.00am
TERM 4 ENDS

Opening of a New Learning Space

After the uncertainties of demolitions, relocations, noise, dust, water and power outages and the ongoing immensity of the construction work onsite, the opening of a new learning and cultural space for our students on Friday morning was truly welcome.

Principal Cath Knell and the Māori Focus Group would like to extend a huge mihi to Icisi Talbot and CJ Gilbert from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust who, through Whaea Larissa, collaborated with us to arrange for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, as mana whenua, to conduct the formalities around the blessing of this new learning space. We are excited about the opportunity to continue this reciprocal relationship. Ngāti Whātua's connection with the whenua was acknowledged through the reference to the maunga visible from this beautiful learning space. **Ōwairaka / Mount Albert, Maungawhau / Mount Eden, Te Tātua a Riukiuta / Big King, Pukewīwī / Puketāpapa / Mount Roskill and Maungakiekie / One Tree Hill.**

Matua Tu, Kapa Haka tutor, responded on behalf of Lynfield College. We thank him for his ongoing support and commitment to our Kapa Haka group and the school.

A very special moment was placing the photographs on display of Kaumatua and Kuia connected to the college who have passed: Ben Tawhiti, Sir John Turei and Whaea Brenda.

Joining us were past principals Jim Sinclair and Steve Bovaird who were acknowledged for their contributions to Lynfield College, along with past and present Board members, staff and pupils.

Those who worked on our behalf to relocate and repurpose L9 and L10 in providing such a beautiful learning space for our tauira were thanked including:

The Ministry of Education, Project managers: Rubix, Architects: DLM, Construction companies: Naylor Love and Marathon Construction. Those who have provided the connections, furniture and fittings, and our school's own project team.

This event was also the perfect opportunity to gift the following Year 13 students with pounamu and acknowledge their contributions to the wider school: **Temeneti Mathews, Dylon Motufoaki, Thyaree Flores.**

We would like to acknowledge the Māori Focus Group for their ongoing support of our tauira and Whaea Deidre for catering the morning.

Finally a special acknowledgement to past pupils Bruce Carter and Michael Cross from Marathon Construction Limited who worked tirelessly to build and complete this beautiful learning space.

Thanks to Vini Laga'aia, for his beautiful photographs.





New 30 Teaching Space Construction

The new 30 teaching space 3 storey block is scheduled to open at the end of 2024. Drone photos have been provided for an aerial view of the progress made.



Taster Days

We welcomed over 300 of our 2024 Year 9 students to Taster Days on 13th and 20th November. Students experienced a range of classes and activities so that they have a better idea of what to expect next year. The students represented their current schools admirably, and we look forward to getting to know them better.

Students and teachers commented that, "Orienteering was great and fun because you had to find your way around the school using a map."

"We liked that we got to go into different classes."

"The day went really well. It was well organised and the staff and students were delightful. I managed to pop into most of the options and the kids were having a blast. The lessons were fun and interactive."

Wa Hono Project Week

In Week 9, 4th – 8th December, all Year 9 and 10 students will spend the week involved in a project of their choice. Activities include: leading sport in primary schools, inventing a board game, investigating the local flora and planting nikau at school, and performing musical items at local retirement homes. Letters are being sent home with outlines of specific activities.

Every day will begin with Hui mai from 9.00 – 9.15am so that students can keep informed of school notices and share what they are learning. Students are allowed to wear appropriate non-uniform clothes unless they are representing the school offsite, where school uniform must be worn.

We look forward to sharing the photos and student comments in the next Newslink.

2023 Sports or Creative Innovative Scholarships

The Board confirmed at their October meeting, the recipients for the 2nd round of Sports or Creative, Innovative Scholarship Applications for 2023. Congratulations go to the following students.

Rajal Sharma | Sport – Archery

Harry Baker | Creative Innovative – Robotics

Rina Maka | Sport – Athletics (Discus/Shotput)

We look forward to being able to update you further on their achievements in their area of expertise.

Young Sportsperson of the Year

Kevin Zhang was presented with a medal at the College Sport Auckland Young Sportsperson of the Year 2023, recognising his NZ representation in swimming at the Youth Commonwealth Games held in Trinidad and Tobago in August.

Kevin went on to win the Young Sportsperson of the Year, 2023, Swimming Boys. Congratulations Kevin!



Whakapiki Ake

Whakapiki Ake is a Māori recruitment programme that provides a day at the University of Auckland Grafton Campus which follows on from the Hui-ā-Kura: Early Exposure School Workshops. The goal is to raise awareness about the importance of the core secondary school subjects and the choices rangatahi are making in these early years. The day provides exposure to science, Māori role models and potential career pathways.

“From the welcoming ‘open arms vibe’ the moment we walked onto campus, to the fun-engaged workshop activities and collaboration with rangatahi from other kura at the event, Whakapiki Ake put on a superb day for everyone. All of us from Lynfield College had an extremely engaging and inspiring experience!! Rocco Maxwell (10PRK)



9IL Whangaparaoa Field Trip

As the part of the ‘Giving back’ programme, both 9IL classes went to the Shakespear Regional Park on Whangaparaoa. Students cleaned the fence between the park and sanctuary. This was a community service activity which all students participated in. After that we went to the beach side of the park and had some fun activities like throwing frisbees. Students fully enjoyed this trip and had lot of fun.



Leavers' Morning Friday 1 December

Year 13 sign out morning will be from 9.00am – 11.30am in the Hall.

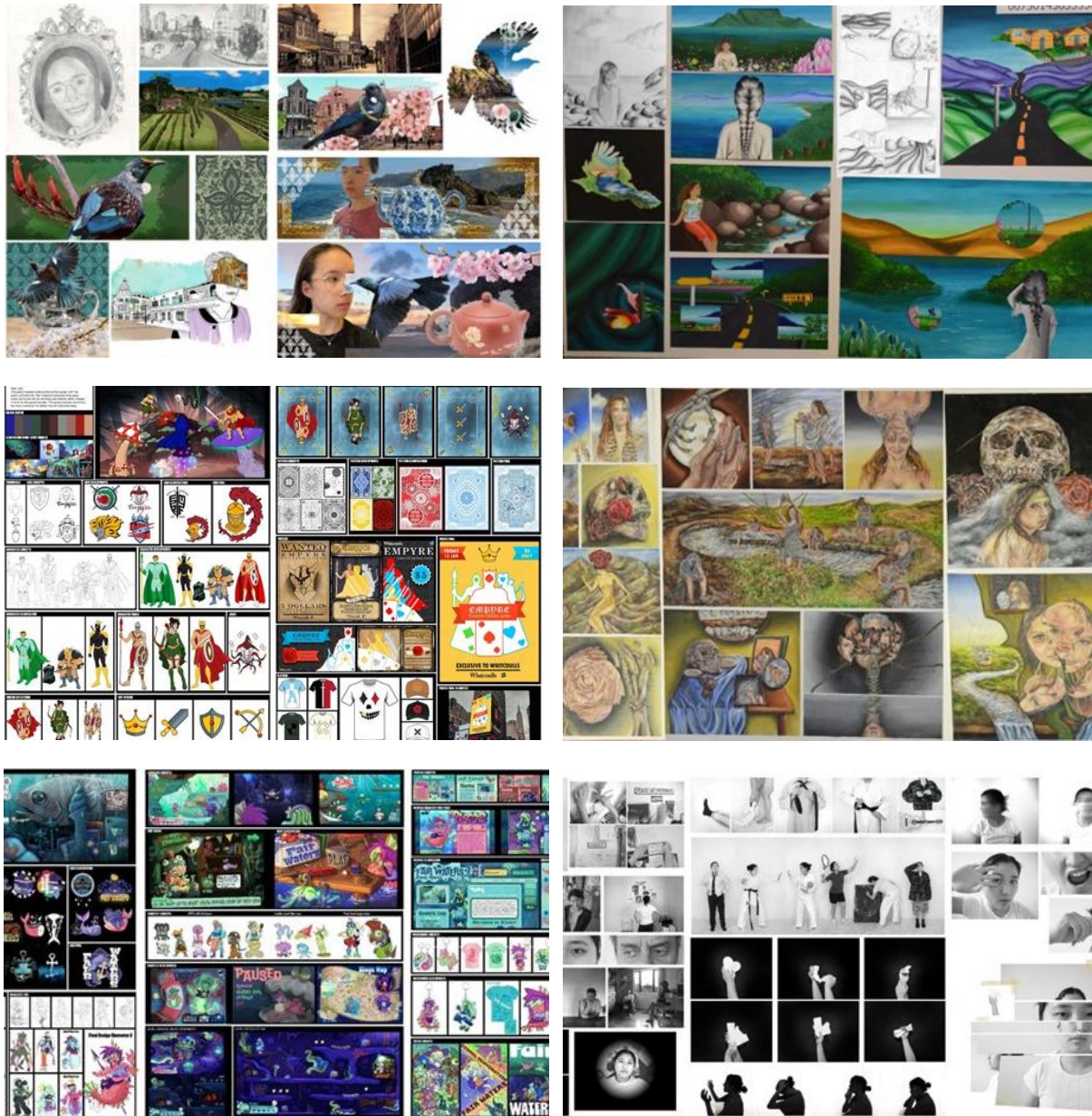
Donations of senior uniform, scientific calculators and Chromebooks would be welcomed.

Prizegiving cups and trophies can be returned to main reception.

Senior Visual Arts

It has been a very busy term for the Visual Arts department. Many students were completing their end of year external folios. Weeks 2 and 3 saw the Level 1 and Level 2 students finally submit their work, followed by the Level 3 students handing in their folios and scholarships.

Below is a small sample of our Senior folios for 2023. Keep an eye on the school website as we hope to upload many more images for the Whanau to enjoy.



Clockwise from top left: Anika wong (L1 visual Art digital Media), Janine Robinson (L1 Visual Art Painting), Shanaya Pallawela Kasturiarachchi (L3 Visual Art Painting), Amber Joe (L3 Visual Art Photography), Jeremy Watson (L3 visual Art Design), Eden Knox (L2 visual Art Design)

Toi o Tamaki, The Auckland City Art Gallery Y10 Visual Arts Trip

On 8th November, 46 of our Year 10 Visual Arts students had the opportunity to visit Toi o Tamaki, the Auckland City Art Gallery.

We toured several exhibitions on display including, Romancing the Collection, Portals and Omens and a hands-on exhibit titled Nga Pakiaka, like the roots of a tree.

For many of our students this was their first visit to the city gallery, and viewing artworks in an exhibition space.

Highlights for students included the colours of paintings as well as the Pablo Picasso and Ralph Hotere paintings.



Brezels and Zopf

German Language students had a great opportunity to make German bread with Frau Pasch, who owns [*Bread and Butter bakery*](#). She also taught us about the history and development of bread that goes back thousands of years in Germany and other cultures. Our class made Brezels and Zopf (Braided Bread) from a brioche dough that was brought in from the bakery. We had the option to put sprinkles, sesame seeds or cinnamon. It was a fun and interactive experience. Everyone also enjoyed eating the Bread as it was very warm and perfectly done. The whole class had a great time learning how to make Zopf and Brezels. We are thankful for Frau Pasch for taking time out of her busy schedule to come and teach us.



On Screen Film Festival

Year 13 Media Student Lucy Howe placed second in the documentary film category in the On Screen Film Festival for **Pensioners Paradise**. The festival has run nationally since 2020 and aims to foster young film making talent. Of the hundreds of entries Lucy's film was shortlisted in the top 6 for the documentary category and selected for screening at the Academy Cinema. In addition to a cash prize, she also received a tour of Weta Workshops Unleashed and meeting other student finalists. It was great seeing Lucy on stage and being rewarded for her mahi.



Korowai Values in Action

We are always pleased to hear from our wider community when they see or experience our students demonstrating our school values.

Last week's recognition is no exception.

Amal Nurhishen, Hayat Nurhishen, Baraa Abou Amsha, and Wadha Abou Amsha were each presented with a Korowai Award for their demonstration of **Whanaungatanga tika - we are caring and we are active in our community** in saving a toddler from harm and ensuring he was returned home safely.

Heartfelt appreciation was received from the toddler's family.



Fan Club Update

Congratulations to *Fan Club* who are recipients of NZ On Air funding, as part of the 2023 New Music Single funding round, for their single *Westbound*.

NZ On Air will be investing up to \$10,000 in 35 songs by local artists to be released in the coming months. This funding supports artists' recording, video and promotion costs – with an aim to help their work reach the audiences of Aotearoa and beyond.



Celebrating Diwali

On Friday 11 November, Learning Support held an early celebration of Diwali. Staff members, Shamila Singh, Archana Vasudeva, Camy De Souza and Rajashree Narayanan made food to share with their colleagues. Cuisine from both North and Southern India was celebrated on this occasion that also served as a farewell for staff member J D Douglas, who has left to take up a position in Wellington.



Careers Updates

Careers Insight Newsletter [Here](#) Check your Fees Free eligibility now.

STUDYLINK - If ākonga (students) are studying in 2024, don't miss 16 December. Apply online for a **Student Allowance or Loan** before 16 December, to get the best chance of having everything sorted for study or training for 2024. Students can login to: [MyStudyLink >](#)

Manukau Institute of Technology - Te Pukenga Campus Tours

Register your tour [here](#) Find out more about campus tour dates [here](#)

Whitecliffe College of Arts and Design events online from this week for student for a Day...

Bachelor of Fine Arts Open Day - Register [HERE](#)

Whitecliffe Fashion Show - Buy Tickets : [HERE](#)

Bachelor of IT & Technology - Register [HERE](#)

Bachelor of Digital Media and Design - Register [HERE](#)

Certificate in Jewellery - Register [HERE](#)

We are happy to announce we are offering two new programmes for 2024!

[Certificate in Apparel and Fashion Technology \(Level 4\)- 1 year](#) - Feb 2024

[Diploma in Fashion \(Level 5\)- 1 year](#) - Feb 2024

Models wanted for hair, barber and makeup assessments at Servilles Academy!

Have your hair or makeup done at no charge for students assessments at Servilles Academy, 8 Canada Street, Auckland, ph 09 308 0670

Camp America Events in Auckland!! Camp Directors are flying from the USA all the way to Auckland to hire Kiwis on the day for French Woods Sports and Arts Center Camp | Nov 27th <https://campamerica.co.nz/recruitment-days/french-woods-sports-and-arts-center-in-nz-hiring-kiwis/>

Camp America Info Session (Online) | December 6th 7:30pm <https://campamerica.co.nz/event/camp-america-online-info-session-december-6th-730-pm-830-pm-nzst-free/>

Auckland Interview Day | December 9th

<https://campamerica.co.nz/event/interview-day-in-auckland-december-9th-saturday-9-am-2pm-nzst/>

More info: <https://campamerica.co.nz/recruitment-days/camp-directors-recruitment-fair/>

JOB VACANCIES

Strong Parts Group – Hiring now-Onehunga or Manukau- Automotive dismantlers, Dispatch Assistants, Container Loaders, Forklift Operators and more. Email hr@strongparts.net or call on 021 540 1587 for further information.

JOBS AND SKILLS HUBS Construction and Infrastructure first entry level jobs available now. Students to check vacancies on Lynfield College Gateway Office wall or speak to a careers staff member for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AUT University Poipoia te kākano kia puawai: Māori and Pacific STEM Scholarship – closes 15 December <https://www.aut.ac.nz/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-awards-at-aut/scholarships-database/detail?>

Exciting opportunity for students pursuing horticultural studies - Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association Horticulture Scholarship 2024 www.pvga.org.nz or email secretary@pvga.org.nz

Scholarship Value: \$5000 Application Deadline: Nov 30, 2023 Interview Date: Dec 5, 2023, TBC

Earn up to \$20,000 during your **UK Gap Year!** [Camp Assistant Working Holiday in the UK - Letz Live](#)

Sports Scene

TEAM TALK

JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Between 15th - 17th November, our junior boys' volleyball team participated in the Auckland Champs Tournament. We played some of the top teams in Auckland and fought hard, with most of our games going into a third set. While we didn't come away with any wins, it was a very enjoyable event — fostering friendships both in and out of our team. For our Year 9s, the tournament was a great opportunity to play at a higher level and gain experience. And for us Year 10s, it showed us that we needed to step up if we want to continue competing at this level. Overall, the tournament was really fun and gave us many memories and experiences to learn from.



JUNIOR BOYS CRICKET

The Junior A team this term have had excellent results to date, we have won all 4 of our games comfortably and hopefully we will move up a league next year. Our best game this term was when we restricted the opposition team to under 40 runs and chased down the total in 5 overs. The team's final game was on Saturday and we took out our grade! Our goal is to improve in all aspects of the game and strive to be the best team we can be, while always playing fairly and with great sportsmanship.

GIRLS CRICKET

Lynfield College have had an excellent Term 4 season in the Auckland B grade competition. The team won all 4 pool games convincingly and qualified for the final on Wednesday 22nd November at home against Mount Roskill Grammar School. With a few players away on camp and some injuries, the girls fought hard but fell short of the target required. Highest run scorer of the season was Tanisha Narsey followed by Aanya Patel and Prianka Patel. Most wickets were taken by Nabeeha Kamran closely followed by Hadiya Amir, Aanya Patel and Prianka Patel. The team has improved a lot this season, especially with their bowling. With most of the team being in Years 9-11, we are looking forward to continued future successes and hoping for a growth in girls cricket at Lynfield College.

Swatna Lal (Coach) & Louise Matson (Manager)



UNIFORM RETURN

Please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office as soon as possible unless they are currently being used for cricket or volleyball. *When the uniform is returned the uniform bond will be refunded to your nominated bank account, as per the letter your son/daughter brought home at the beginning of the season.*

CAN YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HELP IN ANY WAY WITH SPORT IN 2024?

This year we have had to restrict the number of teams in some sports because we simply could not find coaches to cater for all our students wanting to play sport. This definitely is NOT in line with our policy of providing quality sporting opportunities to all.

We urgently need coaches and facilitators/managers for our Term 1, 2024 summer sports teams especially cricket and volleyball coaches and dragon boating sweeps/coaches. To facilitate a team you need NO knowledge of the sport. The role could involve communicating with the coach to help them as needed with organisational tasks but more likely your help with organising transport (eg sorting out carpooling) and possibly providing transport would be greatly appreciated.

We are currently recruiting coaches and facilitators for our 2024 winter sports too. Here the need is for coaches in basketball, netball, hockey and boys football.

Every team must have a coach and facilitator/manager. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping in any way by becoming a part of the Lynfield Sport team, please contact the Sports Office:

09 627 0600 ext 595

sport@lynfield.school.nz

Remember, to be a team manager/facilitator, no knowledge of the sport is needed. It is simply a communication role.

Uniform Shop Information

New Student Uniform Fittings

Fitting times for new students in 2024 are available on the following dates:

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Monday 23 January CLOSED

Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 25 and Friday 26 January 3.00pm – 8.00pm

Saturday 27 January 10.00am – 3.00pm

Sunday 29 and Monday 30 January CLOSED

Tuesday 30 January – Friday 2 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/>

Please arrive 10 minutes before your fitting time. Only one adult can accompany each student being fitted. Please book a fitting appointment for EACH student being fitted. Entry will be through Gate 2 at 191 White Swan Rd, Mt Roskill.

WINZ Quotes For January Fitting Appointments

If you require a Work and Income Quote for your uniform purchase, please email the shop at uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz at least **3 WEEKS BEFORE** your fitting appointment. We will then determine your requirements and provide a quote which you can take to WINZ to receive your card for payment. When you request your payment from WINZ please give them the date of your appointment, and let them know that you require the funding for that date!

2024 Stationery Lists

Stationery Lists for 2024 will be available from 12th December 2023 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:

Tuesday 30 January – Friday 2 February 10.00am – 2.00pm

PLEASE BRING YOUR ORDER NUMBER WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO COLLECT YOUR STATIONERY.

Click below to order your stationery

Stationery Lists

Term Time 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.

FEATURE FILM PIKE

This project has been developed over the last four years in consultation with members of the Pike River families. The film is about 29 devastated families forming one big family and taking on a 13-year battle for justice and accountability. It is about the empowering friendships that form and the personal difficulties of taking on a very public fight. It is about what can be achieved when ordinary people choose to stand together and fight for what they believe. We are very committed to honouring the Pike men and families in the film, as well as representing Greymouth.

With the blessing of the Pike River Families Committee and Families Reference Group, this production has been down and filmed key sequences in Greymouth over the last month and we have now come back up to Auckland to film the rest of these scenes in Auckland.

In the story one of our leads is a Teacher Aide at a school. The story shows students in the background in the classroom - there is also another scene where some students appear in a hall with the miners' families being talked to by Worksafe, Police etc., as they learn there has been another explosion.

We are looking for a group of students from Lynfield College to join us for this day. Students will need to wear their school uniform in the school scene and their own clothing in the second scene.

Students will be background extras and will be acting like they are in the classroom setting up for the day. In the other scene they will be listening to our actors talk about the explosion and there will be a sensibility around the emotion that maybe: *Was their father in the mine, or perhaps their brother?*

Filming date is currently Sunday 17 December (subject to change which will be notified in advance). Refreshments will be supplied and students will receive a koha cash payment for their time. Students will need to make their own way to the location which will be in Central Auckland.

This is a great opportunity to take part and see what it's like behind and in front of the camera.

To apply please email a clear photo of yourself along with your parents contact number and email address **by Wednesday 29 November** to:

Evelina Gailer evelinagailerproduction@gmail.com | www.evelinagailer.com

Survey by the Children's Commissioner

As Mana Mokopuna sets out its strategy for the next four years, the Chief Children's Commissioner wants to hear from young people and invites them to voice what matters to them most.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/pou-tiaki/133309847/chief-childrens-commissioner-invites-young-people-to-voice-what-matters-most-to-them?cid=app-iPhone>

Did you know that Lynfield College has Adult ESOL Classes?

Our high school students love that family members can also be Lynfield learners. We currently have adult students from Afghanistan, China, Hong Kong, India, Myanmar, Russia and Taiwan. Our students learn English for life in New Zealand and make new friends along the way.

Morning classes run five days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Afternoon classes run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Students of all levels are welcome, from absolute beginners to advanced.

Enrolment is now open for 2024. Please contact Lan Tan on (09) 6270600 extension 721 or email ltan@lynfield.school.nz

