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From Principal 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

We have now made it through our first five-day week since the beginning of the year! While it didn't go completely to plan, with rain resulting in the postponement of House Sports Day, we look forward to showcasing house spirit in action when this event is rescheduled for Friday 3 March.

Student achievement has been a focus of celebration over the past week. On Friday 17 February we celebrated the achievements of our 2022 Scholarship recipients with their parents and teachers.

The second celebratory occasion where whānau were able to join us in recognising the achievements of our students was the Presentation of Badges Assembly held on Thursday 23 February. Looking smart in their formal uniforms, as befitted the occasion, we know that they will look quite different as they come together on House Sports Day to lead, inspire and cajole the best out of our students. We look forward to seeing them in action in their own portfolios throughout the year and to the uniqueness of the legacy that our 2023 leaders will be known for.

Another student achievement highlight has been **two** Lynfield teams qualifying to travel to the Worlds VEX Robotics Championships in Dallas Texas. With only eight weeks to get them there we would really appreciate your / your business connections' support with sponsorship.

Our Korowai value for Term 1 is **Whanaungatanga Tika**. Initially the focus has been on **we are caring** with student leaders organising non-perishable food collections to support those affected by flooding at the beginning of the month. With further devastating weather events being experienced across much of the North Island we are sharing the link provided by RNZ in support of where to donate <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/484422/cyclone-gabrielle-where-to-donate>

As we spend more time back onsite the number of dropped / forgotten / misplaced uniform items grows. Thank you to those who have named these items so that we can arrange for them to be returned to the correct child. We would strongly encourage you to check your child's items and label them accordingly.

Noho haumarū - stay safe and well

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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An Important Message from School Nurse Lee Ryan

A case of **Measles** has recently been reported in Auckland and it is inevitable that there will be more cases. Measles is a serious disease that can be spread to others through coughing and sneezing. Please ensure your child has had two doses of MMR vaccine to protect them from this highly infectious virus. **If students have any Measles symptoms (e.g. fever, runny nose, cough, blotchy rash), please keep them away from school and have them seen by a doctor.**

Badges Assembly

On the afternoon of Thursday 23 February, all Year 13s gathered in the Hall to celebrate our Student Leaders receiving their Leadership Badges.

Sitaita Latuila and Tom Tuipolutu opened the Assembly with a special welcome. The Pacific Pride and Young Māori leaders were the first on stage followed by the House Captains. We were very lucky to have Michael Howell (Head Student 2019) as guest speaker. He was inspiring and motivating and certainly made us think when he advised us to always 'expect the unexpected'. Next up was the Year 12 Executive team, followed by the senior portfolio holders.

The Assembly ended with Head Student Leaders Han Xie, Fran Walsh and Neel Kumar congratulating the team and recognising them for their abilities. The 2023 Student Leaders make up a strong group of individuals who will work with focus to leave a legacy of engagement and inclusion.



VEX Robotics NZ Nationals

The New Zealand VEX Robotics National Championships were held over the weekend of the 18 and 19 of February at the Due Drop Events Centre (formally Vodafone Events Centre) in Manukau. It was a fantastic weekend of competition and teams were judged for several different awards and well as the competition tournament itself. Sixty-eight High School teams and four University teams from all over New Zealand competed for seven High School and two University qualifying spots to compete at the World Championships in Dallas Texas from the 25 to 27 of April.

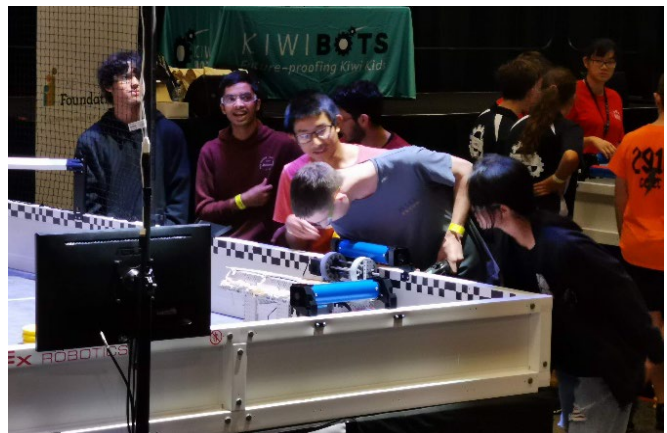
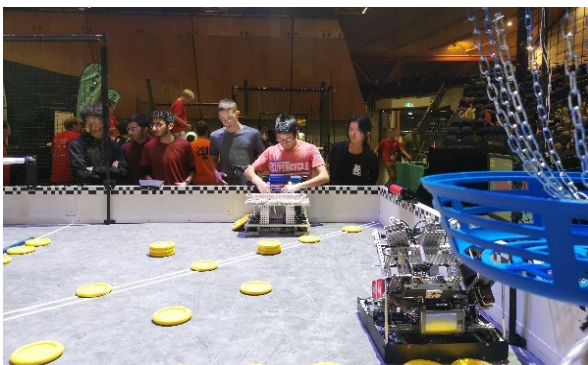
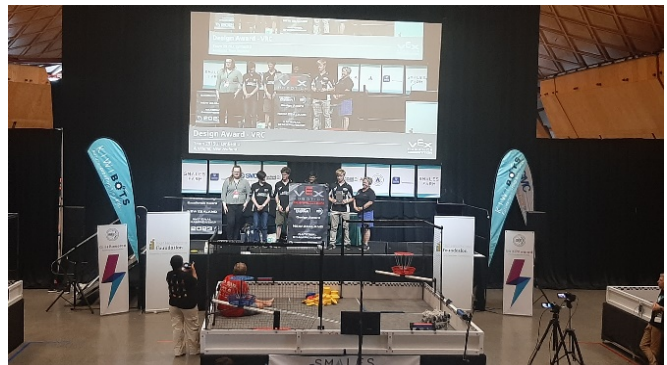
This year Lynfield College had two teams qualify for Worlds, 2915U won the Design Award and 2915B through their Robot Skills score. We expect to have 10 students and one or two teachers travelling to Dallas to compete in the World Championships in just over eight weeks time.

Request for Sponsorship: Worlds Competition

With the timeframe being so tight, we won't have the opportunity to do much fundraising, so we will be relying on sponsorship to enable the students to participate in this fantastic opportunity. We would like to ask that businesses in our community please consider sponsoring our students, so they are able to compete at Worlds. We estimate that the cost per student will be about \$6000 each, including flights, accommodation, airport transfers and local transport to and from the event.

In return for your sponsorship, we would proudly wear your company logo/name on our team shirts at Worlds and local scrimmages this year. We will happily bring our robots to businesses to demonstrate them to you and your staff. This visit to your company would happen in the first weeks of July, in school holidays as the teams are currently modifying or rebuilding in preparation for Worlds. You would also be acknowledged in this school newsletter.

This is an amazing opportunity for our students, however the only way that we can make the most of this opportunity is by the gracious generosity of our community's businesses. Please consider making this trip to compete at the World Championships a reality for your students. If you would like to know more or are keen to sponsor our students, please contact me cyearbury@lynfield.school.nz



***Above clockwise from left:
Team 2915B, Teams 2915F and 2915B, Team 2915U Design Award, Team 2915B prepare for their match.***

International Students

We have welcomed a new cohort of international students to Lynfield College this term, from Japan, China, Argentina, Italy and Thailand. We hope all our students create amazing memories which they can take back home with them, and we wish all the best for our students starting on their NCEA pathway.



NCEA Information Evening on 8 March 2023

This will be held on **8 March** in the staffroom with a start time of 6.30 pm. Academic Advisor, Neil Waddington will take you through **EVERYTHING** you ever needed to know about the NCEA process. An update on the proposed changes to NCEA Level 1 will also be shared.

Faculty Leaders and our Careers Advisor, Wendy Keir will be available on the night to answer any questions about NCEA for specific subject areas.

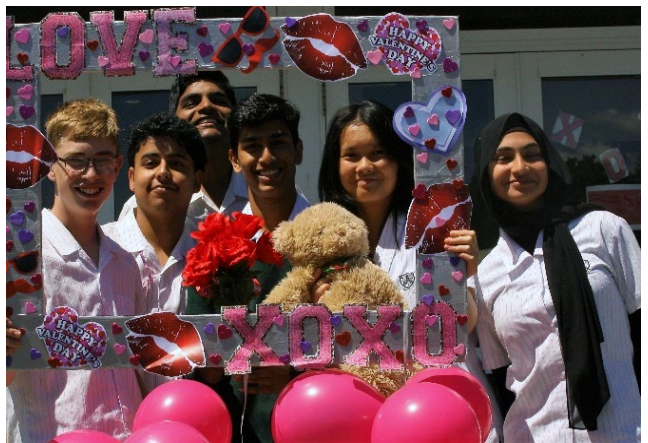
Year 9 Whanau Evening

We are delighted to welcome Year 9 parents and caregivers onsite on **Thursday 9 March** from 6.15 for a 6.30 pm start, finishing at 7.30 pm. Whanau are invited to meet in the Hall, then they will have an opportunity to meet with the Hui mai teacher and find out more about the Lynfield College home-student-school partnership.

Following the Hui mai session, supper will be available in the Staffroom along with support on how to access the Parent Portal and Schoology, along with opportunities to find out more about school processes.

Valentine's Day

Our annual Lynfield College Valentines Celebrations provided opportunities for the purchase of cards and chocolate to be delivered to friends plus fun photo opportunities. Money raised will be donated to support families and communities affected by the recent floods. Students and staff also donated non perished goods for these communities.



New Staff Profiles

We will be highlighting our new staff over the next few issues of Newslink. Here are the first three ...



MIN MILOSAVLJEVIC

I was born in Serbia and came to Aotearoa with my family in 1994. I attained a Bachelor and Master degree in design from AUT, and have taught University students about design theory and culture. Alongside my interests in design and art, I also have a passion for sport, martial arts, and the classical guitar, and I enjoy dancing.



CAMRYN ISON

Kia ora, I am Camryn Ison, a first year PE and Health teacher. I am passionate about promoting an inclusive, high-quality Health and PE curriculum and pushing students to do their best. Outside of school I play hockey and love a good book. I am excited to be kick starting my teaching career at Lynfield and look forward to developing positive relationships with ākonga, Kaiako, and Whānau.



MIRANDA LOVIS

Kia ora, my name is Miranda Lovis and I'm joining Lynfield College as a Health and PE teacher. I love working with young people and before becoming a teacher I worked in youth mental health. In my free time I play softball, spend time with my cat, and enjoy watching TV and movies.

Careers Updates

PIHMS (Pacific International Hotel Management School) Career Week

This will be held during the April holidays.

To register: <https://pihms.ac.nz/events/careers-week/>

Apprenticeships

Money Hub have published a new guide to help students understand apprenticeships– this is the first time such a guide has been published. It will be updated regularly. **A growing segment of New Zealanders is actively preferring to take apprenticeships and learn a trade instead of studying for a University degree.**

Visit it here: <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/apprenticeships.html>

Australia's #1 University: The Australian National University (ANU) Open Day 2023 on Saturday, 18 March 2023

For more information: <https://www.anu.edu.au/>

Otago University On Campus Experience 2023 for Year 13 Students of Maori descent Considering Otago for study in 2024? Apply for a fully paid experience, with return flights to experience campus life at Otago, live in a residential college and meet an array of academics and support staff, from 7 – 11 May, coinciding with Otago Open Days on 7 and 8 May. Contact Mrs Keir, Careers Counsellor for details on Ext 744, as applications close March 17th.

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/oce/>

New Staff Profiles *And here are the second three ...*



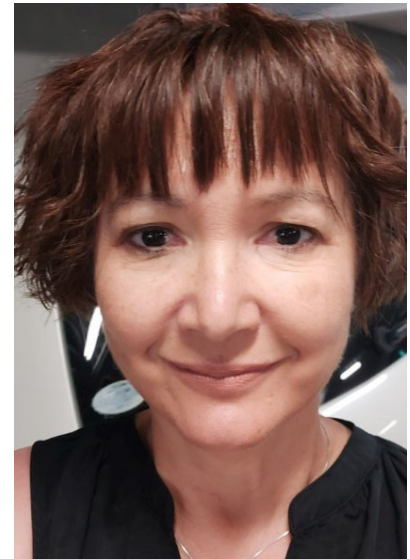
JEREMY DOWNING

Tēnā koutou katoa, I am joining Lynfield College as an English and Media Studies teacher. I have eight years teaching experience, including teaching teachers, and worked in the graphic design and advertising industry. Outside of the classroom, I act in musical theatre productions (most recently in *Chess* at the Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre) and record a monthly podcast discussing film.



TONY KANG

Greetings, my name is Tony Kang. I am a social studies and history teacher new to Lynfield College. I look forward to meeting your dedicated sons and daughters in my classroom and around the college campus.



MELANIE WILLIAMS-TAYLOR

I grew up in South Africa and came to Aotearoa many years ago. I have taught ESOL and English for over 10 years to students from all over the world, from ages 7-70, and of every level of ability. I love teaching. I'm really interested in how the brain works when we learn and I like learning how to teach to meet the needs of all my learners.

Student Band Gig - Fan Club

Fan Club (formerly known as No Smoking After 3:15) who won last year's Lynfield College Talent Quest as well as being finalists in the Youthtown Play it Strange Song Writing Competition for their single [Never Ever](#) which was professionally recorded and then selected by NZ On Air for their September New Tracks Compilation, have two exciting events in preparation for SmokeFree RockQuest:

All-Ages Gig Tickets go on sale today for Lynfield College's pop-rock band Fan Club's all-ages gig at Big Fan in Morningside. Lorde producer (and West-Auckland resident) Joel Little opened Big Fan last year in support of up-and-coming young artists in providing a safe all-ages venue for their fans. Year 13 Caleb Young, Year 11s Emma Wagner and Tilly Wells along with ex-Lynfield student Thomas Christie will play Sunday 12 March at 7.00pm. Come along to support the band. Tickets can be purchased here: [purchase tickets](#)

Live on Student Radio Catch Fan Club perform LIVE on air on 95 BFM's show Fancy New Band. Friday, 10 March, 10.30am.

New Song Release Fan Club are celebrating the release of their new single, [...was it us](#) out on Spotify 10 March. Click the link and pre-save the song on Spotify.

The band would love it if you could follow them on Instagram: [Fan Club Instagram](#)



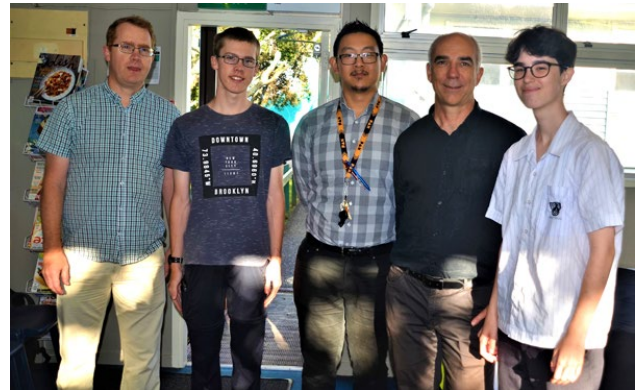
Scholarship Celebration

On Friday February 15, the school held a celebration breakfast for our 2022 Scholarship winners and their families. A total of 15 Scholarships, including 1 Outstanding Scholarship were achieved.

Once again congratulations to **Raymond Simeon, Shaan Manilal, Daniel Chen, Yanyu Huang, Aaron Mathai, Zishen Wang, Christopher Brown, Haze Fleming, Alefiya Bagasrawala** and **Ava Shields**.

Lynfield College is extremely proud of these students, acknowledges the extra work they put into their studies and wishes them well for their future studies.

Thank you to Mrs Van Niekerk for her ongoing support in providing delicious catering for the event.



Sport Scene

We have had an extremely busy and exciting start to our sporting year. Weekly summer sporting competitions began in Week 2 and now we have girls and boys cricket, volleyball, tennis and orienteering competing in weekly competitions.

House Sports Day for the whole school was postponed due to weather warnings for the same time as House Sports Day last Friday, and zone trials for our talented athletes will take place on Thursday. The first lunchtime **House competition** will begin in Week 7, 13 March.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVE RECREATION

Mr Kieren Chhiba is organising a variety of interesting activities at lunchtimes in response to a student survey carried out last year.

Social Badminton

This will begin this week at lunchtime in the Lower Gym. No experience or equipment needed.

Girls - only sessions on Tuesday | Boys - only sessions on Friday

Girls Basketball

Coaches from Auckland Basketball Assn are coming to run workshops with any girls who are keen to have a go at basketball. Wednesday – Time to be confirmed

Watch this space for more lunchtime activities

Team Talk

SUMMER SPORTS

The 2023 summer season is under way with approximately 100 students competing in regular weekly interschool team competitions in tennis, cricket, orienteering and volleyball.

Please remember, all team members are required to wear an appropriate sports uniform which the Sports Office will supply:

Team fees and the uniform bond can be paid online (either via the parent portal or direct credit).
Payments by eftpos or cash can be made at the Accounts Office.

Cricket

The 1st XI boys team had a big win over Orewa College on Saturday. This was their 1st game of the season and this year are playing in the afternoon competition where the standard is higher than the morning grade.

Junior boys also had a win when they played Auckland Grammar Junior Orange.

The 1st XI girls team played Takapuna Navy last Monday in their first game but were not able to pull off a win.

Orienteering

This year we have approximately 30 students from all year levels ready to start this competition which is held on the grounds of a different school each week. Each competes individually to find all the check points in the fastest possible time. The first competition day was Monday at Avondale College.

WINTER SPORTS

Girls' football and boys' football 1st XI training squads been underway for a couple of weeks and trials for all other football teams will begin soon.

Rugby pre-season (for boys and girls) has begun and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Netball trials and selections for winter sports teams begin this week. Dates for the various year groups' trials are posted on Schoology.

Badminton trials have begun on Wednesdays after school in the Lower Gym for those wanting to be placed in teams to play other schools next term.

Hockey will be having their first meeting later this week.

All notices concerning sport are on Schoology. Students need to check the notices on Schoology at least twice/day so they don't miss out on being a part of something they will enjoy. **It is definitely not too late to go along to any of these trials or trainings.**

We need your help please, to manage, coach or transport one of our teams this year, in order to provide sporting opportunities to the large number of Lynfield students wanting to play sport. 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!

Currently we are in urgent need of basketball, football and netball coaches and managers.

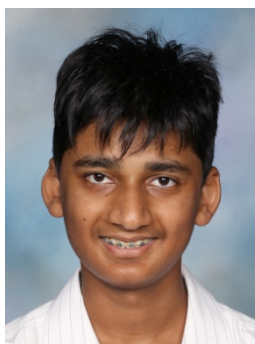
If you have skills in any sport and can spare some time to work with our students in some way, please contact the Sports Office: sport@lynfield.school.nz or Telephone 627 0600, Extension 595

Individual Honours

Congratulations to our students who have achieved outstanding results in their chosen sports.

Rajal Sharma (Y10) won a Silver medal for Mens U16 Compound division at the North Island Youth Archery Championships 2023 held in Tauranga over Waitangi weekend.

Ben Way (Y13) In the Archery Nationals over the summer holidays, competed in the target events and did superbly well. He won **Gold** in the U21 Men's Barebow and **Bronze** in the **Open** Barebow where he was competing against all the male adults! This was in particularly challenging conditions because of strong winds, heavy rain and an earthquake to wake everyone up at 5.30 am on the second day!



Rajal Sharma



Ben Way

If your son and/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

