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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

Parent - Student - Teacher conferences

We look forward to meeting with you all when you come in for the PST conferences on Thursday 30 March or Tuesday 4 April. Students have been working on their scripts and preparing evidence to showcase what they have been learning and what they have achieved so far this year.

PPTA Strike action

We have been advised that due to ongoing industrial action by the teachers union PPTA, after negotiations with the Ministry of Education failed, a second PPTA Strike Day may be called for Wednesday 29 March. Official notification of this is expected to be sent to schools on Sunday 26 March. We will update you further once this has been received, so do keep an eye out for this. Should the strike proceed, supervision, by non-union teachers, will be available for students under 14 years.

Looking forward to Cultural Festival Day 1 April

Students, staff and whānau are demonstrating whanaungatanga tika - we are collaborative, as they work together to prepare for our Cultural Festival Day celebrations on Saturday 1 April. We are delighted to be able to welcome our extended community back onsite to join us for these.

Activities running in the week leading up to this day include a Cultural Dress Day on Wednesday 29 March. Should the PPTA Strike Day proceed the Cultural Dress Day will be rescheduled for Friday 31 March.

Hygiene and stay home if unwell

Further to the notification sent earlier from Public Health, it is timely to send a reminder about staying at home when unwell. Good hygiene practices continue to be a focus at school, especially around the use of bathrooms. Students are also advised not to share drink bottles. Hand sanitiser is available in all classrooms for student use.

Ipu Ti Wednesdays - Weekly Academic Workshop

Thanks go to the staff and senior students providing specialist expertise and support to those needing help with their classwork and assignments. All students are encouraged to make use of this, especially if they are having difficulties in understanding what has been covered in class.

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 27 – Friday 31 March
Cultural Week

Saturday 1 April
Lynfield College Cultural Day
9.45am – 3pm

Wednesday 29 March
School Closed - TBC
for PPTA Teacher Strike

**Thursday 30 March
and Tuesday 4 April**
Parent Student Teacher
Conferences 1 – 7pm

Thursday 6 April
Last Day of Term 1

Wednesday 26 April
First Day of Term 2

Student successes

We encourage you to keep an eye on the News and Events section of our website where we highlight our student achievements as they happen.

Noho ora mai - stay well, look after yourself

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

Board funded SPORTS or CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Any student who is representing their chosen activity (sport or creative, innovative) at regional, national or international level may apply for these scholarships. The School Board has decided there will be only ONE round this year.

Recipients may use the scholarship to assist with expenses directly related to the activity in which they excel while they are representing the College.

Application forms are available from the Sports Office, Administration Reception, or can be downloaded as a .pdf smartform at this link ***Sports or Creative, Innovative Scholarship Application 2023***

Applications close at **3.10pm on Monday 3 April 2023.**

Please deliver this application to Reception or email it to: boardsecretary@lynfield.school.nz

Coming Event: Parent Student Teacher Conferences

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

Thursday 30 March (from 1.00 to 7.00pm) and Tuesday 4 April (1.00 to 7.00 pm)

Bookings opened on Friday 17 March and close on Wednesday 29 March 3.00 pm

They will reopen Friday 31 March at 9.00 am and close on Monday 3 April at 3.00 pm

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

The focus of the meeting will be goal setting and readiness to learn. Students are expected to attend these conferences with you, and to lead the conversation.

There will be no timetabled classes running on these days, however, lessons will be put on Schoology.

Thank you to our Year 12 Student Leaders for make the following presentation. <https://youtu.be/micEXOrwq9o>

Coming Event: Lynfield College Cultural Festival Day

This will be held on Saturday 1 April and the day will run from 9.45am until 3.00pm.

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

Cultural performances: There will be two sessions.

Session One will start at 9.45am with a Powhiri.

Session Two starts at 12.45pm.

Entry is free and by ticket only. Come along and enjoy the day with us!

Literacy and Numeracy Standards for Year 10 Parents and Caregivers

The NCEA Literacy and Numeracy standards will become compulsory next year in 2024. This year, we are able to offer some Year 10 students the opportunity to obtain Literacy and Numeracy standards in Term 2, before it becomes mandatory. Decisions about who attempts each standard will be made on individual readiness, based on curriculum levels. If students pass this year, they do not need to sit the standards in Year 11.

All other students will be offered the standards two times, next year in Year 11 and similarly again in Year 12 if needed. All teachers, across subjects, will be providing tips and guidance to students, to help them hone the skills necessary to pass. Information can be accessed on the NCEA website link below should you wish to read further about these new standards. NCEA Website link:

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/te-reo-matatini-me-te-pangarau-literacy-and-numeracy-transitional-year-2023>

GATEWAY Programme

There are still spaces in the Gateway Programme for students. This is an “alongside school” programme designed to give students the opportunity to explore future careers. Students participate in 2- to 5-day work placements in an industry of their choice, so that they can make informed decisions about what they want to do when they move on from school. Being in a workplace gives students the chance to talk with people in the industry and find out about qualifications. Post-school options include tertiary training (including apprenticeships, cadetships, private training organisations, polytechnics and universities). Students must be “work-ready” (evidence employability skills) and be able to study at NCEA Level 2 and 3. Placements available – trade industries and hospitality industries.

Gateway Employers – we are always looking for companies and organisations who are willing to support our school by offering work experience opportunities.

Please contact: Esther Harvey, Gateway Coordinator, eharvey@lynfield.school.nz or phone 021 944 013.

Hui Talanoa Evening

Our Young Māori Leaders (YML) and Pacific Pride Leaders (PPL) did a superb job of hosting this well attended evening which included performances to showcase what we can expect at our upcoming Cultural Day on Saturday 1 April. Kapa Haka sung the waiata, **I te po**, as a tribute to the late Whaea Brenda, Kapa Haka tutor, 2022.

Members of the School Board were introduced to those attending and Ben Coop, Faculty Leader Mathematics and Statistics, provided information on changes to NCEA Literacy and Numeracy.

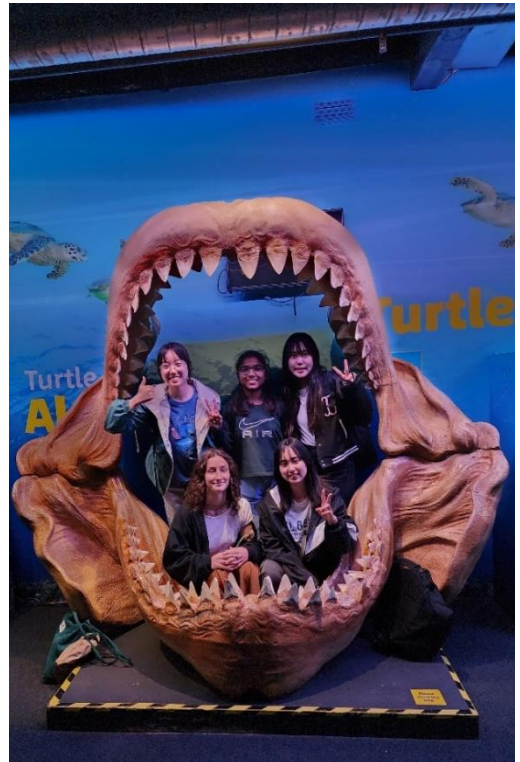


Parents shared what success looked like for their child. This parent voice will be included in the Strategic Planning process as the School Board works with an external facilitator on setting a new Strategic Plan for 2024 - 2026.



International Students' Trip

A group of our international students recently went on a trip to Sea Life Kelly Tarlton's. They meandered through Sea Life wowing at the penguins, being awed by the huge manta rays and amused by the baby jellyfish; everything there is amazing. Afterwards we stopped for lunch on the lawns at the MJS Memorial (Bastion Point). Then we hopped back on the bus to Mt Eden and trekked up the last bit of road to the summit. The walk up was a steep and it was very windy at the top, but the view was definitely worth it.



New Staff Profiles *Introducing three new teachers in this issue ...*



MARY MOSTELLER

Kia ora! My name is Mary Mosteller, and I have joined the Lynfield whānau as a part-time English teacher. I have six years' experience teaching secondary English. Within schools I have worked as a PCT mentor, spoken word coach, and Polyfest coordinator. Originally from Alabama, I have lived in Tāmaki Makaurau since 2016. Outside of work I enjoy hiking, camping, and poetry.



JOSHUA RENNARD

Kia ora, I'm joining Lynfield Collage as a first year Drama and English teacher. When I was in high school I had an amazing time. My teachers were extremely supportive through all my subjects which helped to set me up for University and other challenges in life. This experience has inspired me to pay it forward and ensure that the next generation has a solid foundation to take on anything in life.



JAMIE SKELTON

Hi, I'm Jamie Skelton and I'm excited to be teaching mathematics here at Lynfield College. With several years of experience in the field, I look forward to helping students develop their understanding of mathematical concepts and achieve their academic goals.

Year 9 Innovative Learning

9ILA have been reading and writing pieces of Ecological Fiction. Here are some samples of their work.

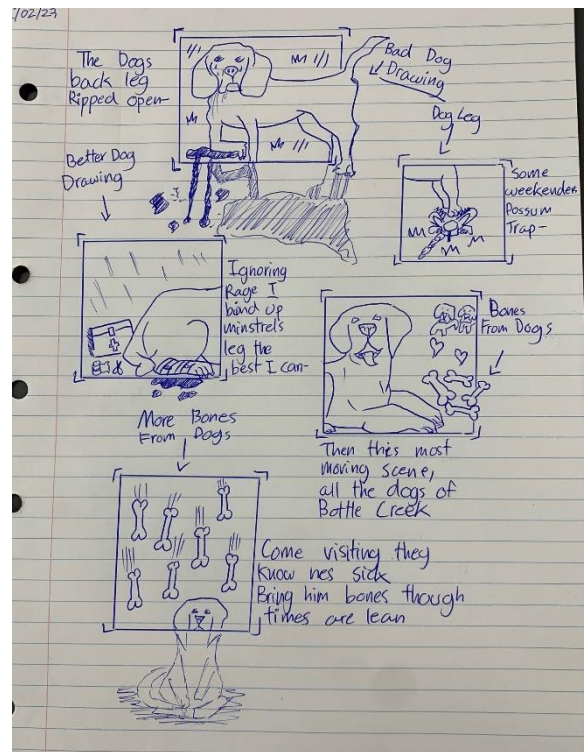
SEA DWELLER

By Ayaan Vasudeva

*I remember the time,
I stood on the sea dweller,
transporting thousands of people,
Its huge stomach carrying
restaurants, cars, swimming pools and people.*

*I thought to myself,
About all the animality,
We do this magnificent creature.*

*As time passes,
the remains of the beast,
will be found,
In a scrapper's junkyard.*



Above: Here is a storyboard of a poem, drawn by Bryce Tritt



Extra for Experts

Two talented artists in the group, Kiran Treanor and Bryce Tritt, are in the planning stages of a short animated film they will submit in September for the [International Youth Silent Film Festival](#). They are getting a bit of extra help from HOD Visual Art Glynn Hambridge, who will consult on the project. They have chosen the Noir music as their theme.

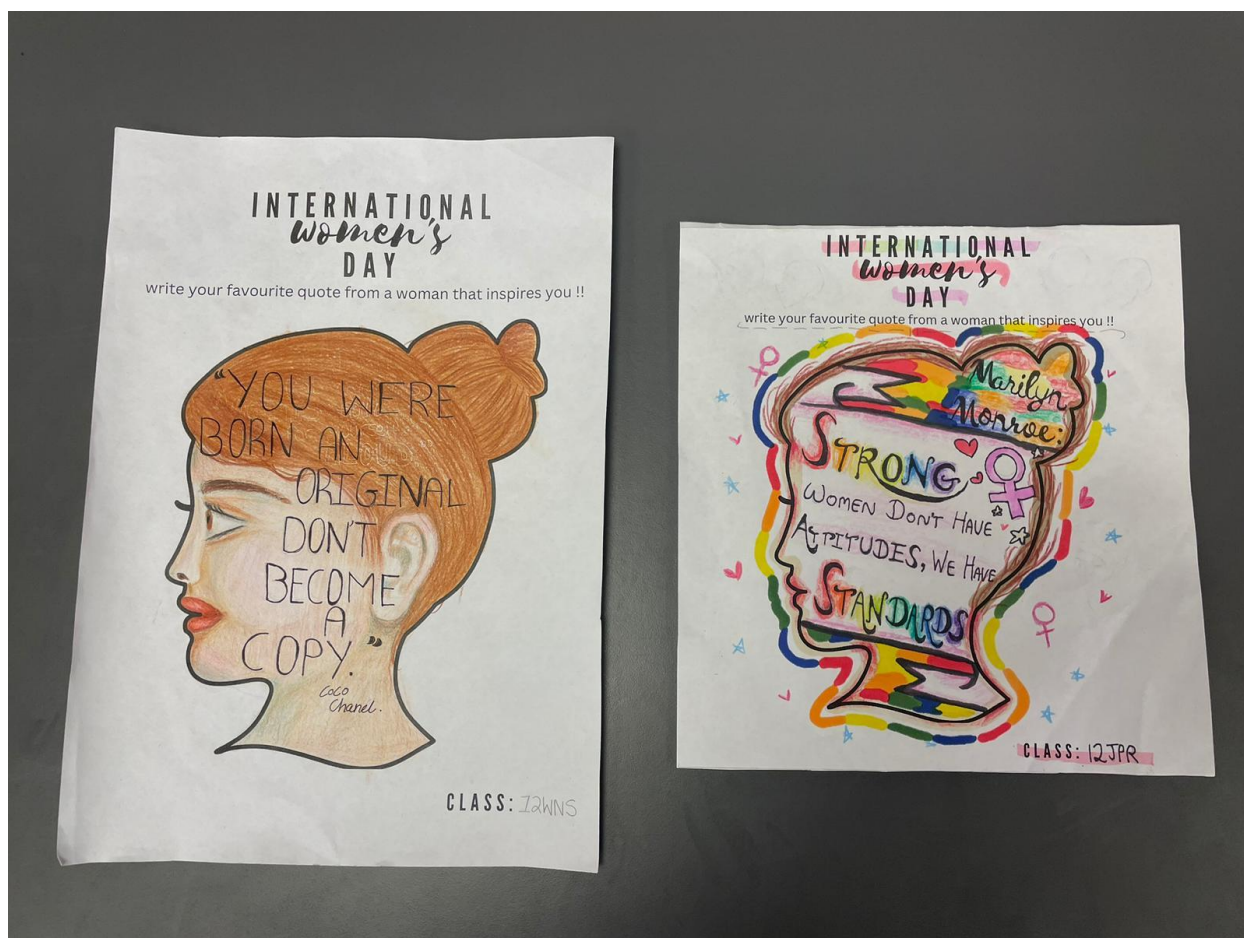
International Women's Day Poster Competition Results

We had some very strong entries in this Hui mai class competition. Congratulations to the winning and runner up students.

Right: 11VHK, winning Hui mai class



Below: 12JPR and 12WNS, runner up Hui mai classes



Student Success

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded scholarships.

Deevya Shah (12MTH)

Deevya has been awarded two scholarships.

Deevya's first scholarship is to Outward Bound, which she will be attending 7 – 27 April.

Deevya's second scholarship is to the University of Bremen, Germany. This is a 20-day language camp from 25 June to 15 July, with all costs covered.



Miyu Okuwaki (12JPR)

Miyu Okuwaki has also been awarded a scholarship to the University of Bremen, Germany.



Careers Updates



Mrs Keir is encouraging all Year 13 students to make a career planning appointment during one Study block on their timetable this term, to talk through career ideas for their first steps in 2024. Email for an appointment wkeir@lynfield.school.nz

GAP YEAR APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON Applications for 2024 Gap Assistant positions (working in boarding school establishments) across Australia, Thailand and the United Kingdom are currently open through until Easter Sunday (April 9th). <https://www.letzlive.org/>

NZMA National Open Day Wednesday 29 March 2023, 10am – 1pm. Trades, Esports, Sport Management, Personal Training, Police Preparation, Health, Pre-Nursing, Pharmacy, Early Childhood Education, Cooking, Baking, Hospitality, Horticulture and Floristry. <https://www.nzma.ac.nz/our-campuses/auckland-central-campus>



Yoobee College of Creative Innovation Register for the National Open Days in March online and on campus 29 March. <https://info.yoobee.ac.nz/yoobee-national-open-day>

Curious about a career in Engineering? Free one-day workshop during the April school holidays at University of Waikato (Friday April 21st) for students years 10-13. Find out more and register now <https://eng.waikato.ac.nz/future-students/experience-engineering>



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Apprenticeships - Money Hub have published a new guide to help your students understand apprenticeships – this is the first time such a guide has been published. It will be updated regularly. Visit it here: <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/apprenticeships.html>

Scholarships - MoneyHub a personal finance website, has updated the comprehensive guide to school-leaver university scholarships. The resource is exclusively for 2023 Year 13 students and it will be updated regularly <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>



Jobs - MoneyHub Student Jobs guide links to 50+ New Zealand employers hiring students part-time. It also encourages students to put together a CV. <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/student-jobs.html>

Studying Health Science or Biomedical Science next year?

MoneyHub has published a detailed guide for Year 13 students planning to study Health Science or Biomedical Science at Otago or Auckland University. The detailed guide has been prepared by two top-performing 4th year Auckland Medical School students and is the first of its kind in New Zealand: <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/tips-for-studying-biomed-and-health-science.html>

Me mahi tahi tātou mō te ora te katoa

We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone

We are aware this has been a disruptive start to the term not only for our students and staff but also our wider community. As a school we have noticed that this disruption is having an impact on the way our students are wearing their uniform and the high number of non-regulation items being worn. Our staff have been checking in with their students during Hui mai to make sure that each child has access to the correct uniform.

There are a number of options that we can investigate to help you and your child if you do not have the right items. Please don't hesitate to email lwichmankelly@lynfield.school.nz to discuss these options.

Please work alongside us by ensuring your child is leaving home in the correct school uniform. If you are unsure what that is, please visit the Lynfield College uniform website for more information

<https://www.lynfield.school.nz/Enrolment/Uniform.html>.



Student Access to the College Grounds

With the construction work that is happening on the school grounds there have been had to be some changes made to how students enter and exit the school grounds. Entry is via Gates 1 and 3 and the Kimberhall Pedestrian Gate from 7.00am until 9.00am. After 9.00am entry and exit is through Gate 1 only. Students signing out during the day or Year 13s leaving when their last timetabled block for the day is a study must exit through Gate 1. Gates 1,2,3 and the Kimberhall Pedestrian Gate will be open for students to exit from 3.10pm

Sport Scene

Central Western & Eastern Zone Athletics

We had a small team representing us at this event on Tuesday. Stand out performances were from:

Troy Maka (Y11) who won the Intermediate Boys Discus

Fiona Siaopo (Y12) who finished 2nd in both the Senior Girls Discus and Senior Girls Shot Put

This qualifies them to compete in the Greater Auckland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships later this month.

LYNFIELD COLLEGE SPORTS FACEBOOK PAGE

At the beginning of the school year our Sports Captains set up a facebook page so we can share information more quickly and regularly than previously. It is frequently updated and contains a lot of interesting, important and relevant information about what is happening in Lynfield College Sport.

Check out the **many excellent photos** from various events. Dates for trials will be posted as these come to hand.

Please [Like](#) our page to spread the word further that this is now an important way of celebrating success and providing information.

This works alongside our message system 'Schoology'. Students cannot rely on our facebook page for all sports information – they must also check Schoology at least twice each day.

Team Talk

SUMMER SPORTS

Volleyball

Huge congratulations to our boys Senior Gold volleyball team who won Division II at the Auckland Secondary Schools Championships last week.

This team has been coached by Mr Peter Jamieson who is a frequent relief teacher at Lynfield. After starting with the senior boys volleyball four years ago (where they never won a match), to now winning Div 2 at Auckland Champs is a very pleasing and rewarding progress.

Only one player is year 13, all the other boys are Year 10, 11 and 12. They will all be back next year and looking forward to qualifying for Div 1 at the AKSS Champs next year.



WINTER SPORTS

Trials for some teams are completed while others are partially complete. Some teams have already been selected. Teams lists are posted on the Sports noticeboard as trials are completed and team selection finalised.

In preparation for winter sports going ahead next term, please consider whether you will be able to facilitate this in any way.

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Coaches and managers needed for all winter sports. Please take time to consider whether you could coach or manage a team. Remember, to manage a team you do not need knowledge of the sport, just to be a channel for communication between coach and players as needed and help organise (not necessarily provide) transport to games. **We will not enter a team into a competition unless it has both a coach and a manager!**

Currently we definitely need coaches and managers for:

Football

Basketball – juniors (62 junior boys have signed up for this, but as yet we are unable to run a team)

Basketball – seniors

Netball – seniors (play Tuesday evenings)

Table Tennis

If you or anyone you know is able to help us in any way we would really like to hear from you. There are plenty of openings available!! Please contact the Sports Office 627 0600 ext 595 or email Felicity Walbran, Sports Director fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz

Sport Honours

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 (e.g. certificate, letter of selection etc) so we have the exact wording of their achievement or email these details to sport@lynfield.school.nz

YOUNG MĀORI LEADERS & PACIFIC PRIDE
PRESENT

**IPU TI
WEDNESDAYS**
WEEKLY ACADEMIC WORKSHOP

- UNFINISHED WORK?
- DUE DATES
LOOMING?
- NEED HELP?

3:15PM - 5PM
JOIN US IN 13 (END OF CORRIDOR IN UPPER GYM)
OPEN TO ALL: Y9 Y10 Y11 Y12 Y13