



**LYNFIELD  
COLLEGE**

# NEWSLINK

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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,**

### Connections

We were delighted to be able to connect with so many of our whānau onsite at our Cultural Festival and through our Parent-Student-Teacher conferences to end the term on such a positive note.

### Minister Tinetti and Minister Wood visit Lynfield College

On Friday 31 April we had the honour of hosting Ministers Tinetti and Wood. During their time onsite we were able to show them our complex building challenges and discuss a range of issues currently facing schools.

The end of their visit coincided with our Cultural Dress Showcase allowing them to join a colourful, vibrant and supportive audience in the packed hall.

**Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break**

**Cath Knell**

**Tumuaki | Principal**



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## COMING EVENTS

**Monday 24 April**

Lynfield College Closed

**Tuesday 25 April**

ANZAC Day public holiday

**Wednesday 26 April**

First Day of Term 2

**Monday 8 May**

NCEA Teacher Only Day

## Proposed PPTA Industrial Action TBC

Please note the following strike action and rostering home dates. We will advise you of any changes.

**Thursday 11 May – PPTA Strike Day**

**Rostering Home:**

**Week 2 Thursday 4 May – Year 11**

**Week 3 Tuesday 9 May – Year 12,**

**Thursday 11 May – Year 13**

**Week 4 Tuesday 16 May – Year 9,**

**Wednesday 17 May – Year 10**

**Week 5**

**Thursday 25 May – Year 11**

**Week 6**

**Tuesday 30 May – Year 13,**

**Thursday 1 June – Year 12**

**Week 7**

**Tuesday 6 June – Year 10,**

**Thursday 8 June – Year 9**

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## Culture Week 2023

Culture Week and Day preparation began before school started and it was an incredibly fulfilling and exciting experience leading to a memorable, joyful week. The school was kept alive after 3 pm all term with so many energetic students rehearsing and perfecting their performances, planning the preparation of food or painting beautiful banners. It was so satisfying to watch everyone come together enthusiastically to participate in the intriguing Tai Chi workshop and vibrant cultural fashion show, with so many people coming to cheer and support. The school was filled with beautiful, shimmering, colourful, traditional clothes on our cultural non-uniform day. It was so heart-warming to see so many people express their unique cultures with pride.

Our cultural day was lively, busy and really something to be proud of. We had at least 10 different food stalls selling out of their warm, delicious traditional delicacies. Our show, packed with more than 400 parents and friends per session, involved 25 outstanding, diverse performances that were all so hyped up by the crowd.

The hard work, determination and spirit from the group leaders, performers, cooks, sellers, artists, staff, we Arts and Cultural Captains and especially the Arts and Cultural co-ordinator Miss Phelan are what helped to create an incredibly memorable week of diversity and inclusivity in Lynfield College. This week allowed everyone to express and embrace who they are in full glory, as well as appreciate the uniqueness of everyone's upbringing, culture and traditions (plus have so much fun dancing, cooking and painting!). It was a week where we all came together as one and made so many wonderful memories. Arts and Culture Captains: Riya Patel, Caleb Young, Mei Matsuki, Nitya Kumar











## 2BIO Field Trip to Smith's Bush

The level 2 Biology Field trips were a success this year. Unfortunately, due to significant damage to the roads during the severe weather we had earlier this year, Arataki visitors centre and forest was inaccessible for our usual field trip. This year we attended a new site in Northcote, Smith's Bush. Smith's Bush is a preserved section of native forest located in Auckland's North Shore. Here the students sample biotic and abiotic data in order to identify a community pattern. The trip also gave the students the opportunity to work across biology classes and learn about local flora.





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## Learning German Through Hip Hop

The German language classes across all year levels had the great opportunity to work with Anjay (Andreas Chetkowski) a hip hop/ rap artist from Berlin. Anjay presented some of his songs to the students with some additional freestyle elements. Some students explored how to create beats and sounds using a range of German sounds (Pizza, Katze etc). Others learned to write and sing their own short rap verse with 16 bars in length, using spoken German words as well as focusing on flow. Thank you to the Goethe Institute team for this fun filled experience!

Student comment, "It made it a very memorable period. His songs were very unique."



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## Greek Vase Painting Workshop

This week all Year 13 Classical Studies classes had a workshop with Pottery maker Ashleigh Annereau, to practice decorating terracotta with a selection of the ancient Greek vase paintings that they had been learning about this term.

After discussing the ways that the Greeks harvested, purified and prepared their clay, Ashleigh covered the technique of Black Figure vase painting. Each student was given their already prepared piece of clay to paint on. They transferred their original Greek design on to their terracotta using the sketch that they prepared the week before in class. They covered the silhouette of their figures with black slip, and incised the intricate details. We all finished the day with a bit more appreciation for the skills of the Greek potters and our own piece of 'Ancient Greece'.





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## *Ki o Rahi Tournament*

Thanks to everyone who helped with the tournament hosted at Lynfield College on 3 April including: Lynfield students, Year 12 and 13 PE Leadership classes, Tuakana, Blockhouse Bay Intermediate, Marshall Laing Primary and Glenavon (Teina)!



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## *Parent Student Teacher Conferences*

Our first round of Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences (PSTs) for 2023 were held on Thursday 30 March and Tuesday 4 April. Our students were able to describe their short- and long-term goals for the year and reflect on what is going well and not so well in their subject classes. Hui mai teachers also shared progress information from subject teachers.

We continue to offer both face to face or online options to enable whānau to choose what best suits their situation. We enjoyed connecting with our whānau and listening to our young people discuss their learning.

A reminder: If you have a concern about your child's progress in a specific subject area, you can still let your child's Hui mai teacher know via email and they will ask the subject teacher to phone you.

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## ***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

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## ***Islamic Student Prayer Groups***

Our Islamic students are regularly gathering to share dhuhr prayers. Over 60 boys and 20 girls meet on Fridays throughout the year and daily during Ramadan.

The male prayers are led by students and supported by Ms Hunt, while Ms Shahid leads the girls' group.

The Islamic students are forming a strong community. The whanaungatanga the senior students are showing towards new students is especially appreciated.

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## ***Sport Scene***

### ***Lunchtime Social Sport and Recreation***

There are several options currently available for any students at lunchtimes, with or without experience. We really encourage all students to have a go at one of these options at lunchtimes throughout Term 2:

***Girls badminton (Upper Gym) Tuesdays***

***Junior basketball tournament, Thursday & Friday starting Week 3 (Lower Gym)***

***Boys badminton (Upper Gym) Fridays***

***Volleyball (Upper Gym) Monday & Thursday***

***Handball – day to be confirmed***

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## ***Team Talk***

### **SUMMER SPORTS**

Most are now finished for Term 1. All players have represented the school with energy and pride and several teams have been very successful.

#### ***1st XI Girls Cricket***

The Lynfield Girls 1st XI cricket team had an exciting 2023 season, marked by challenging away games against teams from the North Shore. The season started with a tough loss to Takapuna, but it provided valuable insights into areas where we needed improvement. In the next game against Rangitoto College's 2nd XI, we won convincingly by 129 runs. However, our match against an experienced Long Bay team on home turf resulted in a significant loss by 99 runs.



In our game against Northcote's 1st XI, we played exceptionally well and put up a good fight, but unfortunately lost by 29 runs. The final game of the season was a thrilling experience, with an epic view of the shore at Macleans College grounds. Lynfield's 1st XI girls won by a remarkable 8 wickets, making it an exciting end to the season. Over the course



of the season, our squad of 12 girls improved tremendously, thanks to the support and guidance of coaches Aaron, Rishitt, and Ms. Lal. We also want to extend our gratitude to Mrs. Matson for managing, scoring, and putting up with our antics in the school van. Nabeeha Kamran (Y10) - Co-Captain



### **Archery**

The College Sport Archery 2023 has come to an end. Our archers, Ben Way, Anika Wang, Holly McCutcheon and Rajal Sharma did well. Rajal came fourth in the compound section.

Teams are usually comprised of four but Ben, Anika and Holly were a team of only three and performed admirably.

This year, the organisers introduced barebow as a separate category and Ben Way (Y13) came second in this - a great result. Well done, Ben!

### **Volleyball**

Our Volleyball Development (Senior Green) team finished their season with 2 wins and several close losses. Many of these boys are Y10s and Y11s so this sets them up well for next year when they will again be in the senior competition. All players got court time even Nelay Konki and Ansh Talwar who only recently joined the team. Thanks to Carmen Hansel for coaching and mentoring this team and to Russell Christie who was their manager.

### **Uniform return**

Most summer sports are now complete. Summer sports uniforms should be returned to the Sports Office as soon as possible. When players return their playing strip their \$25 uniform bond will be refunded to their nominated bank account. Any students with outstanding Sports uniform or fees will only be able to play another sport for the school once they have addressed this issue with the Sports Office.

### **Sports Fees payment**

Payment of sports fees and uniform bonds can be made at the Accounts Office or online.

### **Tennis Champs Results**

Senior Boys Singles Champion	Tommy Lobb
Senior Boys Singles Runner Up	Evan Hewett
Senior Boys Doubles Champions	Tommy Lobb and Evan Hewett
Senior Girls Singles Champion	Francesca Walsh
Year 11 Boys Singles Champion	Jonathan Mar
Year 11 Girls Singles Champion	Selena Surendran
Year 11 Girls Singles Runner Up	Tilly Walsh
Junior Girls Doubles Champions	Chante Luiters and Chelsy Ivory



Year 10 Girls Singles Champion	Chante Luiters
Year 9 Girls Singles Champion	Saira Unni

## WINTER SPORTS

Trials for nearly all teams are over and teams have been named. Once students have been placed in a team they must meet all training and game commitments, as well as pay their fees to secure their place in the team. All students in sports teams should now have taken home a letter containing important information (eg playing dates, venues, costs) soon after selection. In fairness to all involved, all fees must be paid prior to the first game of the season, as per our NO PAY = NO PLAY policy.

Competitions begin in the first two weeks of next term – girls football starts Wednesday and netball starts of Week 1, most others begin Week 2.

### ***1st XI Boys Football WIN!***

Congratulations to our 1st XI Boys Football team who, yesterday, had a very convincing win (13-1) over Albany Senior High School in their second promotion/relegation game. This means our team will be promoted from A3 to A2 grade. The competition in A2 is tough and our boys are up for the challenge. It was great to see some of our staff and students on the sideline supporting our boys.

Many thanks to ex-student Nathan Maisey who filled in as coach yesterday as Kim Beale is away in Valencia at a football academy (see below).



### ***The Valencia football experience***

Our 1st XI Boys Football coach, Kim Beale, is currently in Valencia with Lynfield football players Dylan Tearle (Y11), Liam Stuart (Y11), Jonny Gibson (Y11) and Prianka Patel (Y11).

Valencia is one of the biggest clubs in Europe and the players train at the Valencia academy. Kim reports:

“Last night we, and 50,000 other fans, watched them (Valencia) play. This morning after training our players met some of the 1st team players and got autographs. Our players compete in 4 friendly games while they are there.”

### **Uniform care**

To help us continue to provide quality uniforms for our sports teams it is really important that these simple washing instructions are followed for all our sporting garments: Cold wash, NO dryer, NO iron

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## **Individual Honours**

***Congratulations to the following student who has recently excelled in their sport.***

**Rajal Sharma (Y10)** participated in the Auckland District Archery Association's (ADAA) Target Championships 2023 recently and won a **gold** medal in the U16 men's compound division. He shot at 45 meters.



### **URGENT - HELP NEEDED**

Coaches and managers needed for all our 50+ winter sports teams. 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!

Huge thanks to those parents, friends and families who have put their hands up to help with managing or coaching our teams. It is very much appreciated by the many students who would not otherwise have been in school teams.

We still urgently need coaches for:

Football - Coach needed for boys 3rd XI and a Y9 team (games are on Saturday mornings, trainings at a time to suit coach and players)

Basketball - Manager for each team – Senior and 2 junior teams (game day Wednesday), U17 (game day Thursday)

Netball - Managers for 9 Grey, 9 Green & 9 White (game day Saturday morning)

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](mailto:fwalbran@lynfield.school.nz)



