



**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

Our Korowai value for Term 3 is Hinengaro wawata, we are ambitious. It has been wonderful to see students return with a sense of purpose and keen to ensure their punctuality and attendance are within acceptable levels.

Welcoming new staff

This term we are welcoming a number of new staff including Aaron Tahu and Michael Cui (Health and PE), Coralie Yamashita (ESOL), Kumari Subbiah (English), Maia Edge-Woodward (Learning Support), and CJ Isdale (Music). Thank you to our students for making them feel welcome and helping them settle into life at Lynfield.

Charities Week

This is a Student Leaders-House Captains initiative that will be held next week with a range of lunchtime activities that students can participate in. Each house has selected a New Zealand charity to support with money raised from House stalls, a bake sale, Staff v Students benchball and face shaving! We are impressed at the level of thought and planning that the students have put into organising this week and encourage.

Enrolment for 2025

We look forward to meeting with prospective students and families as they visit our school over the next week. Starting with our Open Evening on Tuesday 30 July and followed by school in action tours on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 August our student tour guides are looking forward to showcasing our school. The enrolment timeline has been set for 2025 and can be accessed via the Enrolment section of the school website.

Course Selection Evening and Scholarship information

August is course selection month at Lynfield College. To help parents in supporting their child through this process we are holding an information evening on Tuesday 6 August. Further information is contained in this NewsLink.

Wishing our past pupils and past volunteer every success at the Olympics

Starting with the women's football match at 3.00am NZT Friday 26 July, we will be following the progress of Katie Bowen, football, Maddi Wesche, shotput, Tyla King (nee Nathan Wong), rugby sevens, Eroni Leilua, sailing for Samoa, and Dylan Schmidt, trampolining, with great interest over the next 18 days. They are all wonderful ambassadors.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 29 July
STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2025
APPLICATIONS OPEN

Tuesday 30 July
ENROLMENT OPEN EVENING
6.00PM SCHOOL HALL

Wednesday 31 July
VARIETY CONCERT
6.00PM SCHOOL HALL

Thursday 1 August
SCHOOL IN ACTION TOURS

Friday 2 August
SCHOOL IN ACTION TOURS

Tuesday 6 August
COURSE SELECTION OPEN
EVENING &
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

School Ball – The Final Scene!

Friday 19th of July was our annual school ball titled The Final Scene! Year 12 and 13 students packed Ellerslie Events Centre for an evening of dancing and fun. It gave everyone an opportunity to dress up and look fantastic. For the Year 13s this was our big way of celebrating the last 5 years together with a night of full excitement and good vibes. It was great being able to hand out various awards to all of our fellow peers and friends and watch them take photos with statues and sashes. As Social Co-ordinators it was amazing to see the last 7 months of work come into fruition in such a spectacular way and seeing everyone's photos together has been so much fun. We want to say a special thank you to Mrs Clark and the student leaders who helped us along the way in order to give students an unforgettable evening together! Kenan and Vajra

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Ball King | Pranay Tailor

Ball Queen | Sarah Ramsey

Ball Prince | Ayush Swarnapuri

Ball Princess | Katie Jenkins

Best Dressed | Angelika D'Souza

Best Couple | Aaron Crasto and Nuha Wadhwan

Joker of the Night | Noah Pin

Best Dressed Teacher | Mr Cheung



Bouldering in Term 2

As term 2 came to an end, our group of dedicated boulderers reflected on a season marked by growth and achievement. From hesitant first attempts to confidently tackling challenging routes, each climber has shown remarkable progress. Their increased confidence is evident not only in their ability to conquer obstacles but also in their enthusiasm to participate in more difficult climbs. The camaraderie and support within the group have been inspiring, making it a memorable chapter in their climbing journey. While students eagerly ask for another term, this might be a wrap for the year. We hope to see you all again next year, ready for more adventures and achievements!



Bollywood Showdown

We are thrilled to acknowledge the outstanding achievement of our team at Bollywood Showdown 2024, an Auckland-based Indian dance competition. This event draws the best talent from across the region, making our victory all the more significant.

Amidst fierce competition, our dedicated group of 15 students showcased incredible talent and perseverance. Each performance was a testament to their hours of practice, unwavering dedication, and passion for dance. Their hard work was rewarded as they came in first, not only winning a very large trophy but also securing a generous sum of prize money.

The journey to this victory wasn't easy. Our team faced numerous challenges, from intense rehearsals to balancing their academic commitments. However, their determination and resilience shone through. Their demonstration of manaakitanga and commitment to excellence has truly set a standard for all.

This victory is not just about the trophy or the prize money. It is about the spirit of teamwork, the bonds formed, and the shared joy of achieving something remarkable together. It's a reminder of what can be achieved when we work together, support each other, and strive for excellence.

Congratulations once again on this incredible achievement! Let's look forward to even more success and joy in the future.

Team members:

Rhianne D'Souza Yr13, Shreya Dooblah Yr13, Zia Khan Yr13, Thrisha Shiju Yr13, Nuha Wadhwania Yr13, Izabel Cyril Yr12, Tanisha Narsey Yr12, Aneisha Pathak Yr12, Mishti Saha Yr12, Soha Ekbote Yr11, Mridini Karnawat Yr11, Jiya Tailor Yr10, Ashreena Hanif Yr9, Saachi Ranchhod Yr9, Anshika Sinha Yr9



Brain Bee Challenge

On 26th June, two Lynfield College Year 11 students, Eliza Shaikh and Sia Pai, visited The Centre for Brain Research at Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, to compete in the annual Brain Bee neuroscience challenge. This challenge is an international competition aiming to encourage high school students to learn about the brain and its functions. The students spent the day immersed in the world of neuroscience, visiting labs, part in a Gel Electrophoresis demonstration, meeting neuroscientists and competing in the individual and group challenges. Congratulations to Eliza, who was the recipient of one of the 25 Neurological Foundation Brain Bee Internships that allow students to spend a day in the Centre for Brain Research.

[Auckland.Scoop » New Zealand's 'Brainiest' Students Compete For Brain Bee Glory](#)



Matariki Celebrations at Lynfield College

Matariki at Lynfield included celebrations with whanau, akonga and kaiako.

Our kapa haka group performed at Te Ringa Awhina (our school Marae), an activity in Te Reo Maori was driven by our akonga which taught whanau and rangatahi how to introduce themselves using the language, we shared kai, korero and listened to Maori Music.

Ka nui te mihi ki a Whaea Larissa, Whaea Maihi, te roopu whai take Maori (Maori focus group), nga akonga me nga whanau I tae ki te kura ki te whakanuia te wa o Matariki.



Year 9 Student GROWTH Coach Training

Wednesday 26th June saw the Year 9 student coaches complete their first day of training in the GROWTH coaching framework. One or two students from each Hui mai group are undertaking the training to become a student coach. Student coaches will have coaching conversations with their peers around their goals. Student coaches help to motivate others and enable them to plan the next steps towards achieving their goals. Student coaches gain confidence, communication and leadership skills along the way.

Pictures show students using the GROWTH (Goal, Reality, Options, Will, Tactics, Habits) framework in conversation with other budding coaches.

Students coaching students is a signature practice across Lynfield College. So far students in Year 9, 10 and 11 have been trained to be student coaches.



Korean Trivia Championships

Lynfield College students recently showcased their passion for Korean culture at the Korean Trivia Championship, held on the final day of Term 2 at Rangitoto College. Thirty students participated, securing fourth place overall and winning awards for Best Korean Dresser. The event featured challenging trivia on Korean history, pop culture, and language, alongside electrifying K-pop performances that captivated the students. It provided a platform for students to connect with peers from other schools learning Korean, fostering cultural exchange and new friendships. With their sights set on next year's championship, Lynfield College students are eager to build on this experience and aim for the top prize, continuing to promote cultural understanding and appreciation within their community.



Chess Federation Competition

Our school's two Chess teams (A and B) participated in the West Auckland Chess Federation interschool tournament. Both teams performed well and enjoyed the experience of being part of such a competitive chess tournament. In total 17 teams participated in the event. Our school's A team came 8th place and our school's B team came 12th. Special thanks to the parents who helped provide transportation for this tournament.

Congratulations to the following students:

Participation certificates - Ayaan Vasudeva, Zack Jones, Izak Van Niekerk, Sia Pai, Mahe Chaudhary, Hetansh Trivedi, Neil Sarma, Sultanbeer Singh



Gold Medal for 1st individually on Board 1 - Ayaan Vasudeva

PST Conferences

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE

Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences (PSTs) will be held during Week 5 on the following days:

Thursday 22 August, 1.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 23 August, 9.00am – 1.00pm

Online and face-to-face bookings will be available.

(There will be morning timetabled classes for students on Thursday and afternoon supervision for students under the age of 14, should that be required. There will be no timetabled classes for students on Friday.)

Further information about when the booking schedule opens will be available closer to the time.

Assessment Week Exams

These will be held in Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 3 on the following dates:

Week 8 – Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September

Week 9 – Monday 16 – Friday 20 September

LitNum Exams will be held in Week 8 on Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September

Course Selection Evening & Scholarship Information

Course Selection Evening for Years 10, 11, 12 and Scholarship information for Years 12 and 13

This time of year, is when students are planning their courses for 2025. To help you understand the process to assist your child in making the best possible choices we are holding an open evening on **Tuesday 6 August**.

Each time slot will start off with a 15 minute presentation in the Hall by our Academic Advisor Mr Waddington and our Careers Advisor Mr Christie. This will then be followed by the opportunity to speak with our subject experts (Faculty Leaders) in the staffroom.

In the year 12 and 13 presentation there will be information about the Scholarship exams as well.

Year 10 - 5.30pm in the Hall

Year 11 - 6.00pm in the Hall

Year 12,13 - 6.30pm in the Hall

INFORMATION ABOUT COURSES THAT ARE OFFERED AT LYNFIELD COLLEGE

<https://lynfield.schoolpoint.co.nz/>

If you have any particular questions or content that you would like covered in the presentations please put them here

<https://forms.gle/pL7wtmq9p6DJQexL8>

A new Lynfield College Careers Website

The Careers Department has a new website to help with anything and everything related to a student's future pathway. This is where you can go to find information about upcoming events, help with course selection, scholarships, jobs, tertiary providers, applications and much more.

You can find the link to the website at <https://lynfield.careerwise.school/>

There is also a link to it on Schoolbridge.

Check it out, and subscribe so as not to miss out on any information about upcoming events.

Homestay Families Needed

We urgently need host families for both boys and girls for the following short-term groups.

Nishinomiya Japanese 12 to 22 August.

Tianxi Chinese group 4 to 16 August.

Homestay rent is \$343 per week.

If you would like to host a student or know a suitable family who are keen to host, please email us at homestay@lynfield.school.nz

Returning 2023 Prizegiving Cups and Trophies

Please return all cups and trophies presented at last year's prizegivings to the main College Reception desk.

It is NOT necessary to clean the cups before returning them.

WE WOULD LIKE ALL CUPS / TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED URGENTLY.

Uniform

We have been working with our Hui mai teachers to ensure that students who need access to uniform have been supported, and it is good to see most of our students looking warm and smart in their correct uniform items.

Our procedure is, for students who don't have a correct uniform item on a particular day, to bring a note from home and come to get a uniform pass from the Deans or Deputy Principals before school. To help caregivers with this, it can now be done through the Schoolbridge app. Click on Permission Slips/Forms, then start a new form.

Students who don't follow this procedure will have their item removed to be collected from the Deputy Principals at the end of the day. If a student continually doesn't wear correct uniform, parents will be contacted and there will be further consequences.

Thank you for your support.

Sports Scene

MT MAUNGANUI EXCHANGE

On the last Thursday of term 2, Mt Maunganui College made the trip up to Lynfield to in the 65th year of the sports exchange between our two schools. We were blessed with some great weather which contributed to high spirits and positive attitudes from both schools throughout the day. The schools competed in the following sports: Football Boys and Girls, Hockey Boys and Girls, Rugby Boys, Netball Prem 1 & Prem 2 Girls, Basketball Boys, Debating Juniors and Debating Seniors. Despite an improved performance last year, we were not able to come away with the overall victory and thus Mt Maunganui took the cup, winning 8-3.





TEAM TALK

FOOTBALL JUNIOR GIRLS

Our Junior Girls team playing in the Waitakere Junior B grade had their first win in 2 years this week, scoring 2 goals against Green Bay, and making it 3 goals so far this season.

These girls, some who have never had the opportunity to play Football before, turn up every week, congratulate each other on their improvements, and come off the field smiling no matter the score.

For two years they have been gracious in defeat, and this week had the wonderful new experience of also being gracious in victory. Coach and parents were very happy. Keep up the good work!



ON-SITE PHYSIOTHERAPIST

We have a physio available every morning from 8.30am – 12.30pm at our school. Bookings are essential and must be made through our school nurse. Once booked, the student will receive follow up text reminders from the physio. All ACC cases are free.

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

PREMIER SPORTS JACKETS

Students are not to wear the Premier Sports Jackets around school as they are **not** part of the school uniform. This also aids in our efforts to maintain their quality and minimise damage so that we can preserve them for future sports leaders to wear at their games. Jackets seen being worn around school will be taken off the students.

Individual Honours

Sione Apelu (Y12)

Sione was selected to represent Netball Waitakere at the NZ U18 Men's Netball Championship held in Dunedin. Sione's team performed exceptionally at this tournament and managed to come away as undefeated champions. Congratulations!

Liam Kent (Y10)

Over the holidays, Liam represented Waitakere West Auckland to compete in the NZ U16 Basketball Nationals. After a rough start to the tournament, Liam's team went on to win the remainder of their pool matches as well as a semi final by 1 point putting them into the final against Harbour A who beat them in the first game. The result this time was different however and Waitakere managed to come away with a 94-63 victory.



Sione Apelu



Liam Kent



LYNFIELD COLLEGE MUSIC PRESENTS

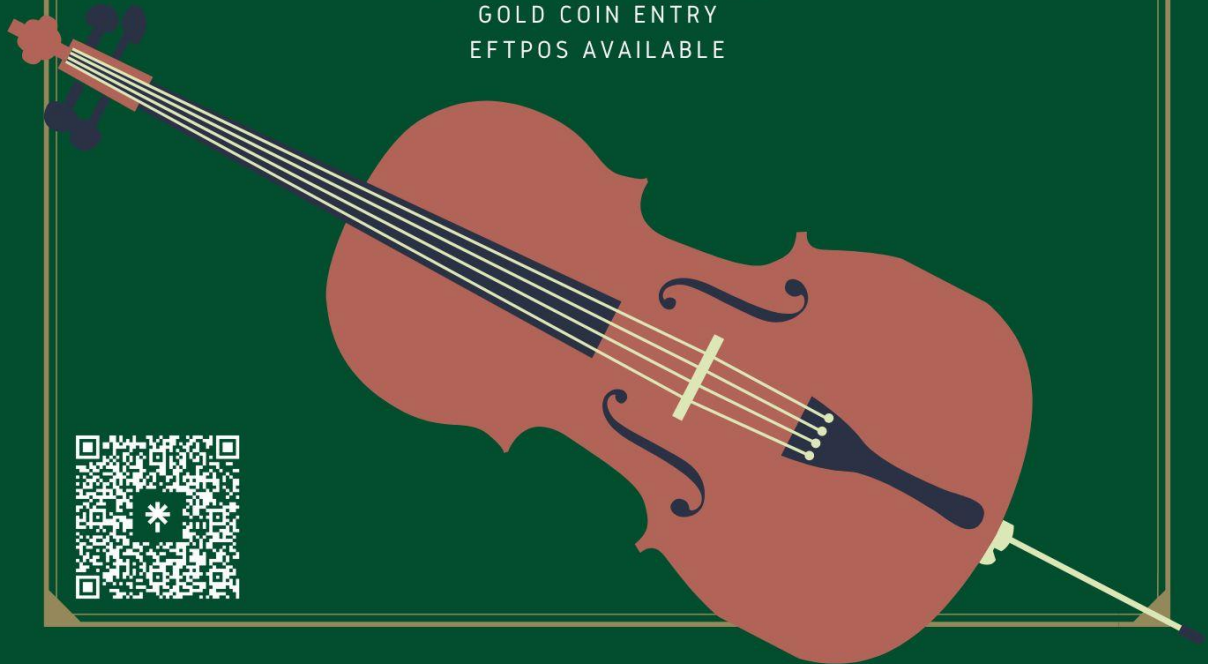
VARIETY CONCERT

WEDNESDAY JULY 31
6PM



FEATURING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA,
CONCERT BAND AND MORE!

LYNFIELD COLLEGE HALL
GOLD COIN ENTRY
EFTPOS AVAILABLE



Uniform & Stationery Shop

TEMPORARY SHOP CLOSURE IN TERM 4

The Uniform and Stationery Shop will be closed on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 October 2024.

We will be open as usual from Wednesday 16 October.

HOURS

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

We are not open on Saturday and Sunday, Teacher Only Days or the between term holidays.

Parents can attend the shop at the following times:

Monday – Thursday: 10.00am – 12.00pm and 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Friday: 8.00am – 11.30am

ONLINE ORDERING

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.

For any further queries please email Alys Higgs at uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz

RETURNS POLICY

We require a purchase receipt and tags to still be in garments to process returns. Please be aware that we can only return items up to 90 days from the date on your receipt.

Lost Property

If your child has lost uniform items, please ask them to check the Lost Property bin outside the Uniform Shop

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM.

Laundry Markers can also be purchased from the uniform and stationery shop.

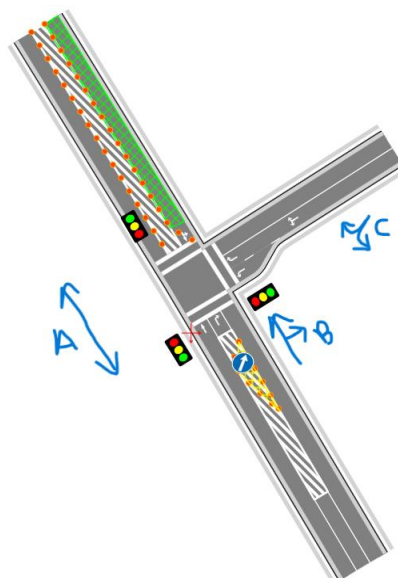
Community Notices

Changes to traffic flow on White Swan Rd

We were surprised to see changes to the right-hand turn into Gate 1 from White Swan Rd on Monday. To understand how this is supposed to operate we had engineers from MarchCato out to explain the intent of the changes and to see whether any improvements could be made. They have made a few tweaks and have sent through the following description for our community.

Under normal circumstances, each single cycle of the traffic lights operates on a cycle of Lynfield College Exit (C phase), White Swan (Westbound and Lynfield Right Turn (B Phase)), and then White Swan straight through phase (A Phase), which runs on a cycle length of about 70 seconds.

To assist the parents arriving at school, we are calling the entrance into the college (B phase) twice every cycle instead of once. We are aware of the issues with the signage placed in the turning lane into the school causing parents some concern about missing the signal. However, we can assure you this isn't going to happen. We have moved the cones back a little from the limit lines, and parents can pull right up to near the pedestrian crossing point which makes



enough room for 2 vehicles to pull into the right-hand turning lane. To help us out with this, we have also programmed the signals so that any car that is stopped in the straight through lane for more than 5 seconds, will also be treated as a car wanting to turn right and will also call a right-hand turn arrow after a short delay.

Most of the issues we identified over the past few days have to do with parents parking across the pedestrian crossing points, or on the yellow no parking lines which creates unnecessary “choke” points. We will be reassessing the placement of the equipment to see what other measures we can undertake.

GERMAN EXCHANGE TRIP FUNDRAISING RAFFLE RESULTS

A big thank you to everyone who supported the raffle for the upcoming German exchange trip. The 3 winners were drawn by Ms Knell as principal under the close supervision of Mr Newbrook.

1st prize was a portable gas fired pizza oven

2nd prize was a \$200 voucher from Spoil Me

3rd prize was a \$100 voucher from Spoil Me

A big thank you to Thermomix NZ for helping sponsor the Pizza Oven <https://thermomix.co.nz/products/ovana-portable-pizza-oven> and Spoil Me for sponsoring the gift vouchers <https://spoilme.co.nz/>

A4 Scout Flyer.pdf

Section	Ages	Meeting Time
Keas	6 to 8	Mon 6pm — 7pm
Cubs	8 to 10	Mon 6pm — 7:30pm
Scouts	10 to 14	Tue 7pm — 9pm
Venturers	14 to 18	Thur 7pm — 9pm

New Members Welcome

We are located by the Play Centre behind Lynfield Recreation Centre, looking onto Margaret Griffen Park Park.

#WBSS

wbssgroup@gmail.com



WORKS UPDATE
July 2024



Lynfield Cove Beach Reserve closed from 13th August for Wairaki Stream cleanup

Auckland Council Healthy Waters will be clearing the Wairaki Stream of tree and debris blockages from the 13th of August. Clearing these will release water flow pressure during heavy rain events, decrease the impact of flooding upstream, and help to prevent landslips in the stream as it's in a very steep gully.

What does the work involve?

The Lynfield Cove Beach Reserve and all access to Lynfield Cove Beach will be closed for one month as this is where the debris/trees/logs need to be wood chipped. The stream blockages can only be removed by a helicopter due to the steepness of the gully. There will be noise from the helicopter and the wood chipping, however this is not expected to be for more than a week. There will be signs put up at each of the reserve's six entries explaining why the reserve is being closed. The reserve will be reinstated on completion. Thank you for your patience while we carry out this work.



Lynfield Cove Beach Reserve area to close

For any enquiries or issues relating to the physical works, please contact our contractor directly: Stephen Challis, Stormwater Department Manager, Fulton Hogan on 021 534 020, Stephen.Challis@fultonhogan.com

For general project information, please contact: healthywaters@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

After hours, please contact Auckland Council call centre on 09 301 0101.