



**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.

### ***Mālō e lelei***

This week we have celebrated Tongan Language Week, with our Pacific Pride Leaders preparing a resource which was shared with our students during their time in Hui mai. Alongside our Young Māori Leaders who helped us celebrate Cook Islands Language Week, it is wonderful to see our Leaders take ownership and have them share their language and culture across the school.

### ***Active and engaged students***

It is not only our Leaders who have been busy lately. With students heavily involved in extracurricular activities including winter sports, music (KBB Music Festival) and hosting International students, we acknowledge that this isn't possible without the support of our parents, staff and the wider community. Thank you!

### ***The Deans Team has relocated!***

With us having to vacate our Administration Building in October 2022 due to concerns around air quality (mould), our Deans and SLT have been sharing spaces around the school. However with the opening of the temporary buildings at the front of the school the Deans have their own individual offices again. Students are now able to have more private conversations when they seek support from their Dean.

### ***Community Survey***

With a strategic focus on partnerships with our whanāu we are currently gathering insights from the community through what will become an annual survey in Term 3. I would encourage you to take the time to use the link provided later in this NewsLink to add your voice.

### ***Watercare works on the Huia 1 Watermain***

A notification was sent out earlier today via the SchoolBridge app about the next phase of this project which will see Gate 1 closed to vehicle access for a few weeks. A drop-off / pick-up area will be provided outside 173-177 White Swan Rd and a temporary pedestrian crossing will be installed outside 175 White Swan Rd. We look forward to these works running smoothly and, all going well, being completed ahead of schedule!

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

**Tumuaki | Principal**

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## COMING EVENTS

**Monday 26 August**  
**COURSE SELECTION CLOSES**  
**11.00AM**

**Mon 2 – Fri 6 September**  
**WINTER SPORTS**  
**TOURNAMENT**

**Wednesday 4 September**  
**Y9 OUT OF ZONE**  
**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**  
**4.00PM**

**Thu 12 – Fri 20 September**  
**SENIOR ASSESSMENT**  
**In-school priority time**



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## ***Level 2 Outdoor Education Camp Waitakere***

### ***Group 1, Monday to Wednesday***

The second 2OED camp was in the Waitakere Ranges. Although being so close to Auckland the views along the way were incredible. We hiked from Mount Donald McLean to Whātipu where we camped the night. A group of us went to explore the caves just around from camp. Glowworms and huge spiders were spotted throughout the caves. We all then settled down to cook our dinner. Packet meals seemed to be the most popular as we need to save space in our bags. The next day we headed towards Pararaha Valley. As we arrived we got to appreciate the beautiful view we were going to have for the day. We explored down the valley by the river. We jumped across rocks, navigated through bushes and created our own shelter with the help of the nature around us. Just like the night before, we settled down to cook our dinner. Uncle Ben's rice, slightly crispy as it was definitely undercooked, and some marshmallows for dessert. We woke up in the morning all a bit sore from the walking and the tragic sleeps, but we were ready to get moving. Our last day of camp. We all knew this walk was going to be rewarding. We set off and after a short distance through the bush we made it out to the beach. It was such a perfect day. After a few hours we made it. We were welcomed to the carpark by the other 2OED camp who were just getting ready for their journey.

Lauren McCormick 12FNG





### ***Group 2, Wednesday to Friday***

On Wednesday the 7th of August 2024 the second camp assembled in V6 to have Mr Smith and his 3OED class check our bags. We then headed off in the vans to Karekare in the Waitakere Ranges where we met up with the other class who were on the first trip. After a briefing, we headed out to Tunnel Point for lunch. As a group, we then traversed the sand dunes till we reached the track and went into Pararaha Valley. Luckily, we moved into already set up tents from the other group. Then as a part of our assessment, we built emergency shelters by the river. After this, a few members of the group swam in the baltic river. We finished off the night with dinner and then slept in our tents. The next morning we woke up, made breakfast, pack the packs and headed off up the Muir track. Along this route, there were magnificent views out towards the Tasman Sea. That night at Whātipu, a small contingent explored the caves. There was a gigantic spider in the roof of one. On our last day, we walked up the hundreds of stairs of the Omanawanui Track to our pickup point, It was now home time for a warm and comfy bed and wifi.

Sol Alderton 12NNU





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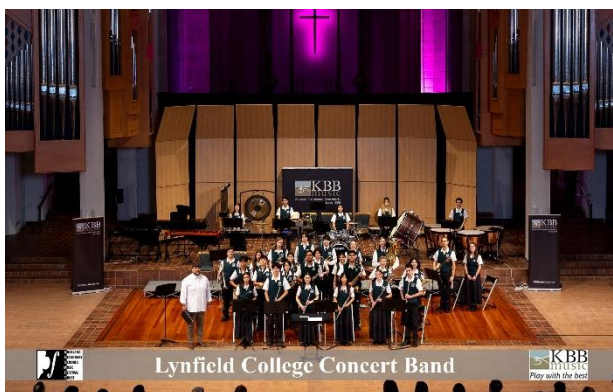
## Lynfield College at KBB Music Festival

Lynfield College once again had three groups in the KBB Music Festival held at Holy Trinity Cathedral last week. We started on Tuesday with the Chamber Orchestra conducted by Mr Sue, playing four great pieces of music. The highlight of the set was *Lijiang River Landscape*, a sweeping piece evoking the imagery and serenity of the countryside along the Lijiang River. The Chamber Orchestra section is notoriously tough, and coming away with **Bronze** was a fantastic result.

Wednesday morning the Big Band and their conductor Mr Isdale headed in and took the stage. Their set was energetic and fun, with great solos all around, and the crowd enjoying every moment of it. Tate Harrington shone in the Trombone feature during *Song for J.R.*, and the whole band came away happy with their performance. **Bronze** for the Big Band demonstrated just how tough the judges were this year, but the students are proud of how they performed nonetheless.

Wednesday night was Concert Band's turn. Suli Hoponoa had done a great job of getting the group tight, and featuring a lot of the students in different ways. Highlights were the two flute solos in *Summer* and *Winter* from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, as well as William Day picking up the baton and conducting the group through *Summer* as well. For a smaller group than some of the other ensembles in this category, the students were stoked to come away with **Bronze**.

Well done to all the students who performed, and thank you to everyone who came and supported over the time.





## *September Assessment Period – Thursday 12 – Friday 20 September*

The 7 days of Assessment are for practice external exams and some internal practical assessments. Year 12 and 13 students will be on study leave during this time and only need to come to school for their exam/assessment.

**Year 11** students are **NOT ON STUDY LEAVE**, they will attend normal timetabled classes during this period. Should they have any assessments during this time, they will be completed in their normal timetabled lessons.

### [September Exam Timetable 2024](#)

#### **LitNum**

LitNum assessments will take place on **Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September**. All students attempting these assessments will be notified next week.

## *Community Survey*

We are currently gathering insights from the community through our regular survey. We would appreciate you completing the survey here: <https://forms.gle/Y8bAfCBwrU9qSovA8>. The first survey was completed in Term 1, and since then we have implemented some initiatives based on the responses from you, students, and staff. These include:

- More frequent communication about attendance and engagement, including the engagement reports;
- More celebration of student successes in attendance, engagement, academic achievement and extra-curricular activities;
- More frequent communication on social media about activities and successes;
- New courses for 2025, including Samoan language and Year 13 UoA Engineering-focused courses in Calculus and Physics.
- Introducing the Schoolbridge app for easier communication between home and school.

We really appreciate the feedback from you, and it forms a major part of our strategic direction. The survey will be repeated in Term 3 of each year so that we can see what progress we have made and what we should focus on next.



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## ***BOT Student Representative 2024/2025 Term***

Nomination forms (available from Mr Waddington, Academic Advisor) should be posted or hand-delivered to Mr Waddington (Returning Officer) no later than **midday on Wednesday 28 August**. Students can nominate themselves or other students. Candidate statements: due noon Wednesday 18 September. Elections: Monday 23 September.

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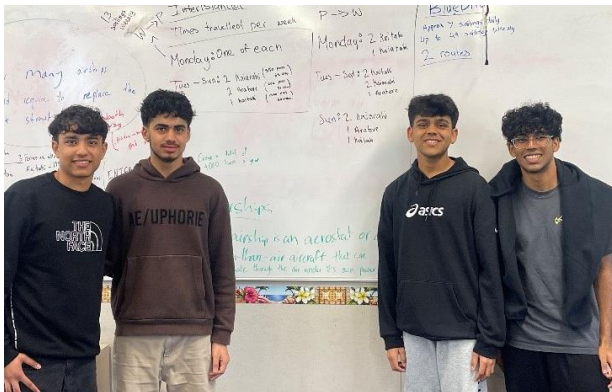
## ***NZ Engineering Competition 2024***

The 2024 competition was held on Saturday, 10 August in E block at school. The question was posted online at 10.00am and students had to compile a comprehensive report and email it to the organisers by the 6.00pm deadline. This annual competition is a problem-solving event for teams of three to four secondary students, organised by the Department of Engineering Science at University of Auckland. This year, there were a total of 284 teams participating.

**2024 Question:** How many airships would be required to replace the Cook Strait Ferries?

The question is meant to be open ended so to encourage critical thinking, use of a multitude of problems solving skills and mathematical modelling to support the teams' argument.

This year, we had 6 teams in total, consisting of students from years 11 - 12. The judges (comprised of PhD students and professors) at the university are now going through hundreds of reports and the results of the competition would be released early next term. The level of enthusiasm and eagerness to come up with a solution to the open-ended question was maintained as in the previous years.



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## 10IL Women in Technology

As part of the Sustainability theme for Term 3, 10IL had a visit from the Women in Technology group. During this session, they worked collaboratively to design a pressure system, with the aim of filling all three tanks at the same rate. They used geometry and 3D objects to calculate and build the pressure system.



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## Innovative Learning Programme

The Innovative Learning Programme at Year 9 and 10 continues to provide students with authentic and collaborative project-based learning opportunities. This programme is in its fourth year and goes from strength to strength. IL alumni carry the skills and work habits developed in their junior years through to their senior study and are being very successful.

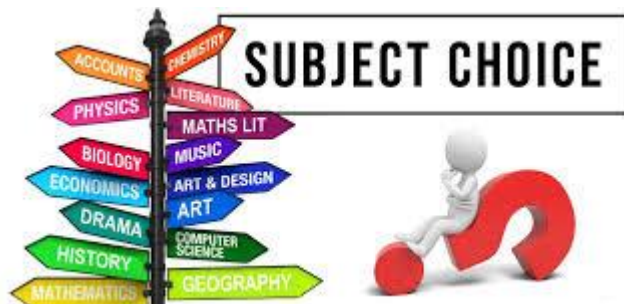
The latest IL newsletter has highlights of the Year 9 and 10 programmes, including the Year 9 Pizza Project, their work with Minecraft Education and the Wonder Project, as well as a trip to the Auckland Museum. You can read it here: [Innovative Learning Newsletter August 2024](#)

**Applications are currently open for Year 10 Innovative Learning through the Course Selection process. Incoming Year 9 students can apply for the programme during enrolment.**

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## Course Selection

The course selection deadline is Monday 26 August 2024. Please work with your child to ensure they have chosen their preferred courses for 2025. We encourage parents/caregivers to login to approve these choices <https://shorturl.at/9Oked>





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## *Cook Islands Language Week*

‘Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Airani - Cook Islands Māori Language Week 4 - 10 August.

The 2024 theme for Cook Islands Māori Language Week was ‘Ātūi’ia au ki te vaka o tōku matakeinanga - connect me to the canoe of my tribe’.

At Lynfield College we had Kuki donuts and our Young Māori Leaders created a presentation for our Hui Mai classes.

The Māori department held some competitions for learning class content and winning students enjoyed having their kuki donuts.

Kia orana!



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## *Goethe Society Oral Language Competition*

On 10 August, four Year 10, 2 Year 12 and one Year 13 German students from Lynfield College went to the University of Auckland City Campus for the Auckland Goethe Society Oral Language Competition. We had the opportunity to meet students learning German from multiple schools across Auckland such as Westlake Boys, Green Bay High School and many others. We had the opportunity to speak about ourselves, introduce ourselves and talk about interesting topics. The competition was divided into different parts. In the first part, all of us were asked to introduce ourselves one by one. Then, we were given different cards with pictures on them. We were asked to make conversations and present questions to each other based on the pictures on those cards. The conversation duration was between 15-20 minutes. At the end, we also got to devour yummy German pretzels. It was a great event to represent our Lynfield College community.

Adi Parab and Akshay Srijith, Y10 Students





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## Literacy and Numeracy Testing Results

Last term we had a good number of our Year 10 students sit the national common assessment activities in literacy and numeracy. These are co-requisites for NCEA certificates.

92% of students achieved the Writing Standard.

75% of students achieved the Reading Standard.

74% of students achieved the Numeracy Standard.

We are looking forward to seeing the national results later in the year. Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who have achieved these co-requisites.



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## 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.**

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## Olympic Honours

Congratulations to our team of ex-Lynfield College students who have just finished competing in the 2024 Summer Olympics held in Paris. It was incredible to watch our past students proudly represent their country and to be competing at such a high level.

**TYLA KING - GOLD IN NZ WOMEN'S SEVENS**

**MADDISON WESCHE - SILVER IN WOMEN'S SHOTPUT**

**ERONI LEILUA - SAMOAN MEN'S SAILING**

**KATIE BOWEN - NZ FOOTBALL FERNS**



*If your son &/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 [sport@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:sport@lynfield.school.nz).*

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## *Sports Scene*

### **JUNIOR SUMMER SPORTS**

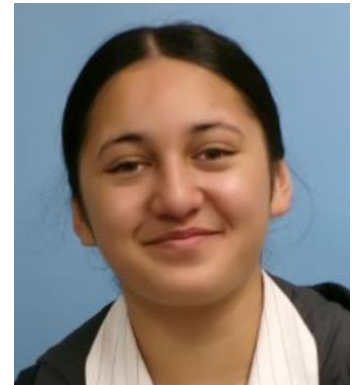
Soon we will be calling for all Y9s and Y10s interested in summer sports competitions - touch, volleyball, softball and cricket. Please check the notices on Schoology to be sure your sons/daughters do not miss signups/trials for the teams they are interested in joining.

### **REPRESENTATIVE LEAGUE**

Ka nui te mihi ki a koe Honey Reti-Hotu!

Congratulations to Honey Reti-Hotu (Y9 Pounamu) for making the under 13 Region of Origin North Team. Games kick off September 7.

Everyone from Pounamu are very proud of your achievement. Kia kaha Honey!



### **TEAM TALK**

Congratulations to the following teams for their achievements:

#### **Football**

Football Junior Gold Boys	3rd in 14B West
Football Junior Green Boys	1st in 13B Central West
Football Premier Development	9th in 15A2 Grade

#### **Hockey**

Hockey 1st XI Girls	Playoffs for 7th/8th B Grade
Hockey 1st XI Boys	12th in Open A/B

#### **Netball**

Netball Premier 1	5th in Prem 1B Grade
Netball Premier 2	5th in Senior B Grade
Netball Senior Gold	4th in Senior E Grade
Netball Senior Green	4th in Senior G Grade

### **NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK**

All the best to our tournament teams who are competing at various locations in Week 7 (2 – 6 September) in the NZSS Winter Tournament.

1 <sup>st</sup> XI Boys Football	Malcolm Cowie Tournament, Whangarei
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Girls Football	Maurice Hulme Tournament, Taupo
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Boys Hockey	Olympic Stick Tournament, North Shore
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Girls Hockey	Mary Clinton Cup Tournament, North Shore
Premier 1 Netball	Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS), Waitakere
Curling	NISS Championships, Avondale



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## 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](mailto: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.



## EDUCATING & TRAINING YOUTH TO SURVIVE, THRIVE & SAVE LIVES

**YSAR IS CALLING ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WANTING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND GAIN NATIONAL SEARCH AND RESCUE EMERGENCY RESPONSE QUALIFICATIONS.**

**LEARN SKILLS FOR LAND AND SEA**

- Survival, self-leadership and an introduction to SAR and emergency response and bush craft training.
- Search and Rescue and Emergency Response methodology.
- Learn Emergency Management, gain competencies in managing a full-scale emergency response and deploying the appropriate resources to deliver a positive outcome.

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR YSAR'S THREE YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMME**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30TH SEPTEMBER**  
**YOU MUST BE AGED 14 YEARS OR OLDER AT FEBRUARY 1**

**TO APPLY VISIT:**  
[WWW.YSAR.NZ](http://WWW.YSAR.NZ)

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We exist to empower the next generation of community-minded volunteers, achieved by enabling adventure through our leading-edge Search and Rescue and Emergency Management programme.

**Our students learn to survive, thrive and save lives**

### WHAT WE DO

We deliver a **three year training programme** to students at secondary school level that is shaped by SAR, the EM sector, Coastguard, LandSAR and others. Students learn in classrooms, on-site with sector agencies, and in the outdoors through an authentic and blended-learning approach.

The practical learning is supported by our comprehensive, easy-to-use bespoke **Learning Management System**.

**Youth Development** building confidence and leadership skills with community service principles.

### WHO'S DELIVERING YSAR?

We are fortunate to have a highly valued **team of volunteers** who are experienced, skilled and 100% focused on service delivery.

Our professional **management team** lead from the front and drive operational excellence.

Our **Board** is focused on YSAR's charitable purpose and provides best practice governance support.

**93,000+ hours** per annum committed to YSAR

### It's working!

Every year, the programme is oversubscribed. Word of mouth/student referral is our biggest success.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

- Scaling throughout New Zealand
- Continuing to be SAR's youth development partner
- Continuing to attract a diverse student cohort that reflect our community at large
- Continued alignment of our programme with SAR and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) secondary school curriculum requirements

We are grateful for our supporters, sponsors and funders. Your support enables YSAR to succeed and grow. Thank you.

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