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COLLEGE**

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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

It has been great to see our Year 12 and 13 students take their assessment opportunities so seriously over the past couple of weeks. Results from these will be used in support of a derived grade should these need to be applied for at the end of the year. Students will now be in a better position to know what they need to spend extra time on when preparing for the externals.

Leadership Voting

Next week there will be a focus on Leadership opportunities for 2025 with students standing for leadership positions delivering speeches and voting taking place. We encourage students eligible to vote to make the most of the opportunity.

News & Events

We encourage you to keep an eye on the News & Events section on the school website for additional student achievements and celebrations. Congratulations to Sascha Oldehaver on her well received presentation at the Blockhouse Bay - Lynfield Lions Club evening. We so appreciate the club's ongoing support for our students and their continued interest in, and celebration of, their achievements.

<https://www.lynfield.school.nz/News++Events/September+2024.html>

Auf Wiedersehen and Sayonara

Today we say auf wiedersehen to 21 students and 3 staff as they fly out to Germany. On Sunday we will be saying sayonara to another 20 students and 3 staff as they fly out to Japan. It is so exciting to see these cultural exchanges resume after having to put the trips on hold for the past four years due to Covid. We wish them all safe travels and look forward to them sharing their learning and improved language abilities with us upon their return.

Building Progress

Construction on the new 3 storey 30 teaching space block is scheduled to be completed over the holidays. We look forward to being able to move onto the next stage of the building's preparation, the internal fit-out, ready for it to be used for timetabled classes in 2025. There will be a photo feature on the building included in the next NewsLink.

Wishing all our students a refreshing holiday break. Term 4 starts 9.00am Monday 14 October.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 23 September

TALANOA 6 – 8pm Staffroom

Y13 DRAMA 6.30pm PAC

BOT MEETING 6.30pm

Tuesday 24 September

VOTING WEEK FOR

2025 STUDENT LEADERS

Friday 27 September

TERM 3 ENDS

Monday 14 October

TERM 4 BEGINS

Thursday 17 October

FESTIVAL AWARDS EVENING

Friday 15 November

TEACHER ONLY DAY



FESTIVAL AWARDS EVENING

We are looking forward to celebrating the Sporting, Arts and Cultural achievements of our students at the Festival Awards Evening on Thursday 17 October in the College Hall. The event will be live streamed. This year we are delighted to confirm that past Lynfield College pupil and 2024 Paris Olympian, Tyla King (Black Ferns) will be our guest speaker.

Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori

Tena koutou katoa, He nui nga mahi i tenei wiki ki te whakanuia te kaupapa o te wiki o Te Reo Māori! Ake, Ake, Ake!

At Te Kaareti o Pukewiwi (Lynfield College) we have had a multitude of celebrations for Māori language week.

From Paraoa Parai to Māorioke, whakataetae, panga, wero, kaiako and akonga quizzes, kapa haka performances, poi, rakau and many other activities using and learning Te Reo Māori.

He mihi maioha ki nga kaiako me nga akonga I awhinatia i te wiki nei. Thank you to all kaiako, in particular the Māori focus group and Young Māori Leaders for your efforts, you are all appreciated, hei mahi tahi!

Kia kaha Te Reo Māori!



Youth Vaping Awareness Week

On Wednesday, 4th September, we visited the Ficklings Convention Centre to participate as student voices on a panel advocating for a vape-free New Zealand. The event was organised by our local MP for the Puketapapa district, Dr Carlos Cheung. We were allocated 10 to 15 minutes to share our perspectives on youth vaping, during which we presented anecdotes, observations, and personal opinions.

Following our segment, Dr Kelly Burrowes, an Associate Professor at the Auckland Bioengineering Institute, delivered a presentation on respiratory health and the studies she does. Vape-Free NZ also had two speakers who shared insights on offering practical advice and strategies to help our youth make informed choices and avoid the potential harms of vaping.

After the presentations, the room was opened to questions from the audience. We addressed relevant questions directed towards us, contributing to the discussion on the impacts of vaping among youth while also addressing the need for support for students who were directly affected by this issue or were looking to quit. We were kindly supported by Ms Knell and were pleased to attend.

Alina Murumkar, Deevya Shah, Kirat Kaur, Sumedha Singaraju



Lions Club of Blockhouse Bay-Lynfield Guest Speaker, Lynfield College Student Sacha Oldehaver 11PCF

What a pleasure last night to have as our guest speaker Sascha Oldehaver, an inspirational student from Lynfield College, talking about her life's challenge of living with type one diabetes but not letting it define her as she actively seeks to gain leadership knowledge and be an example to others, acting as a coach in several sports and Pacific affairs.

Lions Club of Blockhouse Bay - Lynfield is pleased to part sponsor Sascha to attend the Future Leaders Academy in Rarotonga. Watch out to see more of this young lady. Pictured here President Janelle presents Sascha with a certificate of appreciation for her talk, which left Lions and guests overwhelmed with her ability, charm and positivity.



Story and Photos with thanks to Alan Gray (Secretary/Treasurer), from the Lions Club of Blockhouse Bay – Lynfield.



University of Auckland Economics Competition

Congratulations to Evan Huang, Year 13, who achieved Distinction in the University of Auckland Economics competition. And HUGE congratulations to Rocco Gough and Neil Sarma, Year 12, who both achieved High Distinction. Neil came 15th out of around 1500 competitors!



Evan Huang
13PHP



Rocco Gough
12RST



Neil Sarma
12JCS

InfinityPlusOne

On Thursday 5th September, we had the privilege of inviting InfinityPlusOne (Subash) for a meet and greet with all our students. Subash's incredible resources on YouTube by tutorials and live streams for NCEA Maths across levels 1-3, have helped students throughout the country revise and prepare for their exams effectively. We heard some inspiring stories, played some interactive games, had a few spot prizes and left the hall feeling motivated. The perfect addition to all of this was getting our calculators signed and taking fun photos. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our event! Emili Biswas, Assistant Academic Captain



9IL Beekeeper visit

We were very lucky to have a visit from Ken Brown from the Auckland Bee Society to discuss with the students the importance of Bees in relation to our current topic of sustainability. Ken was all geared up in his Beekeeper suit and the students got to see a real-life Beehive, minus the bees. Ken shared his knowledge about the importance of bees, how they work and some humorous characteristics. aucklandbeekeepersclub.org.nz



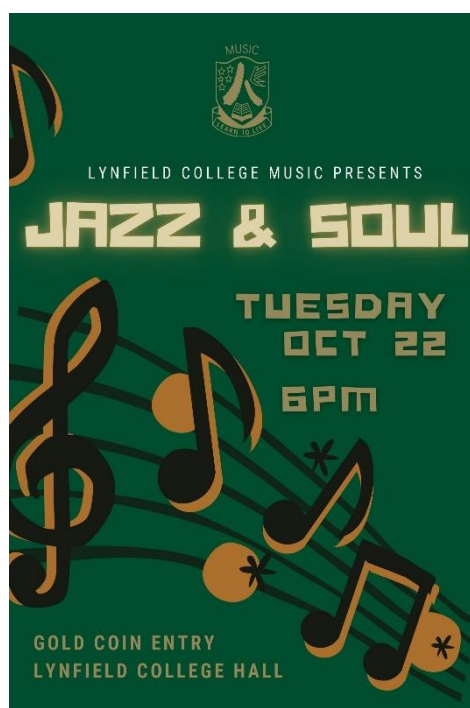
Year 11 Visual Arts Painting Students

Year 11 Visual Arts Painting students who are working on the Level 2 Achievement Standard. The students have researched cultural patterns related to their heritage and are now working to paint these on a panel into a composition of their design.



New Found Sound Competition

On Saturday 31st August, Miyu Okuwaki (Year 13) competed in the National Finals of New Found Sound at The Tuning Fork. She played two of her original songs, Worn Out Boots and Colourblind, and won the Solo/Duo category. The judges were impressed by her songwriting, and loved that she was her authentic self, with genuine lyrics. Miyu now gets to record her song at a professional studio, and it will go on Spotify!



Sports Scene

TEAM TALK

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK

The winter sports season wrapped up with NZSS Tournament Week (1 - 6 September). This year 7 Lynfield teams competed in various tournaments, playing schools from all over NZ.

The experience for the players is far greater than just the time actually playing the games. It is a unique and invaluable opportunity for many of our best sportspeople to be part of the intensity of a top-level competition, day in, day out for a week and also to share the highs, lows and fun with other like-minded players and school mates. There were several Y9 and Y10 students in our teams which sets us up well for the future.

Every one of our players represented our school with pride and determination to give their best 100% of the time they were on the field/court/turf/ice. Every one of our teams learned so much - about their skill sets, game play and themselves.

Very special thanks to all the coaches and other adults involved. Without these dedicated people our teams would never have had this experience. Then there were the supporters who travelled to watch and support from the sideline...thank you so much. The players and coaches really appreciated it.

This year's tournament results were:

Premier 1 Netball - 6th in Upper North Island Secondary Schools B grade (116 teams from 116 schools competed at Waitakere)

Curling Blizzards - 9th in North Island Secondary Schools champs

Curling Frosties - 10th in North Island Secondary Schools champs

1st XI Girls Football - 13th in Maurice Hulme Tournament (32 teams competed at Rotorua)

1st XI Boys Football - 27th in Malcolm Cowie Tournament (32 teams competed in Whangarei)

1st XI Boys Hockey - 10th in Olympic Stick Tournament in North Harbour

1st XI Girls Hockey - 26th in Mary Clinton Tournament in North Harbour





UNIFORM RETURN

With all winter sports now finished for the year please return all sports uniforms to the Sports Office by the end of the term. As per the permission slips approved at the beginning of the season, any damaged or lost uniform will need to be replaced and a Uniform Replacement Fee will need to be paid.

SUMMER SPORT

Sign-ups are underway for junior summer sports – volleyball and also for junior and senior cricket. Any queries please come to the Sports Office. Competitions for these teams begin early next term and are held at local venues. We can only enter teams in these competitions if we have coaches. At present we still need coaches for some of these sports. *Are you able to help? Do you know anyone who would be a suitable coach for one of these junior teams? If so please contact us sport@lynfield.school.nz*

Individual Sport Honours

KEVIN ZHANG Y13

On Sunday 15th September, Kevin competed in the College Sport Swimming Individual Championships. He was entered in the 100m and 200m Freestyle as well as the 200m Individual Medley. Kevin came away with a gold medal in each of the events he was entered into. Congratulations Kevin.



FIONA SIAOPO Y13

Following our Premier 1 Netball teams achievements at the UNISS Tournament, Fiona has been chosen as a part of the UNISS B Grade Tournament team! This team is a selection of the best players from all 32 teams in the B Grade section. Congratulations Fiona.



THEO HILL Y12

Theo was selected to compete in the ITF Taekwondo Nationals which were held in Palmerston North on 31st August – 1st September. Theo competed in the Male Junior Heavy 6th-5th Group Division and came away with a Silver Medal! Congratulations on your hard work and effort Theo.

Girl-Powered Workshop

The Lynfield College Robotics Group is hosting a RECF Girl Powered Workshop at Lynfield College on Friday 11th October to celebrate the International Day of the Girl. These are happening all over the world on the 11th.

Girl Powered
Redefining the face of STEM.

WORKSHOP

In celebration of International Day of Girl, Year 8 and 9 girls with an interest in STEM are invited to join us for a fun-filled day of hands-on activities. The event will start with a talk from Lara Collier from Rocket Lab then flow into a series of STEM activities for students. We will also be hearing from Women in Engineering and other women working in STEM fields. This workshop will include refreshments, giveaways and prizes.

Date: Friday 11th of October

Time: Starts at 9am, finishes at 4pm

Location: Lynfield College, 191 White Swan Road.

Registration: Workshop registration [HERE](#)

For more information about the Initiative visit [GirlPowered.com](#)

Girl Powered at Lynfield College information on [Robot Events](#)

Girl Powered at Lynfield College [Registration here.](#)



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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Our Second Hand Uniform Sale is back!

Saturday 19th October, 10.00am – 12.00pm, entry through Gate 2

NO Try ons. ONE person from each party to enter shop! All items \$20.00

We ask that only those purchasing come into the store. We will not be having try-ons so you will need to know the sizes you require before coming to the sale.

Students can come to the shop to find their sizes during shop hours prior to the sale.

For health and safety reasons, only 5 people can enter the shop at any one time. Please queue outside the rear door.

If you have any queries regarding the sale, please email uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz

Second Hand Uniform Donations

Do you have any old uniform in good condition?

We would love you to donate it to our shop before 17th October 2024.

Proceeds from all second-hand uniform sales goes directly to those students in our community who are undergoing financial hardship.

Please bring your donations to the shop, and not to school reception.

Young Māori
and Pacific Pride
Leaders present...

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WEDNESDAYS

WEEKLY ACADEMIC WORKSHOP

Open to all students!

- Unfinished work?
- Due dates looming?
- Need help?

3.15 PM - 4.30 PM
JOIN US IN I2/I3 (END OF CORRIDOR IN THE UPPER GYM)



Community News

ANIKA MOA CHE FU CORRELLA GEORGIA LINES
HOLLIE SMITH KINGS MAJIC PAIGE PERE RIA HALL
ROB RUHA SHEPHERDS REIGN TAMI NEILSON TOPP TWINS



Make history with the largest haka and enjoy an Aotearoa music extravaganza

Join us to bring the haka home
and raise funds for The Raukauri
Music Therapy Centre

Eden Park Stadium
Sunday 29 September 2024

Don't be shy, this event is for all
people of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Join us on September 29th at Eden Park for
a once-in-a-lifetime event!

Aotearoa is the home of the haka, but France
holds the GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS™ title.
Let's bring it back where it belongs!

Be part of 10,000 strong on the field, or enjoy
the stellar-line up of New Zealand artists from
the stands, and unite in reclaiming this record
and raising funds for The Raukauri Music
Therapy Trust.

Stand with us—let's make history together!

Find out details and get your tickets at:
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