



LYNFIELD
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 was so exciting to return at the start of the new school term and see all the construction hoardings removed from the new 3 storey 30 teaching space building. It looks wonderful - from the outside! Students have been peering in through the windows eager to get a peek of what the new learning spaces look like. While we have yet to receive consent to occupy we expect this to be on track in time for us to have the building blessed on Friday 15 November, our Teacher Only Day. Classes will be timetabled in the building for 2025 by which time we will have some classroom furniture.

Intrepid Travellers

Our two student friendship exchange groups returned safely from Germany and Japan having spent their time away over the holidays practising the language and immersing themselves in the culture. We are hoping that the upcoming NCEA assessments will be so much easier after this amazing experience.

Celebrating Student Success



Last night was the first of our end of year celebrations - the Festival Awards Evening. Special guest, Tyla Nathan Wong, Lynfield's alumni's most recent gold medal winning Olympian, was interviewed by the sporting trivia king, Mr Christie, who managed to share sporting information about Tyla that even she didn't know about herself!

Tyla was so very generous with her time and many photos were taken with her and her Gold medal from Paris 2024.

She is photographed here next to one of the three Honours Boards in the school hall on which she is named.

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 22 October
JAZZ & SOUL CONCERT
6.00PM IN THE HALL

Friday 25 October
YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY

Monday 28 October
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 29 October
NO CLASSES FOR
YEAR 9, 10 & 11 STUDENTS
YEAR 13 APPRECIATION DAY
Only Y13 Students on-site
SENIOR PRIZEGIVING Y13, Y12
6.30PM IN THE HALL
Friday 15 November
TEACHER ONLY DAY

Our next celebratory event is Senior Prizegiving, 6.30pm Tuesday 29 October, where our Year 12 and 13 academic achievers will be recognised. Please note, only Year 13 students will be onsite during this day.

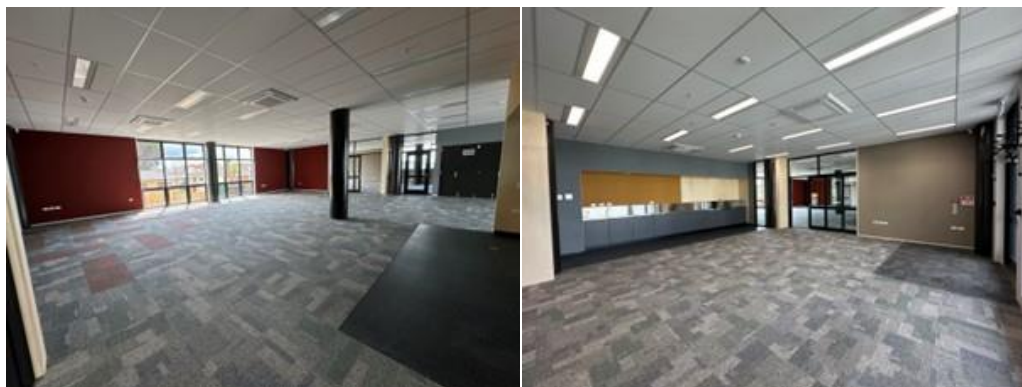
2024 Mt Roskill Art Showcase

The Mt Roskill Art Showcase opened this afternoon. It is a wonderful display of student artwork and we would encourage you to view their work while it is on display. YMCA Lynfield: 16-18 Griffen Park Rd, Mt Roskill 18 - 20 October.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal



Germany Exchange Trip Report

At the end of Week 9 Term 3, 21 students from across all year levels accompanied by three teachers embarked on a three week journey to Germany. For the first time since the pandemic we were able to visit the Ernst Haeckel Gymnasium and continue our 20 year long exchange programme.

In the first week we joined our hosts in their classes, experiencing the German High School life, participating in workshops about history, music and sport. We explored Potsdam and Berlin, learning about former emperors, the second world war and the fall of the Berlin Wall .

The second week was spent travelling to Dresden and Prague, visiting some great architectural places like the Frauenkirche, the Opera house, the castle in Prague and the concentration camp in Terezin. While in Dresden we were joined by Ms Knell for a few days, before traveling to Prague.

In our last week we returned to our hosts, continuing with more projects, for example a Claude Monet exhibition, Cold War Spy Museum and Allied museum.

A big thank you to Frau Wradatsch, Mr Winn and Ms Hunt for all the work they put in to make it happen. We had a fantastic time and experience.

Next trip 2026!



Japan Exchange Trip Report

At the end of Week 9 Term 3, 20 students and 3 staff members from Lynfield College flew out of Auckland airport heading to Japan. This was our first exchange since 2016. Our first destination was Osaka. In Osaka, we saw a variety of sights such as the busy streets of Dotonbori, Osaka castle and riding the Ferris wheel overlooking the city. The students and teachers joined a Japanese cooking class and tried on traditional Japanese clothing called yukata. Our next destination was Kyoto. In Kyoto the students experienced climbing up Fushimi Inari Taisha where you walk through a total of 10,000 Torii (gates) and climb 12,000 steps. For our final trip in Kansai we travelled to Nara. In Nara we visited different temples and shrines. We were able to feed the deer that roam freely around the town and parks. After Nara we caught the bullet train all the way from Kansai through to Shinagawa, Tokyo. On arrival students and staff members were taken to meet their host families who they stayed with for the following 2 weeks. During the weekend students went out with their host families to see many different popular sightseeing locations and to do a lot of shopping. During the week days students and staff met up at the Shinagawa council building and as a group went to a lot of popular, as well as historical locations. Our week started with meeting the mayor of Shinagawa Kyoko Morisawa and exchanging speeches and gifts. We went to such places as the Shinagawa aquarium, Tokyo SkyTree, the National Art Museum, Akasaka Palace, Nikko and even to Tokyo Disneyland. Students were not only able to see all these places but taken to try many different types of Japanese cuisine, participate in making plastic food models, carving designs into wood, making their own name stamp and even had the opportunity to join a tea ceremony known as Sadou.

During the trip we were able to visit 3 different schools in Japan, Shinagawa Joshi Gakuin, Shinagawa Gakuen and Bunkyo University Chuugakkou Koutogakkou. At these schools students were able to run activities talking about our culture here in New Zealand while also talking to the students and learning about their culture. We were able to demonstrate our school spirit and do our school haka and waiata in front of each of the schools we visited. Students participated in school sports and played games with primary school students. At our final school they were paired with buddy students and got the opportunity to attend classes with their buddy student to get an authentic Japanese high school experience. As the time came to end, we finished our final night off with the host families all together for our sayonara party. It then came time for the teary goodbyes as we got on the bus to take us to the airport as we made our way back to New Zealand.

Throughout this trip our students were given the chance to use and practice their language skills in a practical and real life setting. Their confidence in speaking and understanding the language continued to grow and bring them more motivation to study even harder. More than just the language they not only were able to learn about the rich history and culture Japan has to offer, but also were able to experience a different way of lifestyle and customs that they can add to their kete as they continue to expand their worldview. A special thanks to Yumi Ishii who helped to plan our activities while in Shinagawa and we look forward to seeing her and the students from Shinagawa when they come to visit us next year.

Participants: Reuben Alexander, Alana Anindya, Kiki Chen, Miya Chen, Naomi Ching, Mira Davy, Moeva'a Finefeuiaki, Darred Godinez, Harry Hsieh, Zack Jones, Herman Kwon, Seung Lee, William Lee, Vania Liu, Zoe Nash, Mishti Saha, Jessica Sor, Timothy Truc, Rhea Vijapurapu, Thompson Zhou

Teachers: Russell Christie, Jay Kim, Ben Storey





Media Studies Trip to the Cinema

The Level 2 Media Studies students travelled at the start of the term to Academy Cinemas in the CBD. They watched their own short films on the big screen and concluded their Westerns genre study. It was a great day out and positive end to a strong year in Media Studies.



Key Information for NZQA External Exams

Below are some links to NZQA resources that will be useful for the upcoming external exams.

NCEA Exam timetable

[2024 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE](#)

Candidate information sheet for the external exams

[Learner Information Sheet 2024](#) Please be advised that while the suggested time to show up prior to an exam is “20 minutes” we do suggest that students are on site well ahead of time.

NZQA login - where to access results when they come out in January (under learner log in)

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/>

Student Assessment Hub

Resources for your exams. How to prepare for your exams, rules, hand study tips and setting up an NZQA account if you don't have one. (Required if you are doing digital exams)

[Student assessment hub :: NZQA](#)

Digital Exams

Here is a link to a comprehensive help sheet to check your digital readiness.

[Preparing for digital assessment as a student :: NZQA](#)

Derived Grades

Where a student faces extenuating circumstances and is not able to sit their NCEA external examinations, a derived grade can be applied for using [Derived grades :: NZQA](#).

Students need to provide supporting documents that show why, for circumstances beyond their control, they: couldn't attend an external examination or submitted an incomplete externally assessed portfolio. All Derived Grades are only provisional. They are confirmed by NZQA in January when results are released.

If you have any issues about the external exams, please contact Principal's Nominee: Jennifer Moss

jmoss@lynfield.school.nz

Sascha's Give a Little Page

As featured in our last NewsLink, Sascha Oldehaver has been selected to attend the Future Leaders Academy to be held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands in April 2025. The Future Leaders Academy is a social enterprise, delivering experiential leadership training across New Zealand, Australia, and the Pacific Islands. Strengthening values, diversity, culture, and connecting with like-minded leaders, while developing essential leadership skills.

Sascha was a recent guest speaker at the Lions Club of Blockhouse Bay – Lynfield whose generous donation has started her on her goal to raise \$4,950 for the journey.

If you would like to contribute to supporting Sascha towards reaching her funding goal she has created a 'Give

a Little' page and would appreciate your support as she actively seeks to gain leadership knowledge and be an example to others, acting as a coach in sports and Pacific affairs. <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/saschaoldehaver>



Taekwondo Workshop

Last week of Term 3 saw an exciting Taekwondo workshop, organized by Ms Kim, Ms Phelan and our Arts and Cultural leaders, and Jonathan, the Korean Language Group leader. Thanks to the Korean Education Centre for funding the event and Global Martial Arts NZ for providing amazing instructors like Jung Joo Jason Kim. Around 30-40 students had a fantastic time learning the basic Taekwondo moves and its cultural significance in Korea. We look forward to seeing even more students embrace this traditional sport in the future.



Girl Powered Workshop

On October 11th, International Day of the Girl, Lynfield College Robotics hosted a Girl Powered workshop for Year 8 and Year 9 students in Auckland. This is part of an international initiative from the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation.

We were privileged to have four local women in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts Mathematics) speakers: Lara Collier from Rocket Lab, Janet Van Jenkins from Flexware, Gin Johnstone from TAP-lab Te Atatu Peninsula Makerspace, and Shreya Singaraju from Eroad NZ, to share their journey in STEAM.

The day consisted of a number of activities that enabled the girls an opportunity to think and act as engineers: a marshmallow spaghetti tower building challenge, the Da Vinci Bridge challenge, a VEX IQ robot building and teamwork tournament challenge.

Many questions were asked, where even the shyest girls raised their hands.

Many memories were made when they tried building for the first time. We felt privileged to offer this workshop to our community and hope that this event ignited curiosity in the next generation of women in STEAM.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Flexware for sponsoring this event, Mr Yearbury (TIC of Robotics) for all the preparation work to have the event, and our lovely student volunteers Daisy, Alina, and Sumedha for running the day!

Last but not least, thank you to Lynfield College for supporting us!



Talanoa Evening

The Talanoa evening was a success! It brought together students, families, and people from the community. The people who came were treated to some inspiring performances from our PCF hui mai. There was a lot of delicious food from across the pacific, enough to make sure that everyone left with their stomachs full. The Talanoa evening encouraged people to make connections through shared stories and experiences. The positive energy was felt throughout the evening and this truly showcased the strength of our Lynfield College family. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event memorable, here's to many more gatherings that celebrate our culture!

Viliami Koloto-Loholoho 9PCF

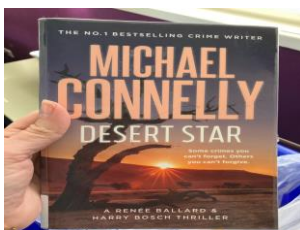


9IL Term 3 Technology and English Study

Reading Challenge

“Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers” - Harry Truman.

These days with an affinity for devices, students do not make time for reading. So, we decided that a ‘reading challenge’, to read two books this term, might aid students in developing their love of reading. Each lesson we allowed students time to read at the start, which instils calm and focus and hopefully with this regular approach, we have inspired them to enjoy reading as a hobby. An added advantage of reading is their ability to be leaders when older.



	Book	Page start	Page finish	Enjoyment
Mon				
Tue				
Wed				
Thu				
Fri				
Weekly highlights				

Pick one of the challenges to complete:

Theme Tracker:

Task: Identify and track a central theme throughout the book.

Goal: Enhance thematic analysis skills by noting how the theme evolves.

Alternate Ending:

Task: Write an alternate ending for the book.

Goal: Encourage creative thinking and understanding of plot structure.

Debate:

Task: Choose a controversial issue in the book and write a debate-style argument for both sides.

Goal: Develop critical thinking and argumentation skills.

Book vs. Movie:

Task: Compare and contrast the book with its movie adaptation.

Goal: Analyze differences in storytelling across media.

Cultural Context:

Task: Research the historical or cultural context of the book's setting and write a short report.

Goal: Gain a deeper understanding of the book's background and how it influences the story.

Character Interview:

Task: Write a set of interview questions for a character and answer them as if you were that character.

Goal: Develop insight into character development and motivations.

Plot Mapping:

Task: Create a visual plot map outlining the key events of the story.

Goal: Enhance understanding of plot structure and sequencing.

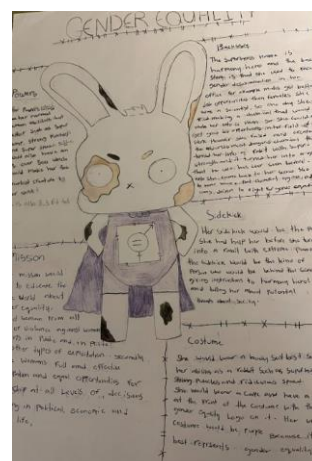
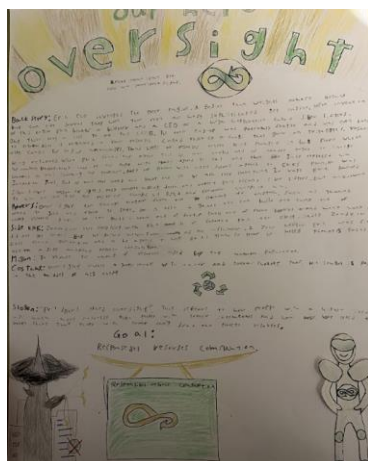
Olympic Games - Paris 2024

With the Olympics happening, we had an opportunity to inspire, excite and create awareness of our NZ athletes and the games. Students predicted the number of medals students would receive, learned about the different sports, and we discussed the profile of some ex - Lynfield College Olympians. During the unit, we watched ‘Cool Runnings’, learnt about film techniques and how to write a film essay.



Sustainable Development Goals

Students got to learn about the 17 goals of sustainable development and how they should be achieved by the year 2030. Students split into groups for each of the Sustainable Development Goals and learned how it will take the commitment of people from different types of disciplines working together to make them happen. Disciplines like engineers, scientists, mathematicians, artists, and technologists. Each group worked cooperatively to create a superhero that would help get the message across and help achieve the goal. They explained the target, the different aspects of the goal, and what it means through the superhero's powers, outfit, slogan, back story, villain, and sidekick. This was presented to the class by each group so that everyone had a better understanding of the 17 goals.



Lorelai Postlewaight's Dance Success

Lorelai has been busy dancing and achieving excellent results with a score of 99 and honours with distinction in the Intermediate Foundation Jazz, I.D.E.S curriculum. She also received Honours with Distinction for her Contemporary exam, in the N.Z.A.M.D curriculum.

For Lorelai's Ballet exam, she gained high honours, (a grade below distinction) in R.A.D curriculum (Royal Academy of Dance). Check out her pikitia (alongside members of her dance team).

Staff and students from Pounamu are proud of you.

ka nui te mihi ki a koe Lorelai!

Kia kaha!



Puketapapa Diwali Celebrations MC John Mahe

Congratulations to John Mahe (Y12) who stepped up to MC the Diwali celebrations at Puketapapa on Saturday 5 October. We received the following statement from Mrs Geetika Aulakh, Lynfield College Board of Trustees member.

"I wanted to take a moment to express how incredible John was as the emcee at the Diwali celebrations.

He truly lit up the stage! His confidence and the way he kept the audience engaged throughout the event were fantastic. What really stood out was how he infused his own personality into the role, even going above and beyond by singing Bollywood songs, which made the crowd ecstatic! It's clear that John has a natural talent for public speaking and leadership. Everyone in the audience, including myself, was thoroughly impressed by his performance.

I felt incredibly proud, as he not only shone personally but also highlighted the talent and opportunities that Lynfield College has to offer."



Sports Scene

TEAM TALK

VOLLEYBALL

It has been incredible to have such great numbers and enthusiasm from Juniors for the Volleyball season in term 4. Thankfully, through Mr Jamieson's hard work; we have had the support to run 3 teams who began their competitions this week and came away with some great results.

CRICKET

The term 4 Cricket competitions will be getting started this week with our 1XI Cricket Boys team playing against Selwyn College 1XI in the 1A Limited Overs Grade. The boys had some great momentum towards the end of the term one season and are looking to carry that over into this season, aiming to secure playoffs for a Premier Grade opportunity.

Girls Cricket matches will be starting on Wednesdays of week 2. Since the departure of Swatna Lal who left a huge impact on Girls Cricket, it is awesome to still have so many keen students having a go at cricket and competing at a high level.

Junior Boys Cricket trials will be held on the 22nd of October on the school field. Their season will begin on the 2nd of November and will hopefully be a challenging and successful season for the team.

UNIFORM RETURN

Please ensure all sports uniforms have been returned to the Sports Office as soon as possible unless they are currently being used for cricket or volleyball. *When the uniform is returned the uniform replacement fee will be removed from your child's account*, as per the letter your son/daughter brought home at the beginning of the season.

CAN YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HELP IN ANY WAY WITH SPORT IN 2025?

This year we have had to restrict the number of teams in some sports because we simply could not find coaches and/or managers to cater for all our students wanting to play sport.

We urgently need coaches and facilitators/managers for our Term 1, 2025 summer sports teams especially cricket and volleyball coaches. To facilitate a team you need NO knowledge of the sport. The role could involve communicating with the coach to help them as needed with organisational tasks but more likely your help with organising transport (eg sorting our carpooling) and possibly providing transport would be greatly appreciated.

We are currently recruiting coaches and facilitators for our 2025 winter sports too. Here the need is for coaches in basketball, netball, hockey and boys football.

Every team must have a coach and facilitator/manager. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping in any way by becoming a part of the Lynfield Sport team, please contact the Sports Office:

09 627 0600 ext 595 sport@lynfield.school.nz

Remember, to be a team manager/facilitator, no knowledge of the sport is needed. It is simply a communication role.

Individual Sport Honours

SIONE APELU Y12

Sione was selected for the Netball Waitakere U20 Men's Netball team who competed towards the end of last term in the NZMMNA Netball Nationals held in Mt Maunganui. Sione's team came away from the tournament as Champions, meaning Sione is both an U20 and U18 Mens Netball Champion. Congratulations Sione.



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.

Uniform & Stationery Shop

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.



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

ART EXHIBITION

For those interested in seeing Artworks created by students from the local Mount Roskill area, there is an Art Exhibition being held at the local YMCA Lynfield. Come along and see, it is free!

Opening times are between 10am - 5pm on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October (This weekend)!

Lynfield College will have students work on display ranging from Year 9 up to Year 13. Works on display cover painting/printmaking/digital illustration and photography.

2024 MT ROSKILL ART SHOWCASE

Hosted by Mt Roskill MP Dr Carlos Cheung, the Mt Roskill Art Showcase is open to all schools and students in the Mt Roskill electorate to showcase all forms of art and creativity to the Mt Roskill Community.

18 – 20 October 2024

**YMCA Lynfield: 16-18 Griffen Park Rd,
Mt Roskill**

Open to students and members of the public - No cost



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