



**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**

You will have received the first engagement report for Term 2 this week. Do please take the time to celebrate any improvements from last term as well as discussing with your child how they can be supported in shifting from a 'red' or an 'orange' by week 6 when the next report will be issued. In support of this, time in class will continue to be a focus. The recent wet weather has highlighted the need for travel plans to be reviewed in support of ensuring that all students are in class by 9am. Those with 3 or more 'lates' will be required to make up the learning time lost.

### **Peace Week**

Our Korowai value for Term 2 is Manaakitanga. For week 3 the focus has been on "we see compassion when teachers and students notice when someone is struggling and offer support without making them feel bad". Next week the focus will be "we show compassion by welcoming new people, standing up for others, and making sure no one feels left out". Both of these are particularly relevant to student action during Peace Week which culminated in today's Pink Shirt Day. It was awesome to see student leadership in play with Y9 students hosting their assembly and students from the Hui mai reps and Safe Schools group organising resources and activities. We look forward to our students carrying the themes from Peace Week into their ongoing interactions with others throughout the year.

### **Support Staff Week**

This week is also the week that New Zealand celebrates and acknowledges the huge input that Support Staff in schools make in providing a safe and supporting environment for teachers to teach and students to learn. A message of appreciation was conveyed by the School Board along with a 'sweet treat' for our 57 Support Staff. Students and staff have also passed on messages of appreciation.

***Ngā mihi nui to our Support Staff - we see you, we appreciate you and we couldn't do it without you!***

### **Alumni**

We are celebrating Evan Huang, a recent past pupil, in this edition after hearing that he has been offered places at 5 of the top universities in the USA. We thank Evan for taking the time to send messages of appreciation to all the teachers and staff who helped him achieve these offers and wish him every success at Caltech, his chosen university. If you are aware of other Lynfield past pupils who are making their mark on the world, do let us know as we would love to showcase them on a more regular basis.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

**Tumuaki | Principal**

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## COMING EVENTS

**Monday 19 May**

**CULTURAL & LEADERSHIP  
PHOTOS**

**Tue 20, Wed 21, Thu 22 May**

**LITNUM EXAMS**

**Wednesday 21 May**

**CAREERS OUTWEST EXPO**

**Monday 2 June**

**KINGS BIRTHDAY OBSERVED  
SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK**

**Tuesday 3 June**

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Tuesday 17 June**

**TALANOA EVENING**

**Thursday 19 June**

**WHANAU HUI**

**Friday 20 June**

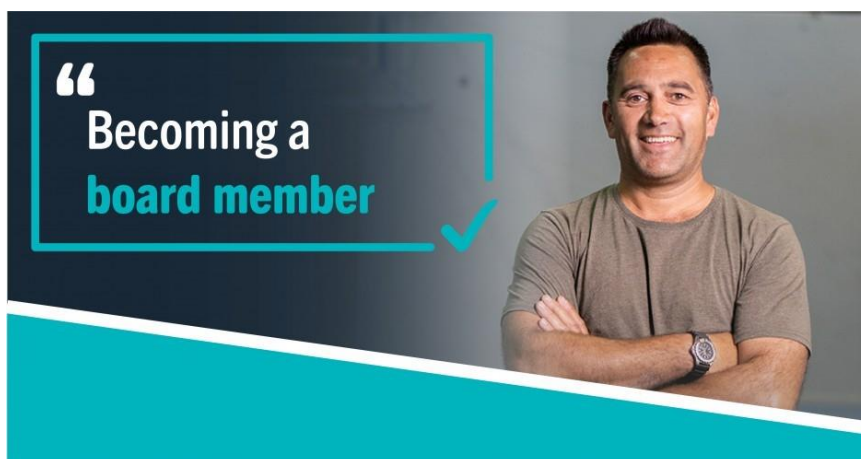
**MATARIKI HOLIDAY**

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## School Board Elections

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

THIS YEAR IS ELECTION YEAR.



**NOMINATIONS WILL BE SOUGHT IN JULY AND CLOSE 12.00PM WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST.**

For more information <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

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## Reminders for LitNum Exams

If your child is sitting **literacy and numeracy exams** in **weeks 4 and 5**, please check that they know the following and encourage them to be prepared.

- [Timetable for LITNUM exams](#)
- All exams are in the Hall – meet in the courtyard
- Students need to arrive promptly (Morning 1 and 2 by 9am, Midday 1 and 2 by 11.25am, Afternoon 1 and 2 by 1.40pm)
- Chrome books need to be charged and working
- Bring a ruler and [approved calculators](#) for the Numeracy assessment
- Students will need to know their NZQA password to log in

[This video gives an overview of what the platform for digital assessments looks like](#)

[How to log in to a digital assessment](#)

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## From Lynfield to Caltech – Thank You

**BY EVAN HUANG (CLASS OF 2024)**

My name is Evan Huang, and I'm honoured to share that I have been accepted to the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) to study Engineering and Computer Science. Caltech is consistently ranked among the top 10 universities globally and is renowned for being academically rigorous, its groundbreaking research, and a remarkable legacy of Nobel laureates—over 47 to date.

Each year, Caltech admits only around 40 international students. I am deeply humbled to be the only student from New Zealand accepted this year. Caltech has long been a dream school—one that once felt impossibly distant. But thanks to the incredible support I received at Lynfield College, that dream is now a reality.

My five years at Lynfield were filled with opportunities to explore and grow, from VEX Robotics and science fairs to scholarship classes, leadership roles, and extracurricular activities. I would like to thank all the staff at Lynfield for supporting me every step of the way. I'm deeply grateful to be part of this amazing community.

To current students: No elite university is out of reach. Dream big, work hard, and believe in yourself.





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## Peace Week at Lynfield College

In Week 3, Lynfield College celebrated Peace Week and participated in Pink Shirt Day to raise awareness about mental health, anti-bullying, and inclusivity, and to continue to support our safe school environment. On Friday 16th May, students were encouraged to wear pink and show support for those who have experienced bullying and to promote kindness and respect.

As part of Peace Week activities, students wore ribbons to show support against bullying, a bake sale was held to raise money for mental health, and chalk drawings were created at the school entrance to spread positivity as students walked in. The D'Cafe made delicious pink strawberry milkshakes, and on Friday lunchtime there was a pink photobooth to showcase everyone's amazing pink outfits! It was a great week to show support as a school.







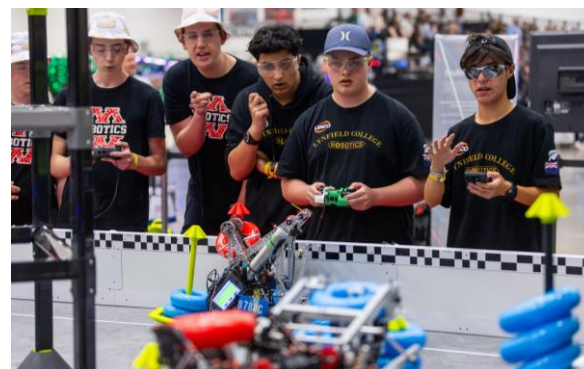
## ***Lynfield Robotics Team – World Championships***

### **A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS OF LYNFIELD COLLEGE ROBOTICS**

What an incredible opportunity it was for the Lynfield Robotics team 2915E to go to the World Championships again this year. The last few days were intense and challenging for the team. In the qualification matches, we won 8 matches and lost 2, leaving our team ranked 14th out of 83 teams in the Engineering division before the elimination rounds.

Our team made it to the elimination rounds, but unfortunately, were knocked out in the first round of 16 in a very close match, with a score of 19-16. Nevertheless, we are very proud of how well we did and the effort we put in this whole 2024/25 season.

We would like to say another massive thank you to all our donators, sponsors and supporters. Lynfield College Robotics cannot thank you enough for giving our students this amazing opportunity to represent our country in something they love. We wouldn't have been here without you.



## ***Careers OutWest Expo***

On Wednesday 21 May, all Y12 students will be attending the West Auckland Career Expo at Trusts Arena in Henderson. The students will be visiting between 11.30am - 12.30pm before returning to school. All families are welcome to attend the expo after 2.00pm when it will be open to the public. We encourage you to return with your child if there is anything of any interest they wish to explore further. A list of all the exhibitors can be found at [Exhibitor Info Careers Out West 2025.pdf](#). This expo is also open to Y13s and their families after 2pm.





### *Chelsea Sugar Factory Trip*

On Friday 2nd of May, the Y11 Commerce students went out on a bus trip to Chelsea Bay, home to the famous Chelsea Sugar Factory. When we arrived, all the students were immediately blinded by all the pink decor inside. The students were divided into 3 groups and undertook a series of rotations. The first rotation started off with the interactive zone where we got time to explore in a hands-on area where we all learned facts about the origin of Chelsea sugar and Edmonds sure to rise. For our second rotation, we went on a full tour of the factory which began with putting on our pink vest and helmet and we hopped onboard the Chelsea train which rode us to each section. We learnt about the process of sugar from importation to packaging, before it reaches supermarket shelves and had the chance to taste-test the various syrups sold by Chelsea. The last rotation was a baking session in which we made delicious Yo-Yo cookies, made even tastier with the Chelsea products we used! As a final treat, we each were given a small baking book to take home, filled with recipes we could bake in the future. By Anna Pareja 11KHN



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## Engagement Reports

Week 3 Engagement Reports are now on the portal. We encourage you to discuss your child's report with them. For any queries regarding your child's report please contact their Hui mai teacher.

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## Message from our School Nurse

### MEASLES

Measles is a very contagious viral illness that spreads easily between people and makes most people feel very unwell. It can also cause serious health problems.

We are starting to see more measles in Aotearoa. Please check the link below to see if you were at any of the locations of interest on the same days and at the same times mentioned, and follow the relevant advice for close or casual contacts.

<https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/about-measles/measles-locations-of-interest-in-aotearoa-new-zealand>

The measles vaccine is very effective at preventing measles.

The measles (MMR) vaccine is free for all children under 18 years in New Zealand, and all adults over the age of 18 who are eligible for free NZ healthcare.

For more information about measles and it's symptoms, see: <https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/about-measles>

Because measles is so contagious, it is important to call your healthcare provider before you visit them in person. Please if you are concerned about measles symptoms, either call your GP or Healthline for advice - do not send your child to school before doing so.

### PHYSIOTHERAPY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE

Physiotherapist, Sacha MacBain, is working at the Health Centre Monday and Wednesday, 7.30am until 3.30pm, and Friday 8.00am - 12pm. The physiotherapist visits from Green Bay physios - [www.greenbayphysio.co.nz](http://www.greenbayphysio.co.nz).

Please, if you have had an accident-related injury and would like to have a physio appointment, make an appointment by emailing or visiting myself or Nicky Pin in Student Services.

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## Year 9 Te Reo classes learn the school haka and waiata

Over the past few weeks akonga in 9MAO classes have been demonstrating our school value of Whanaungatanga tika (building positive relationships) through learning our school haka and waiata together. The purpose for this activity is to have the tools in their kete to welcome roopu to Lynfield College, eg manuhiri during visits and to instil mana and pride in their school each time they perform these items.

Ka nui te mihi ki nga kaitautoko o te roopu kapa haka, Raydyn Herewini, Lucia Menon and Lovely Motufoaki.

Hei mahi tahi





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## Lynfield College's first ever second-hand clothes swap

### HOSTED BY THE STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

We're excited to launch our very first Clothes Swap at Lynfield College - a fun and eco-friendly way for students to refresh their wardrobes without spending a cent!

As part of this initiative, we are reaching out to parents and whānau for support.

#### How You Can Help

We are collecting **clean, good-quality second-hand clothing** that your children no longer wear or have outgrown. These items will be part of our Clothes Swap event, helping students participate in sustainable fashion and reducing textile waste.

Please no damaged, stained, or poor-quality items - only donations in good condition, suitable for rewearing.

#### Donations Can Be Dropped Off

Main School Reception

Week 3: 14th - 16th

Week 4: 19th - 23rd

Week 5: until Tuesday 27th May

#### Event Details for Students

**When:** Week 5 - Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 May

**Where:** Outside the Upper Gym

**Who:** Open to all students

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to learn the values of **reuse, recycle, and rewear** - all while revamping their wardrobes and supporting a more sustainable future.

Thank you for your support in making this student-led initiative a success!



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## Tilly Wells and Fan Club win National Battle of the Bands Competition

Congratulations to current student Tilly Wells and alumni Caleb Young and Emma Wagner on their incredible achievement as members of the indie-rock band Fan Club, who have just been named winners of the 2025 Radio BurgerFuel x JB Hi-Fi Battle of the Bands.

Tilly, who plays bass in the band, represented Lynfield College with Fan Club back in 2023, when they took first place in the Auckland Central Smokefree Rockquest Finals and were selected as one of the Top 30 bands in the country. Since then, the band has continued to grow in strength and popularity, playing major venues across the North Island and building a reputation as one of New Zealand's most exciting young acts.

The Radio Burger Fuel x JB Hi-Fi Battle of the Bands competition drew entries from talented bands across Aotearoa. Fan Club's energetic performance, catchy sound, and tight musicianship secured them the win. As part of their prize package, they received:

\$5,000 cash for the band

\$1000 JB HI-FI voucher

A year's supply of Burger Fuel for each member



A spot to play at Burger Fuel's Friday Night Bites, a Burger Fuel Head Office exclusive event

Their music featured on Radio Burger Fuel's Playlist, streaming to 61 stores nationwide for the year and in JB HI-FI stores nationwide

Promotion via Burger Fuel's socials and blog series - promoted to the masses

Fan Club will use the cash to record and release more music. You can listen to their music here: [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#)

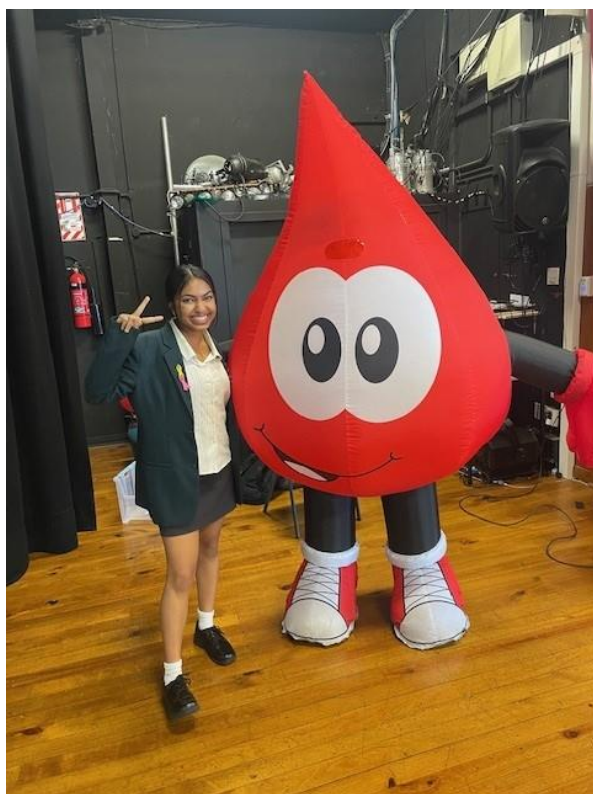
Now, Fan Club is preparing for one of their biggest opportunities yet — they've been selected as the sole support act for Australian band Ball Park Music, performing at The Tuning Fork on 7th June. Ball Park Music are a well-known name in the Australian indie scene and will soon be supporting none other than Oasis on their upcoming Australian tour leg.

You can read more about the competition [here](#) and check out Fan Club's official interview [on the Burger Fuel website here](#). Tickets to their Tuning Fork gig: [Click here](#)

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## Blood Day

Last week was our annual Blood Collection day at Lynfield College. We had a record-breaking list of sign-ups this year and incredible enthusiasm from students from Years 12 and 13. Thanks to everyone who rolled up their sleeves, we collected enough life-saving blood to help 123 people in need. A huge thank you to our school community, and in particular Nessa Isaac and Jonathan Mar for coordinating this year's Blood drive. We look forward to seeing if next year's seniors can do even better!





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## Gateway Programme

### Parents - WE NEED YOU for the Lynfield College Gateway Programme

Parents who are in the Construction Industry – we need you! Please consider hosting a Gateway student for 1 day per week for about 5 weeks of Gateway Work Experience. This allows our students to be in an environment where they can do research about the industry and to actually talk to the specialists in the industry. Career research tells us that Work Experience is highly impactful on student career decision making as they navigate the beginning of their Career Journey. Please consider partnering with our school.

Contact: Esther Harvey, Careers / Gateway, Email: [eharvey@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:eharvey@lynfield.school.nz)

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## Tahatu Career Navigator

Tahatu Career Navigator is the new Tertiary Education Commission Career website. It is designed for anyone from 5 years to 70 years navigating a new career journey or changing your career journey.

Link: <https://tahatu.govt.nz/>

### Suggested starting points:

#### Interest Quiz

Explore career ideas based on the results of your Interest Quiz

Check out study ideas based on your career ideas you want to explore.

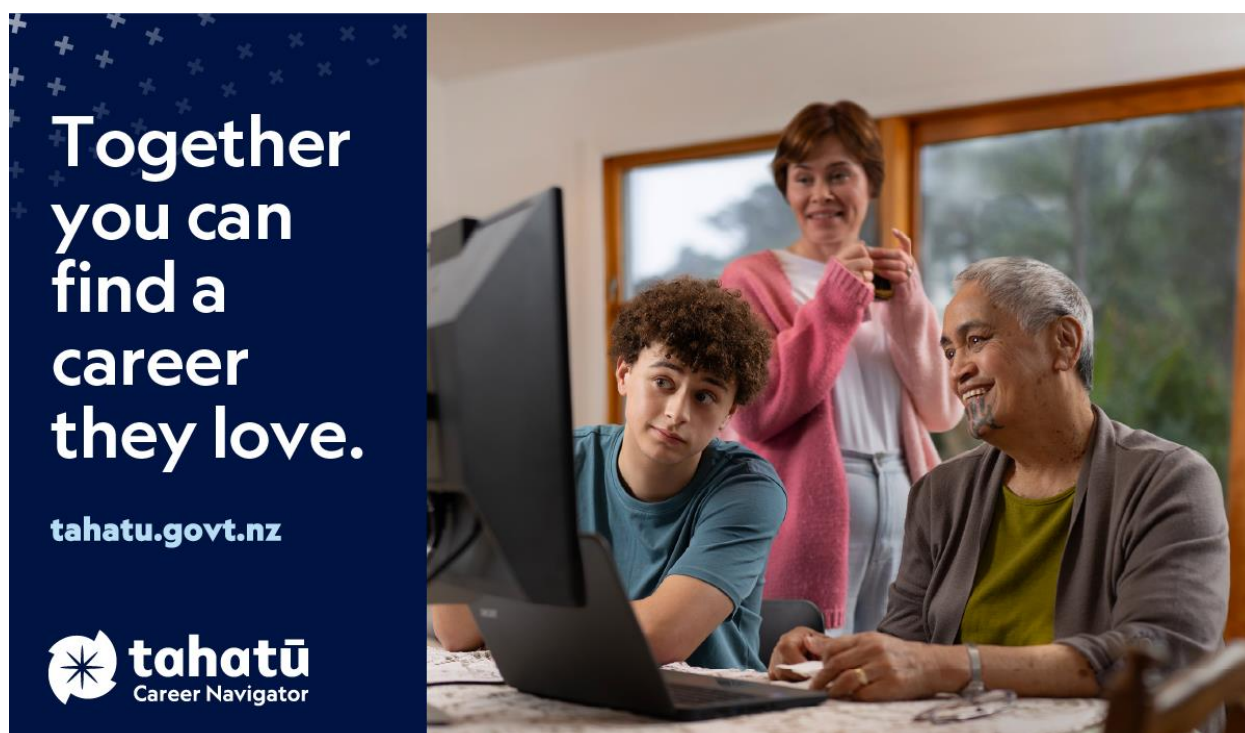
Check out the actual work (industries) you are interested in

### Things to remember:

The Interest Quiz is not to tell you what you should do or be but rather, to give you ideas explore to encourage you to be proactive.

Get your parents onto Tahatu with you.

Careers staff are at school to have career conversations with.



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## Have you downloaded our SchoolBridge App yet?

This gives you easy access to report an absence, see attendance, results, ability to pay any fees, see sports draws, and reports. Information about the app and login details can be found [here](#)



<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/schoolbridge/id1563090571>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.inboxdesign.SchoolBridgeApp>

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## Lynfield College Teacher Aides

There are 18 teacher aides in Lynfield's Learning Support Department, four of whom are male. One of the positions is a job share. Their ethnic range reflects that of the school – Indian, Samoan, Tongan, Afghan, Pakistani, Irish, English and home-grown Kiwis – some with roots in Croatia & Quebec in Canada. Over half have university degrees but the most essential qualifications these people display are initiative, empathy, well-honed powers of observation, problem solving skills and dedication to helping students achieve their goals. A sense of humour is essential in their job and this trait is present in all of them. Their tasks range from personal care through to helping students in Yrs 9-13 in all curriculum areas. They also act as reader writers when necessary for students who require Special Assessment Conditions. Their hours of work are from 8.30 am to 3.20pm (paid term time only). The work they do keeps this school of 2000 students and 180 staff going and we are grateful to them. We are currently advertising for more teacher aides and, in the past we have received many applications from dedicated people who want to make a difference. This week is **Support Staff Appreciation Week** so we, at Lynfield, want all our support staff to know how highly they are valued.

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## Individual Sports Honours

We have 3 incredible athletes who have been selected by Netball Waitakere to compete in several competitions as well as a North Island Tournament later this year:

### SIONE APELU, Y13

U18 1 Netball Waitakere

### ADDISYN LENE, Y13

U18 2 Netball Waitakere

### AYLA RAKI Y12

U18 2 Netball Waitakere



Sione Apelu  
Year 13



Addisyn Lene  
Year 13



Ayla Raki  
Year 12

*If your son and/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

### Archery

#### ANIKA WONG DOES IT AGAIN!

College Sports Matchplay was held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The archers shot the ranking round in the morning, which set up the matches for the afternoon. Anika qualified in 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in the **barebow** division.

The Matchplay is 'sudden death' format. You have to win every match or you are eliminated. Anika won three rounds then shot superbly to beat a Western Springs opponent in the semi-final which set her up for the final match, also against Western Springs.

In an exciting finish, Anika won **Silver** to add to the **Silver** she won in the College Sports League.

Congratulations, Anika!



### SPECTATORS AT GAMES

Spectators are always welcome at games. It is great to see the interest and support from friends and family. It creates a lively and positive atmosphere.

A reminder that our school is a smoke-free environment. This includes vaping. We ask that all spectators and players respect this policy.

We would prefer you don't bring your dogs to games. However, if you need to, we ask that they be leashed and under control at all times. To ensure the safety and comfort of all our visitors, we ask for your cooperation in maintaining control of any dogs brought to games.

Please remember that match officials are volunteers and are doing their best to provide an enjoyable game for all players. Please treat them with the kindness and respect they deserve.

Thank you for your understanding and efforts in helping us maintain a healthy and welcoming environment at our school.

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## ***Please Help Support Kowhai Kai***

Kōwhai Kai is a student wellbeing programme that supports Lynfield College students and their whānau who are experiencing hardship. At the start of lunch time, kai is provided in D12 for students who do not have the means to bring lunch to school. If you want to find out more, you can contact Mr Dye, Deputy Principal [edy@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:edy@lynfield.school.nz) This has been able to operate thanks to the generosity of our community. We would love to make connection with new corporate sponsors.

**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO: LYNFIELD COLLEGE, 12-3049-0248027-00, REF: KŌWHAI KAI**

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## ***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

### **SECOND HAND CLOTHING**

The Uniform and Stationery Shop also sells second hand items. We ask that if you wish to purchase the second hand items, you do not come during student's morning tea or lunchtimes.

**Please be aware that we do not have the full size range in the second hand items. Proceeds from secondhand uniform sales go to our hardship fund to support students in need.**

### **LYNFIELD COLLEGE BLAZER**

The Lynfield College blazer is available to all students. The cost is \$260 and it can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. We only have a few available in each size at the moment, but if we have high demand, more stock can be brought in.

### **ONLINE ORDERING**

Online ordering is available through our website <https://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. Orders are usually ready the next day.

### **RETURNS POLICY**

We require a purchase receipt, tags and the skirt "runner stitch" 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.**





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## Community News

Please Note: Students who are currently enrolled at the University of Auckland are not eligible to participate in this survey.

# INVITING RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS



## ASPIRATIONS OF INDIAN IDENTITY YOUTH IN AOTEAROA-NEW ZEALAND: BARRIERS & ENABLERS

### You are the ideal participant

\*Participants with existing relationships with researchers and current University of Auckland students will be excluded from the study.

#### If you:

- Identify as Indian
- Are 18 to 21 years old
- Completed Year 12/13 in New Zealand
- Currently reside in Auckland

SCAN QR CODE TO PARTICIPATE



**EACH  
PARTICIPANT  
GETS A \$30  
PREZZY CARD.**

Contact Abhilasha Gandhi, the Doctoral candidate and Researcher with any questions - [abhilasha.gandhi@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:abhilasha.gandhi@auckland.ac.nz)



Approved by the University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for three years. Reference Number UAHPEC28462