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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.

### **Warm greetings – Guten Tag and Talofa Lava**

This week, our German Language learners organised a range of activities to celebrate **German Language Week**, filling the school with enthusiastic German conversation — Glückwunsch! Next week we celebrate **Samoan Language Week**. With the shortened week (King's Birthday on Monday and Teacher Only Day on Tuesday), some celebrations have already begun, including student presentations to staff and Year 9s — Fa'amalo, malo le taumafai!

### **Assessments and Course Progress**

The school hall recently served as an assessment centre for the Literacy and Numeracy assessments. Congratulations to our students for their focus, and thanks to the staff for their extensive preparation. With Term 2's busy assessment schedule, students are encouraged to use Tuesday's Teacher Only Day to stay up to date with coursework.

### **Korowai Value Focus: Manaakitanga**

This week we have emphasised **Manaakitanga** - **showing respect by listening and treating everyone with kindness**. While reminders have been needed for some students, we are grateful to those who step up, call out unacceptable behaviour, and help maintain a positive environment. Next week the emphasis will be **Manaakitanga** - **showing respect by looking after our school environment and using positive language with teachers and classmates**.

### **Uniform Reminder**

A Lynfield jumper was kindly returned to the College by a community member who found it on the walkway between Mariposa Ave and The Avenue. Sadly, it wasn't named. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled to assist with returning lost property.

### **Community Support**

Thank you to The Athlete's Foot for their ongoing support. Every purchase that mentions Lynfield College contributes \$10 to our hardship fund, directly supporting our students.

### **Alumni News**

In this issue of NewsLink, we celebrate more achievements of our Class of 2024 alumni. We look forward to sharing further updates in future editions.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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## COMING EVENTS

**Monday 2 June**  
**KINGS BIRTHDAY OBSERVED**  
**SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK**

**Tuesday 3 June**  
**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**Thursday 12 June**  
**WHANAU HUI**

**Tuesday 17 June**  
**TALANOA EVENING**

**Friday 20 June**  
**MATARIKI HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday 25 June**  
**WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS**  
**Wednesday 25 – Saturday 28**

**June**  
**PRODUCTION WEEK**  
**Friday 27 June**  
**TERM 2 ENDS**

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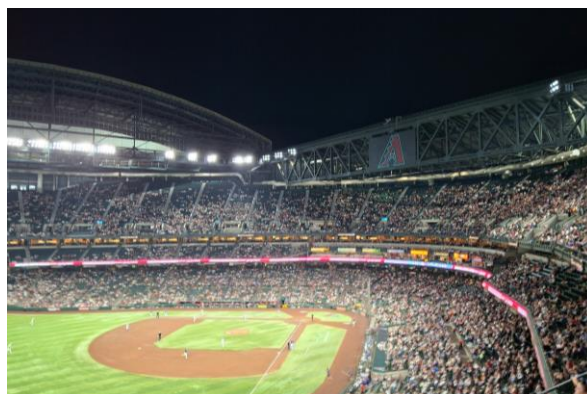
## Lynfield College Alumni News

### CALUM BINT (HEAD BOY 2024)

Calum Bint completed the Gateway Programme last year with flying colours, spending time at the Auckland Aero Club. Towards the middle of last year, he applied for the new Mangōpare Air New Zealand Pilot Cadetship programme in which he earned himself one of 30 places, out of over 2,000 applicants.

<https://www.airnewzealandnewsroom.com/press-release-dreams-take-off-as-air-new-zealands-first-pilot-cadets-begin-training>

Being the youngest cadet, Calum is in the last cohort of the programme having been in Phoenix, Arizona, now for two weeks. The cohort is still waiting for their security clearance so that they can start flying. I imagine Calum is champing at the bit to get into the cockpit. From the photos Calum has sent us, it looks like they've been making the most of exploring the area and took in a game of American baseball as well.



### KEVIN ZHANG (2024 DUX LUDORUM & TYLA NATHAN-WONG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR)

From the 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of May, Kevin competed in the 2025 New Zealand Swimming Championships held at the Sir Owen G Glenn National Aquatic Centre, achieving excellent results. Although Kevin is only 18, his times also count towards the Men's Open Grade competitions.

#### **Open Age Results:**

Gold – 200m Freestyle

Silver – 200m Individual Medley

Bronze – 200m Breaststroke

#### **17-18 Age Group Results:**

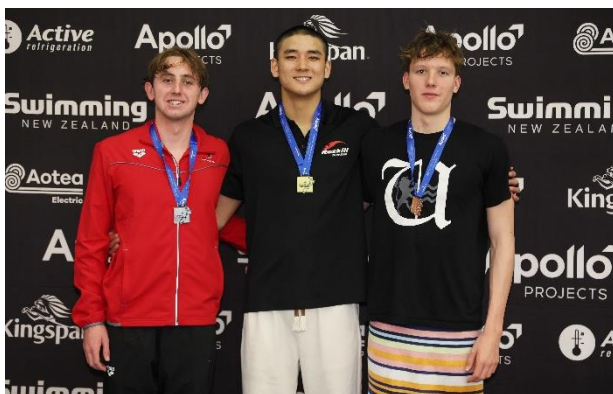
Gold – 200m Breaststroke

Gold – 200m Freestyle

Gold – 200m Individual Medley

Silver – 100m Freestyle

In his 200m Individual Medley race, Kevin swam 2:04.40 which is an improvement on his Personal Best from 2023, and he will be looking to continue improving his Personal Bests at his next event. We've seen Kevin get faster year by year and look forward to seeing where his career goes to next.



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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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## German Immersion Weekend, Wellington

The German Immersion Weekend in Wellington was an incredible opportunity. Around 10 enthusiastic students from all across New Zealand took part in this unique experience. We learnt about German culture, food, and way of life, as well as the German dialects spoken in neighbouring countries.

The weekend was packed with fun activities, and we were constantly engaged and enjoying ourselves. A personal highlight for me was touring Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington and taking part in a German university-style lesson. It gave me a real taste of what studying at a German-speaking institution might be like.

Honestly, this was one of the best trips I've ever been on, and I highly recommend applying if you get the chance. I made so many new friends and unforgettable memories.

A huge thank you to Frau (Mirjam) Wradatsch for always encouraging me to do my best in German class. And all the best to Lynfield College student, Maren Capps, who will be heading off to Sankt Peter-Ording later this year!

**Bis bald und danke schön! Izak van Niekerk (12PHL)**



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## Lynfield College Rocks!

Nine Lynfield College bands took the stage for the Smokefree Rockquest Auckland Central Heats earlier in May. There were 52 bands performing on the night, with only 12 making it through to the next stage.

Of the 9 Lynfield bands, Soular, Nø Aid and The Wang and Bone Company have managed to make it into the Regional final, which takes place on Friday 6th June. All of the groups played extremely well, and wrote some great songs.

Tickets are available for the regional final at the following link:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/smokefreerockquest-auckland-central-final/auckland/freemans-bay>

It would be great to have as much support for our students as possible, so come along!



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## Chess Competition

Lynfield's Chess team, comprising Ayaan Vasudeva, Amy Hawke, Izak van Niekerk, Mahant Agrawal, Sia Pai, Sultanbeer Singh, Alan Li, Neil Sarma, and Zack Jones, performed exceptionally well at the Chess Power Regional tournament held on Friday 16th May. After playing seven rounds, they secured a remarkable 5<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Three of our players were awarded special badges for their exceptional wins and moves, while everyone else received a credit certificate. The arbiter announced that Ayaan Vasudeva had played the most challenging games of the tournament.

Ayaan's outstanding performance was recognised with a medal, an excellence certificate, and an invitation to the National Individuals tournament, which will be held in October.



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## Please Use Pedestrian Crossings

Students are reminded to use the White Swan Road and Boundary Road pedestrian crossings if they cross the road coming to school and leaving school. Students are also reminded that they must not cross the road between cars.

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## Careers News

### CAREERS OUTWEST EXPO PRIZE

Congratulations Ruby Thomas who won a wireless Headphone set from TechStep, Auckland Business Chamber, by signing up to their competition at the Careers Out West Expo last Wednesday 21 May 2025.

### DRIVER LICENCE



Did you know that you can sit your Learner Licence at the age of 16 yrs old?

**Do you have your Learner Driver Licence???**

If not, check this out ...

NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) Driver Licencing: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roadcode>

In this website you'll find the complete NZ Road Code (to study) as well as practice theory questions that you will potentially get asked in this Theory ONLY test.



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## Innovative Learning

We welcomed families of the Year 9 Innovative Learning class in this week to hear about the programme from the students. Groups spoke about their learning experiences and showed off their products. Parents commented on how connected the learning was, with similar themes and knowledge being applied across the curriculum. The students also spoke positively about the high level of collaboration and support in the class and how much they enjoyed learning together.

A newsletter is produced throughout the year to showcase what happens in Innovative Learning. You can see the latest edition here: [Innovative Learning newsletter Term 1 2025](#)

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## *LitNum Exams*

Over the past 2 weeks many of our students have sat the Literacy and Numeracy exams. Over 7 sessions, 337 students sat Reading, 116 sat Writing and 571 sat Numeracy. All exams were completed digitally.

Well done to our students who were calm, punctual, and well organised. Thank you to the English and Maths departments, and Hui mai teachers who helped prepare the students so well prior to the exams, and to all the staff who were involved in the administration and supervision of the assessments. The hard work of these people ensured the exams ran smoothly for our students.



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## *Special Report: Smokeless Tobacco Products*

The evolving nicotine landscape requires parents and caregivers to stay informed to protect young people from these emerging threats. Snus and nicotine pouches are gaining popularity among young people as smokeless tobacco products. Both products are discreetly placed under the upper lip, allowing nicotine absorption through the gums.

Health authorities are urging proactive measures to curb this growing trend and calling on regulators to implement controls before these products become as widespread as vapes. The high nicotine levels in these products pose serious health risks, including nicotine addiction, cardiovascular disease, gum disease, tooth decay, and even nicotine poisoning. Researchers highlight the detrimental effects of nicotine on developing brains, linking its use to depression, anxiety, ADHD symptoms, and an increased risk of addiction to other drugs.

The marketing of snus and nicotine pouches targets young audiences through social media influencers, raising concerns about their increasing popularity among school students. And like vapes, they come in various flavours and strengths, with unregulated nicotine levels leading to inconsistent and misleading labelling. It is clear that SLT products contain not only nicotine, but also other chemicals with unknown long-term effects.

This Special Report will help you become aware of the potential risks of smokeless tobacco products and guide you in age-appropriate discussions with your child.

**If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school or seek medical or professional help.**

Here is the link to your special report:

[https://lynfield.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-smokeless-tobacco-products-nz](https://lynfield.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-smokeless-tobacco-products-nz)

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## German Language Week 2025

For the second time across Aotearoa and Australia we celebrated German Language week in May. At Lynfield the German cultural group had been busy and organised a range of activities for the whole school community.

Besides posters around the school with interesting facts about fun words such as Doppelgaenger, information on famous people - Beethoven, Einstein and Michael Schuhmacher, we also had challenges across the week. Students learned during Hui Mai about landmarks, fun facts and other cultural aspects followed by a quiz. The staff was challenged to learn tongue twisters and a Guess Who? Game as well as sampling leckere Brezeln und Kuchen at Friday morning tea. Students were able to challenge their throwing skills by hitting cans- a favourite at fairs, as well as a scavenger hunt across school. In German language classes the tongue twister competition continued amongst students and teachers. Haribo Gummi bears were loved by everyone! Bis 2026! Vielen Dank.



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## The Athlete's Foot School Rewards Programme

Josh, from The Athlete's Foot, attended Year 9 Assembly today and presented our Sports Captains Agnes Wulf, Sitanimoa Halaufia and Addisyn Lene, with a cheque for the school rewards programme.

For every pair of shoes purchased from the Athlete's Foot, mention Lynfield College, and they will donate \$10 to the school.





### The Athlete's Foot School Rewards

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BOOKING**



**VIRTUAL  
QUEUING**





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## *Sports Scene*

### **HOUSE COMPETITIONS**

Junior and Senior House Volleyball will be starting shortly. Juniors are set to begin in Week 7 and Seniors in Week 8. This competition will be held in the lower gym over lunch times throughout the week and always turns out to be one of the best events of the year, so make sure you're involved! Please speak to your House Captains for signups.

### **ROAD RACE RESULTS**

The results have now been tallied and we are happy to announce that Bray have come away as winners for the 2025 Lynfield College Road Race! Congratulations Bray House and to all those who ran and took part in the event!

House	Bray	Fatialofa	Faumuina	Lewis	Reid	Zoricich
Total Points	268.5	194	163.5	189	187	215.5



### **AKSS SQUASH INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

We had a group of 3 students competing at this event with 64 total athletes from 20-21 May at North Shore Squash Club. We had some amazing results which we are very proud of, listed below:

Ashwin Gupte 4th in Division 1 (4<sup>th</sup> overall)

Aditya Parab 2nd in Division 3 (24<sup>th</sup> overall)

Michael Small 3rd In Division 5 (40<sup>th</sup> overall)

Congratulations to you all on your performances!

### **INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ZONES REFFING**

On Tuesday 20th May a group of our 1XI Football Girls were given the opportunity to be referees for the Intermediate Zone Football Competition held at Crum Park followed by our boys who were given the same opportunity on 22nd May. Our students had a great time and did an incredible job at keeping the games running as smoothly as possible. We appreciate Blockhouse Bay Intermediate for the opportunity and are looking forward to more of these events in the future.

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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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## *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 [edye@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:edye@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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