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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

With this being the last NewsLink for Term 2 it is a packed edition full of recognition for the achievements of our students and the work that they have been doing in their programmes of learning.

Performing Arts claim the stage at Lynfield College

What a blast the school production, **Chicago: Teen Edition**, is this year! We are so very proud of our talented students and committed staff who have pulled this dazzling performance together, both on and off the stage. Limited tickets are available for tonight and tomorrow's finale with online or door sales available <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/15831>. Don't miss out!

Feedback from the wider community has also been flowing in for our **Bollywood Showdown** performers.

"Lynfield's Bollywood Showdown group's performance was truly close to world-class—a testament to the countless hours of preparation, dedication, and passion invested. The standard on stage was exceptional, and I'm genuinely thrilled that my students had the opportunity to witness such excellence, both in artistry and in the overall event organisation. They had used your school's performance from last year as a reference point during their preparation as Bollywood styled dancing is something new to this group, and it was clear to them that you've raised the bar even higher this year. I have no doubt they'll now look to this latest performance as an even stronger source of inspiration, motivating them to aim higher in their own creative journeys. Well done Sahridha Phillip, Rahul Chopra, and all performers"
Sandi Perumal, Cultural and Arts Coordinator, Rutherford College

Not only did the Lynfield team take out the **Championship Trophy** they were presented with the **Audience Choice Award** for their polished performance.

Mount Maunganui Exchange

Next term starts with one of the highlights of the school calendar - the Sports and Debating exchange with Mount Maunganui College. This annual fixture has continued unbroken since 1959! We wish all the competitors every success.

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 14 July

TERM 3 BEGINS

Y11 Semester 2 begins

Thursday 17 July

**Mt Maunganui Sports
Exchange (away)**

Tuesday 22 July

ENROLMENT OPEN EVENING

6.00pm, meet in the Hall

Thursday 24 &

Friday 25 July

SCHOOL IN ACTION TOURS

11.30am – 1.00pm, Hall

2026 is already on the Horizon!

A significant focus for the beginning of next term will be on preparing for 2026. Open Evening and School in Action Tours for our incoming Year 9 students, Course Selection for our returning Year 9-12 students and tertiary and job applications for those leaving. The assessment period in Weeks 8 and 9 is going to be so important for our seniors as this will provide evidence opportunities should a derived grade be needed at the end of the year. Taking time to ensure they are up to date with assessments and ready for a fast-paced term ahead is strongly recommended.

Wishing our students and staff a well-earned and much needed holiday break. May you all return both healthy and rested.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

Lynfield College Alumni News

MOHAMMED CHIRAAGH

It was awesome to have former Lynfield College student Mohammed Chiraagh (Class of 2014) visit the school recently to talk with some of our senior students about his journey since finishing at Lynfield College.

Mohammed is now a Crown Prosecutor at Meredith Connell. Before that, he worked for the New Zealand Police as a prosecutor. He shared what it's like working as a lawyer, the pathway he took to get there, and how his time at Lynfield helped shape his journey.

He spoke fondly about his years here—especially being part of the Student Executive in his final year as Social Coordinator, where he helped organise many school events, including the School Ball. It was clear that his connection to the school and local area still means a lot to him.

Mohammed couldn't believe how much the school has changed since he was here—especially all the new buildings! But he also said it still felt like the same great place that supported him during his high school years.

Thanks heaps, Mohammed, for coming back and inspiring our students. It was great to see one of our own doing so well and giving back to the Lynfield community.



ALUR SAGUINSIN

Another past pupil who is making a name in the world is Alur Saguinsin, Class of 2016.

I'm really proud to share that I'll be representing [One Kidney](#) at [Cicada Innovations](#) x @Tech23, Australia's biggest deep tech festival, on September 10. This means a lot to me. I started One Kidney after losing my dad to kidney failure. He spent years on dialysis waiting for a transplant that never came. That experience pushed me to build something that could give people another chance. Being selected as one of the 23 ventures featured at Tech23 feels like an incredible step towards making that future possible. Tech23 brings together people who care about solving real-world problems through science and technology. It's a rare chance to connect with investors, researchers, and innovators who are all working to build what comes next. If you're interested in deep tech that could change lives, I'd love for you to be part of it. Secure your ticket to Cicada x Tech23 here: https://lnkd.in/q7Ft_epZ



Alur Saguinsin

CEO & Founder at One Kidney



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International Languages Week

In Week 7, we proudly celebrated International Languages Week, a vibrant reflection of the rich cultural and linguistic diversity that defines Lynfield College. As one of Auckland's most diverse schools, we are fortunate to have students and staff who bring a wide range of languages and cultural backgrounds into our learning community. Our Arts and Cultural Captains and Assistant Captains—Noah Pin, Seung Lee, Izabel Cyril, and Arlia Potouaine—kicked off the week by sharing why this celebration matters. Their leadership and passion were key in making this week a huge success. Throughout the week, a wide variety of fun and meaningful activities were held to promote cultural understanding and global citizenship.

Tai Chi Workshop

On Tuesday, our Adult ESOL students hosted a fantastic Tai Chi workshop, sharing their knowledge of this traditional Chinese art form. Led by Guorong Yuan and his team—Lily Zhang, Zhihui Chen, Ella Shen, Grace Chen, Linda Woo, Irene Li, Wing Liao, Phyllis Yang, and Meihua Jin—students had the chance to try Tai Chi movements and learn about Chinese philosophy and well-being. It was a beautiful example of cross-cultural and intergenerational learning.

Professional Chinese Paper Cutting

We were honoured to host two professional Chinese paper cutting teams from CNSST Foundation Chinese learning centre who demonstrated the incredible skill and beauty of this traditional art. They ran interactive workshops with our Chinese language students and also opened up a lunchtime session for all students and staff. This hands-on experience gave our school community the chance to connect with Chinese culture through creativity and storytelling. Thank you to our instructors, Lucy Lu and Selina Bi for sharing your time and talent with us. Special thank you to Tui Tuia Learning Centre for supporting Chinese cultural education.

German Fun Facts & Quiz

Our German cultural group brought some lunchtime fun with a **German facts and quiz session**. Students were surprised and entertained by the quirky, interesting facts about Germany—and competed in quizzes for small prizes. It was a great way for students to learn while having fun and to spark interest in German language and culture.

Japanese Trivia Quiz

We also held a Japanese trivia quiz during lunchtime, with fascinating questions that amazed our students—like the fact that Japan has more vending machines than people! The session was lively, educational, and full of laughs, with participants walking away with small prizes and new knowledge.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all teachers, student leaders, and cultural groups who helped organise and support this special week. Your efforts made International Languages Week a memorable and meaningful experience for everyone at Lynfield College.



New Zealand Schools Debating Championships

The New Zealand Schools Debating Championships took place in Wellington from the 23rd to 26th of May. I'm proud to say I was the 1st Speaker for Auckland White, one of fourteen regional teams competing at the tournament. It was a long—but very fun!—weekend of debating, with seven preliminary rounds, semi-finals, and a grand final held in Parliament House.

The event also included plenty of socialising with students from other regions, a quiz night, and a formal dinner where the break was announced. Our team was one of four tied on four wins out of seven, all in contention for the final semi-final spot. Unfortunately, we missed out on speaker points.

Despite that, I'm incredibly grateful to my teammates and coaches for making it such a rewarding experience, to my friends and family for tuning in to watch every debate, and for the opportunity to represent Lynfield College at the NZSDC—the first time in eight years!

Mishti Saha



Whanau Hui

Ngā mihi nui ki ā tātou rangatahi māia! Our recent whānau hui, proudly hosted by our inspiring Young Māori Leaders, was a celebration of culture, leadership, and community. The evening showcased the powerful wairua of our Kapa Haka group through moving performances that highlighted the strength of tikanga Māori in our kura. Whānau were also treated to valuable updates on key events and initiatives happening throughout the remainder of the year. It was a beautiful reminder of the unity, pride, and talent within our school whānau. Mā te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātou – through unity, we gain strength.



Literacy and Numeracy Exam Results

NZQA has released results for the Reading standard at 3pm on **25 June**.

Results for the Writing, Numeracy, standards will be released at 3pm on **14 July**.

Students who sat the LITNUM exams will be able to access their results through the MyNZQA learner login after those dates.

Term 3 Parent Student Teacher (PSTs) Conferences

Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to meet their child's Hui mai teacher again at our Term 3 Parent /Teacher /Student Conferences. These meetings will be held on Thursday 7 August (1pm to 7pm) and Friday 8 August (9am to 1pm). The focus of the meetings will be academic progress and course selection. Bookings will be made through Schoolpoint and open on Friday 25 July at 3pm and close on Wednesday 6 August at 3pm. Instructions will be shared with parents / caregivers via email in early Term 3.

PISA Testing

This year we are participating in the 3 yearly International PISA Tests on Tuesday 29 July. PISA is the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment, and Aotearoa /New Zealand is one of 90 countries taking part. It measures 15-year-olds' ability to use their reading, mathematics and science knowledge and asks them to share their opinions and experiences on school-related factors. It is the largest comparative study of education in the world. Policymakers use PISA as an international benchmark for education performance and to make policy decisions.

Approx 100 of our students will be randomly selected by the Ministry of Education to participate. Parents / caregivers will receive an email if their child is selected to participate, with further information.

Talanoa Evening

Fa'afetai tele lava and mālō 'aupito to our incredible Pacific Pride Leaders for hosting a vibrant and heartfelt Talanoa Night. The evening was a true celebration of Pasifika identity, with powerful cultural performances from our Samoan girls' groups and Tongan boys' group that filled the space with pride and joy. Family were warmly welcomed and informed about the exciting events and achievements shaping the rest of our school year. It was a night that reflected the strength, unity, and leadership of our Pasifika students – a beautiful reminder that our cultures are not just alive but thriving in our school.



International Students at Woodhill Tree Adventures

On a perfect day beneath the trees at Woodhill's Tree Adventures, a group of international students pushed their limits – and discovered their own strengths. They balanced. They climbed. They faced fears. Most importantly, they discovered: they *CAN*. And they *DID*! And best of all, they had fun doing it!



Bollywood Showdown 2025

Last week, 15 students returned to Bollywood Showdown in the hopes of defending their Championship title. These ākonga raised the benchmark for talent and dedication – as did their competition. This year, the event involved 22 schools from both within and outside of Auckland. The growth of the competition was reflected in a larger venue and an even bigger audience filled with friends and whānau cheering them on.

Our team was made up of dancers with a wide range of experience – from students who had never participated in Bollywood dance before, to students who have competed internationally. They worked consistently throughout the term to curate a performance that highlighted the unique strengths each individual brought to the team. This was harmoniously tied together by their shared pride and passion for their Indian heritage and their love of dance.

They put together a high-intensity performance packed with diverse styles that showcased their duality as artists and athletes. Their dedication paid off, resulting in them bringing home two prizes this year. Thanks to the incredible support from friends and family, they won the **Audience Choice Award**, determined by public vote, and the coveted **Championship Trophy**, which also came with prize money. This victory is particularly special for many of our Year 13s, who have paved the way for the growth and success of our school team since the inception of Bollywood Showdown in 2023. Thanks to their dedication, Lynfield College can proudly claim its place on the podium three years running.



Lynfield College Board – Sport, Innovative & Creative Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded annually to applicants who are competing at a Regional, National or International level in their chosen discipline while representing the College

For the 2024 - 2025 competition year, 12 applications were received of which 9 met the criteria. Congratulations!

While the financial component has already been received by the successful applicants their certificates are being presented at the relevant year level assemblies. Students in Year 12 received theirs on Wednesday with the remainder being presented next term.

The next round of Board Sport, Innovative and Creative Scholarships will open for applications in Term 1, 2026.

Ayaan Vasudeva: Chess Power Champions Trophy National Finals in Wellington, October 2024. Gold medal 1st under-16 category and was recognised as the overall second-place finisher.

Rajal Sharma: 2024: U18 Gold medalist in the Archery NZ National Indoors Championships; Gold Medalist U18 division in the Oceania Championships;

Mishti Saha: Selected for the New Zealand Schools Debating National Tournament

Ezekiel Avaiki: Selected for the 2025 U18 Central Knights Tag Football 2nd Nationals

Oliver Mun: VRC 2025 National Championships Semifinals, 2025 NZ Nationals Inspire Award.

Markus Maertzschink: VRC Worlds this May, 2025 NZ Nationals Tournament Champions, NZ Robot Skills Champions and NZ Nationals Think Award.

Rio Carron: VRC Worlds this May, 2025 NZ Nationals Tournament Champions, NZ Robot Skills Champions and NZ Nationals Think Award.

Harry Baker: VRC Worlds this May, 2025 NZ Nationals Tournament Champions, NZ Robot Skills Champions and NZ Nationals Think Award.

Sohail Asyaban: VRC Worlds this May, 2025 NZ Nationals Tournament Champions, NZ Robot Skills Champions and NZ Nationals Think Award.



Check out our CareerWise Website

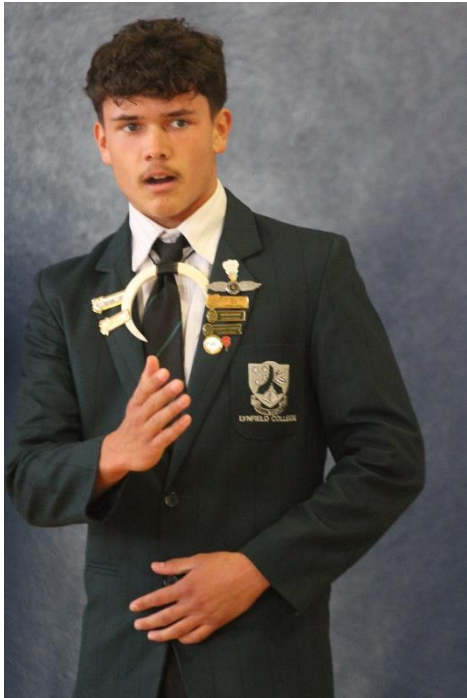
For all things careers-related at Lynfield College, make sure to visit our [Careerwise website](https://lynfield.careerwise.school/). It's a one-stop shop packed with information about upcoming events for your child, job opportunities, university and polytechnic pathways, trades, scholarships, and more. Whether your child is exploring their future options or getting ready to take the next step, CareerWise has everything you need to stay informed and supported.

<https://lynfield.careerwise.school/>

Intermediate Student Leadership Taster Day

There are many leadership opportunities at Lynfield and we value the enormous contributions that our leaders make to our community. To support ongoing leadership training we held a leadership taster day for student leaders from Blockhouse Bay Intermediate, Glenavon School and Waikowhai Intermediate on Friday 13 June.

The day was led by our Year 12 Executive members (Ashton Silveira, Akeelah Te Rangi, Lupe Fetuani, Vyom Barot, Finau Lau'i, Enoch Satrio and Frank Ave) with support from a number of the Year 13 Exec. Danyon Varney was superb in his role as Cultural Ambassador, leading a strong welcome. Practical activities were run by our students and staff with a special thank you to Mrs Reynolds. Thank you too to Mr Downing who worked with the Intermediate students around 'public speaking'. Everyone enjoyed the day and much was learned by all!



Meredith Connell Lawyers Visit Lynfield College

Last Tuesday, three lawyers from top law firm Meredith Connell visited Lynfield College to speak with our senior students about the world of law. Mohammed, Aoife and Isabella shared their experiences of studying law, what life as a lawyer looks like, and introduced our students to the Te Kuhunga programme.

Te Kuhunga—which means “the nest” in te reo Māori—was inspired by former Lynfield College student and current Chief Justice, Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann. The programme is aimed at Year 11–13 students from across Auckland who have shown strong potential for a future in law. It's a chance to learn more about legal careers and get connected with professionals already working in the field.

Our students really enjoyed the session and found the stories and advice shared by the lawyers both relatable and motivating. A big thank you to Mohammed, Aoife and Isabella for giving up their time to visit and uplift the next generation of legal minds.

In August, a group of selected students will have the chance to visit the Meredith Connell offices and see first-hand what it's like to work in a law firm—an exciting next step for those thinking about a future in the legal world!



Year 11 Students Explore Science through Whakapiki Ake

Last Wednesday, Mr Morris took a group of Year 11 students to the University of Auckland to take part in the Whakapiki Ake programme. Whakapiki Ake is a kaupapa Māori initiative that supports rangatahi Māori to pursue pathways into health and science-related careers. It's focused on increasing Māori participation in these fields by building confidence, knowledge, and connection to tertiary study. During the day, our students took part in a range of hands-on scientific activities designed to spark curiosity and inspire future study in science. It was a great opportunity for our students to experience life on a university campus and see where science could take them in the future.

Ngā mihi to the Whakapiki Ake team and the University of Auckland for hosting our students and providing such a valuable and engaging experience.



Kakehashi Language Event

On 10 June, a group of our senior Japanese language students had the exciting opportunity to attend the Kakehashi Event held at the University of Auckland. This annual event brings together high school students from across Auckland to celebrate and explore Japanese language and culture. The aim of the event is to encourage students to actively use their Japanese, make new friendships, and deepen their understanding of Japanese culture through fun, hands-on activities such as traditional games, a cultural quiz, and yukata (summer kimono) wearing. Our Year 11 students represented our school proudly, working in mixed-school teams and engaging with enthusiasm and confidence. A huge congratulations to all who took part—and a special shoutout to our quiz winners:

1st Place – Prasamsa Pant and her team, 2nd Place – Eddie Far and his team, 3rd Place – Meghna Malik & Minh Phan and their team

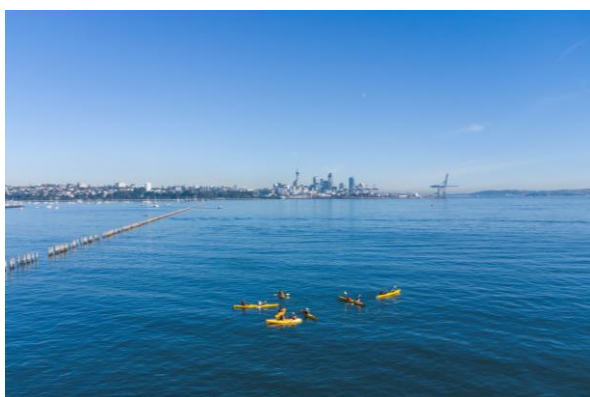


Year 10 Outdoor Education Sea Kayaking Experience

The Year 10 Outdoor Education class recently had the opportunity to head out sea kayaking to support the Adventure Works Diploma students during their leadership assessments. It was a fantastic couple of days on the water, launching from Ōkahu Bay. For those who attended on Wednesday, the conditions were near perfect — no breeze, flat seas, and sunshine made for an ideal kayaking experience. Thursday brought a bit more of a challenge with a northerly breeze, but students rose to the occasion. Each day, the students were divided into two groups, with each group taking on slightly different activities. Some paddled to North Head, others practised essential paddling skills within the bay, while another group explored the marina.

This experience not only helped support the diploma students in a real-world assessment setting but also gave Year 10s a chance to further develop their own water confidence, teamwork, and outdoor learning.

Ngā mihi to all involved for making it a memorable and successful experience.



Matariki Breakfast at Lynfield College

On Wednesday 18 June kaiako at Lynfield celebrated this time with a parakuihi, kapa haka performed at the staffroom and kai was shared. Ngā mihi manaaki to all involved



Japanese Trivia Competition

On Friday 13th June, seven of our Year 9 and 10 students proudly represented our school at a nationwide Japanese trivia competition hosted at Epsom Girls' Grammar School. This annual event takes place simultaneously at schools across New Zealand, with 20 teams participating at the Auckland venue alone. The quiz consisted of five engaging rounds, each focusing on different aspects of Japanese culture. Midway through the evening, participants enjoyed a fun half-time break featuring *Rajio Taisō* – a Japanese group stretching and exercise routine. Our students demonstrated excellent teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the event.



Year 10 Soft Tech Re-Creators Workshop

On Thursday 19th June Tasha from the Re-Creators came in and talked to the Year 10 soft tech class about why upcycling makes sense.

Conversations were had about shifting the mindset from waste to resource. Students were inspired and taught about creative reuse, like making yarn, bags, poi, or restyled pieces and showed us how old T-shirts can be turned into something new through design thinking and prototyping.



Korean Trivia Night Brings Schools Together Nationwide

안녕하세요! Lynfield College hosted the annual Korean Trivia Night for the fourth consecutive year, welcoming students from across the country to celebrate Korean language and culture through friendly competition and collaboration. This much-anticipated event continues to grow each year, and in 2025, for the first time, our student leaders organised an official online competition as well, allowing schools from beyond Auckland to participate and share in the excitement.

The event is funded by the Korean Education Centre (under the Korean Government), the New Zealand Korea Culture Association, and the New Zealand Korean Language Teachers' Association. We are sincerely grateful for their generous support, which enables this unique opportunity for our young Korean learners.

The night was organised and led by our Korean Language Group students, Jonathan Mar, Seung Lee, William Lee, Eugene Han, Yohan Lee, and Hyeon Joe. Lynfield College placed third in this year's competition. The experience was incredibly rewarding, and our students are already motivated to come back even stronger next year! Thank you to both students and staff who supported us on the evening.



He Kahu Korero – Cloaks that Speak Exhibition

On Tuesday 24 June ākonga visited Unitec for 'He kahu kōrero' exhibition. Matauranga about taonga Māori and tikanga were spoken about by Hinewai who was the kaitiaki of the exhibition. The ope also had a guided tour of the trades department and were shown different courses on option at Mataaho. Thank you to Shama and Bryan for their time. We hope to return to Unitec for a Marae visit at some time this year.



9IL Auckland CBD Trip

Kia Ora! In preparation for our end of term project, 9IL went on a school trip to Auckland CBD. Our trip included stops at AUT, University of Auckland, Britomart, and Silo Park. Our end of term project is all about redesigning B Block, the field of dirt behind the building known as C Block.

In groups we are designing what's going to be there, whether it be classrooms, a handball court, a fountain, spacious grassy fields, and types of trees. The school trip we went on was all about looking out for key details of 'Landscape Architecture' as inspiration for designs.

We had to look out for different aspects within public spaces, such as benches – wood or concrete, pathways – easily accessible or not, or even how much cultural influence the location might have!

This past week 9IL has been thinking hard about what to decide for their designs. The project has been reaching the final major parts where they have been making digital and physical structures of each group's design. Some groups have decided to use Minecraft Education and they are looking spectacular!



Lynfield Shines in the Education Perfect World Languages Championships

Lynfield College has once again achieved exceptional results in the Education Perfect World Languages Championship 2025, an international competition that celebrates language learning across the globe. This year, over 248 countries participated—and our students placed 9th overall globally and an incredible 4th overall in New Zealand across all languages!

Outstanding Language Results – Lynfield College stood out across individual languages as well:

Japanese: 1st in New Zealand, 6th globally

Chinese: 2nd in New Zealand, 3rd globally

German: 2nd in New Zealand, 13th globally

To recognise the success of our students who placed in the top 2% globally, we held a celebration lunch on June 13 and awards presentation. A special thank you to Ms Knell, who joined the event to personally congratulate and present certificates to each student.

Elite Award – Top 1% Globally

Cyrus Zhang – 46th globally

Ella Zhuang – 29th globally

Yuxin Li – 29th globally

Daniel Li – 18th globally

Jieun Kwon – 17th globally

Emerald Award – Top 1.5% Globally

Keiziah Rajapaksh, Yingxin Ye, Dorothy Chang, Linda Liu, Marcus Moore

Gold Award – Top 2% Globally

Marina Ma, Zhenghao Zhang, Ishaan Narayan, Xinru Zhang, Sanvi Patel, Jaimee Chow, Daniel Hu, Haruto Sugaya, Amy Hawke, Kiran Treanor, Eric Liu, Meghna Malik, Thisandhi Karunaratne, Minh Phan, Clennon Wang



2BUS Social Enterprise Donates to Kowhai Kai

Our Year 12 Business Studies students have recently completed a project where they developed and operated their own small businesses, *with a heart for the community*. As part of the course, students were tasked with not only producing and selling a good or service but doing so with a strong focus on community well-being.

Throughout the process, students learned valuable real-world skills in entrepreneurship, teamwork, problem-solving, and financial management. They experienced the challenges and rewards of running a business — from developing their product ideas to marketing and managing sales. In a wonderful show of social responsibility, the students chose to donate their profits to our **Kowhai Kai** support programme at Lynfield College

Visual Arts Photography

Recently, our Year 12 and some Year 13 students had the opportunity to attend the Sony Photography Programme at Te Uru Gallery. They had the chance to meet Jonathan, a professional wedding photographer from Sony, who generously shared his experiences, tips and tricks, and sparked inspiration among our young photographers. Students also got to do hands-on work with Sony's mirrorless cameras, capturing stunning shots around the gallery from all sorts of creative angles and viewpoints.

To top it off, the Photography Department has been gifted a high-end Sony mirrorless camera for student use! An exciting addition, which we are treating with the care it deserves.

MT ROSKILL ART SHOWCASE 2025

If you are interested in seeing what our visual artists have created so far this year, there is an upcoming exhibition, opening the first week back next term.

Dates: Thursday 17th July - Sunday 20th July

Location: Lynfield Youth and Leisure Centre, Mt Roskill (Stadium Room)

There will be exhibits from all of the local primary, intermediate and secondary schools. Free entry.

Below is a small sample of images from Lynfield College that will be displayed at the exhibition. *(clockwise, starting second right: Phoebe Jin (Visual Art Design), Kathy Ngo (Painting), Eliza Pendigrast (Painting), Lilly Boielle (Digital Media)*



Lynfield College Students Complete the World Vision 40Hour Challenge

A huge congratulations to all the Lynfield College students who took part in the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge last weekend!

The 40 Hour Challenge is all about young people giving something up—like food, technology, or furniture—for 40 hours to raise awareness and funds for people living in hardship. This year, the money raised is going towards addressing the impacts of climate change, particularly in the Solomon Islands, where rising sea levels and extreme weather are causing serious food shortages and threatening the livelihoods of communities.

Thanks to the students' efforts—and the generosity of whānau, friends, and our wider community—we raised approximately \$2000. This was an awesome effort and a big thanks to everyone who participated, donated, and supported.

Sports Scene

HOUSE VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Our Term 2 House Volleyball Competition has now concluded and what an awesome tournament it was! The amount of participation and spectators we had for games made the games fun while still being competitive. A massive thank you and congratulations to our Sports Captains and House Captains for organising such a successful event!

House	Bray	Faumuina	Fatialofa	Lewis	Reid	Zoricich
Juniors	6th	4th	1st	2nd	5th	3rd
Seniors	1st	4th	5th	2nd	5th	6th
Total Result	7 4th	7 4th	6 2nd	6 2nd	11 6th	5 1st

AKSS SQUASH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 17th and 18th of June, our Open A Squash Boys competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Squash Team Championships in Division 1. This was a very high level tournament/grade which the boys found on day 1 facing Westlake and Takapuna in some very difficult matches. Day 2 brought a different turn however, the team narrowly beat Saint Kentigern College and Botany Downs to finish the tournament in 5th! A great achievement considering these are mostly Premier teams in Division 1. Congratulations!

BASKETBALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS ROSKILL CLUSTER REFEREES

This past Tuesday, we also had a group of boys head out to Trusts Stadium to referee the matches for a Basketball Tournament between many of Kahui Ako Primary Schools. It was a great day seeing all the students energetic and excited to play Basketball and the students we had reffing the games only added to this environment; making jokes with the players, live commentating games while reffing and showing off their skills in between matches. Thank you to the team below for being involved and allowing the opportunity for all the local primary schools to compete in this event.



GYMSPORTS

Daniel North recently competed in the Auckland Secondary Schools Gymsports Championships, held at Pulman Recreation Centre. Despite being the only year 9 in the Mens Open B grade, Daniel performed exceptionally and managed to come away with a Bronze Medal! Congratulations Daniel.

CROSS COUNTRY

Early in June, we had 4 eager racers who went out to compete in the Auckland Secondary Schools Cross Country held at Barry Curtis Park. Wednesday the 4th of June had possibly the worst weather of the year which is never ideal when competing and especially while running on grass. Despite this, our athletes ran and slipped and slid their way around the course and all managed to complete the course in a great time. Congratulations to you all!

Grace Parkinson - Jnr Girls 22/107, Josh Parkinson - Jnr Boys 65/116

Alan Li - Jnr Boys 73/116, Jacob Knox - Snr Boys 46/83

ARCHERY

The St. Peter's Cup is a tournament for elite archers, run by St. Peter's College, Auckland. They usually invite just the top six schools. This year they opted to include a few individual, high-achieving archers by invitation only. It was held on 7th June 2025.

Anika Wong in Year 13 at Lynfield College, was one of the specially-invited archers. She won **Silver** in the Individual Barebow competition to add to her other 2025 silver medals, one from College Sport and one from Matchplay.

Well done and congratulations, Anika! This has been a great year for you.



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

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/>



Uniform & Stationery Shop

PRICE CHANGES:

Our suppliers have notified us of a price increase across our product range.

Unfortunately, this may mean that we must raise prices of some of our items.

Please be aware that we do keep prices to an absolute minimum.

If you are needing uniform items but are suffering financial hardship, please email Mr Dye, Deputy Principal edye@lynfield.school.nz to discuss how the school can help you.

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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