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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

Hui mai teachers are looking forward to meeting with you next Thursday and Friday, 7- 8 August during the **PSTs** in support of your child's learning and achievement. In preparation for these, conversations about next year's courses are advised as **Course Selection** will be a key focus. A link to the information that was to be presented at Tuesday's Course Information Evening (cancelled due to the weather) is included in this edition.

Auckland Schools Teacher Training Programme, ASTTP

Lynfield College is proud to be part of the Auckland Schools' Teacher Training programme in partnership with the University of Waikato. This year we have two teacher trainees working with us while completing their one year of training. Interest for 2026 is now being canvassed. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is thinking about becoming a teacher, particularly those considering a career change and looking to be immersed in a school environment while they train. Fees are paid and a generous stipend is provided. For further information <https://www.schoolbasedtraining.org/>

Calling all relievers!

With this being a busy term for school trips and assessments and winter colds and flu affecting both our teachers and regular relievers we are on the look out for additional support in this area. If you have the skills and the availability, full time or selected days equally welcome, please email admin@lynfield.school.nz

Representation on the School Board

For those still considering making a nomination, please note these close at **12pm on Wednesday 6 August 2025**. <https://app.electionpilot.nz/elections/lynfield-college/1229> An opportunity to meet the candidates will be scheduled before voting closes on 10 September.

Student Leadership on Display

We have received some lovely feedback about our students recently. Particularly those who spoke at our Open Evening, acted as tour guides and demonstrators or have been buddies for our visiting students from China and Japan. It has been delightful to see all year levels signing up to be involved in these opportunities and demonstrating Wairua kaha.

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COMING EVENTS

Mon 4 – Wed 6 August
In Zone Enrolment Interviews
3.30 – 4.45pm, Staffroom

Thursday 7 August
Parent/Student/Teacher
Conferences 1.00 – 7.00pm

Y11 – Y13 Talanoa
5.30 – 7.00pm, C block
Hui Whanau drop in session
5.30 – 7.00pm, Whare

Friday 8 August
Parent/Student/Teacher
Conferences 9.00am –
1.00pm

STUDENTS ATTEND ONLY FOR
PST CONFERENCES

Traffic disruptions on Gilletta Rd and White Swan Rd

Please take note of the community messages with Vector and AT both scheduling works in our local area next week. Resurfacing of parts of Gilletta Rd is scheduled to occur between 6-13 August and pole replacements on Lynfield Pl are scheduled for 6 August with changes to pedestrian access and traffic flow.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

Lynfield College Alumni News

ANIRUDH GOMBER

Anirudh Gomber, ex- Gateway student, Class of 2018, has just graduated from the South Pacific College of Natural Medicine with a Bachelor in Natural Medicine. The South Pacific College of Natural Medicine has an impressive facility, with a caring and nurturing environment.

From Anirudh ... "I have my own business, the Ayurveda Store www.ayurvedastore.co.nz, while creating content on the side and doing online consultations. I am really grateful for the chance to get into this career. Gateway helped me gain a lot of clarity on what I wanted to do in life. Without the support of Gateway to get into Cassia (restaurant) and Health 2000, I wouldn't have known where to be. I genuinely believe the Gateway Programme is the greatest pathway students can take to see if they like their future career."

We wish Anirudh the absolute best for his future.



Visiting International Students

A massive thank you to all our student buddies who volunteered their time to support our international students. Your kindness, patience, and enthusiasm in showing them around, helping them get to class, and making them feel welcome have made a real difference. By being friendly faces and positive role models, you've helped create a supportive environment where our international students can feel at home and truly enjoy their time at our school. We're very proud of the way you've stepped up and represented our school community.



3OED Waharau Camp

During the second week of this term, the Year 13 Outdoor Education Classes took our final camping trip, at the Waharau Regional Park and Education centre. While previous camps featured learning and following the teachers, this camp focused on leadership, providing and encouraging us, the students, to take a leading role in our activities. This time, we were completely in charge of leading either Kayaking, High Ropes, Low Ropes, Archery or the ABLs (Adventure Based Learning tasks) sessions. Being both put into a pair (most of us) and a group we don't usually work with pushed us all out of our comfort zones, creating a new challenge but allowing us to form new bonds and strengthen relationships. Along with these main 5 activities, we also spent the week working together during other tasks like cooking and cleaning our meals, scavenger hunts and general knowledge quizzes. Our off time was filled with several rounds of board and card games, volleyball matches and the occasional dance parties. Besides being incredibly lucky with our really good weather, even though it was cold, we couldn't have done this and wouldn't have made so many memorable moments without everyone there. A big thank you to JR, Sean, Liam, Mr Winn and of course Ms Reynolds for planning, partaking and putting up with all of us for the week. Camp would not have been as good without you! *Srinidhi Totha*



Course Selection

August is course selection month for students in Years 9-12. All selections for 2026 need to be made by Monday 18 August.

We encourage caregivers to be involved in the process by logging into SchoolBridge <https://lynfield.bridge.school.nz/#> and following the links for Course Selection. Once logged in you can approve the courses your child has chosen for 2026.

Staff who can support your child in making their choices are our Careers Advisor Mr Russell Christie, our Academic Advisor Mr Neil Waddington, your child's Dean, Hui mai teacher and current subject teachers.



Year 11 into 12:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16tjVDbJQtJudyYElpCjO0r_bezw8PRMEaGHCohtkJo/edit?usp=sharing

Year 10 into 11:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YSYX3JTNb4Qa08X2ZHva_eXUWnOp1q6uRcHt83XIfCE/edit?usp=sharing

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 are now open and can be made through Schoolpoint. Bookings **close on Wednesday 6 August at 3pm**. Instructions were shared with parents/caregivers via email at the end of Week 2.

Talanoa Evening

On the **Thursday night of PSTs, 7 August, between 5.30 and 7pm**, a **Talanoa** will be held in C103 for parents and caregivers of **Year 11- 13 Pasifika students**. This will be an opportunity to hear from our Academic Adviser about scholarships on offer, our Careers Advisor about career choices and for parents and caregivers to talanoa with teachers and each other. An information email has been sent to our Pasifika whānau over the next week.

Touring Our Own Backyard – Tourism Trip 2025

On the 30th July, students from 2TOU and 3TOU went on an unforgettable trip packed with lots of fun and challenges. They kicked things off with an exciting game of mini golf at Treasure Island Adventure Golf, just opposite of Auckland Domestic Airport. They excelled in this and some even managed to get some "Holes In One". Students then strolled off to visit the New Zealand School of Tourism where they got the opportunity to see what it would be like if they chose to study in the Tourism Industry. At the Tourism school, a highlight for the students was getting the chance to step inside a real aircraft used for training. From exploring the cockpit, to getting to sit in economy class of the aeroplane, it was a one of a kind experience that blended fun with future career insights. It was truly a once in a lifetime moment for all those involved.



Mathematics Mentoring Programme

The Maths tutoring programme is a new initiative at Lynfield College and holds a lot of promise. Selected Year 13 students have offered to do maths tutoring for our Year 9 students who need support. This is an early intervention initiative to support students to achieve success in Maths and become more confident. Based on their eASTTle scores and topic results, about 90 Year 9 students have been identified and matched up with a Year 13 student of similar culture/ethnicity/language and gender. They meet once a week - Day 3 (Wednesday in F Block) and Day 6 (Monday C Block) during Huimai time. This pilot programme is being run through Term 3 until the Year 13 students have study leave in Week 7.



Year 13 Māori and Pacific Students Shine at AUT Aspire Day

On Friday 18 July, a group of our Year 13 Māori and Pacific students attended AUT's Aspire Day 2025 — an event designed to uplift and empower students as they prepare for life after high school. Students engaged in hands-on workshops focused on goal setting, self-reflection, and future planning, while also gaining valuable insights from AUT students, alumni, and industry professionals who shared how their cultural identity has shaped their journeys. There was also information about scholarships, UniPrep, and course counselling. The students really enjoyed their day and we thank AUT for putting on such a great event.



School Board Elections

Have you considered? This year is election year.
Nominations close 12.00pm Wednesday 6 August.

For more information

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



A Showcase of Creativity

Lynfield College students' art was on display recently, alongside other local primary, intermediate and secondary schools at the Mt Roskill Art Showcase, held in the Lynfield Youth and Leisure Centre.

The exhibition was a great success, giving the community an opportunity to see how talented our students are.

Seen here with Dr Carlos Cheung are Lynfield students Seamus Mohally-Sheehan, Noah Pin, and Toby Pin.



Individual Sports Honours

AYANNA SREE - BADMINTON

Ayanna and her team represented U15 Waitakere in Div2 this year.

This is a team event playing against 7 different teams. They managed to finish in 4th position due to 2 very close games ending in ties (otherwise they would have finished in 2nd). Tough games, but they all enjoyed the experience and performed well.

Congratulations Ayanna!



If your child 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 (e.g. certificate, letter of selection, etc) so we have the exact wording of their achievement, or email these details to sport@lynfield.school.nz

Sports Scene

TEAM TALK

FOOTBALL JUNIOR PREMIER BOYS

This talented group of players have had an incredible season so far. After only losing 1 game early in the season, the team has rallied well to qualify for the top 6 pool in their grade. After winning well against Kings 15A 4-0 last weekend, the team is now sitting at the top of the table and will be looking to keep their momentum through the rest of their season and hopefully take out the title. Good luck!

HOCKEY 1ST XI GIRLS

Despite a tough pool early in the first half of the season, our Lynfield 1st XI Girls team have managed to make it into the top 4 pool of their grade. After 2 games however, they've narrowly lost 2-1 in both to last minute goals from the opposition! Extremely unfortunate but the team will be looking to get a better result in their final few games of the season and aiming to finish 3rd before heading off to tournament in Whangarei.

JUNIOR SQUASH ODT

Early this term we were able to put together a Junior Squash team to compete in a One-Day-Tournament, held at the Eden Epsom Squash/Tennis Club. It's awesome to have this group of junior Squash players coming through Lynfield College and we look forward to seeing how they progress. At the tournament, our team won all 3 round robin matches but unfortunately narrowly lost in the final. Still an incredible performance, well done team!

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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- ONLINE 
- APPOINTMENT BOOKING 
- VIRTUAL QUEUING 

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Community Notices

VECTOR – SCHEDULED OVERHEAD MAINTENANCE WORK INVOLVING POLE REPLACEMENTS

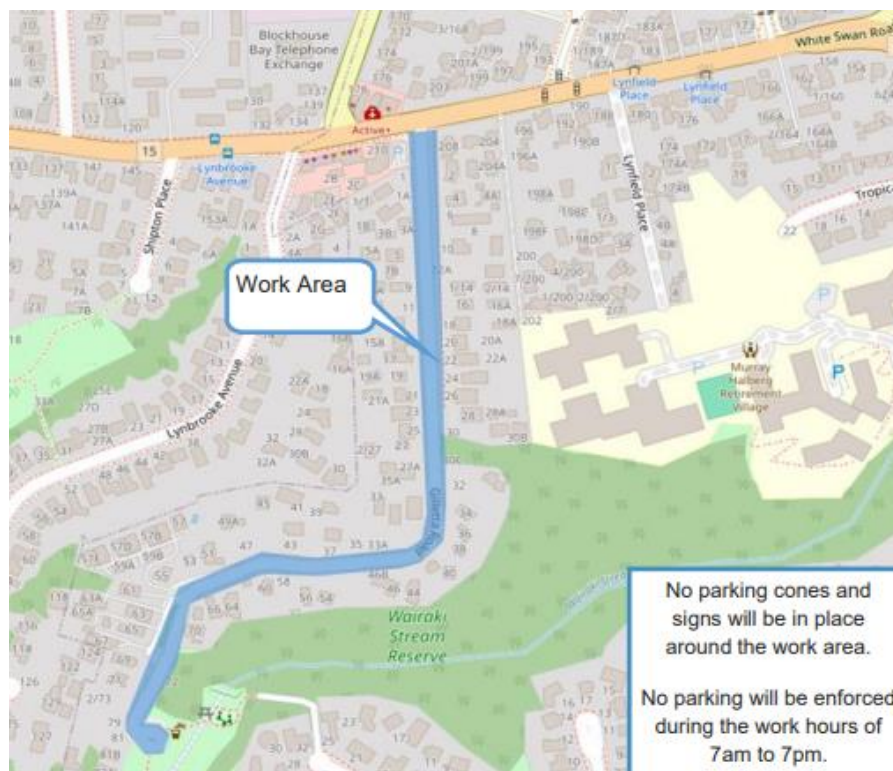
Roads affected: White Swan Road, Mt Roskill

The entire scope of this site work is scheduled for Wednesday 6th August 2025 (backup day if cancelled due to weather is Wednesday 3rd September 2025).



DOWNER ROAD MAINTENANCE – GILLETTA ROAD

Pre seal road repairs and Cul de sac resurfacing work will take place between Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 13th August. There will be reduced on-street parking in and around the work area.



PART TIME JOB AVAILABLE

[Receptionist / Part time / Mount Roskill - Metlifecare](#)

Perfect Part time role for a receptionist / admin superstar close to Lynfield College.

Hillsborough Heights Village is looking for someone Thursdays and Fridays 8.30am – 4.30pm.

If you are interested in having a chat and finding out more, call the Village Manager on 027 482 7705.



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Friday 24th and Saturday 25th October 2025

REGISTRATION: Deadline: 29th August 2025
Please only use one, either online or printed form per person.

[May Road School 100th Online registration](#)

[May Road School 100th registration printable](#)
You can register now and pay later so we have an idea of numbers.

If you are interested in being involved with the organisation, the next committee meeting will be held at the school on **Monday 21 July 2025 at 5:00pm**

Email: admin@mayroad.school.nz Ph: 09 626 8021 Mobile: 021 244 8021.