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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,

Thank you for your patience as we held back this edition of NewsLink so we could include the names of the prizewinners from Tuesday night's Senior Prizegiving and the earlier Festival Awards Evening. Congratulations to all our prizewinners.

We appreciate those who were able to join us in person at these events as well as those who sent through celebratory messages after watching the live stream. If you would like to view the recordings, links for both celebrations can be found in the body of this newsletter.

NCEA exams

These start on Tuesday 4 November with Level 2 Mathematics and Statistics, Level 3 Dance and Scholarship Classical Studies. Those sitting external exams should have already collected their entry slip from the school. Please check through the exam timetable with your child (<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/NCEA/2025-Exam-Timetable.pdf>) so you know when they need to be at school. We are looking to avoid anyone turning up in the afternoon for an exam that had already been held in the morning this year!

Measles and NCEA exams

With the number of positive cases of measles increasing, schools are checking to see that their immunisation registers are as up to date as possible. If we haven't already received MMR / immunisation records for your child you can expect an email from us looking for any updated information.

Schools have been contacted by NZQA this week about the possible impacts of measles during the NCEA and NZ Scholarship examination period. If a student is not permitted to attend an exam because they may have measles, the decision will be made by [HealthNZ](#) Te Whatu Ora in conjunction with the school. Evidence that the student was not able to attend the exam must be provided for the student to be eligible for a derived grade. *Note: Derived Grades are not available for NZ Scholarship exams.*

All students are expected to sit their exams unless they have been specifically told not to attend by Health NZ or by the school. Choosing to stay home voluntarily (for example, to avoid potential exposure) is not grounds for a Derived Grade.

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 4 November

NCEA EXAMS BEGIN

Wednesday 5 November

PPTA STRIKE 1.15-3.15pm

Thursday 6 November

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 21 November

Y11 Prizegiving 11.30am

Monday 1 December

Y13 Leavers' Morning

9.30 - 11.30am

Y13 Leavers' Dinner

Monday 1 – Thursday 4 Dec

Y9 & Y10 Wa Hono

Monday 8 December

Y9 Prizegiving 9.00am

Y10 Prizegiving 11.00am

TERM 4 ENDS

For more information:

[Ministry of Education – Measles Information](#)

[Info about measles – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)

[Check if you are immune to measles – Online tool](#)

Belated celebration wishes!

Many of our families have been celebrating Diwali with celebrations continuing into November. To all those celebrating the Festival of Lights we wish you a Happy Diwali.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

Alumni News

NICOLE BRAGANZA

It was awesome to welcome back Nicole Braganza to the school recently. Nicole graduated from Lynfield College in 2007 and was back visiting the school with her therapy dog Cruze as part of our Well Being Week.

Being back at the school brought back fond memories for Nicole and she commented afterwards *“It was so surreal being back, Lynfield College was one of the best times of my life”*. Nicole mentioned her favourite subject at school was Classics, and she holds special admiration for her favourite teacher, Ms Marshall. She also credits her Dean, Ms Hameed, for being a significant source of guidance and encouragement during her time at school.

After Lynfield, Nicole pursued a degree in Education at the University of Auckland. She began working at Auckland Council at the age of 18, and has now been there for 15 years, working in policy and planning. Beyond her professional success, Nicole is passionate about giving back through community service. Together with her beloved Saint Bernard, Cruze, she volunteers with St John Therapy Pets. In this role, Nicole and Cruze visit hospitals, rest homes and care facilities, bringing comfort, companionship and emotional support to people in need. St Johns do amazing work in this area, and we are proud to see Nicole be a part of that. We wish Nicole all the best for her work with St Johns and thank her for giving up her time and bringing Cruze in for the students to meet.



Festival Awards Evening



What a fantastic evening! On Tuesday 14 October we held our Festival Awards Evening to celebrate Sports, Arts and Culture. The evening was full of energy, and pride as we celebrated the many talents of our students. From outstanding performances (from musicians, the Bollywood Showdown Dancers and the Hip Hop Dance Duo) to acknowledging impressive achievements, it was a wonderful reminder of how much our students contribute to the life of the College. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success—students, staff and whānau. It was a wonderful celebration of our vibrant school community! [\(13\) Lynfield College - Festival Awards Evening 2025 - YouTube](#)

Dux Ludorum Boys	Sione Apelu	Dux Artium EQUAL	Noah Pin
Dux Ludorum Girls	Agnes Wulf	Dux Artium EQUAL	Simone Hidalgo
Tyla Nathan-Wong Sportsperson of the Year Award	Sione Apelu	Lynfield College Arts and Culture Scholarship	Noah Pin
Outstanding Sporting Performance	John Wu	Year 13 Musician of the Year	Noah Pin
Lynfield College Sports Scholarship EQUAL	Sione Apelu	Jazz Musician of the Year	Caleb McLeod
Lynfield College Sports Scholarship EQUAL	Shiv Patel	Year 12 Musician of the Year	Ashton Silveira
Year 12 Sportswoman of the Year	Annaliese Matson	Year 11 Musician of the Year	Diyon Pushparaja
Year 12 Sportsman of the Year	Rajal Sharma	Dancer of the Year	Julia Jenkins-Cox
Year 11 Sportswoman of the Year	Josephine Sor	Group of the Year	Big Band KBB Gala
Year 11 Sportsman of the Year	Geo Sandyang	Runner Up Group of the Year	Bollywood Showdown
Sports Team of the Year	Football Premier Development Boys	Team of the Year	L C Robotics World Championship Team
Cultural Ambassador Award	Danyon Varney	Staff Award	Mr Charlie Isdale





Senior Prizegiving

On Tuesday 28 October, we celebrated the academic and leadership success of our Year 13 and Year 12 students at the Senior Prizegiving. We simultaneously hosted the prizegiving and live-streamed the event to enable all our students and their families to join us in looking back on what our students achieved in 2025. Thank you to the generosity of our prizegiving sponsors. <https://youtube.com/live/feVv5bVAFFE?feature=share>

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR 13 ACADEMIC AWARDS



Maxwell Bancroft



Jerry Haoyuan Li

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Maxwell Bancroft
Jerry Haoyuan Li

Year 13 Academic Honours Awards
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Arnav Kumar
Sasha Bedekar
Deveshi Arora
Alysha Chand

Tertiary Scholarships

University of Otago Vice Chancellor's Scholarship
University of Otago Vice Chancellor's Scholarship
University of Otago Pacific People's Entrance Scholarship
Victoria University Wellington Totoweka Equity School-Leavers Scholarship
Massey University Scholarship
First Foundation Scholarship
Sir George Elliot Scholarship

Ayush Swarnapuri
Deveshi Arora
Ahana Lal
Addisyn Lene
Ella Hill
Cheyenne Kirkman (Year 12)
Taylor Griffin

Cadzow Family Trust ICT Hi-Tech Award
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Nicolas Martens
Jacky Zhou

Service and Leadership Awards

DH Thurston Trophy – Top Service Award
Cathy Walker Cup – Service to the College
Rotoract Cup – Service to the Community
Hon Michael Wood Making a Difference Trophy
Hannam cup – Executive Efficiency
Mellor Family Cup – Learn to Live
Sir John Turei Trophy – An Outstanding Māori Student
Ben Te Ninihi Tawhiti Memorial Award
Peer Support Leadership Cup
Challenge Award Cup

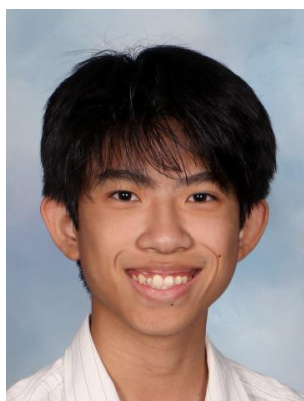
John Mahe
Roy Siwoo Kim
Sumedha Singaraju
Alina Murumkar
Aneisha Pathak
Ella Hill
Danyon Varney
John Mahe
Alina Murumkar
James Boak

Special Academic Awards

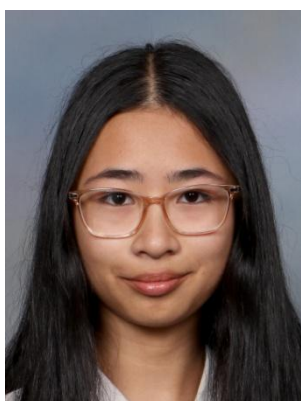
BHB Lynfield Lions Club Music Award – Top Level 3 Music Student
Pauline Gillet Award – Top Year 13 Humanities Student
Neil Scott Memorial Award – Top Level 3 Languages Student Equal
LCPPA Mike Blamires Memorial Cup – First in Year 13 Geography
David Cunliffe Award Trophy
Outstanding Service to Hospitality – Yvonne Townsend Trophy
The Marathon construction Award
Ramanlal Award for Excellence in Apparel Technology
PhotoLife Camera Prize
Bristow Cup for Food and Nutrition
Glassey Cup Year 13 Writing Award Equal
Glassey Cup Year 13 Writing Award Equal
Trisha Dunleavy Cup for Media Studies Equal
Trisha Dunleavy Cup for Media Studies Equal
New Era Prize

Noah Pin
Sumedha Singaraju
William Lee
Mukta Patil
Jonathan Mar
Hala Afasa
Basil Sulistio
Mia Bradley
Ishani Dissanayake
Zahra Maryam
Anika Wong
Noa Gill
Isla McGoram
Anchal Choudhary
Caleb McLeod

YEAR 12 ACADEMIC AWARDS



Pascal Chan



Haiqing Feng



Daniel Li



Harry Baker



Caitlin Hsiao



Enoch Satrio

Year 12 Academic Excellence Award
Year 12 Academic Excellence Award
Year 12 Academic Excellence Award
Year 12 Academic Excellence Award
Senior Merit Cup (Year 12 Girls)
Senior Merit Cup (Year 12 Boys)
Year 12 Merit Award
Year 12 Merit Award
Year 12 Merit Award
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Year 12 Merit Award

Pascal Chan
Haiqing Feng
Daniel Li
Harry Baker
Caitlin Hsiao
Enoch Satrio
Ashton Silveira
Annaliese Matson
Mahant Agrawal
Aanya Patel
Venya Chamallamudi
Frank Ave
Doris Tan

International Student Award – 2026 Lynfield College Scholarship
Blamires Trophy – Year 12 Contribution to School
Tautua Pacifica Award for Service to School
Neil Scott Memorial Award – Top Level 3 Languages Student Equal
Wairua Kaha Award Trophy for Level 2 Photography
White Cliffs Timber Ltd Prize for Carpentry
White Cliffs Timber Ltd Prize for Carpentry
LC Journalism Cup Equal
LC Journalism Cup Equal
LC Journalism Cup Equal
Infocus cup

Nico Shiyue Zeng
Ashton Silveira
Angel Leaupepe-Nickel
Jieun Kwon
Michaela Brezovska
Muhammad Rayyaan Member
Zeus Mehta
Beth Eyre
Phoebe Jin
Nittya Bapat
Cyrus Zhang

Introducing our 2026 Student Executive

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent Lynfield College students in 2026.

HEAD STUDENTS

Head Girl – Akeelah Te Rangi

Head Boy – Ashton Silveira

Deputy Head Girl – Lupe Fetuani

Deputy Head Boy – Finau Lau'i



Position	Name
Academic Captains	Joanne Kuang and Emily Yang
BOT Student Representative	Mahant Agrawal
Assistant Academic Captains	Leo Situ and Sohan Gorantla
Sports Captains	Annaliese Matson and Jayden Wong
Assistant Sports Captains	Ayla Raki and Parthiv Yeddula
Arts and Culture Captains	Luke D'Cunha and Enoch Satrio
Assistant Arts and Culture Captains	Soha Ekbote and Caitlin Hsiao
Cultural Ambassadors	Angel Leaupepe-Nickel and Sascha Oldehaver
Ambassador Co-ordinators	Vyom Barot and Arsh Narayan
Social Co-ordinators	George Ledingham and Cyrus Zhang
Wellbeing Co-ordinators	Keeley Herman, Tiana Baxter, Breanna Liu-Flowers
Student Coach Co-ordinator	Beth Eyre
Hui mai Representatives Co-ordinators	Simer Aulakh, Vivian Lin, Tehillah Hubert, Izak van Niekerk
Year 12 Student Executive	Ellice Hii, Manha Mirza Sadath, Aditya Parab, Toby Pin, Neha Rana, Josephine Sor, Kiran Treanor, Jiujiu Zhang
Young Māori Leaders	Aria Nicholas and Casha Brodie
Pacific Pride Leaders	Apisai Finefeuiaki, Josephine Saufoi, Temperance Gataulu-Mara, Azra Kalati
Bray House Captains	Nabeeha Kamran and Geo Sandyang
Fatialofa House Captains	Alana Morgan and Daniel Li
Faumuina House Captains	Tanvi Shah and Sahil Nand
Lewis House Captains	Matthias Coleman and Jack Ramsey
Reid House Captains	Bhumi Patel and Torquil Morton-Macphail
Zoricich House Captains	Anya Patel and Vedant Vijan

Year 13 Spirit Week

Last week was Spirit Week for our Year 13 students! Each day, students had the chance to be involved in fun activities and themed dress-ups. Day One kicked off with a Uniform Swap, followed by “Dress as Your Past or Future Self” on Day Two. On Day Three, everyone got creative for Character Dress-Up Day. Although there was no school on Thursday due to the industrial strike, the week wrapped up on Friday with their last day in uniform and the always-popular “Anything but a Bag” Day! It was an amazing week, and so great to see such enthusiasm, participation and of course spirit from our Year 13s.



Ernst Haeckel Gymnasium Students Visit

At the beginning of this term, Lynfield College welcomed 21 German exchange students from Werder for a 16-day adventure of learning, culture, and friendship. From joining classes and sports to exploring Aotearoa, our visitors embraced every moment of Kiwi life.

Their North Island journey included the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, Rotorua geothermal wonders and Māori culture, a hike to Taranaki Falls, and the magical Waitomo Caves. At school, the students joined our German classes for fun cultural exchanges—such as handball matches, a Kiwi slang and te reo Māori quiz, blindfolded food tasting (yes, even Marmite!), touch rugby and exploring NZ/Māori literacy. Highlights also included homemade pavlova, Anzac biscuits, and workshops at the Auckland Museum exploring Te Hekenga Nui and Mana.

Weekends with host families offered chances to discover Auckland's beaches, volcanoes, and native bush. The exchange created deep connections, new friendships, and a shared appreciation of language, hospitality, and cultural identity. A big big thank you to all the students visiting and hosting, our families welcoming and supporting our visitors and to our colleagues at Lynfield providing workshops for the groups. Vielen DANK!

Kia kaha, and auf Wiedersehen—we look forward to seeing our German friends again soon!



NCEA Externals Information

EXAM ADMISSION SLIPS AND NZQA INFORMATION SHEETS

Exam Admission Slips were handed out during Hui mai lessons in Week 2 and 3. If they were not collected by Friday 24 October, students will need to pick them up from Admin Reception. Students need to keep their exam Admission Slip in a safe place and to bring it to every exam. *They must not write on it in any way or share it with anyone.* Any reprints need to be signed by Ms Moss or Ms Harris.

NCEA Timetable

It is important students check their NCEA exam timetable carefully [NCEA exam timetable 2025](#)

Managing exam or assessment pressure

Helpful information about managing exam or assessment pressure and keeping stress at bay <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/student-assessment-hub/managing-exam-pressure/>

NCEA External Exams 2025

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

MyNZQA learner account shows all your secondary school results, awards, qualifications, and endorsements. In the MyNZQA learner portal you can also: view your entries, results and scanned external assessment booklets and digital exam responses, upload digital submissions for marking, apply for reviews or reconsiderations and request a Record of Achievement and NCEA certificates. <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/> (under learner log in).

Student Exam Hub: Resources for your exams (preparing for your exam, rules, hand study tips and setting up an NZQA account if you don't have one (Required if you are doing digital exams)

[Student assessment hub](#)

Digital Exams: Along with the revision students would do for external assessments, they need to be familiar with the digital assessment platform. Activities to familiarise themselves with the digital assessment platform and prepare their device can be found on the NZQA website: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/external-assessment/about-digital-external-assessment/>

A reminder that for all digital exams students need to ensure they have a laptop and that it holds its charge for the duration of the exam. They should know their password and log into NZQA prior to the exam.

Studytime, an online platform for NCEA students provides resources, tips about exam strategies and copies of past exams. There are free resources you can access if you sign up (workbooks incur a cost) <https://studytime.co.nz/>

NCEA me te Whānau workshops (from Monday 6 October to Thursday 30 October)

[NCEA me te Whānau workshop registrations](#)

Derived Grades: Where a student faces extenuating circumstances and is not able to sit their NCEA external examinations, a derived grade can be applied for using this link [Download a derived grade application form \[PDF, 121 KB\]](#) or collect an application form from the school office. Students need to provide supporting documents that show why, for circumstances beyond their control, they couldn't attend an external examination or submitted an incomplete externally assessed portfolio. Derived grade applications are due no more than 2 weeks after the student's last affected exam or assessment. All Derived Grades are only provisional. They are confirmed by NZQA in January when results are released.

If you have any issues about the external exams, please contact our principal's Nominee, Jennifer Moss JMoss@lynfield.school.nz

LITNUM CAA Results

The September Numeracy and Writing results were released on October 20. Congratulations to those students who saw success in these exams. For those still need to achieve LITNUM, pathways will be available to do so in 2026.

Auckland Live Showdown Award Winners!

BEST CHOREOGRAPHER: SARAH STREAT | BEST DIRECTOR – MUSICAL: CELIA NICHOLSON

Below: Cast members from our production of *Chicago*, performing at the Auckland Live Showdown Awards evening. Plus some scenes from the Year 12 Drama Class Production. Joshua Rennard – Director, George Ledingham - Co-Director, Cyrus Zhang - Arts Director, Cast - 2DRA. (Photo collage credit – Cyrus Zhang)



2025 New Zealand Schools Chinese Short Film Competition

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the 2025 New Zealand Schools Chinese Short Film Competition Prizegiving on 16 October at the University of Auckland city campus.

Best Language Award for *I went to Hong Kong over the holidays* | Year 11 team - Riveesh De Mel, Andy Song, Yisheng Zhou, Zhengxian Hu

Best Director Award for *Our China Story* | Year 11 team - Dorothy Chang, Jaimee Chow, Lucy Lovie Tyler, Tanvi Rana, Ellice Hii

Merit Awards for *China in my eyes* | Year 10 team - Mallesh Chetty, Owen Jiang, Maria Ma, Mathaniyun Syed Abdagir



OnScreen Film Festival Regional Finalists

On Tuesday 21 October, Izzy Macartney and Anish Choudhary's documentary 'Unseen Currents' about first responders and surf guards and their mental health was announced runner up in the documentary section of the Onscreen Film Festival.

This is a nationwide competition with some very strong entries. They also won awards for documentary cinematography and sound mixing.

Izzy and Anish plan to donate some of the money they won to Surf Lifesaving.

Congratulations!



Lynfield College Poetry Competition Winners

This year Lynfield College held a poetry competition across all year levels, and we were delighted to receive 37 entries. The standard of writing was exceptional. Every student who entered should feel proud of their work and the courage it takes to share it.

This competition was made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of Lynfield College parent, Gianna Periccioli. Gianna and her family have been impressed by the quality of education and the welcoming community that their daughter has experiencing at Lynfield College.

A special thank you to our judges, both former Lynfield College students, Nithya Narayan (2016 Dux Litterarum) and Ella Pracy (2024 winner of the Year 13 Glassey Cup for writing).

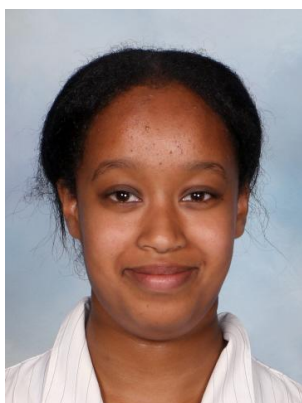
Congratulations to all our winners, and our appreciation to Gianna and her family for their generosity.

Year 10 – *Between two worlds* by Siifan Adem

Year 11 – ***Inheritance*** by Caleb Lee, **Overall Winner**

Year 12 – *Cherry Dr Pepper* by Michaela Brezovska

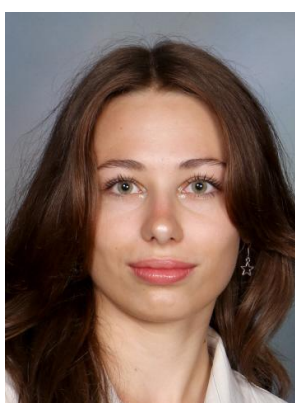
Year 13 – *Had I grown elsewhere* by Divya Rana



Siifan Adem



Caleb Lee



Michaela Brezovska



Divya Rana

Uniform & Stationery Shop

LAST TRADING DAY FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

LATE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 4.00PM – 8. 00PM (ENTRY THROUGH GATE 2).

2026 STATIONERY ORDERS - YOU CAN NOW ORDER YOUR STATIONERY ONLINE FOR 2026.

STATIONERY IS PACKAGED FOR YOU READY FOR COLLECTION FROM SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025.

SUBJECT STATIONERY LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SHOP TAB ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

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 of 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 UNIFORM.



The Athlete's Foot School Rewards

Shop with The Athlete's Foot this Back-To-School Season and your school will be donated \$10 for EVERY pair sold!

SHOP YOUR WAY

ONLINE


APPOINTMENT BOOKING


VIRTUAL QUEUING


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Community News

TEE OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE!



fair food
org.nz

FEEDING PEOPLE, NOT LANDFILL.

AKARANA GOLF

Join us for a day on the green

THURS 4 DEC
2025 1PM SHOTGUN START
7PM AUCTION CLOSE

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