



**LYNFIELD
COLLEGE**

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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,

We have been delighted with how seriously our students are taking their NCEA external exams. The logistics of getting such large numbers into the hall / exam room are considerable, so having the students arrive well in advance to allow this process to run smoothly has been appreciated by both the exam supervisors and the students sitting the exam.

We are also appreciative of how considerate our Year 9 - 11 students have been during break times as they move around the grounds and past the exam rooms.

Update on Industrial Action

PPTA has advised that the 2 hour strike scheduled for the morning of **Friday 21 November 2025** has been cancelled, with PPTA and the Public Service Commissioner being in facilitation. Classes for our Year 9 and 10 students will, therefore, run as scheduled so students should be in class by 9.00am.

Our **Year 11 Prizegiving** will still be held at 11.30am on this day as previously advised. As there won't be any classes for these students prior to the Prizegiving they are to meet their Hui mai teacher in the Hall Courtyard at 11.00am before being seated in the Hall. Students will not need to bring their school bag on this day.

Unwanted uniform and device donations

With most of our Year 13 students having completed their schooling, donations of any unwanted, but still usable, clean uniform items would be appreciated. Details of where to take these items will be advised prior to their Clearance Day scheduled for Monday 1 December.

We have experienced an increase in families in need this year. Demand for use of school owned devices has exceeded capacity. If your child is upgrading their device over the holidays and their Chromebook is surplus to requirements we would welcome any that still have a battery life of around 6 hours and have a charger. These can be brought to Reception.

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COMING EVENTS

**Monday 17 – Sunday 23
November**

Mori Language Week

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

TERM 1 2026 BEGINS

Thursday 29 January

Wa hono

As we enter the season of giving, many of the Wa hono projects being run for our Year 9 and 10 students have a theme of giving back to the community. You can expect permission letters and fees to have been sent out by early next week. Even though students may not be in a group with their friends, we hope that they take the opportunity to make new connections with both staff and students. Previous experience has indicated that this is always the case. We congratulate the students who have challenged themselves with their selection and we look forward to showcasing the outcomes of these projects at the end of the year.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

Alumni News

FROM LYNFIELD TO LAGER: ALUMNI BREWING UP SUCCESS

Two Lynfield College alumni, Craig Hebblethwaite and Matt Holden, are making waves in the craft beer industry as the proud owners and operators of Black Sands Brewing – New Zealand's only brewery run by Generation Z.

Black Sands was originally founded in 2013 by their fathers, Ian Hebblethwaite and David Holden, who turned their passion for home brewing into a thriving local business. Craig joined the team in 2022 and soon took over the running of the brewery, allowing his dad to take a step back. Then in 2023, Matt joined to contribute his remarkable technical brewing expertise – and the pair have been crafting success ever since.

Craig attended Lynfield College from 2010 to 2014, where he was actively involved in music and was Arts and Culture Captain in 2014. After graduating, he studied Law and Commerce at the University of Auckland and worked at Deloitte, before realising that his true passion lay in brewing – something that had always been part of his family's story. He left his job at Deloitte, joined Black Sands and hasn't looked back since. Craig still speaks fondly of his time at Lynfield and stays in touch with many of his school friends today.

Matt, who attended Lynfield from 2015 to 2018, followed his creative drive into Audio Engineering at the SAE Creative Media Institute in Parnell. He continues to work in the audio industry from time to time, but brewing has become his main focus. After spending time overseas perfecting his craft, Matt graduated from the Institute of Brewing in the UK and has since become the youngest award-winning brewer in New Zealand's history – an incredible achievement.

Together, Craig and Matt are building on their fathers' legacy while bringing a fresh, youthful energy to the business. Their Black Sands Pilsner recently featured in the New World Top 25 Beers and Ciders Awards, showcasing the quality of their work.

We're grateful to Craig and Matt for sharing their story with us and reminiscing about their time at Lynfield College. To follow their journey or pick up some great Christmas gifts, visit blacksandsbrewing.co.nz



D'Café Drinks Spectacular

The D'Café came alive in Term 4, Weeks 1 and 2, as our talented 3HOB Barista students hosted their end-of-year Drinks Spectacular. Inspired by the whimsical world of Alice in Wonderland, the café was transformed into a colourful wonderland of creativity, teamwork, and top-notch service.

Over the two weeks, students sold an incredible 700+ drinks, showcasing their barista skills and customer service talents. The competition was fierce, but the winning team was crowned for their delicious Caramel and Biscoff Frappe, which sold out both weeks — a true crowd favourite!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event — from staff and students who visited the café, to those who helped behind the scenes. A special thank you goes to Mrs Matherson and her Beauty students for providing the creative makeup looks that brought the Alice in Wonderland theme to life.

The D'Café is now closed for 2025 and will reopen in 2026 with new faces, fresh ideas, and even more exciting creations. Until then — thank you for being part of our café journey! Barista Crew 2025 (3HOB)

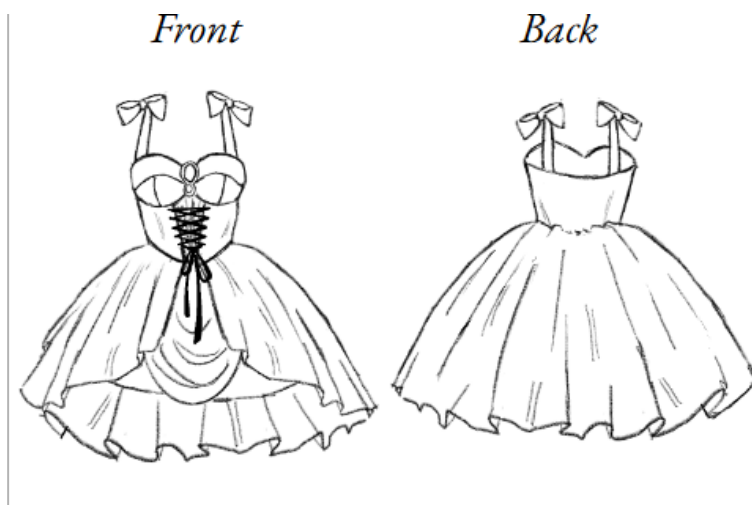


HETTASNZ Awards

This year, Year 12 Fashion and Design student Phoebe Jin earned a Highly Commended Award in the Technical category at the 2025 HETTASNZ (Home Economics and Technology Teachers' Association) awards.

Phoebe's stunning garment showcases her impressive construction skills, featuring a lace-up bodice and beautifully ruched dress design. Drawing inspiration from the vibrant red jewel beetle, her work combines technical precision with creative flair.

Phoebe should be incredibly proud of her dedication and achievement — a well-deserved recognition of her talent and hard work throughout the year. Congratulations, Phoebe!



First Foundation Scholar

Cheyenne Kirkman is the proud recipient of a First Foundation scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to Year 12 students, who will receive financial aid, mentoring and an opportunity for relevant part time work as they study.

Pāmu, who is a Scholarship Partner, featured Cheyenne as their First Foundation Scholar in Farmers Weekly.

<https://www.farmersweekly.co.nz/people/pamu-names-new-first-foundation-scholar/>



Kinofest

Our Year 10 German Language class had a fantastic experience at the KinoFest: German Film Festival held at The Vic in Devonport. We watched *Woodwalkers*, a film set in the stunning German Alps, and enjoyed freshly baked *Brezel* provided by the Goethe-Institut Wellington, who organized and sponsored the event. It was a wonderful chance to meet students from Westlake Boys, Green Bay High, and Diocesan, and after the screening, we even bought ice cream and met our pen pal from Green Bay High at the beach. Throughout the year, we have been exchanging letters in German, writing about interesting German landmarks, Christmas traditions, holidays, and more. This outing was a fantastic opportunity to connect with other students who share a passion for the German language and culture, bringing our classroom learning to life in a fun and social way.



German Handball

Our Year 9 German and Year 11 German and Japanese classes recently had the opportunity to participate in an exciting handball workshop, led by experienced trainer Frank Stoltenberg from Wellington. The workshop gave students a chance to learn not only about the sport itself but also about important German vocabulary related to handball. Words like *Tor* (goal), *links* (left), *rechts* (right), *fangen* (catch), *werfen* (throw), and *Mitte* (center) became part of their active learning as they practiced drills and techniques.

During the session, students explored basic handball rules, learned interesting facts about the game, and then applied their skills in a fun, energetic match. Students were enthusiastic, motivated, and fully involved from start to finish, showing that learning a language can be active and fun.

A big thank you goes to the Goethe-Institut for sponsoring this event and helping make this valuable, hands-on experience possible for our students. Workshops like this provide an excellent opportunity to connect language learning with real-life activities, giving students a deeper understanding of both the sport and the language.

We are hoping to start a Handball competition in 2026, create a Lynfield Team and compete with other High Schools such as Green Bay, Rutherford or St Peters. So if you are interested email mwradatsch@lynfield.co.nz



Final Reports, NCEA Exams, Summer School (Te Kura)

Year 11 will receive their final report before they finish on Friday 21 November. This will include an engagement grade, academic progress grade, and a comment from their Hui mai teacher.

Year 9 and 10 will receive an engagement report only this time. Their final report will be sent out prior to Monday 8th December.

NCEA Exams

NCEA exams began on November 4 and have been going very smoothly. Well done students for being well organised with your admission slips, punctual for your exams and for carefully following instructions from NZQA supervisors. Exams finish on November 28. Study rooms (F9 and 10) are available for students to work in if they need a quiet space.

Workshops

Teachers are continuing to run workshops for Year 12 and 13 students to complete internal standards. These are by arrangement with the subject teacher.

Summer School (Te Kura)

Summer School is a short-term, online learning programme for eligible ākonga (students) who need up to 12 NCEA credits to move into further study, training, or employment.

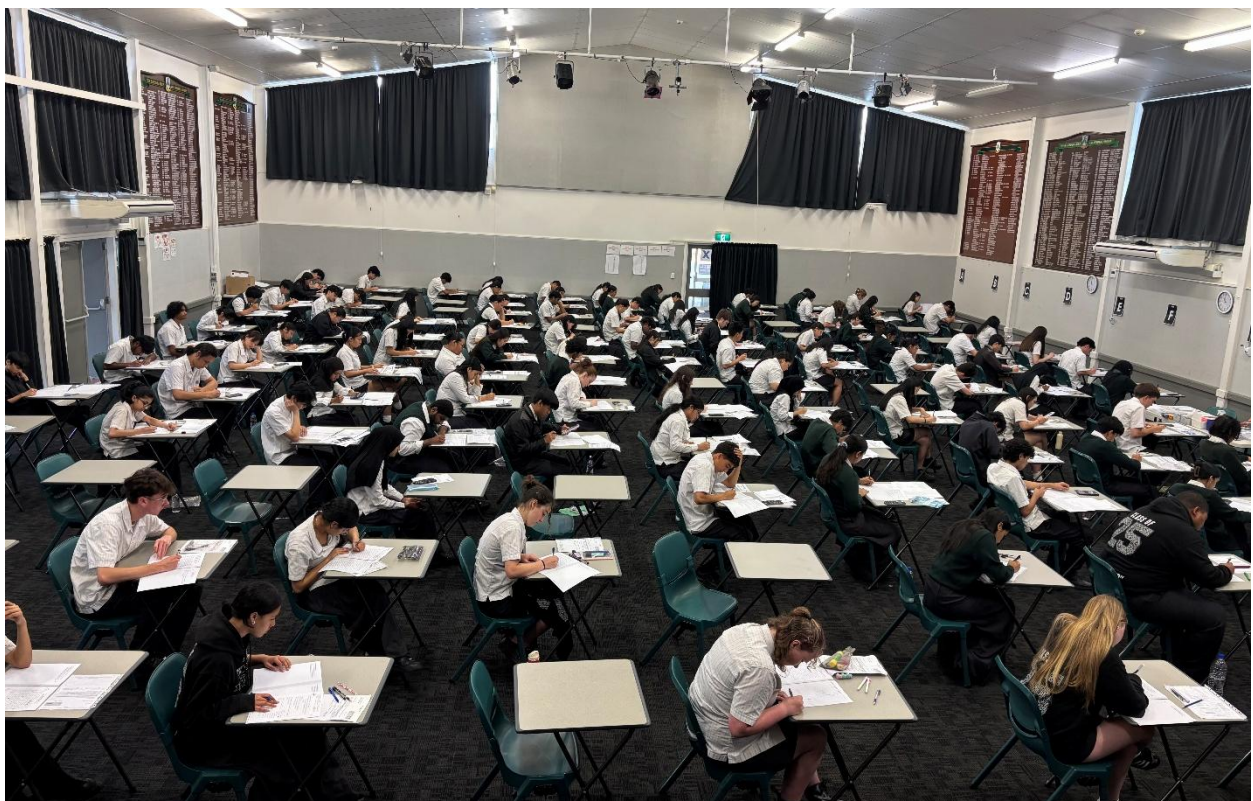
Note: Students will be responsible for managing their own learning. Subject teachers will be available to provide guidance and feedback on course material only. To succeed, students need to be motivated, organised, and committed to working independently.

Enrolment **open on 24 November**. Summer School starts **16 Dec**. Enrolment closes at midday **23 January**. A range of **NCEA Level 2 and Level 3** subjects are offered. Students can enrol in **up to 12 credits** the credit limit drops to 6 credits from 12 January.

- [NCEA Level 2 Subjects.](#)
- [NCEA Level 3 Subjects.](#)

NCEA Results

NCEA results from the November–December exams will be available on 15 January.



Mt Roskill Public Meeting – Staying Safe Online

After the success of our students speaking at the 2024 **Youth Vaping Awareness Seminar**, a Mt Roskill Community Event, we were invited to send representatives to form a Youth Panel, along with students from Mt Roskill Grammar, speaking on **Staying Safe Online**.

After the event, Dr Carlos Cheung, MP for Mt Roskill, sent a message of appreciation for panellists Mahant Agrawal, Alina Murumkar, Arlia Potauaine and Mishti Saha, thanking them for their participation at the meeting held on Thursday 30 October 2025.

“I was impressed by the preparation, presentation and confidence demonstrated by students from both Lynfield College and Mt Roskill Grammar School. Their contributions were widely praised by fellow panellists and members of the community, with many commenting that the student panel was the highlight of the meeting. Hearing the views of students offered valuable insights, leading to a lively discussion, helping to ensure that all perspectives are heard and considered.”

Dr Carlos Cheung, MP for Mt Roskill



Uniform & Stationery Shop

LAST TRADING DAY FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

LATE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 4.00 PM – 8.00 PM (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 WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025.

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

UNIFORM SALES FOR 2026 (BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED EXCEPT WHERE STATED)

SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM. SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM

MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 12.00 PM – 2.00 PM *SECOND HAND SALES ONLY – NO BOOKING REQUIRED*

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY 10.00 AM – 3.00 PM. WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 10.00 AM – 3.00 PM

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 3.00 PM – 7.00 PM. FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 3.00 PM – 7.00 PM

SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM. SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 10.00 AM – 4.00 PM.

MONDAY 26TH JANUARY CLOSED (AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY)

REGULAR HOURS DURING TERM TIME

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 during term time, Teacher Only Days, school holidays, or public 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 be donated \$10 for EVERY pair sold!

SHOP YOUR WAY

ONLINE APPOINTMENT BOOKING VIRTUAL QUEUING

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We could say

“GO TAKE A HIKE!”

But prefer to invite you to our walk



A COMMUNITY WALK for DIABETES
raising awareness with
“Lap the Map”

Sunday 23rd November Blockhouse Bay Primary School
Info and register at www.bhbl-lions.org
or Text LTM25 + your names to 022 3721908

TEE OFF FOR A GOOD CAUSE!



 **FEEDING PEOPLE, NOT LANDFILL.**



Join us for a day on the green

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

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