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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

I have been speaking in assemblies this week about our Korowai value, **Whanaungatanga tika - we are connected.**

One of the best ways our students can be connected with what is happening at the school is through being aware of the events and activities running and opportunities offered. These are shared with the students through our **notices**. Students who start up their device in the morning will see these automatically displayed when they login. During the day notices can be accessed through SchoolBridge.

As a good habit for learning, we recommend that students shut down their device each night and charge it fully ready for use the following day. We are also reminding them to put their device into 'sleep' mode should their device be left unattended.

Board funded Scholarships

Any student who is representing their chosen activity (sport or creative, innovative) at regional, national or international level may apply for these Board scholarships. Recipients may use the scholarship to assist with expenses directly related to the activity in which they excel while they are representing the College.

SPORTS OR CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications close: 3.10 PM, MONDAY 31 March 2025

Looking for a Career Change? Considering teaching?

The Ministry of Education has been working on providing information and resources more accessible for those considering a career in teaching.

If you're looking to change careers to one where you can make a real difference, a [Te Huawhiti Career-Changer Scholarship](#) can financially support you on your journey.

We have supported a staff member to complete a career change in 2024 and are supporting a further two in 2025. Conversations are currently underway as to who we would be in a position to support for 2026. Do contact the school if this would be of interest to you or a friend / colleague. Further information can be found here [Information for recent / upcoming graduates: Encouraging your community into teaching – Education Workforce](#) Information for recent / upcoming graduates is also available: [Careers expo – Ministry of Education](#)

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Friday 28 March

NON-UNIFORM

CULTURAL DRESS DAY

Saturday 29 March

LC CULTURAL DAY, 9.45AM

Monday 31 March

WHANAU HUI 5.30 – 8.00PM

Tuesday 1 April

TALANOA EVENING 6 - 8PM

Wednesday 2 April

JAZZ COMBO

FUNDRAISER CONCERT

Wednesday 9 April

SUMMER SPORTS PHOTOS

Friday 11 April

END OF TERM 1

Monday 28 April

TERM 2 BEGINS

Give a Little Page for the Robotics Worlds Trip

Lynfield College Robotics Team 2915E has spent the past year designing, building, and programming their robots for the 2024-2025 National Championships, dedicating countless hours after school, at scrimmages, and even during holidays to perfect them.

In February 2025, they competed against 76 NZ teams at the VEX Robotics National Championships, securing back-to-back titles! Now, they have the incredible chance to represent New Zealand at the 2025 VEX Robotics World Championship in Texas, May 6-8th.

But they need your help, please donate on their [Give A Little](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/lynfield-college-robotics) page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/lynfield-college-robotics> or use the QR code.

Your support will help cover travel, accommodation and competition costs, bringing them closer to the world stage. Every contribution counts. Thank you for being part of their journey!



ROBOTICS TEAM VISIT TO UOA INNOVATION HUB

Last Thursday, Lynfield College Robotics was given an awesome opportunity to present at the UoA Newmarket Innovation Precinct and to show high school Robotics to a wide group of startups and companies.

We really enjoyed our time, showing our passionate hard work and gained experience from Robotics. We were also given a tour of the precinct, where we got to see the lovely facilities that UoA has to offer, including their amazing workshop.

The robotics team is grateful for this opportunity and were glad to have experienced it.



The Jazz Combo is heading to Tauranga!

The Music department has been busy over the start of the year! With over 30 groups underway it is exciting to see what the students will produce this year.

At the start of April, five of the Jazz Combos will be heading to the National Youth Jazz Festival in Tauranga. To help us get there, we are having a Combo Fundraiser performance concert on April 2, starting at 6pm in the school hall. Entry is by donation.

This will be a great chance for the students to gain some performance experience in front of an audience before the competition, and for you to sit back and enjoy the music the students have been working hard to get ready! It would be great to see as many people there as possible, so invite everyone you know!

Wednesday 2 April 2025

Jazz Combo Fundraiser Concert

6.00pm start

Lynfield College Hall



German Language Scholarships

Two Year 12 students have successfully received scholarships demonstrating their great German language skills and interest in the German culture and people. A big congratulations to:

IZAK VAN NIEKERK who is sponsored to attend a 3-day workshop with The Goethe Institute in Wellington, meeting students from across Aotearoa, celebrating their passion for the German language, traditions and customs.

MAREN CAPPS who is travelling to the far North of Germany, St. Peter-Ording by the Northern Sea, for three weeks. To meet with students from all over the world sharing their enthusiasm, exploring cities like Hamburg and Kiel and enhancing their German language skills.

Also, a big thank you to the students who have gone to the effort of applying! We will continue on this journey in 2026! Vielen Dank!



Students' Night Out at the Theatre

Year 13 English and Performance students headed to the Viaduct to watch the theatre production *a mixtape for maladies*. The production was put on by the Auckland Theatre Company and performed at the ASB Waterfront Theatre. The show details a young man from Lower Hutt as he listens to a tape from his mother's collection. Through the listening, his mother tells him the story of his family back in Sri Lanka, their hopes, dreams, journeys, and navigating life in a time of war. For some students, it was their first time seeing live theatre. There were laughs, tears and positive chatter at the end of the show.



Glenavon Leadership Day

On the 17th of March, some of our Student Executive leaders travelled to Glenavon School to support their student leadership day. We shared experiences and advice with the young Glenavon leaders, encouraging them to believe in themselves and their ability to confidently take on leadership roles in the future. This short but meaningful experience provided us with the opportunity to connect, share, and support their leaders.

For Abigail and me, having the privilege of visiting our past school gave us the opportunity to show what we have become, to talk about our roles on the Student Executive and hopefully be an inspiration to those who have the potential to be future leaders. Finau Lau'i and Abigail Vasega



International Students Visit Auckland Museum

Our international students had a fantastic time last week exploring the *Legends to Leeches* exhibition at Auckland Museum! With beautiful blue skies overhead, they made a stop at Mt Eden to take in the stunning views of Auckland City. A perfect day filled with learning, adventure, and discovery!



Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences

Our first round of Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences (PSTs) for 2025 were held on Thursday 6 March and Friday 7 March. Goal setting and engagement in class were the focus of the Term one meetings. We enjoyed connecting with our whānau, listening to our young people discuss their goals, and hearing how the school year has started for them.

A reminder: If you have a concern about your child's progress in a specific subject area, you can still let your child's Hui mai teacher know via an email and they will ask the subject teacher to contact you. Your child's Hui mai teacher has shared their email address with them.

NCEA and Scholarship Information Evening

On Tuesday 11 March approximately 165 parents and students attended our NCEA and Scholarship Information evening.

Academic Advisor, Neil Waddington, kicked the presentation off in the Hall, by sharing important information about NCEA, the new Literacy and Numeracy standards and our alternative Year 11 programme. Careers Advisor, Russell Christie, followed up with advice on career pathways and for part 2 of the presentation Neil explained the 'what and why' of Scholarship exams.

After the presentations, parents and students had the opportunity to meet with our Faculty Leaders and Literacy and Numeracy Coordinators for a Q and A in the staffroom.

Thank you to Neil, Russell, our Faculty Leaders, and to our whanau for making this evening engaging and a success.

NCEA Presentation

Scholarship Presentation



SchoolTV



The next School TV topic is now available – this is Social Media and Comparison Culture

In today's hyper-connected world, young people are constantly exposed to carefully curated snapshots of other people's lives - from picture-perfect holidays and academic achievements to the latest fashion trends and fitness goals. This relentless stream of comparisons, often amplified through social media, creates what is known as comparison culture. More information and a brief video to support parents and caregivers can be found on our School TV site

https://lynfield.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-social-media-comparison-culture-nz

Leavers' Hoodies

Year 13 students have the opportunity to purchase a Leavers' hoodie which may be worn as part of their school uniform. The cost is \$75.00 and sales close on Friday 28 March. Students have the opportunity to try on sample hoodies for sizing.

Have you downloaded our SchoolBridge App yet?

This gives you easy access to report an absence, see attendance, results, ability to pay any fees, see sports draws, and reports. Information about the app and login details can be found [here](#)



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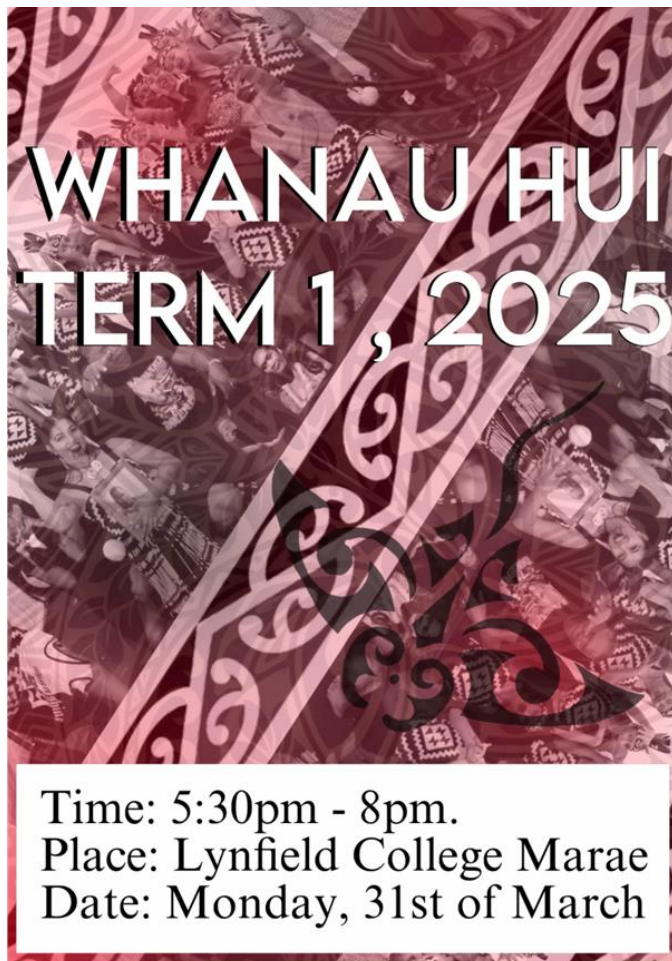
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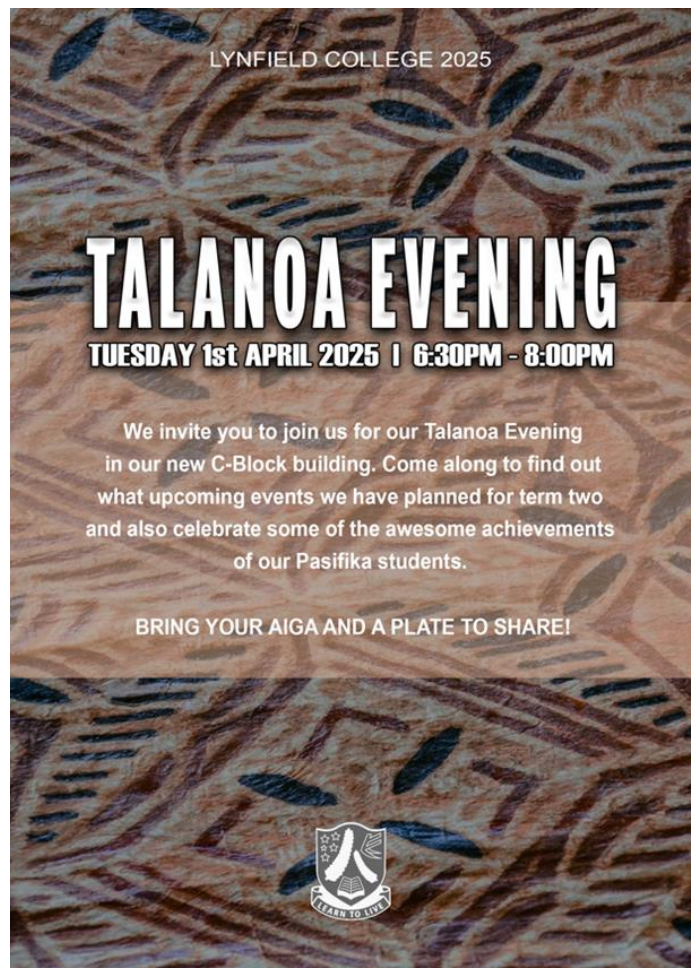


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WHANAU HUI TERM 1, 2025

Time: 5:30pm - 8pm.
Place: Lynfield College Marae
Date: Monday, 31st of March




LYNFIELD COLLEGE 2025

TALANOA EVENING

TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2025 | 6:30PM - 8:00PM

We invite you to join us for our Talanoa Evening in our new C-Block building. Come along to find out what upcoming events we have planned for term two and also celebrate some of the awesome achievements of our Pasifika students.

BRING YOUR AIGA AND A PLATE TO SHARE!



Young Māori
and Pacific Pride
Leaders present...

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WEDNESDAYS

WEEKLY ACADEMIC WORKSHOP

Open to all students!

- Unfinished work?
- Due dates looming?
- Need help?

3.15 PM - 4.30 PM
JOIN US IN I2/I3 (END OF
CORRIDOR IN THE UPPER GYM)

Year 9 Innovative Learning Newsletter

9IL has been studying Mathematics in preparation for the upcoming e-asTTle test. In Science they recently explored adaptations to understand how different animals adjust to various environments. As part of their learning, they visited the lab K3 to experiment with dry ice. Students observed sublimation where solid carbon dioxide turns directly into gas creating fog-like clouds. They also investigated how dry ice reacts with water and indicators to demonstrate changes in acidity, making for an exciting hands-on experience.

In ILP/ILH, students have been learning about Te Whare Tapa Whā and exploring migration. Understanding why people migrate, whether due to economic opportunities, environmental changes, conflicts, or cultural connections helps students develop empathy and a broader perspective on global movement and history.

In ILT/ILE, students have been working on their Sugar Skull soft materials project, where they are learning how to sew. This skill is essential in Technology, as it builds fine motor skills, problem-solving abilities and creativity while helping students understand how textiles and construction methods impact design. They also explored storytelling through music by learning about ballads, writing their own based on a character from *Coco*. To bring the Mexican theme to life, they even made delicious Mexican nachos!

In PE, the focus has been on sports from different countries, broadening students' knowledge of global physical activities.



Please Help Support Kowhai Kai

Kōwhai Kai is a student wellbeing programme that supports Lynfield College students and their whānau who are experiencing hardship. At the start of lunch time, kai is provided in D12 for students who do not have the means to bring lunch to school. If you want to find out more, you can contact Mr Dye, Deputy Principal edye@lynfield.school.nz. This has been able to operate thanks to the generosity of our community. We would love to make connection with new corporate sponsors.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO: LYNFIELD COLLEGE, 12-3049-0248027-00, REF: KŌWHAI KAI

LC Staff Celebrate St Patrick's Day



Uniform & Stationery Shop

HOURS

The Uniform and Stationery shop is open to all students on site for their uniform and stationery needs during interval and lunchtime Mondays to Thursdays, and on Fridays before school at 8am and interval.

We are not open on Saturday and Sunday, Teacher Only Days or the between term holidays.

Parents can attend the shop at the following times:

Monday – Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm and 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Friday 8.00am – 11.30am

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

The Uniform and Stationery Shop also sells second hand items. We ask that if you wish to purchase the second hand items, you do not come during student's morning tea or lunchtimes.

Please be aware that we do not have the full size range in the second hand items. Proceeds from secondhand uniform sales go to our hardship fund to support students in need.

LYNFIELD COLLEGE BLAZER

The Lynfield College blazer is available to all students. The cost is \$260 and it can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. We only have a few available in each size at the moment, but if we have high demand, more stock can be brought in.

ONLINE ORDERING

Online ordering is available through our website <https://lynfield.school.nz/shop.html>. Payment can be made by direct credit or credit card and students onsite are able to collect the items from the shop during the above times. Orders are usually ready the next day.

RETURNS POLICY

We require a purchase receipt, tags and the skirt "runner stitch" to still be in garments to process returns. Please be aware that we can only return items up to 90 days from the date on your receipt.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost uniform items, please ask them to check the Lost Property bin outside the uniform shop.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM.

Community Events

GO GREEN EXPO

A great opportunity to listen to guest speakers, explore a great variety of sustainable ways of living.



GO GREEN EXPO
THE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE SHOW

Get your **FREE** ticket below!

Auckland (April Edition)

5 & 6 April, 2025
Eventfinda Stadium, North Shore
10am – 5pm Saturday & 10am – 4pm Sunday

FREE Parking available

WATERCARE COMMISSIONING WORKS ON HEAPHY STREET, BLOCKHOUSE BAY

The commissioning works begun in mid-March 2025 will take until approximately mid-May 2025.

Working hours will be from 7am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday and 7am to 4pm on Saturday including some Statutory Holidays.

