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From Tumuaki Richard Winn

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many

Kia ora koutou

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to acknowledge the hard work, energy and commitment shown by our students, staff and whānau across the past eleven weeks. It has been a term filled with learning, achievement, service, creativity, sport, cultural celebration and the many day-to-day moments that make our kura such a special place.

Our focus on **manaakitanga** has been evident in the way students have supported one another, contributed to school life and represented Lynfield College with pride. We continue to be grateful for the partnership we share with our families, and for the encouragement you provide at home to support strong attendance, positive learning habits and readiness for school each day.

Next term we welcome our Principal Cath Knell back from her sabbatical. It has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to lead Lynfield College this term, we have such wonderful students and staff that make this College great.

As the holidays begin, I encourage our students to take time to rest, reconnect with whānau and recharge for the term ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, ready to continue building on the progress made so far this year.

Nga mihi nui

Richard Winn

Tumuaki | Acting Principal

Enrolment reminder: 2027 Year 9 out of zone applications for categories 1-5 close on 2nd September 4.00pm. More details around enrolling at Lynfield College can be found on our website.

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 20 July
Term 3 begins
Tuesday 21 July
Year 11 Course Info Assembly
Monday 27 July
Year 12 Course Info Assembly
Tuesday 28 July
OPEN EVENING 6PM, HALL
Wednesday 29 July
Course Selection 2027 Opens
Thursday 30 & Friday 31 July
School in Action Tours 11am
Friday 31 July
Year 10 Course Info Assembly

Lynfield Alumni Earns Prestigious Fulbright Award

NIKKI SINGH - CLASS OF 2015

Lynfield College is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of alumni Nikki Singh (Class of 2015), who has recently been awarded the highly prestigious Fulbright New Zealand Science and Innovation Graduate Award.

The Fulbright programme is one of the world's most respected International Scholarship programmes, recognising exceptional academic achievement and leadership potential. Nikki's award will see her spend six months at Stanford University in California, one of the world's leading universities, where she will contribute to research exploring the relationship between chronic illness, identity, and health outcomes.

Reflecting on her time at Lynfield College, Nikki remembers the many opportunities she had beyond the classroom. From cricket, basketball, debating, school productions, and a memorable trip to China, she says the extracurricular activities were some of the highlights of her school years. In particular, she makes special mention of Ms Fang for helping her develop a love of Chinese, a subject she describes as "hard but fun", and Ms Connew her Football coach. Nikki also fondly remembers her Year 9 music class with Mr Sue, where she first picked up a guitar. As she describes "What began as a classroom activity has since grown into one of the most important hobbies in her life. Shoutout to Mr Sue for nurturing that in us".

After leaving Lynfield College in 2015, Nikki completed a Bachelor of Health Sciences, followed by First Class Honours, at the University of Auckland. During this time, she also completed an internship with the Ministry of Justice in Wellington, where she worked on the Cannabis Legalisation Bill and gained valuable insight into the world of public policy. She is now completing her PhD, researching how autoimmune disease affects the identities and experiences of young adults in Aotearoa New Zealand.

There is a strong sense of pride from Nikki about where she came from. When asked what advice she would give today's students, Nikki shared:

"Don't ever count yourself out of the game, no matter where you come from and what you want to achieve in life. You are your ancestors' greatest dream".

We are extremely proud of Nikki and what she has achieved, and we wish her all the best as she moves to Stanford later in the year.



If you are a Lynfield College alumni and would like to reconnect with us, please email Russell Christie rchristie@lynfield.school.nz or fill out the registration form below.

[Lynfield College Alumni Registration Form](#)



JUDY GAO – CLASS OF 2011

This term we were lucky to have a visit from Judy Gao who kindly donated beautiful lace and beaded fabrics to the Textiles department. Judy was from the class 2011 where she excelled in both the Arts and Technology during her time at Lynfield College. Judy Gao won numerous awards in the Trash to Fashion competitions where later she was invited to become a judge due to her excellent eye and creative flare.

Nowadays, Judy Gao runs a successful fashion label called Judy Gao Couture. Most of her designs are produced for the American bridal market and are made to measure. It was such a pleasure to catch up with Judy and hear about her success after Lynfield College. A huge thank you for your kind fabric donations Judy. All the best for your continued success.



SERINA DAUNAKAMAKAMA – CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations to alumni Serina Daunakamakama on her outstanding season with the Southern Steel in the ANZ Netball Premiership. It has been an exciting tournament, made all the more so watching Serina achieve so highly and perform so well on the court with her team, in the Grand Final against the Northern Mystics on Saturday night.



Production 2026 - Popstars

Huge congratulations to the talented cast and crew of *Popstars*. After two terms of dedication and creativity, they delivered four outstanding performances. A big thank you to all the friends, whānau, and community members who came along and supported — your energy made it the success it was!

Special acknowledgement goes to Production Director Celia Nicholson, Choreographers Sarah Streat and Julia Jenkins-Cox, Musical Director Greg McLarin, Lighting and Sound Oversight Neil Waddington.



Music Matters

It has been a massive term in the Music department with students performing in multiple different settings.

C Block Concerts

This term saw lots of concerts happening in the courtyard at C Block. Groups from Year 9 and 10 Academy played a combination of covers and original songs, and the senior music classes performed their originals. These are fantastic concerts that bring a big group of students together and provide live music to the school at lunchtimes!

Smokefree Rockquest Success

This year we had 14 Bands entered in the Auckland Central section of the Smokefree Rockquest. All 14 bands wrote their own songs and performed exceptionally well on the day. Auckland Central is the largest region of competition in the country for Rockquest with 72 bands performing in total, but only 12 going through to the Regional Final. Lynfield College had two bands in the Regional Final, Halsey Drive and Terry Town. We were extremely proud of the two groups, and amongst some very tough competition Halsey Drive came away with Third Place. A huge achievement from everyone involved.



Play it Strange Recordings

We have been fortunate to have two songs in the Play it Strange Competitions so far this year, with recording dates happening over the next couple of Months. Parnell Kisina (Y11) got his song "Talk of the Town" making it into the Junior Songwriting competition. This was recorded at Broome Studios in Avondale on Monday this week. In the Peace Song Competition, we had Year 13 Student Nittyta Bapat have her song "Fall of an Empire" chosen as one of the finalists. She will record her song mid next term. Both songs will be released later in the year on Spotify and other streaming platforms.

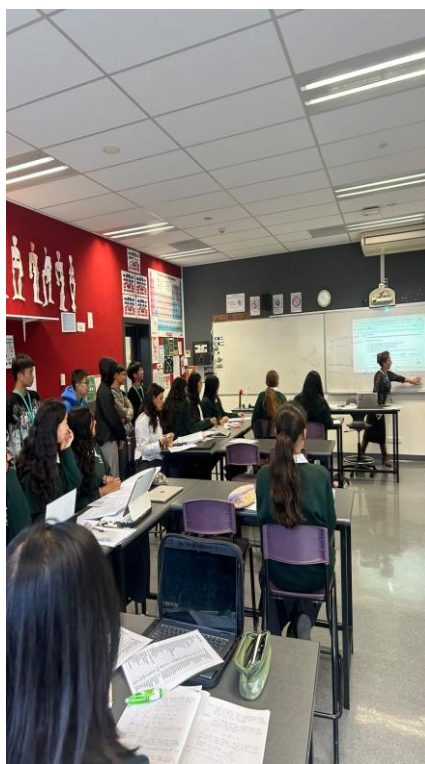
Production

The production band was a huge success, providing the backbone for the 90s hits for the production. A huge thanks to Aly Leaning (Bass), Theo Jackson (Keys), Harry Baker (Drums), Ashton Silveira (Sax), Doris Tan (Flute), and James Gallagher (Guitar) for their hard work and dedication to making the show such a massive success. Also massive thanks to former student Noah Pin who joined us once again to play some trumpet.

There are more competitions coming up next term, with Auckland Jazz and Blues in Week 1, and the KBB competition in Week 4. We also have some concert dates coming up at school, with the Variety Concert on Wednesday 5th August, and the Jazz and Blues Concert on Tuesday 25th August.

International Students

We were delighted to welcome 24 students and 4 teachers from TWGHs Mrs Wu York Yu Memorial College in Hong Kong on Monday 29th June. Although they are only with us for a short visit, they will have the opportunity to experience life at our school by following their student buddies to classes and participating in their regular timetables. Our students are staying with local homestay families during their time here, giving them a chance to experience New Zealand culture and hospitality firsthand. We hope they enjoy their time with us and thank our students, staff, and homestay families for making them feel so welcome.



New Sport Initiative

A select group of students had the chance to participate in a six-week fencing programme during Term 2, generously funded by Sport Auckland. This exciting initiative introduced our students to a new sport and helped them develop valuable skills.

The programme was expertly run by Mary Black from Tuatahi Fencing, who brought her passion and expertise to the lessons. Students not only had fun learning the fundamentals of fencing but also gained confidence, discipline, and teamwork skills. We are grateful to Sport Auckland for making this opportunity possible and to Mary Black for her patience, enthusiasm, and dedication in sharing her love of fencing with our students. We hope this experience has inspired some of our young fencers to continue their journey in this sport!



Education Perfect World Languages Championship 2026

We are proud to announce that Lynfield College has once again achieved exceptional results in the Education Perfect World Languages Championship, an international competition that celebrates language learning across the globe. This year, over 248 countries participated—and our students placed 11th overall globally and an incredible 4th overall in New Zealand across all languages!

Lynfield College stood out across individual languages as well:

Japanese: 3rd in New Zealand, 11th globally

Chinese: 2nd in New Zealand, 4th globally

German: 2nd in New Zealand, 7th globally

These achievements are a testament to the passion, effort, and dedication of our students and language teachers. To recognise the success of our students who placed in the top 2% globally, we held a celebration lunch on 12th June and presented awards. A special thank you to Mr Winn, Acting Principal who joined the event to personally congratulate and present certificates to each student.

Gold Award – Top 2% Globally

Arjun Devkar, Aarush Duvvuri, Marina Ma, Elvin Zhang, Alan Zhou, Linda Liu, Jazmin Ni, Ian Zhang, Naweed Sakha, Oliver Wang, Mathaniyun Syed Abdagir, Bhavya Gupta, Amy Hawke

Emerald Award – Top 1.5% Globally

Owen Jiang, Yiyi Sun, Parv Gupta, Ayanna Sree, Lotfullah Wafa, Sual Yu, Richa Koppikar

Elite Award – Top 1% Globally

These students received extra goodie bags to honour their outstanding performance:

Vinoth Nadar - 161st globally, Pujan Upreti - 127th globally, Mae Ding - 80th globally

Cassey Alinsolorin - 28th globally, Haruto Sugaya - 8th globally

Congratulations to all our top achievers! Your effort and excellence on the world stage have made Lynfield College proud. We look forward to continuing this success in 2027, with even more students reaching the top 2% and beyond!

Ka pai to everyone involved! We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Tui Tuia Learning Circle for their valuable support in helping our Chinese students achieve outstanding results in the competition.

Celebrating International Languages Week

Lynfield College proudly celebrated International Languages Week in June, led by our Arts and Cultural Captains and Assistant Captains, who had actively promoted daily events during school assemblies were instrumental in the week's success.

Monday: Japanese Trivia Quiz

Tuesday: German traditional game, Schokoladenessen

Wednesday: Chinese Chopstick Challenge

Thursday: Korean Movie Day

We ended the week with an awards ceremony to formally acknowledge our students' outstanding achievements and present their Education Perfect World Championship certificates.



Chinese Bridge Speech Competition

Congratulations to Ayanna Sree for winning First Prize in the Secondary Junior Category of the 2026 Chinese Bridge Speech Competition! A prizegiving ceremony was held at the University of Auckland on Saturday 13th June which Ayanna and her family attended, along with Lynfield College Acting Principal Richard Winn and Chinese teacher Judy Fang.

This year, students from 44 schools participated in the competition. Ayanna delivered an outstanding speech and was the first competitor to present, demonstrating both confidence and excellent language skills.

Ayanna began learning Chinese in Year 9. She is a highly motivated student who is always focused on her learning and committed to achieving her best. Through her dedication and hard work, she has made remarkable progress and achieved an excellent result in this prestigious competition.

We are incredibly proud of Ayanna's achievement and congratulate her on this well-deserved success.



Kakehashi Event

Lynfield College students recently had an incredible experience attending the 2026 Kakehashi Event at the University of Auckland on Friday 10th June. True to its name, *Kakehashi* (meaning bridging) brought students from schools across Auckland together to forge new friendships and discover the real-world value of studying the Japanese language. Our students enjoyed the day so much that they are already enthusiastic about attending again next year!

Throughout the day, students were placed into mixed teams with peers from 9-10 different schools, which challenged them to communicate, cooperate, and innovate together. They experienced a variety of traditional Japanese games, lively rounds of charades, and senior-level trivia quizzes. This hands-on approach allowed them to practise their Japanese language skills and learn about the culture in a highly fun, interactive environment.

The highlight of the event was the big trivia quiz competition, where Lynfield College absolutely shone on the podium. A massive congratulations goes out to **Leipua Fale, Tevini 'Ahomana, and their team for taking out 1st Place!** We also want to celebrate **Hana Teague, Yiyi Sun, and their team**, alongside **Jessica Jala, Dhakshi Ekampan, and their team, which both secured a brilliant 2nd Place.**



NZ Schools Japanese Trivia Competition

On Friday 26th June, eight junior students representing Lynfield College competed in the annual New Zealand Junior Japanese Trivia Championship, a prestigious nationwide event. The College was proudly represented by Anya Smith (9CRS), Lydia Knox (9FNG), Rhylla Sanchez (9GPS), Dhiti Gala (9OBR), Momo Han (9CHP), Belinda Chen (9PKR), Ann Chen (10PSD), and Genesis Hu (10SHL). Throughout the rigorous competition, the Lynfield team demonstrated exceptional knowledge and determination, consistently vying for the top positions on the live leaderboard. Following a highly competitive series of rounds against schools from across the country, Lynfield College ultimately secured an admirable 7th place nationally. We would like to thank our parents who also joined in the parents team and participated in the trivia championship as well.

In addition to the academic competition, the event provided a valuable cultural experience for our rangatahi. Participants received commemorative gifts and refreshments, and had the distinct honour of attending an address by the Consul of Japan. In a formal speech, the Consul commended the students for their dedication, expressing great appreciation for the growing interest in Japanese language and culture among New Zealand youth.

Congratulations to our students for their outstanding efforts and we look forward to participating in next year's championship, with the goal of bringing the trophy back to Lynfield College.

You can see how much fun they had via YouTube!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01h9bPer26Q>

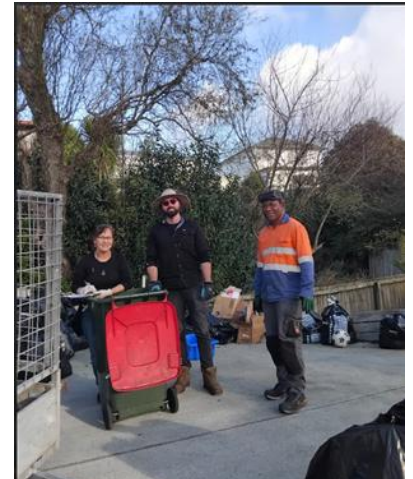


Lynfield College Waste Audit

On Wednesday the 18th of June, a band of 120 brave Lynfield College students and 7 teachers set out on a mission. A mission to pick up as much rubbish as they could and audit how much rubbish there would be in total, and what type of rubbish they would find. There were many places to look so everyone split up and began the pick-up. We were very shocked to see the places we found the rubbish in! We mostly had more people on the field as the field is quite big and vast and had room for a lot of waste. Once collected, the rubbish was taken down to the van shed, and weighed.

When we finished we began our sorting. We opened up a few bags, and got to work. It was quite tough and smelly but the sustainability group persevered. We found many interesting things and learnt a lot like how some things can't be recycled when we thought they could. In the end it was a very interesting and fun day. A big thanks to Nicky Elmore and her team, the Sustainability group, our Groundsmen Max and Sam who always tidy up our school, and the students and teachers for helping out. This wouldn't have been possible without you!

It demonstrated that a lot of our rubbish in school does not get sorted appropriately - which is a major concern. The total weight of all the bags was a whopping 187.81kg! That's equivalent to about 900 phones! As a school we would want to try to keep the amount of rubbish we throw away to be much much smaller. The Sustainability group is trying to come up with many innovative solutions to combat this. By Kapeesh Gurav.



A busy month exploring career pathways

WAIPAPA ŌHANGA RAU

It has been a busy month for many of our Year 12 and Year 13 Maori and Pacific Island students, who have taken part in a range of exciting tertiary experiences designed to help them explore their options and prepare for life after Lynfield College.

Earlier this month, a group of our Year 12 Māori students attended the Waipapa Ōhanga Rau programme at the University of Auckland. Created to support rangatahi Māori as they navigate the important decisions of Years 12 and 13, the programme encouraged students to build confidence, develop a clear sense of direction, and begin planning for their futures. Guided by the whakataukī "*tē tōia, tē haumatia*", students explored university pathways, scholarships, student support services, and gained valuable insight into what University study is really like.



ASPIRE DAY 2026

Our Year 13 Pacific Island students also visited Auckland University of Technology to participate in Aspire Day 2026. Similar to the Waipapa Ōhanga Rau programme, Aspire Day is designed to remove the mystery around university. Through interactive workshops, hands-on activities, and conversations with current university students, our students were able to gain a better understanding of scholarships, future pathways, and university life. The programme also focused on building confidence and helping students make informed decisions about their next steps.



Experiences like these are an important part of Lynfield College's careers programme. A sincere thank you to the teams at the University of Auckland and AUT for providing these opportunities for our students.

Dance Trip to Q Theatre

The Year 10 and Senior Dance students were treated to an amazing performance by the Unitec students called Language of Limbs last Friday at Q Theatre. The ideas of the dances included nostalgia, the pressure of constant motion, exploration of human relationships and how obsession emerges as a defence mechanism.

This show was very timely as the Senior Dance students are embarking on their own choreography to communicate and develop ideas for both Level 3 and Scholarship.

All the students came away from the show inspired by their creative ideas, original movement ideas and sophisticated use of choreographic devices.



Kapa Haka performs at BUPA Resthome

On Tuesday 30th June The Lynfield College kapa haka group were invited to perform at BUPA village. Whaea Bonn took the kapa haka group to perform items for the residents.

He Mihi nui ki a Whaea Bonn, Matua Tu rātou ko Dylen hoki.

Ka rawe koutou. Well done to all ākonga involved. Hei mahi tahi



Lynfield Students Discover Careers Through Girls with Hi-Vis®

Fifteen of our Year 13 female students spent Monday 29th June with Pipeline & Civil and Watercare Services as part of the Girls with Hi-Vis® programme.

This programme introduces young women to the exciting career opportunities available across New Zealand's infrastructure sector, including civil construction, water, energy, and telecommunications.

The day was packed with hands-on experiences that gave students a real taste of the industry. They learned about traffic management by riding in a traffic management truck and helping to place cones, used laser levels, and even had the chance to operate a digger excavator under expert supervision.

Students also heard from women working across the infrastructure sector, learning about the wide variety of careers available. While many students were familiar with engineering, they were surprised to discover the diverse range of roles that keep companies like Pipeline & Civil running successfully, including marketing, design, project management, health and safety, and many other specialist positions.

The experience gave our students valuable insight into an industry they may not have previously considered, while showcasing the many pathways available after school.

A big thank you to Connexis, Pipeline & Civil, and Watercare for providing such an engaging opportunity for our students.



German Trivia Evening

On Tuesday 30th June, Lynfield College was delighted to host its first-ever German Trivia Night, welcoming students from Westlake Boys High School, Green Bay High School, Diocesan School for Girls, and Lynfield College. Teams were made up of mixed groups from the different schools, giving students the opportunity to get to know one another while sharing their knowledge and expertise.

The trivia featured 15 questions in each category, including History, Sports, Geography, Culture, Typical Language Features, and a fun *Who Am I?* round, where students identified Ludwig van Beethoven. At the same time, Frau Weinhart hosted an informative parent evening, sharing pathways for learning German and opportunities for studying and working in Germany. The evening received very positive feedback from students, parents, and teachers alike and was a fantastic, fun-filled event that we hope will become an annual tradition.



SCHOOL TV

Are you finding parenting your teen a challenge?

Adolescence is a rollercoaster for both the young person and their whanau. It can leave parents feeling out of their depth and wondering who this strange person is who used to be their kind caring child. We have on our website a portal into an amazing, well researched space where you can find some answers to your questions and discover that adolescence is a process that all young people bumble through.



To access our SchoolTV, please use the following link <https://lynfield.nz.schooltv.me/>

As young people come up against challenges whether it is sleeplessness, gaming, drugs and alcohol, studying for exams or any of the weird and wonderful things that cause them to stumble, you will be able to arm yourself with information and ideas on how to support them and yourselves through.

Under the main article when you go to school TV, you will find some of the most looked at topics. Currently:

Most Popular Topics



Grief & Loss

Grief is like a fingerprint, it's unique to everyone, and so is the way you process it.



Raising Boys

Raising boys can be challenging, but also rewarding, and shouldn't be considered the same as they do have individual differences.



Online Gaming

Many parents are concerned about the addictive effects of gaming, however not all gaming should be viewed negatively.



Raising Girls

Girls need positive role models. However, many parents are projecting gender bias onto their daughters without realising it.

NZQA Information regarding LitNum Results

NZQA released results for the Reading standard on 23rd June. Results for the Writing, Numeracy, Te Reo Matatini and te Pāngarau standards will be released at 3.30pm on **20th July**.

Information available for students/ākonga

When results are released, students/ākonga will be able to access them through the MyNZQA learner login.

Students/ākonga will also be able to access their completed digital assessments. There is [information on our website](#) about how to access completed digital assessments. Students/ākonga will not be able to view assessments completed partly or wholly on paper, as these are managed differently – however, schools/kura should return PDFs of the completed paper component.

Please note that completed assessments cannot be downloaded, as they are viewed within the digital assessment platform.

Students/ākonga who did not achieve one or more of the Literacy or Numeracy standards will be able to view personalised feedback reports as usual.

Sick Students

A reminder to parents and caregivers if your child is sick or displaying illness type symptoms. Students must stay home if they are too unwell to learn or have an infectious illness. The Ministry of Education and Health New Zealand require sick children to isolate to aid their recovery and prevent the spread of illness to other students and staff.

Attendance

Term 2 has had a continual focus on attendance, as we work to meet the Government's directive of 80% of students 'regularly attending' (being present more than 90% of the time).

Many of our students have fantastic attendance, with almost 150 having 100% attendance so far this year. This dedication to learning and school life will help them to succeed in assessments, and prepare them well for life after school.

We do have a concern with the number of students who are arriving at school late. A reminder that the first bell goes at 8.55am for students to move to their classrooms, with lessons actually starting at 9.00am. Students should arrive on the school grounds in plenty of time to be ready to start their learning in the classroom by 9.00am. If the bus a student uses is frequently late, full or doesn't turn up, then catching an earlier bus may be required to ensure they are at school on time. We appreciate whānau support in helping our students to be at school on time, so they get the most out of their learning. If there are any barriers or challenges that cause your student to be late frequently, please contact their Hui mai teacher or Dean so we can work together to support them.

Lynfield Students Take on the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge

Last weekend, Lynfield College students joined thousands of young people across New Zealand to take part in the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge.

This year's challenge is raising funds to support communities in the Solomon Islands, where many families are facing food shortages and the impacts of climate-related challenges.

In the lead-up to the event, our Student Executive worked tirelessly to promote the challenge and encourage participation across the school. Fundraising activities included the ever-popular "Pie an Exec Member" event, student raffles, and a range of other initiatives designed to get the Lynfield community involved.

Their hard work has paid off, with Lynfield College students raising over \$1,500 so far for this worthy cause.

A huge thank you to everyone who has participated, donated, or supported the challenge. If you would still like to support this important cause, please consider making a donation using the link below.

<https://fundraise.worldvision.org.nz/fundraisers/LynfieldCollege/>



Opportunity for students to visit China in April 2027

Lynfield College is planning on taking 24 students to China in April next year for a school cultural exchange. We have a long-standing relationship with Greentown School in Hangzhou China, and this trip is an opportunity to continue that friendship. The trip will consist of visiting Beijing, Hangzhou and Shanghai where students will have the opportunity to practise Chinese language, engage in local customs, enjoy local food and cultural performances, and even spend some time in a Chinese school learning firsthand what education looks like in another country.

It will also include famous and historical sights such as The Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, the Birds Nest Olympic Stadium, the West Lake in Hangzhou, Shanghai Tower (third highest in the world), the Bund, Zhujiajiao water town, and even Disneyland.

If you would like to be a part of this trip or find out more, please email Ms Fang, Mr Christie or Ms Reynolds by the end of the school holidays to express your interest.

Judy Fang – jfang@lynfield.school.nz

Russell Christie – rchristie@lynfield.school.nz

Sarah Reynolds – sreynolds@lynfield.school.nz



Sports Scene

[Lynfield College Weekly Sports Draw](#)

Supporting our Teams

As you will read shortly, we have had some extremely successful sporting seasons going on over this term and we're looking forward to that continuing in Term 3. We'd love to see the support on the sidelines as our teams continue and grow further for the second half of the season. It would be great to have a wider community of students, friends, family and staff coming along to support our students and see their hard work and effort paying off on the field, court, pitch, turf etc. Your encouragement and motivation boosts the performance of our students and they really appreciate you coming out to show you care about their extra-curricular participation. So next term, make it a goal and take the time to come down and watch some of our afternoon/weekend sports that we have on offer and see how well our athletes are competing.

Basketball U15 Boys Green

The U15 Lynfield Green basketball team has had an outstanding start to the season, building a strong record of six wins and one loss. While the results have been pleasing, what has impressed me most is the growth and development the boys have shown as a team.

This season has brought a new coaching style and a greater emphasis on playing high-level basketball, and the players have embraced those challenges with a fantastic attitude. They have been willing to step outside their comfort zones, learn new concepts, and trust the process, which has been reflected in their performances on the court.

Every week, the team continues to improve their understanding of the game. Whether it's decision-making, defensive communication, spacing, ball movement, or playing together as a unit, the boys are taking on new lessons after every game and applying them in training and competition. Their commitment to learning has been one of the biggest reasons for their success so far.

I am incredibly proud of the effort, resilience, and coachability they have displayed throughout the season. More importantly than the wins and losses, they are developing strong basketball habits and building a foundation that will benefit them for years to come. If they continue to work hard, support one another, and remain eager to learn, I have no doubt they will continue to grow both as players and as teammates.

Curtis Naughton, Coach

Netball Premier 1

Our netball season has been going really well so far. We started off in Premier 2 grade, and after lots of hard work and some good wins, we have made our way up into the Premier 1B section. The first game of this grade was a tough one, playing the team who had just been relegated from the Premier 1A section. Despite the challenge we are starting to come together as a team very nicely and are looking forward to some tough competition ahead as well as Winter Tournament Week!

Annaliese Matson, Co-Captain



Cricket

Great news coming from the Cricket Scene. Xavier Pearson and Zayd Ali Patel have been offered a place in the Auckland Cricket Regional Development Programme for 2026. This is a great achievement for the boys and will help develop their skills through the RDP sessions focussed around attribute development, strength and conditioning, nutrition and mental skills. Congratulations once again on your selection!

We do have other players nominated for this group as well and we look forward to celebrating their success too.

Xavier Pearson and Zayd Ali Patel

HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATES

Term 3 House competitions will be starting in Week 4 with Netball. This is always one of the most competitive House competitions of the year and we're really looking forward to seeing all the Houses down there battling it out. Teams will just need to be aware of the weather each day as playing on the outdoor courts may get a little difficult with the rain. House Captains will be coming around to Hui Mai's shortly so make sure you sign up when you see them!

To end off the year of House Competitions we will have the much anticipated House Quiz! Keep your eyes peeled for House Quiz Signups next term as spots are limited. More information to come out later on so stay tuned for that.

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 (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

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14TH JULY**



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Mt Roskill Library July Holiday Events



For all events, book through
the online form by scanning
the QR code!

Love Food Hate Waste ages 8+	Saturday 4 th July 10.30am-12.00pm	Make a snack dip and discover the beauty of edible plants! Booking needed.
Chinese Language & Culture Celebration all ages	Saturday 4 th July 2.00pm-3.00pm	Learn about Chinese language & culture through stories, conversations and performances. Booking needed.
Whetū Making all ages	Wednesday 8 th July 10.30am-12.30pm	A woven whetū (stars) making workshop for the whole whānau!
Astronomy Workshop all ages	Wednesday 8 th July 5.00pm-6.30pm	Discover the wonders of the night sky with presentations and telescope viewing!
Intergenerational Cultural Play Day all ages	Saturday 11 th July 11.00am-2.00pm	An exciting day of Persian games, food and fun!
Spoken Word Workshop ages 13-18	Tuesday 14 th July 2.00pm-4.00pm	Write and preform poetry, and learn about poetic techniques to express yourself! Booking needed.
Ukutangi Sculpting ages 5-18	Wednesday 15 th July 10.30am-12.00pm	Learn how to sculpt an Ukutangi (flute) from clay! Booking needed.
Harakeke Weaving ages 9+	Thursday 16 th July 2.00pm - 3.30pm	Come and learn how to weave a flax flower (putiputi). Booking needed.
Writing Competition ages 6-16	3 rd July - 19 th July	Reach for the stars and write a piece of poetry inspired by Matariki! Submit your physical copies to the desk.