



**LYNFIELD
COLLEGE**

NEWSLINK

NEWSLETTER 11 | 31 JULY 2026

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

Welcoming our students back to Term 3

After a term on sabbatical it has been wonderful reconnecting with our students upon their return to school for what is going to be a very busy term ahead. Our Korowai value for Term 3 is ***Hinengaro wawata - we are creative, curious, ambitious, innovative and think critically.*** This value was definitely on display at both the **Mt Roskill Student Art Showcase** and the **Jazz and Blues Competition** held last weekend. Our student's creativity was widely celebrated and commended by those attending. Congratulations to all students involved and a massive thank you to the teachers and parents who made their participation possible.

My time away also had a focus on '***we are curious***' and '***we think critically***' while spending time in three different countries and attending ULead, an international educational leadership conference. I look forward to using my learning and observations in support of our students and their experience of success. Huge appreciation to Richard Winn, Acting Principal, and the Senior Leadership Team for running the school so capably in my absence.

Enrolments for 2027

Having held our Open Evening on Tuesday night and School in Action tours over the last two days, we are encouraging families to complete the online enrolment form for 2027 as early as possible. Those in Categories 1-5 (see page 5) **MUST** submit their online enrolment form by **4pm on Wednesday 2 September**. While no ballot will be held, this deadline has to be met for their enrolment to be eligible.

Parent, Student, Teacher conferences

I look forward to seeing bookings being made for all students in the upcoming PST conferences next Thursday and Friday. At this time of the year we are focusing on how to make the best use of the remaining time in class for 2026, especially for our students in Years 12 and 13. With August being Course Selection month we are also looking at preferred courses / study programmes / employment for 2027. Faculty Leaders, Careers and Guidance staff will be during these days for assistance. Times will be advised next week.

Nga mihi nui,

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

IN THIS ISSUE

- *Message from Tumuaki Cath Knell*
- *Alumni News*
- *Student Clothing Swap*
- *Riding eScooters and eBikes*
- *Lynfield College Ball*
- *Literacy and Numeracy Assessments*
- *Election Day Jobs*
- *Enrolment 2027*
- *2026 Auckland Girl's Chess Competition*
- *Sport Scene*
- *Individual Sport Honors*

COMING EVENTS

Monday 3 August
Cook Islands Language Week
Wednesday 5 August
Music Variety Concert 6 pm
Thursday 6 August, 1-7 pm
and Friday 7 August,
9 am - 12.30 pm
PST Conferences
Monday 10 August
KBB Music Festival
Tuesday 11 August
Blood Donor Day
Monday 21 September
Teacher Only Day

Alumni News

MARCUS WHEELHOUSE

When Ryan Fox won the Men's British Open Golf Tournament last week, he did so with a connection to Lynfield College as well. Ex Lynfield College student Marcus Wheelhouse has been his coach since 2012.

Marcus attended Lynfield College from 1986 to 1991 and has gone on to establish himself as one of New Zealand's most respected golf coaches. A former world number one-ranked amateur and 12-year professional golfer, Marcus has combined this experience with a passion for developing the next generation of golfers.

His coaching success has been recognised with three consecutive NZPGA Coach of the Year awards in 2017, 2018 and 2019. However, perhaps his most significant coaching achievement has been his long-standing partnership with Ryan Fox.

That partnership reached an extraordinary milestone last Monday with Fox winning The Open Championship at Royal Birkdale in England. The victory was historic for New Zealand with Fox becoming only the fourth New Zealander to win a golf major, joining an incredibly select group alongside Sir Bob Charles, Michael Campbell and Dame Lydia Ko. He also became only the second New Zealander to win The Open, more than six decades after Sir Bob Charles' famous victory in 1963.

Today, Marcus is Director of Teaching at Royal Auckland and Grange Golf Club and Akarana Golf Club, where he continues to develop golfers of all ages and abilities. A huge congratulations to him from all of Lynfield College on an extraordinary coaching achievement.



Marcus Wheelhouse with Ryan Fox.
Photo Credit: NZ Herald

Student Clothing Swap **RETURNS!**

Following on from the success of last year's Clothing Swap, the Sustainability Committee are excited to be bringing it back for another year.

We ask that students, parents and caregivers have a look in wardrobes at home and donate anything that is a reasonable and clean condition for 12–18 year olds. Donations can be delivered between Monday 27 to Monday 9 August to the school reception office

All clothing donated helps the Clothing Swap to be a success! The Clothing Swap will be held at lunchtime on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th (Week 4) outside the Upper Gym in the same location as last year.

All students can come and have a look at what's on offer. Visit us during lunch time and view our range of free, pre-loved clothing, pick up some new gear and help reduce textile waste. ***We can't wait to see you there!***

Riding eScooters and eBikes

An important reminder to students riding e-scooters or e-bikes, please be considerate of pedestrians using the footpaths and to obey the road rules as set out by the NZ Transport Agency. Information regarding bike and e-scooters can be found on the NZ Transport Agency website. Students must not ride e-scooters or bikes inside the College grounds.

If students are using a Lime e-scooter please see the terms of service and rider requirements as set out below:

- **Age Limit:** You must be 18 years or older to unlock and ride a Lime scooter.
- **Helmets:** Wearing an approved bicycle helmet is strongly recommended by NZTA and required by Lime rules.
- **No Passengers:** Strictly one person per scooter.
- **Sobriety:** Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- **Phones:** Do not text, call, or use headphones that block out ambient traffic noises while riding.

A reminder to all students when crossing the roads to and from school, use the pedestrian crossings and do not walk or run between traffic.

Lynfield College Ball

On the evening of 17 July, the 2026 Lynfield College Ball was held at its new venue, the Grand Millennium Hotel. Students stepped into an evening filled with glowing decorations, music and plenty of memorable moments. The ballroom's Sky Garden ceiling lights added a touch of magic, and with students dressed in their best, the night felt straight out of a fairytale. The decorators did an amazing job transforming the space, while the DJ kept the dance floor full throughout the night. As one of the most anticipated events of the year, the ball lived up to the hype for all the Year 12 and Year 13 students who attended.

A massive thank you to everyone on the Ball Committee: **Cyrus, Ashton, Akeelah, Mahant, Lupe, Finau and George**. An extra special thank you also goes to **Mrs Clark** for helping us make everything possible.

Best Dressed Teacher: **Mr Braithwaite** | Light of the Dance Floor: **Tukuhetoa Levi** | Ball Queen: **Lupe Fetuani**
Ball King: **Iszak Tuisaula-Stewart** | Ball Princess: **Josephine Sor** | Ball Prince: **Geo Sandyang**
Royal Couple: **Frank Ave and Joanne Kuang**



Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

The results from our May Literacy and Numeracy (CAA) Assessments session have now been released by NZQA, and we are delighted to congratulate our senior students who have successfully achieved their Level 1 literacy and numeracy qualifications. This is a significant milestone in their NCEA journey.

WHAT'S NEXT?

For students who did not achieve the standard in May, there will be another opportunity in September during Assessment Weeks (Weeks 8 and 9). This includes selected Year 10 and 11 students who are working at the required level. We encourage all students sitting the September assessments to take full advantage of the support available to them.

HOW TO ACCESS RESULTS AND FEEDBACK

Students can view their results and personalised feedback through the MyNZQA Learner Portal. Here's how:

- Log in to the MyNZQA Learner Portal
- Navigate to Entries, results and progress
- Click See my entries and results
- Select the 2026 tab
- Scroll to find the specific CAA standard and click Marks
- Access your personalised feedback report if needed
- View your marked response to see exactly where improvements can be made

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER

We strongly encourage students to make the most of the preparation opportunities available:

- Attend school-based workshops
- Complete in-class activities during English and Maths lessons
- Practice past exam questions
- Access unredacted past digital exams through the MyNZQA Learner Portal under Practice Past Assessments.
<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/digital-exams/find-past-digital-exams/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that all learners must achieve a 20-credit co-requisite specific to literacy and numeracy skills to be awarded any level of NCEA. This is a one-off requirement, and students have multiple opportunities throughout their NCEA experience to achieve these standards.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For further details about literacy and numeracy, please visit the NZQA website or speak with your child's Hui mai teacher. Parent-teacher meetings (PSTs) are scheduled for Week 3.

[Literacy and Numeracy in NCEA 2024-2027 for Ākonga and Whānau](#)

General Election 2026 Election Day Jobs: Mt Roskill

CASUAL | CLOSE DATE: 07 NOV 2026 23:00



Help deliver the 2026 General Election. Be part of one of New Zealand's most important events. Whether you enjoy working with people, keeping things organised behind the scenes, or supporting your local community, we have a range of casual roles available to help deliver the 2026 General Election.

We have started taking applications for people who want to work in voting places in the election, including the College. If you or anyone else at the school, or in your school community, would like to work at the school on Election Day on 7 November, then they can apply now. As you go through the application process you will come to a referral panel. Here it would help if everyone applying put in the name **Lynfield College** so we can match their application to your school. If not, don't worry, we will connect them up later.

READ MORE AND APPLY:

<https://work.elections.nz/jobdetails/ajid/PiPha/General-Election-2026-Mt-Roskill,11557.html>

Enrolment 2027 Reminder

IN ZONE ENROLMENT

All students living within the zone are entitled to enrol if they are eligible domestic students.

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

(Categories 1 - 5 only) close at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 2 September 2026.

Out of Zone Enrolment is based on the following priority categories defined by the Education Act:

Category 1: Applicants for enrolment in special programmes (Adult ESOL programme)

Category 2: Applicants who are brothers or sisters of current students

Category 3: Applicants who are brothers or sisters of former students

Category 4: Applicants who are children of former students

Category 5: Applicants who are children of Board employees or Board members

PLEASE NOTE: Category 6: No places are available AT ANY YEAR LEVEL for 2027

The 26th Auckland Girls' Chess Championship 2026

Held on Tuesday 21 July at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, this event is part of an NZ Chess Foundation initiative to encourage girls to try chess in an all-girl environment run by the Waitakere Chess Club and Summit Chess Club.

110 girls from 35 schools took part in this year's event. There were three separate 6-round tournaments in age groups: Open (12 and Over), Under 12 and Under 10 years. The time control was 15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move for each player. Age group titles were awarded for Under 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, and 8.

Trophies were awarded for Division winners and medals for Age Group winners, plus participation certificates for all players printed for all participants.

Congratulations to **Amy Hawke** for her success in the open section (12 years and over)



Sports Scene

WINTER SPORT SEASON

With the season coming to an end shortly, we have several teams coming up to playoffs/finals for their competitions. We wanted to wish these teams the best of luck for their matches and also encourage students and parents to go down and support your peers/children for their matches. It's great to have some positive encouragement on the sidelines and helps to bring the best out of our players so would be great to see you there.

2026 LYNFIELD COLLEGE BADMINTON CHAMPS

The Badminton school champs were run after school throughout Term 2 and made for some great competition and practice for our Badminton teams.

Congratulations to all winners and all who competed in these events

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Boys Open Singles	Ram Veerappan	Arnav Ghosh
Girls Open Singles	Ayanna Sree	Jiya Bhagat
Girls Doubles	Ayanna Sree & Annaliese Matson	Thamilarasy Vijeratnam & Thisandhi Karunarathne
Girls Doubles Drawn Partners	Ayanna Sree & Ann Chen	Thamilarasy Vijeratnam & Saawani Deshpande

NZSS TOURNAMENT WEEK

Our New Zealand Secondary Schools Winter Tournament week is quickly approaching and we have teams competing in national tournaments across Football, Hockey and Netball.

In preparation for this, our Netball Premier 1 Girls are fundraising through a raffle which will be drawn on Wednesday 12th August. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket and supporting this team, please contact Louise Matson lmatson@lynfield.school.nz for more information.

Tickets cost \$10.

A massive thank you to Maungakiekie Golf Club, Woolworths Lynfield, HATWORX, Bay Auto Service Centre, Floriculture, Fade O'Clock and Caltex Blockhouse Bay for sponsoring many of the 14 prizes for this raffle.

Individual Sports Honours

SHAUN WANG (Y10)

The **New Zealand Junior Team Championships** (NZJTC) is a flagship national youth event held in Palmerston North. This major tournament brings together hundreds of the country's top junior Badminton players (under-13 to under-19 age groups) representing their regional associations in high-energy singles, doubles, and mixed team matches.

Shaun was selected to represent the Waitakere (Auckland) Region at the 2026 Palmerston North National Junior Championships in the U15 Division 2 competition during the school holidays from 5 July to 8 July. As team captain, Shaun and his team members performed strongly and finished in 3rd place, earning the Bronze Medal in the U15 Division 2.



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