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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

Wairua kaha in action

Growing and supporting great leaders is certainly something that we take pride in at Lynfield College. To hear such positive outcomes from the tireless work of a group of our young leaders, in support of other students both at our school and in our wider community over the past couple of years, is definitely worth celebrating.

After multiple conversations with Auckland Transport, Lynfield College students will be able to use an extra added school bus service from Lynfield College to New Lynn from Monday 12 October.

This school bus will be route no. **468**, and will depart **stop 8908** on White Swan Rd at 3.17pm every afternoon.

Please remember to tag on/off as usual, and to register your hop card on [AT.govt.nz](https://www.at.govt.nz) to get student discounts.

Thanks to all of those playing a role here. Your work is appreciated. We look forward to further announcements being made next term on other improvements Auckland Transport will be making as a consequence of your efforts.

Student Executive 2027

This past week has seen over 120 students deliver speeches in support of a position on the Senior Exec for 2027. Regardless of the outcome of the voting we congratulate all of those who have put their names forward, met the deadlines set and presented themselves so well.

Voting closes at 5.00pm tomorrow, Saturday 26 September. Students will be advised of who has made the team on Monday afternoon 12 October. The specific positions will not be announced until later in the term, at the final Year 12 Assembly.

Student Representative on the School Board

This position runs from October 2026 - September 2027. Students from Years 9 - 13 had the opportunity to vote for the student who will represent them on the school Board for the next year. We congratulate **Ayaan Vasudeva** on being elected to this role.

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 12 October

TERM 4 BEGINS

Mental Health Awareness Wk

Friday 16 October

Non-Uniform (Pyjama) Day

Year 12 NCEA Assembly

Tuesday 20 October

Festival Awards Evening

6.30pm College Hall

Wednesday 21 October

Year 11 NCEA Assembly

Friday 23 October

Year 13 NCEA Assembly

Monday 9 November

Enrolment Interviews Begin

Thursday 12 November

Years 9 – 11

Work From Home Day

(NCEA Level 2 English Exam)

Wishing everyone a safe and productive holiday break

With this being the last NewsLink for Term 3 we wish everyone a safe and productive holiday break. Those preparing for NZQA exams certainly have enough to keep them busy!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and in class by **9.00am on Monday 12 October**, including the 20 students and 3 staff currently in Japan practising their Japanese in an authentic context.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal



The 2026 Lynfield College Shinagawa Friendship Exchange Group

Performing Arts Centre / Dance Studio Blessing

After almost two years without this space, we were delighted to be able to hold the official blessing and reopening at the beginning of Teacher Only Day on Monday 21 September.

While most of our students were still in bed, Kapa Haka were onsite and in full performance voice. Matua Tu, our Kapa Haka tutor, gave the whaikōrero, our Tumuaki, Cath Knell, acknowledged local iwi, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and thanked those who had played a significant role in the rebuild and watertightness work, and staff invited guests assembled joined in the singing of waiata before sharing conversations over kai. Those walking through the spaces could see how these refreshed areas will be a welcomed asset for our Dance and Drama programmes.



Teacher Only day – Monday 21st September

After the blessing of the Performing Arts Centre, teachers spent the day looking at the recently released curriculum for Year 9 and 10. This needs to be implemented for 2027. English and Maths have had their curriculum for a year already, and you may have noticed some changes in what is being taught in the junior programmes.

The curriculum has a lot of new or different content to include, some of which has come from higher levels. Teachers are carefully writing programmes and creating resources that will support students in their learning next year, covering the curriculum while maintaining the innovative and engaging activities that are already part of our teaching and learning. One challenge we have is that students won't have come through primary and intermediate with the new curriculum so there will be some prior knowledge that our programmes will need to include.

There will be further Teacher Only Days in 2027 for curriculum. The release of the Year 11 – 13 curriculum, scheduled for October, will also have a major impact on our teaching and learning programmes for 2028 and beyond.

Student Representative on the Board Election Results

Ayaan Vasudeva	303
Aayush Ghosh	182
Aditya Parab	171
Jiujiu Zhang	111
Aidan Alles	42
Faaite Poma	31
Megan Datta	28
Rashi Kumar	19

I declare Ayaan Vasudeva the Student Representative on the Lynfield College Board.

Mr Neil Waddington

Academic Advisor / Returning Officer

Festival Awards Evening

We are looking forward to celebrating the Sporting, Arts and Cultural achievements of our students at the Festival Awards Evening on **Tuesday 20th October** in the College Hall. The event will be live streamed. This year we are delighted to confirm that Lynfield College past pupil **Grace Kukutai** (Northern Mystics Netball, NZ Sevens, Waikato Chiefs Rugby, Knights and Canberra WNRL teams) will be our guest speaker.

Tickets will be issued to award recipients in Week 1, Term 4. As our Hall has limited seating, priority will be given to our Year 13 award recipients.



Exam / Assessment Weeks

During Weeks 8 and 9, our senior students sat their NCEA practice exams. Sitting a practice exam gives students an opportunity to identify strengths and next steps before the external NCEA exams in November. Teachers can use a student's evidence of achievement, should they need to apply for a derived grade. During this time, many of our Year 10 - 13 students also had the opportunity to sit the corequisite Literacy and Numeracy exams (LITNUM), as well as attending practical assessments and workshops.

We acknowledge exam time can be stressful for students, staff, and whanau. Congratulations students for being focused, well organised and following exam rules. Thank you to our staff and whanau for the extra support you gave to our rangatahi to prepare for their assessments.

A big thank you also goes to our junior students who displayed manaakitanga and whanaungatanga tika by being thoughtful and considerate as they moved around the school and with the numerous room changes, they experienced.

A reminder to students sitting NCEA exams in November: You need to plan for potential traffic congestion and bus delays. You need to be at your exam at least 10 minutes before it starts.

Pictured here are students sitting their Numeracy exam.



Key Information for NZQA External Exams 2026

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

[NCEA/2026-Exam-Timetable.pdf](#)

[List of approved calculators](#)

[Log in to NZQA](#) Where to access results in January (under learner log in)

[Student Assessment Hub](#) Resources for NCEA exams and assessments

[Digital external exams/assessments](#) These are displayed in blue on their admission slips. It is very important that all students have a NZQA account before a digital exam and that they remember their password.

[Managing Exam Pressure](#)

[Rules for students taking assessments](#)

[Applying for a Derived Grade](#) Where a student faces extenuating circumstances and cannot sit their NCEA external examinations, a derived grade can be applied for using this link. 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. All derived grades are only provisional. They are confirmed by NZQA in January when results are released.

NCEA Information Assemblies

In early Term 4 we will be holding our NCEA information assemblies. Our Exam Centre Manager will go over important exam rules and procedures. It is important that students attend these assemblies so they are fully prepared for their exams.

The dates for these are:

Friday 16th October – Year 12 Assembly

Wednesday 21st October – Year 11 Assembly

Friday 23rd October – Year 13 Assembly

If you have any queries about the external exams, please contact Principal's Nominee Jennifer Moss

JMoss@lynfield.school.nz

September LITNUM Exam Results

Results Release dates for September LITNUM exams:

- Reading CAA: Released at 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 14 October 2026.
 - Writing & Numeracy CAA: Released at 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 27 October 2026.
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Summer School Programme

Need to catch up ?

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

Key Dates for 2025/2026 Summer School:

- 16 December: Summer School starts.
- 23 December to 4 January: Te Kura closed for the holidays.
- 5 January: Summer School reopens.
- 12 January: Maximum available credits drop from 12 to 6.
- 23 January: Registrations close at midday (12.00pm).
- 9 February: Final day for students to submit work for assessment.

For more information on the registration criteria, what subjects are available and how it works, please visit

<https://www.tekura.school.nz/learn-with-us/summer-school>

Outward Bound Scholarships Available

Are you in Year 11? Lynfield College has **two** Outward Bound scholarships, for two year 12 students (one male and one female, minimum age 16 on course dates) to attend the **Hiringa Course. Course dates are from 2nd March to 22nd March 2027.**

The scholarship is valued at \$6,894 and will cover the full course fee. The cost of travel to Picton and the cost of a doctor's appointment to get our medical form completed (should we require this) are separate costs, and are not covered by the scholarship.

This is an amazing and exciting opportunity.

Read more about the course here: <https://www.outwardbound.co.nz/courses/three-week-teens>

Apply to be one of Lynfield 's two winners on this form: <https://forms.gle/FsEKpQVPXTzbVQDE6>

Year 10 Commerce Market Day – Business in Action!

C Block came alive this week as approximately 200 Year 10 Commerce students took part in our annual Market Day.

After weeks of planning, students had the opportunity to put their business knowledge into practice by developing products, working in teams, setting prices, promoting their stalls and selling to students and staff. From food and drinks to creative products and games, there was plenty of variety on offer.

Market Day is about much more than making a profit. Students experience first-hand the challenges of running a business, including teamwork, decision-making, managing costs, attracting customers and adapting when things don't quite go to plan.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to shop, support and encourage our young entrepreneurs. The atmosphere around C Block was fantastic, and it was great to see so many students proudly putting their learning into action.

Well done to all our Year 10 Commerce students and the Commerce teachers who helped make the day possible!



Dance Showcase

Date: Wednesday 14th October, Week 1, Term 4

Time: 6.30pm in the College Hall

Optional Koha entry

The Senior Dance class and Year 10 Dance class have been working hard all year to prepare a wonderful line up of dances for the Showcase this year! Come and see a mixture of both student, teacher and guest choreographed works in a range of genres including Jazz, Samba, Contemporary and Hip Hop. It's going to be a great show and a celebration of the

wonderful work the students have done in class this year. We would love for you to come and support us!

Below: Classes are back in the PAC!





NEW BUS ROUTE



- From **Monday 12th October** AT will be introducing a new trip in the afternoon between Lynfield College and New Lynn.
- It will run as a school service: **468**, and will follow the route of the 68 to New Lynn.
- The **468** will depart stop **8908** on White Swan Rd at **3:17pm**.

SCHOOL BUS
468

Please remember to tag on and tag off on this route as usual. To ensure you pay discounted fares, register your HOP card – at.govt.nz

