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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

This term our value is Manaakitanga and messages through year level assemblies have been around uplifting the mana of others, making positive decisions, treating others in a respectful manner and being compassionate.

At Lynfield College we provide a vast array of support for our students. At the heart of it are our Hui mai teachers and Deans. Some examples of support have been opportunities for students to plan for when they leave school with recent visits from Meredith Connell lawyers and many Universities. Year 13 students do not have many weeks left before the end of their secondary schooling and this can be an anxious time for some who have yet to make a plan. I encourage students to make the most of the support available to them. Included in this edition is a list of support and email addresses for your reference.

I would like to highlight some recent successes. Matthias Coleman (Year 12) has been awarded a Pasch Scholarship which provides him with a 3-week language and cultural programme in Germany. Ayanna Sree (Year 10) has won the 2026 Chinese Bridge Speech Competition. We have ex-student Beatrice Faumuina appointed Companion of the NZ Order of Merit and ex-staff Vania Wolfgramm appointed Member of the NZ Order of Merit, in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours. Lynfield teacher Rahul Chopra won the Best Asian Language Programme award for his show *Real Talk with Rahul* at the recent NZ Radio Awards, and teacher Michael Botur is a finalist for two national literary awards. (Links to Michael's writing are included in this NewsLink.) These are just some of the successes of current and past pupils and staff.

Year 9 students have been immersed in the new English curriculum which includes studying works from Shakespeare. I was invited on Thursday to be an impromptu audience for a group who were practising delivering lines from Romeo and Juliet with great gusto, whilst working hard to get their tongues and heads around the early modern English of that era.

As we move further and further into winter please make sure your children have the correct warm items of school uniform to wear. Should you require support please contact Deputy Principal Elliot Dye edye@lynfield.school.nz

Just a 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.

Nga mihi nui

Richard Winn

Tumuaki | Acting Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 16 June
**CULTURAL & LEADERSHIP
PHOTOS**

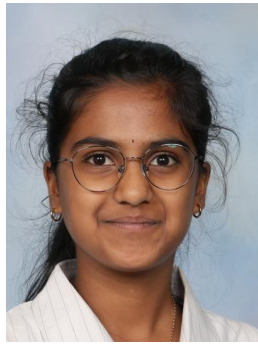
Wed 24 – Sat 27 June
LC Production: Popstars

Tuesday 30 June
WINTER SPORTS PHOTOS

Friday 3 July
Term 2 ends
Monday 20 July
Term 3 begins



Matthias Coleman
Year 12



Ayanna Sree
Year 10



Mr Rahul Chopra



Mr Michael Botur

Alumni News

DEV DIXIT (CLASS OF 2021)

Five years after leaving Lynfield College, former student Dev Dixit is pursuing his dream of becoming a doctor and is already making an impressive impact in the fields of science and public health.

During his time at Lynfield, Dev embraced a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. He served as a Prefect and House Captain, helped lead the school's Physics and Science Club, and was actively involved in debating, robotics, and youth advocacy.

After leaving Lynfield College in 2021, Dev began studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of Auckland. Like many students at the time, he started university during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic, and had to spend the first semester at home adapting to online learning and a very different university experience. Throughout his studies though, he developed a strong interest in the connection between science and public health.

One of the highlights of his journey was working as a Science Advisor at the New Zealand Ministry of Health during the summer of 2023–24, where he contributed to a published report on hernia repair. In 2025, he completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours under the supervision of Dame Juliet Gerrard, writing his thesis on antimicrobial resistance in waterways.

Today, Dev is in his first year of the Doctor of Medicine programme at University of Sydney and is undertaking a clinical placement at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He credits Lynfield College with providing the foundation that set him on this path and remains grateful for the teachers and staff who supported him throughout his time. He says "The drive, resilience, and curiosity I developed at Lynfield continue to shape who I am today".

We are incredibly proud of all Dev has achieved and look forward to seeing where his journey takes him next.

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](#)



Promotional Visits

Last week we had the privilege of visiting Glenavon School, Waikowhai Intermediate and Blockhouse Bay Intermediate to talk to their Year 8 students about enrolment for 2027 and life at Lynfield. Our Year 9 band and Jazz Combo performed brilliantly, the robotics demonstrations were a hit as were the Indian and Pacific dancers. The Year 9 and student leaders also spoke about their Lynfield journeys.

- Open Evening: Tuesday 28 July 6.00 pm
- School in Action tours: Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July 11.30 pm - 1.00 pm

Out of zone enrolment applications for Categories 1 -5 (see website for details) close 2 September 2026 4.00pm. There are no Category 6 positions available.



Hospitality Event Highlights

Our Hospitality students proudly showcased their practical kitchen skills and front-of-house service expertise through a range of successful events this term.

The '62-'66 Alumni Reunion was a memorable occasion, with students welcoming guests to a delightful high tea. It was a pleasure for students to meet former Lynfield College students, listen to their stories, and engage in conversations while serving refreshments.



Community service remains an integral part of Hospitality values. We were delighted to host our annual Pink Ribbon Breakfast in D12, which students transformed into a welcoming dining space. Level 3 Hospitality students gained valuable experience working in a realistic commercial kitchen environment, preparing a variety of dishes, while Level 2 Barista students developed their customer service skills. Together, we raised **\$1,050** for the Breast Cancer Foundation during the breakfast service. Thank you to all staff and visitors who supported this worthwhile event. We extend our sincere thanks to Woolworths New Zealand, Better Eggs, and their generous teams for providing ingredients and support. We also thank Studio Pilates who donated vouchers for spot prizes.

Our final event for the term was supporting the Love Me Not programme. Students contributed to a variety of roles to help deliver the event successfully. As part of the occasion, the Police were presented with morning tea and lunch as a gesture of appreciation for the time they dedicated to working with our students and community.

A heartfelt thank you to all Hospitality students who once again went the extra mile to make these events a success. Through their professionalism, teamwork, service, and commitment, they have been outstanding ambassadors for Lynfield College and have proudly demonstrated our school values in action.



Pou moved to Mt Roskill Library

David Mitchell (Roskill Together), Akonga Orion Jones (11WDN), Raydyn Herewini (10PNU) Kiritahi Inia (9PNU), Casha Brodie (13MHI) and Mr Sam Rakai (Ground staff) lifted the 350kg Pou which will be taken to Mt Roskill Library, then Puketāpapa maunga for one day and finally return to the Whare Pukapuka ki Puketāpapa where it will remain permanently. We are grateful to have been loaned the whakairo by Mad Ave and Roskill Together.

Nga mihi nui, Te Tari Māori



Popstars – Tickets on Sale Now

Dates: Wednesday 24 - Saturday 27 June 2026, 6.00pm

Ticket link: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/19794>

It's boyband vs girlband in this high-energy, feel-good musical from the creators of Back to the 80s, serving drama, nostalgia, and iconic pop moments. Get ready for a full 90s pop revival, packed with smash hits from *Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys, NSYNC, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, MC Hammer and more. It's bold, it's colourful, and it's giving pure throwback energy.

Set in a 1990s high school, Mark is on top of the world — until his superstar girlfriend, Queen Bee Shannon Van de Witt, drops him the second a shot at fame comes along. From hero to zero overnight... yeah, it's rough. But Mark and his garage band aren't going down without a fight. In a last-ditch attempt to win back the spotlight, they transform into a full-blown boyband, taking on Shannon's fierce Candy Girls at the State Talent Show. Enter Ella — the talented new girl who might just be the secret weapon they need. As the competition heats up, so do the stakes... and maybe something more. With rivalries, romance, and a Grand Final showdown looming, it all builds to one unforgettable night. Will Mark win the girl, win the prize, and win back his place on top? There's only one way to find out.

LYNFIELD COLLEGE PRESENTS

POPSTARS

THE 90'S MUSICAL

HIT ME BABY ONE MORE TIME
U CAN'T TOUCH THIS
LARGER THAN LIFE
WHO LET THE DOGS OUT
WANNABE
TOO SEXY
(EVERYBODY)
BACKSTREET'S
MY HEART WILL GO ON
BACK ALRIGHT
ACHY BREAKY HEART
YOU GOTTA BE
STOP
STEP BY STEP
LIPS GET IT
BEAUTIFUL
MOVING ON UP
IT'S ALRIGHT
BYE BYE
BABY GOT BACK
WATZUP
STOP ALL STAR
ALWAYS BELIEVE
SELF ESTEEM
GENIE IN A BOTTLE

IT'S BOY BAND VS GIRL BAND

TICKETS trybooking buy online at trybooking.com

LYNFIELD COLLEGE SCHOOL HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 PM

PERFORMANCE DATES
WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE
THURSDAY 25TH JUNE
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

Waipapa Taumata Rau – University of Auckland Visit

Last week we had the privilege of welcoming the University of Auckland to Lynfield College to speak to our Year 12 and Year 13 students. The visitors gave a presentation on the courses they offer, what campus life looks like, how to enrol, how to apply for scholarships, accommodation, and a timeline of when to get applications in by.

Most impressively, they stayed for as long as it took to answer every student's individual questions, and made sure everyone had some time with them before they left.

We have had similar visits from AUT, Otago, Massey and Waikato in the last few weeks as well. It has been great to see so many students exploring their options and future career plans.

All of New Zealand's Universities will be back in Term 3 to help students with enrolment, so students should check the notices daily about this and for other upcoming special guest visits.



Meredith Connell Inspires Future Lawyers

Students interested in a career in law recently had the opportunity to hear from two lawyers from Meredith Connell, Renee Zhang and Taniela-Afu Veikune, who visited Lynfield College to share their experiences and insights into the legal profession.

During the session, Renee and Taniela-Afu spoke about the pathway into law, what studying law at university is really like, and the best ways students can prepare themselves while still at school. They also provided an engaging overview of the New Zealand legal system and the day-to-day realities of working as a lawyer.

One of the key messages shared was that no two days are ever the same. They explained you don't need to be good at any particular subject at school, but that successful lawyers are excellent problem solvers who enjoy working with and helping people from all walks of life.

Students were particularly interested to learn about the Te Kūhanga Scholarship, an initiative designed to support future law students and encourage greater diversity within the legal profession. The scholarship has strong Lynfield College connections, having been established by distinguished alumna Dame Helen Winkelmann.

There is an exciting opportunity for students in Term 3, with a planned visit to the Meredith Connell offices where they will be able to gain an even greater understanding of the legal profession in action.



A Visit from the Ugly Shakespeare Company

On Monday 18th May, the Year 9 students had a special assembly in the morning. The Ugly Shakespeare Company had come to perform 'The Complete Works of Shakespeare', yes, all 37, in one hour! Performed by only three actors, the plays were all made as concise as possible, whilst keeping the original storyline (somewhat) intact. The plays were mostly spoken in modern English, with some key lines and quotes staying in Shakespearean English. This mix of languages, combined with the actors' hilarious and engaging manner, made that performance one to remember. Some of the most memorable moments were when one actor came into the audience and pretended to barf on some of the audience, and when the same actor spat out water over the front few rows during their quick recount of 'Hamlet'. Through showing us something so comical and witty, and connecting it to our learning in class, they brought the world of Shakespeare closer to us and showed us how exciting something from 400 years ago could be.

Saanvi Malarao, Y9

Kia Ora from the Art Department

As we have passed the halfway mark for our senior students. Here is a small selection of images for you to enjoy.

A heads up! We will be having an EXHIBITION the first week back after the holiday (Week 1 Term 3). More information to follow.

[SENIOR ART MID YEAR PROGRESS - Mobile Video](#)

Year 11 Digital Media



Chloe Lin



Feronia Chen



Lilly Boielle



Siobhan Wang

Year 11 Art



Evelyn Hamilton - Momberg



Kylie Fatima Naparate

Year 12 Design



Jamie Ray



Nevaeh Tan



Vaniya Kumar

Year 12 Painting



Tashke Thyssen



Sansita Mahato

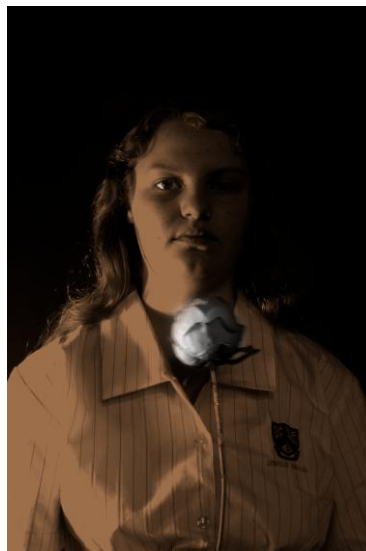


Raihana Ibrahim

Year 12 Photography



Kean Bryce Evangelista



Hunter Pienaar



Billy Zhu

Lynfield English Teacher is Finalist for Two Literary Awards

Congratulations to English teacher Michael Botur, who joined us at the start of 2026. Michael has been announced as a finalist for two national literary awards this month.

[Best Short Fiction in the Sir Julius Vogel Awards](#) for the horror story 'Truth & Reconciliation'

[Best Short Story in the Te Pai Tawhiti Awards](#) for the speculative fiction story 'Wild@Heart'

The stories are free to read online:

<https://botur.substack.com/p/wildheart-story>

<https://gnofhorror.com/truth-reconciliation-by-michael-botur/>



Student Support 2026

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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.

Lynfield College World Vision 40 Hour Challenge

Lynfield College is supporting the World Vision 40Hr challenge again this year. This is a partnership we have been involved with for over 40years and we are proud to join the cause again in 2026. Our Student leaders have been busy organising events and promoting the Challenge which takes place over the weekend of June 20th and 21st.



If you would like to support our students in this cause and donate, you can do so by clicking the link below.

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

This year's focus is on helping food shortages in communities in the Pacific Islands.

Individual Sport Honours

Congratulations to the following student who has achieved outstanding results. Lynfield College is very proud of you, and we look forward to seeing your continued growth and future accomplishments.

THAI CHEN LAU

Thai Chen Lau, Year 10, was our only swimming representative at the recent Central-Western Zone event and the College Sport Individual Championships. He swam in the 50m butterfly and freestyle races at the Zones and the 100m breaststroke and 200m backstroke at the Individual Champs.

While not among the medalists at the two events, Thai Chen achieved some personal best times, for which he is to be congratulated. We look forward to following his swimming progress and hope for more entrants in next year's events.



Sports Scene

[Lynfield College Weekly Sports Draw](#)

HOUSE VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Our Term 2 House Volleyball Competition has now concluded and what an awesome tournament it was! The amount of participation and spectators we had for games made the games fun while still being competitive. A massive thank you and congratulations to our Sports Captains and House Captains for organising such a successful event, we look forward to the House Netball Competition next term!

House	Bray	Fatialofa	Faumuina	Lewis	Reid	Zoricich
Juniors	6th	4th	2nd	5th	1st	3rd
Seniors	3rd	6th	4th	1st	5th	2nd
Total Result	9 5th	10 6th	6 2nd =	6 2nd =	6 2nd =	5 1st

HOUSE ROAD RACE RESULTS

House	Bray	Fatialofa	Faumuina	Lewis	Reid	Zoricich
Total Result	320 1st	231.5 3rd	270.5 2nd	179.5 5th	213 4th	179 6th

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL ZONES REFEREES

This Tuesday, we had a group of Lynfield boys head out to Seddon Fields to referee the matches for a Football Tournament. It was a great day seeing all the students energetic and excited to play Football, and having our students reffing the games only added to this environment and enabled the tournament to happen. Thank you to the team below for being involved and allowing the opportunity for the intermediate schools to compete in this event.

Ryan Mclsaac

Billy Barnes

Xavier Pearson

Mayson Ranchod

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

With the Winter Sports Season now well underway, we would like to take a moment to thank our team and coaching staff who are putting in all the hard work to get the best out of our players. You are helping them improve not only as athletes but also as young adults. A few highlights from the season so far:

Netball Premier 1 Girls: Our Prem Netball Girls have fought hard to earn their spot in 1st equal for their Grade. With 4 wins in a row and an average winning margin of 14 goals, the team are in a great position going into a promotion match next week. Good luck girls!

Football Junior Boys Green: This team is currently unbeaten, winning 3 games with 1 draw so far this season and sitting atop the grade with a +15 goal difference. Things are looking great for the boys with the second half of the season approaching.

Basketball U15 Boys Gold & Green: Both of our Junior Boys Basketball teams are off to a flying start. Both are in 1st place in their respective pools in the same grade with a Goal Difference of +96 for Gold and +142 for Green! A crossover is almost inevitable at this point for these teams and we'll keep you updated on how that goes. Murmurs of Pizza parties for continual high level performance have started so I'm sure the boys are motivated to win just for those as well.

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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