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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

It has been a busy fortnight with preparations for 2025, including enrolments and course selection, well underway.

Over 600 hot chocolates were handed out at the exceptionally well attended **Open Evening** this year. Interest in our **School in Action Tours** that followed was equally strong. Thanks to our wonderful student tour guides who proudly showcased learning at Lynfield.

Course Selection Evening and Scholarship information

With a strategic focus on partnerships with our whanāu it was great to see so many take the opportunity to learn something new and have queries responded to. There will be further opportunities to discuss courses selected at the Parent Student Teacher Conferences later in the month.

Olympic success - GOLD!

We are proud of our students and what they achieve. Past pupil Tyla King (nee Nathan-Wong) continues to demonstrate our school values and adds another Olympic gold to her achievements with the Rugby Sevens. Tyla is currently the highest women points scorer in the history of the women Sevens series. Thanks to her family for giving Lynfield College a 'shout out' when interviewed in Paris after Tyla's medal presentation.

We are now following the progress of Maddi Wesche, who has qualified for the final in shotput, with great interest.

Nga mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

Student Executive Positions 2025

Applications for positions on the Student Executive 2025 close on Monday 12 August at 5.00pm. No late applications will be accepted.

Positions available are: Head, Deputy, Sports Captains, Academic Captains, Arts and Culture Captains, Ambassador Co-ordinators, Social Co-ordinators, Young Māori Leaders, Pacific Pride Leaders, Hui mai Co-ordinators, Wellbeing Co-ordinator, House Captains and Year 12 Executive.

Nominations for the Board of Trustees Student Rep will be available from 21 August, with voting in Week 10 of Term 3.

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COMING EVENTS

***Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14
August***

KBB MUSIC FESTIVAL

Monday 19 August

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Thursday 22 August

ROAD RACE

MORNING CLASSES

STUDENTS RELEASED

12.05PM

PST CONFERENCES 1 – 7PM

Friday 23 August

NO TIMETABLED CLASSES

TODAY

PST CONFERENCES 9AM –

1PM

Charity Week

Charity Week was a resounding success, filled with engaging and enjoyable activities for everyone involved. The week kicked off on Monday with game stalls that were a hit among the students, providing plenty of fun and excitement and setting a positive tone for the rest of the week. Tuesday's bake sale exceeded all expectations, with the baked goods selling out within just 15 minutes, marking it as one of the most successful events of the week. Wednesday featured a non uniform day (where students were encouraged to wear clothing in their house colours) and an exhilarating teachers vs. exec benchball game, both of which were met with enthusiasm and brought joy and friendly competition to the school community. The week's activities concluded on Thursday with a "pie the teacher" event, a lighthearted and entertaining finale that capped off the week on a high note. Overall, Charity Week was a fantastic series of events that not only provided fun and entertainment but also brought the school community together while raising funds for good causes.

Bray House: Blue Light (empowering Youth)

Fatialofa House: Kids Can

Faumua House: Cancer Society

Lewis House: Hato Hone-St Johns

Reid House: Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust

Zoricich House: Variety (the children's charity)

Aneri Shah, Zoricich House Captain



Music in Full Swing

The Music Department is in full swing with multiple competitions and concerts happening at the start of Term 3.

Auckland Jazz and Blues

Lynfield College had 7 groups performing in the Auckland Jazz and Blues Competition which was held over the last 3 weekends. We had 5 Jazz Combos, as well as the Stage Band and Big Band totalling about 60 students take the stage on Sunday 28 July with everyone performing incredibly well. Unfortunately, none of the groups made the final 4, but we are extremely proud of them nonetheless! You can see all of these groups in action at the annual Jazz and Soul evening coming up in Week 6.

Variety Concert

As part of the preparation for the KBB festival this year, the Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra supported by some of our chamber groups and soloists put on a lovely evening of music last week. Both of the big groups were sounding great, and it got them excited for the competition next week.

KBB Music Festival

The KBB Music Festival is in Week 4 and will once again feature the Big Band, Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band. The three groups have been rehearsing extremely hard over the last few weeks and will be looking forward to putting on a brilliant show. All of the sessions are free to attend, and we would love to see you there supporting if you can make it. Times and locations of performances are:

Chamber Orchestra - Tuesday 13 Aug, 2.30pm - St Mary's at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Big Band - Wednesday 14 Aug, 11am - St Mary's at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Concert Band - Wednesday 14 Aug, 8.30pm - Holy Trinity Cathedral

Jazz and Soul Evening

Come and support the students for the last Music Specific concert of the year! Featuring all of the Jazz Combos, Stage Band and Big Band it will be a fantastic night of Music. There will even be a special performance from the Lynfield College Tutors Band! When: Tuesday 27 Aug, 6pm | Where: Lynfield College Hall | Gold coin donations welcome on the door!





Shinagawa Summer School Students Arrive

Shinagawa Summer School students were given a warm welcome at a special powhiri by our Kapa Haka. This was followed by refreshments with a distinctly New Zealand flavour, giving our visitors the opportunity to sample some of our favourite treats.



Course Selection

A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came in on Tuesday night to find out more about course selection and the support available for students in making good choices. We had over 300 people take the opportunity to listen to our Careers and Academic Advisors and then ask our Faculty Leadership specific subject based questions. We welcome any feedback on the evening <https://forms.gle/7JprnX7E7wGHNKqJA>

Course selection is now open for students in Years 9 - 12 and these are made online through SchoolPoint <https://lynfield.bridge.school.nz/>. All selections need to be made by **11.00am Monday 26 August** after the Parent Student Teacher (PST) conferences. At these conferences you will have the opportunity to discuss selections with your child's Hui mai teacher.



We encourage students to seek advice on making informed choices around their courses for 2025. The following staff are able to support this process. Hui mai teachers, Subject teachers, Faculty Leaders, Deans, Academic Advisor and Careers Advisors.

Below are links to the Year 13, 12 and 11 presentations:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wVI-GKvnGUBPPKUiPOfI_UhQc048eB3QBpxVtSfwDO0/edit?usp=sharing

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16tjVDbJQtJuldYElpCjOOr_bezw8PRMEaGHCohtkJo/edit?usp=sharing

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YSYX3JTNb4Qa08X2ZHva_eXUWnOp1q6uRcHt83XlfCE/edit?usp=sharing

A new Lynfield College Careers Website

The Careers Department has a new website to help with anything and everything related to a student's future pathway. This is where you can go to find information about upcoming events, help with course selection, scholarships, jobs, tertiary providers, applications and much more.

You can find the link to the website at <https://lynfield.careerwise.school/>

There is also a link to it on Schoolbridge.

Check it out, and subscribe so as not to miss out on any information about upcoming events.

Assessment Week Exams

These will be held in Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 3 on the following dates:

Week 8 – Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September

Week 9 – Monday 16 – Friday 20 September

LitNum Exams will be held in Week 8 on Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September

PST Conferences

Our Term 3 Parent, Student, Teacher (PST) Conferences will take place on:

Thursday, August 22 (1pm to 7pm), and Friday, August 23 (9am to 1pm)

(There will be no timetabled classes Friday, students are to access work via Schoology)

Bookings open on Thursday 8 August at 9.00am and close on Wednesday 21 August at 3.00pm.

The appointments will be for 15 minutes. The preference is for the meetings to occur face to face, however bookings may take place online. All bookings will receive a Google Meet link. Your child's Hui mai teacher will ask which option you plan to use prior to the meeting.

Students are expected to attend these conferences with you, and lead the conversation.

The conference meeting will be focused around your child's progress to date this year, their engagement in learning and their next steps regarding their learning and achievement.

Appointments are with your child's Hui mai teacher. There are no individual appointments with subject teachers.

Subject teachers will have provided Hui mai teachers with information on student progress and engagement in each of their subjects, and this information will be shared verbally with parents and caregivers at the meetings. *Should you wish to speak to a subject teacher, your child's Hui mai teacher will guide you in how to contact them.*

MAKING AN APPOINTMENT

Go to the school portal <https://lynfield.bridge.school.nz/>

Login with your email provider eg. Google, Apple, Microsoft

OR Click on "Request Magic sign in code"

Select 'Conferences'

GOOGLE MEET LINK

Once you make an appointment, you will be sent a Google Meet link. Your child will also receive the link, via their school email address, so you may choose to ask them to open the link using their device. **Google Meet Information Guide** https://youtu.be/f_T2d-bHcuk

If you require confirmation to request leave from work or you need supervision for a child who is under 14, during the school day, please email admin@lynfield.school.nz

We will inform you via email on the day if your child's Hui mai teacher is absent and they will follow up with you. If your family is unwell, please contact the Hui mai teacher to set up an alternative time.

Please be aware that due to ongoing roadworks and construction, there will be limited parking available.

Your child's Hui mai teacher is looking forward to meeting with you.

Elliot Dye, Acting Deputy Principal edy@lynfield.school.nz

Returning 2023 Prizegiving Cups and Trophies

Please return all cups and trophies presented at last year's Prizegivings to the main College Reception desk.

It is NOT necessary to clean the cups before returning them.

WE WOULD LIKE ALL CUPS / TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED URGENTLY.

Kakehashi Event Highlights

On 6 August our Year 11 - 13 Japanese students participated in the first ever senior Japanese Kakehashi event in Auckland. This special event gave students a chance to showcase their knowledge of Japanese culture and language while collaborating with peers from other schools. A moment of silence was observed to remember Hiroshima, marking the historical significance of the day. The students were excited to be making new friends and also that their Japanese language was useful in the event. We were very proud that our students excelled in this event, with William Lee and Himara Dasanayake achieving **1st place** with their team, Timothy Truc and his team securing **2nd place**, and Marcus Moore and his team earning **3rd place**. It was wonderful to see all our Lynfield College students actively participating and being recognized during the prize-giving ceremony. Congratulations to everyone for their outstanding performances!



Voices of Hope

Lynfield College has been lucky enough to be offered two free sessions with mental health advocates Jazz Thornton and Genevieve Mora who collectively run Voices of Hope Charity. Jazz was Young New Zealander of the year in 2021 and featured on Dancing with the Stars. She is also an accomplished film director. Genevieve is an author and together with Jazz they were named in 2023 Forbes 30 under 30. Recently, they have travelled to speak at the United Nations about mental health. Our senior students will be able to hear from these world famous speakers during their lifeskills lesson on Tuesday 27 August. Year 9 and 10 students will hear them during their midday 2 period on the same day.

Voices of Hope speakers share personal stories of their experiences with mental health challenges, seeking help, and the tools and strategies they used throughout their journey. Their talks focus on three primary areas:

Anti-Bullying: We are committed to promoting a community of kindness and respect, and our talks address the impact of bullying on mental health.

General Mental Health: Our speakers share their own personal lived experiences with mental health challenges, emphasising the importance of seeking help and the tools and strategies they used along their mental health journey.

Encouraging Help-Seeking Behaviours: We aim to normalise help-seeking behaviours and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues, encouraging students to reach out for support when needed.

More information will be available closer to their speaking date. If this raises any issues for you, please reach out to Catherine Hawke, Head of Counselling chawke@lynfield.school.nz

ERO – Te Ara Huarau

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off review that happened previously.

Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools. ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence.

Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on ERO's website. A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published. Included in our bundle of published reports is a Provision for International Students report.

Community Survey

We will send out the second of our community surveys shortly. The first survey was completed in Term 1, and since then we have implemented some initiatives based on the responses from you, students, and staff. These include:

- More frequent communication about attendance and engagement, including the engagement reports
- More celebration of student successes in attendance, engagement, academic achievement and extra-curricular activities
- More frequent communication on social media about activities and successes
- New courses for 2025, including Samoan language and Year 13 UoA Engineering-focused courses in Calculus and Physics.
- Introducing the Schoolbridge app for easier communication between home and school.

We really appreciate the feedback from you, and it forms a major part of our strategic direction. Thank you in advance for your support.

Individual Sport Honours

SWIMMING SUCCESS – KEVIN ZHANG

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Meet was held recently at the Sir Owen Glenn National Aquatic Centre in Auckland. Lynfield College had one participant, Kevin Zhang, who distinguished himself with some excellent results.

Kevin won the 200m freestyle, the 100m and 200m Individual Medleys, and the 50m Random Medley Skins. He was second in the 100m freestyle and third in the 400m freestyle, 50m freestyle and 100m breaststroke. Kevin's many successes meant that Lynfield College, with one swimmer, was 13th out of 71 co-ed schools at the event.

Kevin has one more school event, the Auckland Secondary Schools Swimming Championships later this Term. If Kevin's swimming training programme allows for participation in this event, we expect further excellent results.

As a Year 13 student, Kevin now looks towards his future in terms of both his academic and swimming pathways. These may be followed locally or perhaps overseas. Whichever path eventuates, we wish him all the best.



Sports Scene

HOUSE COMPETITION

Junior House Netball will be starting in Week 4 with the seniors to follow on in weeks 5 and 6.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances with road works, the date for our annual school Road Race has been changed to Thursday 22 August and routes will be released in the coming weeks.

VOLLEYBALL

Pre-season Volleyball has already begun to get underway for the Term 4 Junior season. Mr Jamieson has been swamped with students keen to give Volleyball a go and is always happy for more students to be involved which is great for our prospects going into Term 4. Any students interested in giving Volleyball a go or learning/practising their skills, please come along to the lower gym on Tuesdays after school.

UNIFORMS

As we are now approaching the end of our winter sports season. Please remember to return your washed uniform to the sports office after you have completed your final games.

TEAM TALK

SQUASH NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday 1 August our Premier Boys Squash team made the trip to Wellington to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Squash Teams Championships. Going into the competition, Lynfield were seeded 10th out of 32 but had goals of reaching much higher.

The first competition games were held on Friday 2nd August at Hutt City squash club where the team handily beat Avondale College 5-0 and went on to play Marlborough College (7th seeded team) that afternoon to guarantee one of the top 8 spots. Lynfield managed to win the first 2 matches which were a close contest but lost the 3rd and 4th matches. It all came down to the fifth and final game where Oskar Ludvig ended up winning his match 3-1!

The boys were then set to face some very tough teams the following day, Hamilton Boys and Whangarei Boys who were both very well rounded teams and we unfortunately fell just short of winning both matches. On the Final day of competition Lynfield played Cullinane College for 7th and 8th. Starting off with 2 very convincing wins followed by 2 very convincing losses. Ashwin Gupte ended up winning the 5th match 3-0! Meaning that our team finished 7th. This is an incredible result and a credit to the hard work that the boys have put in over the course of this year. Congratulations team on your awesome season.

Team members: Aditya Parab, Oskar Ludvig, Rohan Sharma, Calum Bint, Ashwin Gupte



BASKETBALL U17

Our U17 Basketball boys have just completed their final games for the season. They competed in the College Sport Central Western U17 B grade competition and have had a very successful season. Out of the 10 round robin games they played, the boys managed to come away with 10 victories which set them up for a final against Kelston Boys. This was another tough match for the boys but they managed to put together a performance worthy of a championship, winning the game 60-42!

BADMINTON GIRLS

The Lynfield B Grade girls had a very successful Term 2 season playing in the Monday Advanced Girls competition held at Epsom Girls. This team ended up winning all 7 of their matches through the season with an individual game score of 36 wins and 6 losses. This is an incredible effort from the girls and they are deserved winners of their grade. Congratulations.

ON-SITE PHYSIOTHERAPIST

We have a physio available every morning from 8.30am – 12.30pm at our school. Bookings are essential and must be made through our school nurse. Once booked, the student will receive follow up text reminders from the physio. All ACC cases are free.

Uniform & Stationery Shop

TEMPORARY SHOP CLOSURE IN TERM 4

The Uniform and Stationery Shop will be closed on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 October 2024.

We will be open as usual from Wednesday 16 October.

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

ONLINE ORDERING

Online ordering is available through our website <https://www.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.

Stationery packs are available in the shop and online for year 9 students. Stationery lists for all other year levels can be found on our website <https://www.lynfield.school.nz/site/lynfieldcollege/files/Stationery-Lists-2022.pdf> and all stationery items on the lists are available for purchase at the Uniform and Stationery shop.

For any further queries please email Alys Higgs at uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz

RETURNS POLICY

We require a purchase receipt and tags 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.

Laundry Markers can also be purchased from the uniform and stationery shop.

Community Notices

Disability Connect - Zoom Parents Support Group Mondays 7-8pm

Parents are welcome to join this weekly zoom support group with former community Disability Information Advisor, Robyn Hoffman. Hop on in and bring up any issues, chat or be with others that may be in the same situation as you. Robyn would love to hear how you are all getting on. If you have questions, ideas and/or issues that you may want to discuss with other parents, come along and join our virtual meeting. Email us at admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87036895858>

Meeting ID: 870 3689 5858

Passcode:  344

A4 Scout Flyer.pdf



Young Māori &
Pacific Pride
Leaders present...

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WEDNESDAYS

WEEKLY ACADEMIC WORKSHOP

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

3:15PM - 4:30PM

**JOIN US IN 12/13
(END OF CORRIDOR IN THE
UPPER GYM)**

Open to all students!