



**LYNFIELD
COLLEGE**

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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

At this time of the year our students are looking ahead to what they want to achieve next year. On Wednesday the Year 12 leaders for 2025 organised and ran the final Year 11 assembly for the year. It was awesome to see them stepping into leadership mode and giving us a taste of what to expect.

Wā Hono Project Week

Next week will be a hive of activity with students off normal timetable and active in, or for, the community. With 24 projects to have selected from there is a wide range of different learning opportunities. Our last NewsLink of the year will include a summary of what has been achieved.

Celebrating success

We have some amazingly talented students and it has been my pleasure to attend further Awards Ceremonies over the past fortnight including the 2024 NZ School Chinese Short Film Competition Prizegiving Ceremony held in the new Education Building at the University of Auckland; The Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards held at Eden Park and our own Year 11 Prizegiving held in the school hall. It was wonderful to be able to speak with the supporting family members attending after each of the celebrations.

We're on the move...

With B Block, one of the original and unfortunately now leaky school buildings, being prepared for demolition, everything is being packed into boxes ready for relocation. Some students have been given a sneak preview into the new build as they help move resources!

Destructive vandalism

On a sadder note we arrived at school today to find the windows of L Block and our new marae smashed in. The violation felt by students and staff, especially those learning in the newly opened marae, was considerable. Our cleaning and grounds teams did a wonderful job of securing the area and removing the glass spread throughout the classrooms. However these spaces had to be closed and further classroom changes, on top of those already made in preparation for the demolition of B Block, were needed.

We are working closely with the police as they investigate similar recent incidents at neighbouring secondary schools.

['Mindless vandalism': Window smashing spree hits schools across Auckland | RNZ News](#)

Ngā mihi nui

Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 2 December

WA HONO JUNIOR

PROJECT WEEK

LEAVERS' MORNING

9.30 – 11.30AM

LEAVERS' DINNER

6.00 – 9.00PM

Thursday 12 December

YEAR 9 PRIZEGIVING 9AM

YEAR 10 PRIZEGIVING 11AM

TERM 4 ENDS

Year 11 Academic Prizegiving

Our Year 11 Prizegiving this morning celebrated the successes of our students across many fields. Academic awards for each course were given out along with korowai awards for students who have demonstrated the school values in the classroom. A new award this year was recognition of students with excellent Engagement Reports throughout the year. The final group celebrated were the Merit award winners, awarded for students who excel in multiple aspects of school life.

Year 11 Merit Cup (Girls)

Year 11 Merit Cup (Boys)

Year 11 Merit Award

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Year 11 Engagement Award

Caitlin Hsiao

Enoch Satrio

Nabeeha Kamran

Mahant Agrawal

Liliena Fetuani

Eliza Shaikh

Lin Zheng

Doris Tan

Venya Chamallamudi

Wayne Wang

Ashton Silveira

Evelyn Tang

Maren Capps

Soha Ekbote

Caitlin Hsiao

Joanne Kuang

Michelle He

Daniel Li

Sia Pai

Enoch Satrio

Ashton Silveira

Marina Sivoravong

Nittyta Bapat

Yixuan Pan

Stuart Gibbs

Phoebe Jin

Mridini Karnawat

Emily Yang



Caitlin Hsiao



Enoch Satrio

School Policies and Procedures

SchoolDocs is now LIVE!

Lynfield College has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community. The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. These policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, and many more. SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry of Education guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://lynfield.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is 'lynfield' and password 'learn2live'.



Artwork for the Beehive (Executive Wing of Parliament, Wellington)

Each of the schools that participated in the Mount Roskill Art Exhibition (Week 1 of Term 4) have been requested by Dr Carlos Cheung MP to submit one artwork to be put on display in the Beehive (west foyer) in Wellington. We selected Anais's work to represent Lynfield College. We feel that her artwork best celebrates the multicultural DNA of Lynfield College.

Anais's work will be on display in Wellington for the next three to four months. What a fabulous way to display one of our students' artwork. Her talent and hard work has not gone unnoticed by the visual arts team.

Well done Anais!

Level 2 Painting ANAIS KHELLAF (Oil on card)



NZ School Chinese Short Film Competition

On Friday 22 November the University of Auckland came alive with creativity and celebration as students and families gathered for the 2024 New Zealand Schools Chinese Short Film Competition Prizegiving Ceremony. The event, held from 4 to 6 pm, recognised the remarkable achievements of students' Chinese language skills and culture knowledge through film making. This annual competition serves as a platform for primary and secondary school students to showcase their linguistic abilities and creative talents. By crafting short films in Chinese, participants not only hone their language skills but also gain deeper cultural understanding, fostering stronger ties between New Zealand and China.

Top Honors

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the **Best Performance Award**, won by the short film **"We Are Going to China Next Year"**, created by Lynfield College's talented Year 10 Chinese class.

Directors: Ellice Hii, Jaimee Chow, Dorothy Chang, Ishu Gurung, Tanvi Rana, and Eesha Baurhoo

Cast: Ellice Hii, Jaimee Chow, Dorothy Chang, Ishu Gurung, Tanvi Rana, Eesha Baurhoo, and the Year 10 Chinese class including Riveesh De Mel, Ada Fang, Maddy Fasi, Jiaki Halaufia, Xinyi Hu, Liam Kent, Ehan Khan, Zoey Kuang, Jitin Kumar, Wuyue Liu, Lucy Lovie-Tyler, Aj McMurray, Yan Yin Ng, Archer Pan, Krish Rana, Kyle Spence, ZhenXin Wang, Vincent Xie, Yimeng Xie, Margaret Zeng, Ian Zhang, and Billy Zhu.

Merit Awards were also presented to two outstanding entries:

“The First Day at School” (Directed by Krish Rana, performed by Krish Rana, Tanvi Rana, Archer Pan, and Ehan Khan)

“Three Friends in My Chinese Class” (Directed by Ian Zhang, performed by Ian Zhang, Jitin Kumar, and Riveesh De Mel)

The ceremony featured speeches from prominent dignitaries, including Mr Chen Shijie, the Consul General of China in Auckland, and Stephanie Mortimore, Programme Manager of Tui Tuia Learning Circle. Both highlighted the importance of cultural exchange and commended the students for their dedication to language learning. Our principal, Ms Knell gave a speech about celebrating the achievements of our Lynfield College students and emphasising the value of language education in fostering global connections. In attendance were 22 students from Lynfield College’s Year 10 Chinese class, accompanied by their proud families and teachers, Ms Fang and Mr Jacobs. The event concluded with a delightful Chinese and Kiwi-style afternoon tea, symbolising the fusion of cultures and mutual respect that the competition seeks to nurture. This year’s Chinese Short Film Competition not only celebrated the students’ linguistic and artistic talents but also strengthened the bonds between the two cultures. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding contributions!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4v4ymLim7oY&list=PLzX8CeeEDgfGjGUX6kDM6Lvx22RcsandS&index=2>



Chinese Cultural Learning Centre Visit

Our Year 9 and 10 Chinese class students had the incredible opportunity to immerse themselves in Chinese culture through a special visit to the Chinese Cultural Learning Centre on Wednesday 27 November. This enriching experience was proudly supported by the Tui Tuia Learning Circle - Chinese Learning programme grant.

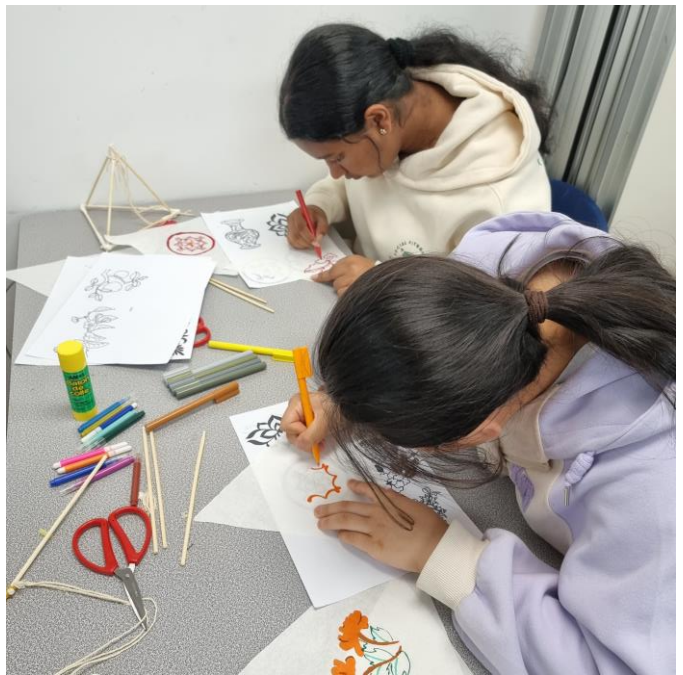
During the visit, students participated in a range of Chinese traditional activities, showcasing their enthusiasm and respect for Chinese culture. They crafted beautiful traditional Chinese lanterns and learned the art of Kung Fu using fans—a graceful yet powerful cultural expression.

The teachers at the Chinese Cultural Learning Centre warmly welcomed our students and were deeply impressed by their attentiveness and active participation. They praised how our Lynfield College students demonstrated our Korowai values of respect and commitment throughout the day.

The highlight for many was the delicious Dim Sum lunch at a local Chinese restaurant. Students confidently practised their chopstick skills and Chinese table manners they had learned during class time. From dumplings to spring rolls, they enjoyed a variety of dishes while deepening their appreciation of Chinese culinary traditions.

This trip not only brought our classroom learning to life but also helped students recognize the importance of embracing both the cultural and linguistic aspects of China. We hope these experiences inspire our students to continue exploring the richness of other cultures and languages in our interconnected world.

Thank you to the Tui Tuia Learning Centre and the Chinese Cultural Learning Centre for making this unforgettable experience possible. Also, thank you to Ms Fang for organising the trip and Mr Christie and Ms Lote for supporting our students during the trip.



11TDTF class takes our new drone technology for a spin over the New Build



Learning Support Picnic Day

The annual Learning Support picnic at Cornwallis Beach on Thursday 28 November provided plenty of opportunity for staff and students to show manaakitanga, wairua kaha, hinengaro wawata and whanaungatanga tika. Bush walks, dance offs, unique versions of water polo and synchronised swimming, tabloid ball games, frisbee throwing and the creation of an architecturally designed mermaid, ensured that both students and staff were tired out by the end of the day. Mursal made a beautiful Afghani meal to share with everyone and even the pickiest of eaters were enthusiastic consumers. It was a day filled with joy and camaraderie yet tinged with sorrow as this is the last year for a number of our students.



Sports Scene

STAFF VS STUDENTS SOFTBALL

As the Year 13s have now finished their regular timetables and go into their study leave, there was one final Staff vs Students match held after their appreciation assembly on 29th October. This was an extremely fun and spirited match and although this was their last chance in a Staff vs Students match, the Staff still came away with a 10-4 run win!

TEAM TALK

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

On the 13th-15th of November, our Junior Boys and Girls Gold Volleyball teams competed in the AKSS Junior Volleyball Champs held at Pulman Park in Takanini. Both teams put up a win and a loss on Day 1 which placed them both in the Division 2 competition. However, each team's loss on this day were close matches, in particular our boys fought hard against Takapuna who are a premier grade team but unfortunately couldn't close the match out.

Day 2 saw the start of some very tough matches for our teams. Our girls went to 3 sets in each of their 3 games on this day but unfortunately weren't able to take out the last set. Whereas our boys faced some tough opponents and ended up losing 2 and winning 1.

On Day 3, both teams had early starts to the day. The girls faced Green Bay first up which once again was a game that went to the 3rd set. However this time the girls managed to consolidate in the final set and ended up winning 15-11! This set them up to play against Auckland Girls Grammar in their final match. This ended up being their only match this whole tournament that wasn't 2-1, they ended up going down 2-0 26-24 and 25-23 so still an extremely close match. Our boys on the other side went down 2-0 to James Cook High School and went on to play Otahuhu in their final match of the tournament. This was an interesting game where both teams won a set 25-14 however in the 3rd and final set of the competition, our boys went on to win 15-6.

Overall, the Boys team finished in 27th and the girls in 30th. Despite this not quite being where we had hoped to achieve, the teams should still be extremely proud of their performances and efforts to compete in such a high level competition in a brand new environment to them.

JUNIOR BOYS CRICKET

Our Junior Boys Cricket team have continued their momentum by winning a rivalry match against Mt Roskill last weekend. Lynfield started the game batting and managed to set a good target of 177, some notable performances from this innings were Charlie Harris who scored 44 not out and Vedant Vijan who was retired after scoring 50*, which was his second half century of the year! In the field the team kept up the pacing, getting Roskill's opening batsman out on the first ball. When always said and done Roskill managed to bat the 20 overs and finished at 9/96. This meant that our Lynfield Boys held their spot at the top of the table and are looking to keep up this pace for the final this weekend.

1ST XI GIRLS CRICKET

Our Cricket 1st XI Girls have suffered a loss to a strong Onehunga side. Onehunga had a few strong batters who managed to run up their score to 147. Unfortunately this was just a bit too high for our team to chase down however they are confident they can make the necessary changes to the game plan to come out on top for the rematch in the final this week.

YSPOTY KEVIN AND TROY

On Thursday 28th November, CollegeSport hosted their annual Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards where they recognise the top athletes from all CollegeSport, New Zealand Secondary Schools and National competitions. This year we had the pleasure of having 2 of our students being selected as finalists for this.

Kevin Zhang – Swimming

Troy Maka - Athletics Field

CONGRATULATIONS TO TROY MAKI, WHO HAS WON THE ATHLETICS FIELD BOYS SECTION.



CAN YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HELP IN ANY WAY WITH SPORT IN 2025?

This year we have had to restrict the number of teams in some sports because we simply could not find coaches and/or managers to cater for all our students wanting to play sport. This definitely is NOT in line with our policy of providing quality sporting opportunities to all.

We urgently need coaches and facilitators/managers for our Term 1, 2025 summer sports teams especially cricket, waterpolo and volleyball coaches and dragonboat sweeps/coaches . To facilitate a team **you need NO knowledge of the sport**. The role could involve communicating with the coach to help them as needed with organisational tasks but more likely your help with organising transport (eg sorting our carpooling) and possibly providing transport would be greatly appreciated.

We are currently recruiting coaches and facilitators for our 2025 winter sports too. Here the need is for coaches in basketball, netball, hockey and boys football.

Every team must have a coach and facilitator/manager. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping in any way by becoming a part of the Lynfield Sport team, please contact the Sports Office:

09 627 0600 ext 595 sport@lynfield.school.nz

Remember, to be a team manager/facilitator, no knowledge of the sport is needed. It is simply a communication role.

Uniform & Stationery Shop

LAST TRADING DAY FOR 2024

The last trading day for the uniform and stationery shop in 2024 is **Monday 9th December, 10.00am – 1.30pm.**

UNIFORM FITTINGS FOR NEW STUDENTS IN 2025

Our Uniform Shop is open for fittings on the following dates:

Saturday 18 January 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Sunday 19 January 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Monday 20 January CLOSED

Tuesday 21 January 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Wednesday 22 January 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Thursday 23 January 3.00 pm – 8.00 pm. Friday 24 January 3.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Saturday 25 January 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Sunday 26 January 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.

Monday 27 January CLOSED.

Tuesday 28 January 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Wednesday 29 January 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Uniform fitting appointments are for 25 minutes. If you have more than one student requiring a fitting, then please book an appointment for **each** student.

Due to the volume of appointments, should you be late to your fitting we can only allow you the remaining time left for your appointment. For example, if you are 10 minutes late to your fitting, we can only allow you 15 minutes fitting time.

We do not provide a layby or hold facility. All items must be purchased on the day if you wish to take them with you.

Due to the volume of appointments, second hand uniform is not sold during these fittings. Second hand uniform can be purchased during our usual shop hours during term time.

Payment can be made via EFTPOS or cash only.

Should you require a quote for WINZ, please email Alys Higgs (Shop Manager) at least 10 working days in advance of your appointment and a quote can be emailed back to you. The shop email address is uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz Please state WINZ QUOTE as the subject.

[Please click here to make a booking for a uniform fitting.](#)

A **Year 9 Stationery Pack** can also be purchased at the time of your fitting. This pack contains all stationery required for students in year 9.

Our prices are very competitive and at the time of creation are cheaper than Warehouse Stationery.

Please see attachment for a list of items in the pack. The cost of the pack is \$42.00.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lynfield College when you come for your fitting.

ORDERING STATIONERY ONLINE

The stationery lists for 2025 are now available to view on our website [here](#).

You can order your stationery through our online [shop](#). We will package the order for you, and you can collect your order from the shop during our opening hours. There is a 50c packing charge added to your order.

When you come to collect your order, please have your order number ready to give to shop staff, as this is how we will find your order.

Year 9 students have a stationery pack which is also available for purchase through our online shop.

If you have any questions regarding stationery ordering, please email the shop manager at uniformshop@lynfield.school.nz.

If you have any questions regarding your options please contact your Dean in the first instance – the shop cannot help with options related enquiries.

Should you order stationery for a course that you are not able to be in for 2025 you will be able to return those items (provided they are unused) with a receipt or proof of purchase up until the 1st March 2025.

TERM 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 Event

MAGIC SHOW

The Blockhouse Bay Lynfield Lions Club welcomes its local community to apply for complimentary tickets to a family friendly magic show. The NZ Lions Magic Show will be held on Sunday 15 December 2024 at Selwyn College at the Barfoot Stadium at 11am, 2pm and 5pm. Complimentary tickets can be ordered using the following link: www.bhblions.org/magic-show.htm.