



**LYNFIELD  
COLLEGE**

# NEWSLINK

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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***

This is our last NewsLink for 2024.

Celebrating student success has been the theme for much of Term 4 finishing with today's Year 9 and Year 10 Prizegivings. Thank you to those who joined us, whether in person or online.

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Y10: [https://youtube.com/live/4Rw\\_m2hI1s?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/4Rw_m2hI1s?feature=share)

We are proud of our students and the growth they have shown over the past year.

### ***Wairua kaha - we are resourceful***

Student demonstration of our school value, wairua kaha, was evident last week during Wā hono Project Week. I was so impressed by the groups that I saw in action. A special thanks for the personal invitations I received to view final products or performances. I invite you to view the student produced [Lynfield Leader 2024](#) which reports on many of these projects.

### ***Staff Farewells***

As is the case at the end of every year we have staff leaving to take up a promotion, relocate overseas or retire. Two long serving staff who are retiring were farewelled this week. Susan Allpress after 18 ½ years teaching English, Drama and Dance and Shane Isdale after 41 years teaching Maths. Both have contributed heavily to the extra-curricular life of the school during their time at Lynfield College as past yearbook entries have revealed. We wish them all the very best for a more relaxed change in pace. Their replacements will be introduced to you, along with other staff joining us, in next years' NewsLinks.

### ***B block demolition Begins!***

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!

### ***Planning for 2025***

Please note the start date and times for our students for 2025. With Waitangi Day falling on Thursday 6 February next year Lynfield will close on Friday 7 February. The MOE advised today that schools are entitled to four half-days for curriculum related purposes. The last day for 2025 will be revised and confirmed at the first Board meeting for the year in February. Thank you for your support of the College this year. Wishing you a safe and happy summer break.

Kia noho haumaruru - stay safe and well

Cath Knell

**Tumuaki | Principal**

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## COMING EVENTS

### ***2025 STARTING DATES***

***Tuesday 28 January***

***YEAR 9: 1.30 – 3.10pm***

***Wednesday 29 January***

***YEAR 13: 9.00 – 10.30am***

***YEAR 12: 10.00 – 11.30am***

***YEAR 11: 11.00am – 12.30pm***

***YEAR 10: 12.00 – 1.30pm***

***FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY***

***LYNFIELD COLLEGE CLOSED***

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## *Year 10 Prizegiving*

Year 10 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student): **Kiran Treanor**

Year 10 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student): **Ellice Hii**

Year 10 Merit Awards: **Toby Pin, Ayaan Vasudeva, Meghna Malik, Matthias Coleman, Tanvi Rana, Aditya Parab, Saira Unni, Mahe Chaudhary**

Year 10 Engagement Awards: **Lisa Deai, Keshavee Vaidya, Miraj Ram, Neha Rana, Tanvi Shah, Nalika Solanki, Eloise Martens, Jiya Tailor, Vedant Vijan, Hunter Pienaar, Dorothy Chang, Manha Mirza Sadath, Ian Zhang**

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year: **Geo Sandyang**

Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year: **Josephine Sor**

Year 10 Arts & Culture Performer of the Year: **Toby Pin**

Junior Musician of the Year: **James Gallagher**

Top Junior Debater: **Meghna Malik**

Junior Sports Team of the Year: **Cricket Junior A Boys**

Y10 team members: **Ayush Badal, Charlie Harris, Sam Miratana, Rishi Patel, Siddhesh Patel, Saaiesh Patil, Krish Reddy, Kiran Treanor, Hetansh Trivedi, Vedan Vijan, Kanav Munjal**

Junior Group of the Year: **Debating Junior Open 1**

Team members: **Mahe Chaudhary, Aditya Parab, Siddhesh Patel, Ayaan Vasudeva**

Manaakitanga Trophy: **Anna Pareja Armstrong**

Winner of the Junior Piano Competition Vivace Cup: **Jiujiu Zhang**

Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Year 10 PE & Health: **Aayush Ghosh, Matthias Coleman**



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## *Year 9 Prizegiving*

Year 9 Girls Merit Cup Winner (Top Girls Merit Award Student): **Misha Kurian**

Year 9 Boys Merit Cup Winner (Top Boys Merit Award Student): **Marcus Angelo Tarcelo**

Year 9 Merit Awards: **Chelsea Silveira, Charlotte Hsiao, Chahak Uppadhyay, Annika Vashi, Isaac Sun, Aanya Vasisht, Ava Wallace, Tiamo Wild**

Year 9 Engagement Awards: **Huda Banu, Siobhan Wong, Ellie Yan, Lilly Boielle, Izzy Connor, Seth Hunt, Feronia Chen, Milla McLean, Ram Veerappan, Jewel Queen Cyril,**

**Cassandra Walters, Xavier Pearson**

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year: **Kaelan Pippin**

Runner up Year 9 Sportsman of the Year: **Xavier Pearson**

Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year: **Charlotte Hsiao**

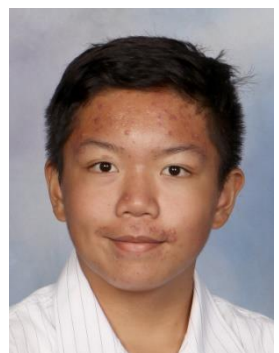
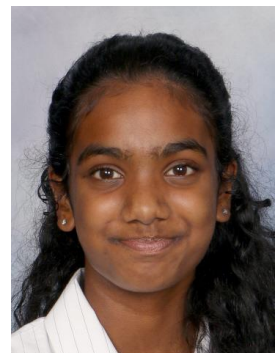
Junior Sports Team of the Year: **Cricket Junior A Boys**

Y9 team members: **Het Baraiya, Aaryan Ganu, Dashiel Naran, Zayd Ali Patel,**

**Xavier Pearson, Kaelan Pippin**

Top Junior ESOL Student: **Selvi Prajapati**

Lumino The Dentists Health Prizes – Year 9 PE & Health: **Malles Chetty, Trishona Adhikari**



## Wā Hono Project Week

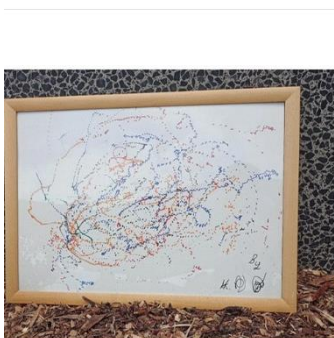
### Live Music Performance

We had a great time putting together a show last week. We had the pleasure of going to Glenavon School and Waikowhai Intermediate on Thursday before performing in front of our new building at LC on Friday Lunchtime.



### BotArt

During Wa Hono weekend, students explored programmable robotic artwork and traditional techniques, creating stunning masterpieces, two of which were sold on Trade Me. Led by Mr Bryan, Ms van Heeswijk, Mr Waddington, and Mr Wright, the course concluded with a thrilling Amazing Race, showcasing an engaging and collaborative experience.



#### School project sale!

Closed: Fri 6th Dec, 2:29p

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### Dipping into Culture

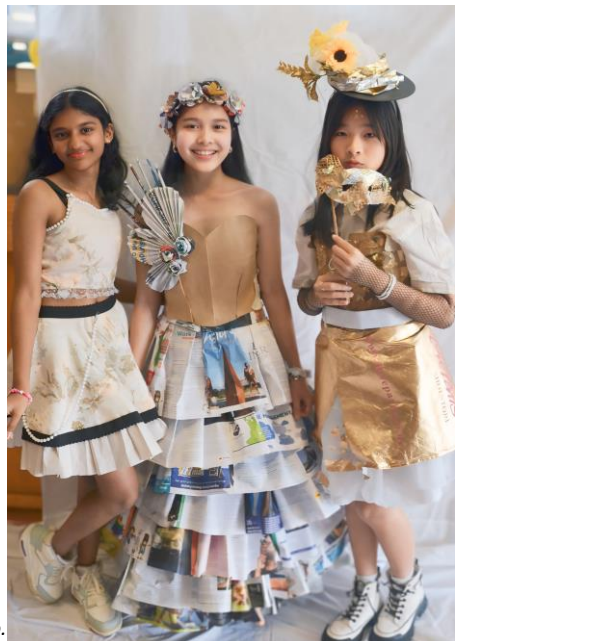
For Wa Hono week, the staff in Learning Support prepared activities for a project entitled Dipping into Culture featuring France, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Italy. Mask making, jewellery making, dancing, henna, facts with quizzes, cooking and even orienteering activities were included. Three students, Shehar Bano, Sariyah Mansuri and Selvi Prajapati, showed the Lynfield value of Hinengaro wawata by creating their own set of activities for the Friday, featuring Japan. It was an ambitious and successful initiative by these students and an enjoyable week for all participants.






**Trash to Fashion**

Trash to Fashion students had fun creating a variety of garments using a range of techniques and upcycled materials, selected from the Birkenhead Recycling Centre. Themes were Aotearoa, Geometric Abstraction, Avant Garde and Crazy Creatures. All students/groups modelled their fabulous garments down the catwalk in front of their peers.





## **The Lynfield Leader Online!**

	<p><b><u>Lynfield Leader 2024</u></b> Produced by excellent students and teachers of Lynfield College during Wā hono week! <a href="http://online.fliphtml5.com">online.fliphtml5.com</a></p>
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## ***Guardians of the Galaxy***

The Guardians of the Galaxy students are our future leaders who will be responsible for the kaitiakitanga of our environment, animals, and people. By adopting the principal of manaakitanga in our mahi all week, that included gardening, picking up rubbish, walks to beaches and parks, presentation from a bird rescue organisation, making kawakawa balm and weaving kete (bags), ending with a shared kai hakari/feast with our buddy group Rangatahi in the Community.



## ***Mindful Pencil Sketching***

Students thoroughly enjoyed Sketching for Relaxation, as they learned the skills of sketching with graphite pencil, to the background of meditative and classical music. With each piece taking about 3 hours, students honed their focusing skills, while developing their artistic talents to produce something beautiful. Their completed results were outstanding and their journey to get there fulfilling.





***A Christmas Connection***

Last week a group of students came to our village to decorate the Christmas tree and returned on Thursday to sing and dance. What a delightful group. They came in with trepidation on Monday and left on Thursday with smiles. We loved them. I think they realised that we weren't that scary and not all gaga!

As an ex-teacher it was lovely talking to their young teacher who is so enthusiastic about her job and it certainly showed up in her relationship with her students.

Thank you. You were wonderful

Dianne Cook

Powley Village



***Tawharanui Camp***

Wa Hono Camp was an incredibly fun and enjoyable experience. The participants were divided into groups, and each group was responsible for organising and running their own activities, which fostered teamwork and leadership skills. In addition to planning activities, they also took on the responsibility of cooking all their meals, which added an element of independence and collaboration with each other. It was a great opportunity for everyone to learn new skills while having a fantastic time together



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## *Gateway Student Success*

### **Nawaa Naushad (Y12)**

In a year that was not looking promising for any apprenticeship offers, due to the depressed economy, Nawaa has been offered an electrical apprenticeship with Saint Electrical Ltd (one of our longstanding Gateway employers). This is a credit to Nawaa as he has evidenced his genuine commitment to his Gateway experience and his employer.



### **Calum Bint (Y13)**

Calum has passed his Class 1 Aviation medical so is fully accepted onto the Air New Zealand Pilot Cadetship Programme. He won't start till next April, as he is the youngest of the 30 cadets.

Congratulations to you both on your achievements this year. We wish you every success in your career journeys.





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## *End of Year Whanau Hui*

On Wednesday 4 December we had our end of year hui whānau, Kapa haka performed and our Young Māori Leaders and Student exec ākonga introduced themselves in Te Reo Māori, whānau acknowledged their tamariki with kōrero and mihi. Yr 13 ākonga were presented with pounamu for their commitment to kaupapa Māori initiatives, we concluded with shared kai. Ka nui te mihi ki ngā whānau, ngā ākonga me ngā kaiako o te rōpū whai take Māori mo te tautoko. Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou nā mātou o Te Kāreti o Pukewīwī.



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## *St John Cadet of the Year Award*

On Monday 2 December at the St John Youth Prizegiving, Maddy Hughes (Y10) was awarded Cadet of the Year. This award recognises a member of Kelston Youth Division, who is a general all-rounder in everything Hato Hone St John. They embody the values of our organisation which are Whakaaro nui (we have open minds), Mahi tika (do the right thing), Tu tahi (we stand side by side), mahi pono (we are straight up), and whakapai ake (we make it better). Maddy competed at gold level for the first time this year and with her team mate won her first aid pairs award. She was also shoulder tapped to try out for National squad and has been selected for the 2025 team.

Congratulations Maddy. This is a wonderful achievement.





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## *Leavers' Dinner*

This year's Leavers' Dinner was held at Sorrento in the Park on a beautiful Monday evening. The Year 13 students celebrated and reflected on their Lynfield journey. It was hilarious viewing their Year 9 photos although some hadn't changed much at all. Mock awards were well received and a wonderful evening was had by both staff and students. We wish our Leavers all the very best for their future endeavours.



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## *NCEA Information*

### **Literacy and Numeracy CAA Results**

Results from September's co-requisite assessment were released on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. Students will be able to see their results, and if they did not achieve one or more of the co-requisite standards, will be able to download a personalised feedback report.

### **Results Publication**

Results for 2024 NCEA and NZ Scholarship will be released on 15 January 2025.

### **Review and Reconsideration Process**

Students can apply for a review or reconsideration of their 2024 externally assessed achievement standards and New Zealand Scholarship responses. These options are available for candidates who believe their results may be incorrect. Before applying for a reconsideration, candidates are encouraged to review the assessment reports, assessment schedules, and cut score documents to make an informed decision.

Further information on these processes can be found [here](#).

### **New Zealand Record of Achievement (NZRoA)**

The NZRoA for students will be updated with 2024 results when qualifications are released in January 2025. It is then available in electronic format, or can be ordered in hard copy, through the Learner login. Students are entitled to one hard copy free of charge, with further copies costing \$15.30 each.

## Summer School with Te Kura

Students who desire a limited number of additional credits may attend Te Kura's Summer School. Registrations are now open. Visit [Te Kura Summer School](#) for more information.

## NZQA Information

NZQA have begun producing a series of short articles aimed at parents and whānau that cover off some key questions and areas of interest in a clear, easy-to-read way. You can access these [here](#).

**Please check back regularly as they will be adding new topics.**

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## Individual Sport Honours

### FIONA SIAOPO (Y13)

On the 6th-8th December, Fiona competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Championships held in Timaru. Fiona put up a great effort in the Senior Girls Javelin and Senior Girls Discus but unfortunately fell short of a medal. This lead up to her final competition on the Sunday Morning where she was competing in the Senior Girls Shotput and was eager to take out the competition. Fiona had a phenomenal performance and ended the competition with a PB of 14.55m, this was enough to earn herself the Bronze medal. We are extremely proud of her. Congratulations Fiona!



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## Sports Scene

It has been an interesting, enjoyable and successful year in Lynfield Sport. Several teams have won their grades or have been promoted to a higher grade and we have had some excellent results in NZSS tournaments.

**A big thank you to all our coaches and managers. Sport at Lynfield couldn't go ahead without you, we appreciate all your time, effort and expertise**

### STAFF VS STUDENTS SOFTBALL

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, our junior volleyball teams challenged the staff to a competitive match held in our lower gym during lunchtime. This was an extremely close game which ended with experience beating talent, the staff winning the game 25-21!

It was an incredibly well spirited match and a massive thank you to all the staff and students who came out to play and watch the game, you all created a great atmosphere for the match and we look forward to more Staff vs Students competitions in 2025.

### TEAM TALK

#### JUNIOR BOYS CRICKET

On 7<sup>th</sup> December our Junior Cricket boys played their final in the Junior A T20 Cricket competition against Avondale Junior Boys. Lynfield won the toss and elected to bat first. Setting a solid target of 165 for Avondale to chase down. In



the field the boys performed very well to keep the Avondale run rate down. Despite one of their batsmen achieving a half century, all other players were kept below 13 runs an

d held them to a total of 121 runs. Congratulations to the Lynfield Junior Boys on their performance this season!

## **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](mailto:sport@lynfield.school.nz)

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

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## ***Uniform & Stationery Shop***

### **UNIFORM FITTINGS FOR NEW STUDENTS IN 2025**

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

**Saturday 18 January 10.00 am – 3.00pm, Sunday 19 January 10.00am – 3.00pm**

**Monday 20 January CLOSED**

**Tuesday 21 January 10.00am – 3.00pm, Wednesday 22 January 10.00am – 3.00pm**

**Thursday 23 January 3.00pm – 8.00pm, Friday 24 January 3.00pm – 8.00pm**

**Saturday 25 January 10.00am – 3.00pm, Sunday 26 January 10.00am – 3.00pm**

**Monday 27 January CLOSED**

**Tuesday 28 January 10.00am – 3.00pm, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.**