



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***

Welcome to our first Newsletter for the term. With the volume of curriculum content to be covered, attendance and punctuality will continue to be a focus. Maintaining high attendance levels and being on time to lessons are known factors that contribute to student success. We are aware that construction and road works around the school are creating extra congestion so please take these into consideration when working with your child on how they will get to school on time. With the colder starts to the day, and in preparation for the colder weather ahead, please also ensure your child is wearing uniform items appropriate for the change in season.

### ***Phones away for the day***

With the school policy on phones being amended, in line with the government regulations to include break times from Term 2, students have been demonstrating our school values in additional ways: ***Wairua kaha*** - we are resourceful in finding offline things to do; ***Hinengaro wawata*** - we think critically about the impact of phones on our wellbeing and learning; ***Manaakitanga*** - we respect others by putting our phones away for the day, and ***Whanaungatanga tika*** - we connect with others by talking face to face.

We have been impressed by the positive spirit in which the students have managed the change and have observed a happy 'hummm' around the grounds with an increase in students talking face to face.

### ***Are you using the SchoolBridge app?***

If your child is going to be away from school for the day, please let the school know via the SchoolBridge app. Information was sent to families on 22 May, on how to download this app which can be used to view and approve trips, report a student's absence, and check attendance, reports and results from your phone. Feedback from parents already using the app has been positive. More information can be found here: <https://shorturl.at/aqAH2>.

### ***Former student successes***

We are delighted to celebrate the selection of three former students and one former coach / volunteer for the **Paris 2024 - Olympics**. All four competed at the last Olympics, held in Tokyo 2021, and continue to perform at an elite level. We look forward to following their progress during the games (July - August 2024).

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## COMING EVENTS

***Thursday 9 May***

***Blood Donor Day***

***Wednesday 15 May***

***PPTA Paid Union Meeting***

***Friday 17 May***

***Pink Shirt Day***

***21, 22, 23 May &***

***28, 29, 30 May***

***LITNUM Assessments***

***Friday 31 May***

***MOE Teacher Only Day***

Another former student who is working at an elite level, and making a name for himself internationally, is physicist Mason Ng who has been invited to attend the 73rd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting.

Please let us know of any other significant achievements by our former students so these can be celebrated and used to inspire our current students.

**Update from Watercare - Huia 1 Watermain**

The next section of works will be from Whitney Street/Donovan Street intersection to the Boundary Road/White Swan Road intersection. These works will start early to mid-May and take until early July 2024 (up to Boundary Road/White Swan Road intersection) to complete. Traffic will be able to travel along Donovan Street towards the roundabout (roundabout with the intersection of Donovan Street, Kinross Street, Blockhouse Bay Road, and Heaphy Street). Traffic travelling citybound along Donovan Street will need to follow a detour up Blockhouse Bay Road, down Terry Street, down Boundary Road and then turn back onto White Swan Road. Please note that during this traffic management setup you will not be able to enter Donovan Street from McFadzean Drive.

**Nga mihi nui**

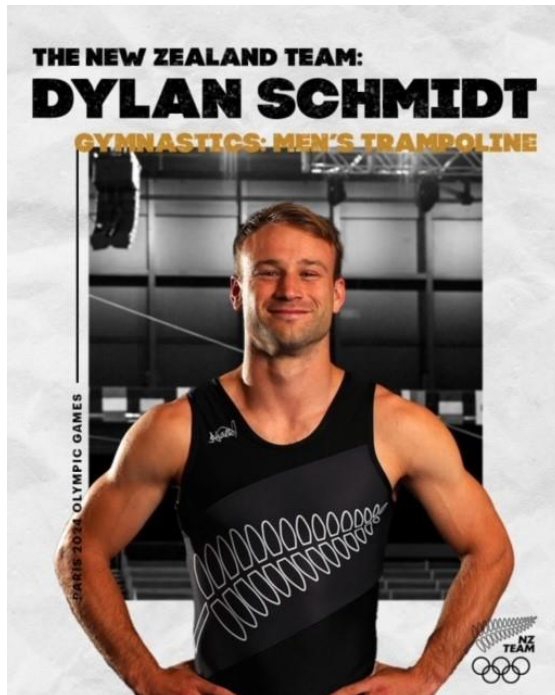
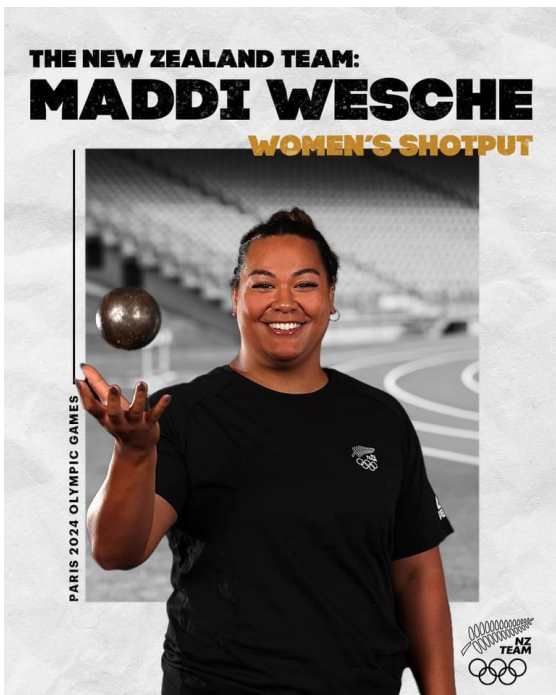
Cath Knell

Tumuaki | Principal

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**Paris Olympics 2024 – The New Zealand Team**

Congratulations to three Lynfield College past pupils and a past coach/volunteer who have been selected for the New Zealand team: Katie Bowen, NZ Football Fern | Tyler King (Nathan-Wong) Black Ferns 7s | Maddi Wesche, Women’s Shotput | Dylan Schmidt, Gymnastics Men’s Trampoline.





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## VEX Robotics Worlds Trip Log

### To All Our Sponsors and Supporters

Competing at the World championships is only possible for our teams because of your kind generosity, Thank you.

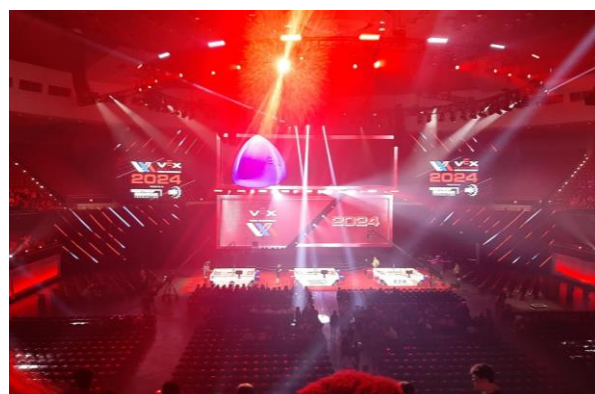
### Update 3:

The High School VEX Robotics World Championship finished yesterday evening. Our High School team faced a very tough draw and experienced a couple of on field technical issues. At the end of the three days, they finished 73rd out of 82 teams in their division.

Once division finals were complete in the late afternoon, we headed over to the Dome theatre, which seats 8500 people, to watch the grand finals where all the division winners face each other to find the Worlds Tournament Champions. The eventual winners of the Worlds tournament were the division winner from our division.

The closing ceremony was very spectacular and at the end of this VEX Robotics unveiled the new seasons game. This is the game we will start competitions for in June this year, working towards Nationals in February and Worlds next April if we qualify again. The teams are looking forward to designing new robots for the new season.

Our Middle School team started their Worlds competition today. They have won their practice match and their first competition match, so they are well on their way and very happy with their progress so far. Seven more games tomorrow and 2 the day after and then hopefully into division finals. We are hoping for a better result for them than the High School team achieved.



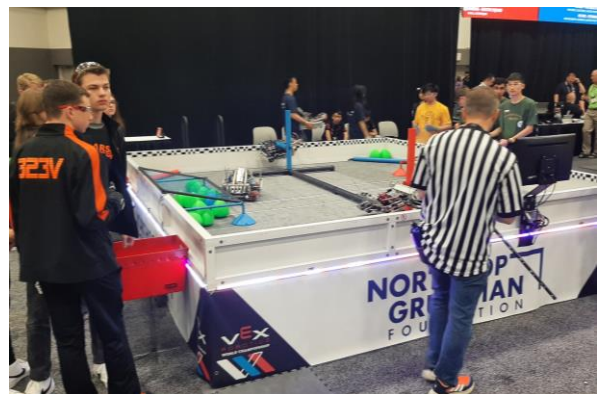
### Update 2:

From Houston we drove to Dallas where we are staying for our remaining time in America. In the few days before the competition we have visited Six Flags over Texas amusement park, a baseball game, the Frontiers of Flight Museum, the Perot Nature and Science Museum and the 6th Floor Museum which is where JFK was assassinated from, great science and history lesson for our students.

Today was the first day of the Worlds Competition for our High School team. Unfortunately, they had a battery disconnection during their first game, but they have 9 more qualifying games in the next day and a half before hopefully making it into the division finals rounds.

There are 820 High School teams from all over the world competing in 10 divisions, and each division winner will compete against the others in the grand finals for the World Championship title.





**Update 1:**

We flew out of New Zealand on the evening of 18th April and landed in Houston late afternoon the same day, an interesting concept for some of the students to get their head around, crossing the international date line and landing before we left.

On our first day we pickup up our rental van and headed off to Galveston where we visited the Naval Museum. We followed this up with a visit to the beach and Galveston Pleasure Pier where we ate at Bubba Gump’s Shrimp Co.

Our 2nd day in America was spent at the NASA Space Center Houston and a short shuttle to the astronaut training center and rocket park at the Johnson Space Center. A lot of amazing technology for the students to see there today. We ended the day with a classic Texas Steakhouse dinner.



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## Youth Engagement Leader and Kaiāwhina

**Introducing two special people at Lynfield College! If you see them around be sure to give them a wave and say hi! They are very friendly people. Here's a bit about them:**

### **SAM FELETI | YOUTH ENGAGEMENT LEADER**

My role at Lynfield College is Youth Engagement Lead. I journey alongside students encouraging them to be just as engaged and vibrant in the class as they are outside of class.

I am new to the staff team, only starting this year and my time so far has been awesome. You may often find me cruising around the school during breaks, otherwise I share a space with Whaea Bonny in the Student Services area (just behind Health Centre Reception).

☑ *I am just another Christian Polynesian who loves sports (rugby league greatest game ever), music (hip hop/rnb), and anything creative. Malo!!*



### **WHAEA BONNY | KAIĀWHINA**

*Ko Ongaro, Ko Hinerakei, Ko Makora ōku maunga*

*Ko Rotokakahi, ko Pawarenga ōku awa*

*Ko Whangapē tōku wāhapu*

*Ko Mamari tōku waka*

*Ko Mōrehu, Ko Ōhaki, Ko Taiao ōku mārae*

*Ko Te Aupouri, ko Te Rarawa ōku iwi*

*Ko Te Uri o Tai tōku hapu*

Tēnā koutou katoa. This is my second year working here at LC. Initially I worked in Learning Support as a Learning Assistant before being offered the opportunity to teach Te Reo Māori as well as operate as Kaiāwhina.

These roles have given me the absolute privilege to connect with so many ākonga and their whānau as well as provide a platform where I can continue to support ākonga navigate this thing called 'college', be successful and reach their goals - whatever they may be! You can find me either down at the whare teaching Te Reo or also sitting in the same space with Sam Feleti – behind Wāhi Hauroa Reception. ***Our door is always open.***

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## Past Pupil Attends Nobel Laureate Event

Studying physics at the University of Auckland, Mason Ng dreamed of attending a world event where students mix with Nobel Prize winners. Now, it's happening.

"It's wild to me that I'm invited," says Mason, who will attend the 73rd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting in Lindau, Germany, from 30 June to 5 July.

The event brings students together with superstars of physics for exchanges between different generations on topics such as quantum physics, the future of energy, and AI. Anne L'Huillier and Ferenc Krausz will be among more than 30 Nobel Laureates in attendance, along with more than 650 young scientists from around the world, chosen through a competitive process.

Mason is on the verge of completing a PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on neutron stars. He was a dux at Auckland's Lynfield College before graduating from Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland with a Bachelor of Science (Honours).





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## ANZAC Day

On the 25th of April, Lynfield College's student leaders attended the Puketāpapa ANZAC Day Service held at the Mt Roskill War Memorial Cenotaph. They were honoured to have the chance to represent our school in the parade alongside veterans, community leaders, other schools and community groups. Our Head Boy, Calum Bint, delivered a scripture reading at the service and three of our head students had the opportunity to lay a wreath in memory of the lives lost during the Gallipoli campaign. The service was deeply moving and our student leaders felt privileged to be a part of such an important event.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC Day, held annually on the 25th of April, is the anniversary of the first major military action fought by the Australian and New Zealand armed forces during World War 1. ANZAC troops landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey on 25 April 1915, with the unsuccessful and costly campaign lasting over 6 months, until November. 2,700 New Zealanders lost their lives during the Gallipoli campaign and over 5,000 were wounded.

ANZAC Day is also a chance to remember New Zealanders killed in other conflicts and it is a day to honour returned and serving servicemen and women. It gives us a chance to reflect that New Zealand's involvement in war has been very costly and for those who have survived war, it has marked an end to life as they knew it.

### **Special thanks from Puketapapa Local Board ...**

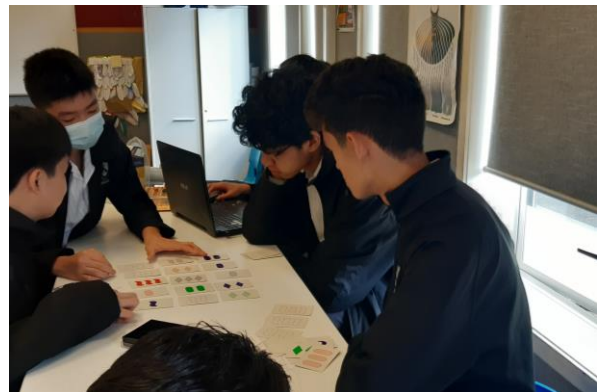
*On behalf of the Puketāpapa Local Board I would like to offer our deepest thanks for the outstanding job Calum did with his role in the Mt Roskill Anzac service last week. I think it ran very well – we do appreciate all he did - and how professional his entire approach was.*



## Phones away for the day

Students have responded very well to the Phones away for the day rules. We have noticed much more chatter at breaks and more students playing games. Teachers have also reported that the pouch system is working well so that students remain responsible for their phones.

To help students find things to do at breaks, Ms Grant and Ms Hunt have brought in board games that their Hui mai classes can use. Students are enjoying reliving childhood memories and learning new games!



## SchoolBridge

We have a new Portal and App called **SchoolBridge**. SchoolBridge provides a personalised dashboard that is synced with access to the KAMAR calendar, parent student teacher interviews, student timetable, and assessment calendar in one convenient location. Additionally, you will be able to report absences, approve trips or pay fees quickly.

You can access the dashboard from the website under the **portal** or bookmark this link <https://lynfield.bridge.school.nz/>

To log in to the dashboard, please follow these simple steps:

1. Open the following link: <https://lynfield.bridge.school.nz/>
2. Click on "Caregivers" Or "Students"
3. Sign in using the email address registered in our system.

While the school will still send out **emails** we plan to send out quick push notifications via the **SchoolBridge App** so we recommend downloading the App.

Download the **SchoolBridge App** for access to all the features available on your dashboard.



App Store

Play Store

Should you have any issues logging in please contact the main office in the first instance - [admin@lynfield.school.nz](mailto:admin@lynfield.school.nz)



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## Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all students and whanau who attended the PST conferences over the last two days of Term One.

The positive conversations about your child's learning progress and engagement with school were fantastic.

We had over 65% of students and whanau attend interviews over the two days and with teachers continuing to complete these for families that were unable to attend, this number will hopefully reach over 70%.

If you missed your meeting or would like to speak with your child's Hui mai teacher please email them to arrange a time.

Thank you again for the ongoing support you have for our akonga.

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## Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

As we have mentioned in a previous newsletter, some of our Year 10 and Senior students, will be sitting the Literacy / Numeracy Assessments in Week 4 and 5. Students will be notified of when they will sit these assessments on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. No student will have more than two assessments in a week.

If your child is sitting one or more of these assessments, you would have been informed via email. Students have been informed by their teachers if they are entered, and over the past few weeks have been preparing for the assessments in subject and Hui mai lessons.

**Please Note:** Literacy and Numeracy credits achieved in 2024 will count towards your child's NCEA results in the coming years. If your child does not sit or achieve the standards this time, then there will be a further opportunity later this year, or alternatively there will be further opportunities to sit the assessments in following years.

**To support your child for these assessments you could check:**

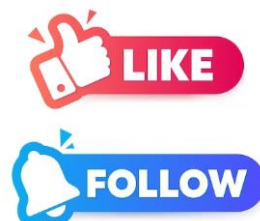
- Their device is working and is fully charged on the day (teachers will refrain from using devices in class in Morning periods 1 and 2). The assessments are digital only
- They know how to log into NZQA and remember their password
- They can open Chrome as their browser
- Their devices have notifications, updates and the screensaver disabled on the day.

Students can become familiar with the digital exam platform before the assessment by going to: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/digital-exams/>

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## Lynfield College Social Media

'Follow' the Lynfield College [Instagram](#) page and 'Like' the Lynfield College [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date with school events and notices.





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## Jeremy Watson (Year 13 Visual Art Design Student 2023)

Congratulations to Jeremy Watson, whose Visual Art Design External folio was selected for the 2024 Top Art exhibition tour. Here is the link below

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/select-subject/visual-arts/top-art-2024/design/>

This means that Jeremy's folio is considered as being one of the best Design folios in the country. Jeremy also gained a scholarship (which required an additional 8 pages of research that supported the folio submission).

### Statement from Jeremy about his folio.

*"From the beginning of the year, I had a strong idea for what I wanted my Digital Design board to be based on, 'The Ocean'. I love all the unique, mesmerising things that are grown in the vast sea. I was very inspired. I enjoy the look of stylised characters with quirky, un-human features, it departs my concepts from more realistic styles."*



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## Lynfield Korean Group Attends Puketāpapa Cultural Festival

Despite the challenging weather conditions, Lynfield College students illuminated the Puketāpapa Cultural Event with their infectious enthusiasm. The event, which featured performances by students playing the traditional Korean drum "Nanta" and a dynamic K-pop team, became a heartwarming celebration of diversity and talent.

Amidst cheers and applause, Lynfield College students stood out as the most spirited group, offering enthusiastic support to every performing group. Their vibrant energy caught the attention of the event's MC, who invited them to showcase their talents once more with another dance performance. The organizers expressed their gratitude to the Lynfield College students for their contribution in making the event more enjoyable for everyone present.

Their active involvement and positive spirit not only added meaning to the cultural event but also highlighted the power of unity and community spirit. As ambassadors of Lynfield College, their participation exemplified the school's korowai values within the wider community.





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## Fundraising for Japan and Germany Trips

The Mt Roskill Bunnings Warehouse was abuzz with excitement last term as students and whānau rallied together for a sausage sizzle fundraiser. The event, organized to raise funds for upcoming educational trips to Japan and Germany in 2024, saw overwhelming support from locals eager to help make the students' travel dreams a reality. With the success of the sausage sizzle, we are now looking forward to exploring additional fundraising opportunities around our community to provide enriching experiences for our Japan trip and German trip students.



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## Special Olympics Football Practice

Sophie Leveridge, who works for the Special Olympics West Auckland Secondary Schools Organisation, visited Lynfield on 1<sup>st</sup> May to do some football training with our students.

Sophie covered the skills of dribbling, guiding and stopping the ball, and returns on 8<sup>th</sup> May to further explore the skills associated with The Beautiful Game. The students will be well placed to compete at The Special Olympics on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, weather permitting.





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## Indoor Bouldering

This term, Indoor Bouldering kicks off under the guidance of Mr Wright and Mr Raos, supervising teachers. Throughout the term, twelve enthusiastic Lynfield College students will begin a journey to master the art of conquering dynamic indoor bouldering courses, relying on a blend of technique and strength. This engaging pursuit fosters a sense of camaraderie and personal growth, providing students with opportunities to push their limits and overcome apprehensions in a supportive environment. Having completed their safety induction, they are now fully immersed in the exhilarating experience, embracing every moment with enthusiasm and joy.



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## Junior Open Debating

Junior Open Debating is off to a good start for 2024 with FIVE teams competing in the Auckland Schools Debating Junior Open Grade.

There are five preliminary rounds, with the first one completed in Term 1.

Congratulations to Lynfield 1 and Lynfield 5 for defeating Massey 1 and Mount Albert Grammar 2, respectively. Lynfield 3 won their debate against Avondale by default.

With four rounds left, Term 2 will be busy.

### ***The debating process:***

Rounds one and two are prepared debates, with the topics announced one week in advance, with plenty of time to prepare their cases. Rounds three and four will be 'advised subject' debates. Students will need to research the topics and understand both sides of the motion. Round five will be a limited preparation debate, so they will not have any clue what the topic might be. For limited preparation and advised subject debates, one hour notice of the moot is given.

The break rounds will commence in Term 3 for those successful teams who reach the Top 16 of well over 120 teams across Auckland. Breaking teams are encouraged to take part in the Junior Championship Tournament in Term 3, to get a leg up on the competition.

### ***The teams:***

(clockwise from top left)

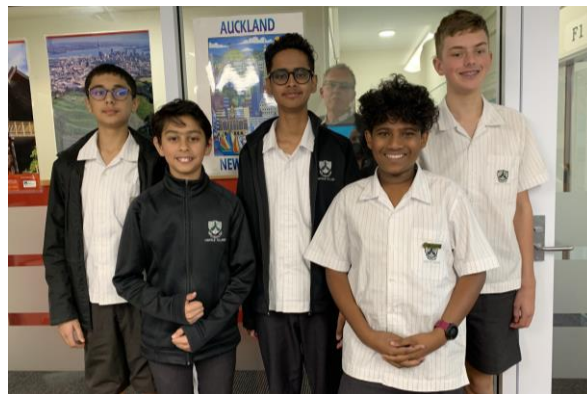
JO1: Mahe Chaudhary (10SRY), Aditya Parab (10JSP), Siddhesh Patel (10RND), Ayaan Vasudeva (10JSP)

JO2: Anoushka Narayanan (10PPD), Tanisha Prasad (10PPD), Amna Said (10SHD), Nalika Solanki (10LAS) *absent*

JO3: Dorothy Chang (10ATH), Daisy Grogan (9STL) *absent*, Jessica Han (9WNG), Chaitra Lakka (10ATH)

JO4: Mallesh Chetty (9STW), Will Hawkins (10CRH), Harshal Joshi (10LAS), Neelansh Malik (10JSP), Miraj Ram (10LAS)

JO5: Jewel Queen Cyril (9PRD), Vanisha Sharma (9NCL), Chelsea Silveira (9CHA), Isaac Sun (9CHA), Shresta Reddy (9WNG) *absent*



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## ***Ignite Mentoring Programme***

Naimah Manchanda and Ashton Silveira had the fortunate opportunity to participate in 'Ignite', a mentoring programme run through International Music Producer Joel Little's (Lorde, Broods, Taylor Swift) studio Big Fan. They were in the music production stream for the last 8 weeks, graduating on Wednesday night.

*Naimah said "We were paired up with industry professionals to work on songs and learn to produce them at the Big Fan Studios. Me and my mentor Aubrie Mitchell recorded my song Blissfully Soft, which is a song I wrote and scored last year. I also had the pleasure of writing lyrics for and recording vocals for Ashton's song, Run me Over. During the programme we also got to tour Parachute studios, Roundhead Studios, Spark Arena and the Auckland Town Hall, to experience the inner workings of these venues.*

*We graduated from the programme on Wednesday Night and were able to present our songs to our friends and family at the graduation concert. It has been an absolute thrill to be able to have such an awesome experience and be able to learn from such amazing people. The applications for another intake are open again for 15-18 year olds passionate about music production, event production and event management, so if anyone is interested in either of those I would highly recommend applying!"*





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## **Uniform & Stationery Shop**

### **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.

### **PE Uniform Change**

The school PE uniform has now changed to a black and green sports top which can be purchased from the uniform and stationery shop and your own plain black sports shorts.

Your white and green sports uniform is still acceptable to wear.

### **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.**

Young Māori &  
Pacific Pride  
Leaders present...

# I P U T I

## W E D N E S D A Y S

WEEKLY ACADEMIC WORKSHOP

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

**3:15PM - 4:30PM**

**JOIN US IN I2/I3  
(END OF CORRIDOR IN THE  
UPPER GYM)**

*Open to all students!*

