



# NEWSLETTER

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As we begin another new school year I would like to extend warm greetings to all of our Selwyn families! I also wish all of our students a happy and successful academic year!



## Celebrating Individual Excellence in NCEA

On Wednesday this week the whole school gathered in the ASB Stadium for the first Principal's Assembly for the year. One of the key goals of the assembly was to honour the students who achieved NCEA endorsed with Excellence in 2011. To achieve this award, students need to have gained at least 50 Excellence credits across their courses. This is a huge challenge and hence, we celebrated their achievements by calling each student up to the podium one by one and presenting them with a small gift. Particularly wonderful was the huge applause each of them received from their fellow students. The following list also includes the Excellence achievers who finished school at the end of last year: Fiona Seow, Nisyola Fifita, Gary Hofman, Sholto Buck, Brooke Smith, Muthana Noori, Bahavathy Kathirgamanathan,, Vithushiya Yoganandarajah, Sean Smith, Lily Worrall, Richard Giles, Maysie Chan, Anya Truong-George, Callum Blackmore, Stephanie White, Matthew Skelton-Price, Carmela Hughes, Alexandra Cuadros, Rafael Buck, Benjamin Richards, Bennett Conran, Betsy Flynn, Ardit Hoxha, Quentin Burrell and Jack Barnard.

## Student Leaders for 2012



Another major goal of the assembly was to introduce our 2012 student leaders and to award them their badges.

### Head Students

Special congratulations to **Anya Truong-George** (left) and **Callum Blackmore** (right) who are our Head Students this year! The way these two students presented themselves at the assembly and the quality of their speeches certainly justifies their selection. They exemplify everything we value as a school – as expressed in *The Selwyn Way*. They are two warm and



wonderfully vibrant and respectful students who delight in the pursuit of all round excellence. We are certainly very fortunate to have them as our school leaders this year.

### The Student Executive

Also at the assembly each of the following Council leaders were presented with their badges and gave a short presentation of their vision for the year. These Council leaders are members of the Student Executive, which is chaired by the Head Students.

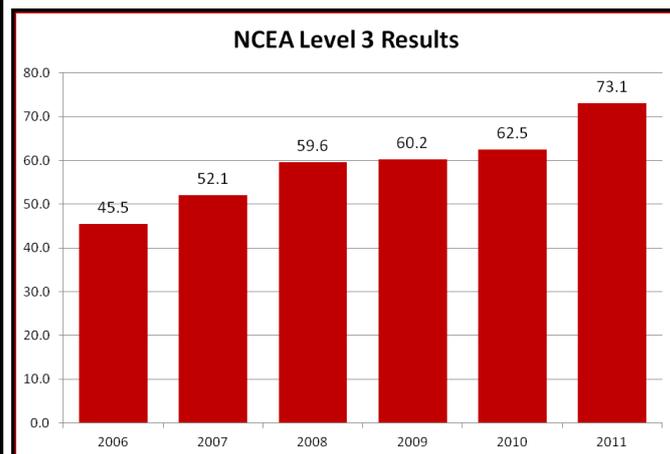
Maysie Chan	Academic Council Leader
Sholto Buck	Arts Council Leader
Aidan McLean	Environmental Council Leader
Vithushiya Yoganandarajah	Multi Cultural Council Leader
Georgia Skipper	Social Council Leader
Rakesh Patel	Sport Council Leader
Lily Worrall	Whanaungatanga Council Leader

### The House Leaders for 2012 were also awarded their badges:

Mangopare	Moana Sebenik and Richard Giles
Pitau	Katrianna Lammis-Howell and Jackson Taylor
Takeketonga	Ruth Maea and Djordie Tadic
Rautawa	Justine Mafi and Nikhil Ramthol

## Continuing Our Story of Academic Success

In each newsletter over the next few weeks, I will report on an aspect of our students' results in NCEA last year. These results are what we have been given so far by NZQA but they remain unconfirmed and happily, they will get even better! This week the bar graph shows the continuing improvement in our NCEA Level 3 results since 2006. It is particularly noteworthy that between 2010 and 2011 there was a huge 17% improvement in the Level 3 results!





## Sport is Soaring at Selwyn

Selwyn Sport 2012 is off to a great start, with registrations in Golf - Premier 9 hole, Tennis - Intermediate teams, Touch Rugby, Volleyball, Swimming - Eastern Zone Comp, Cross Country - Eastern Zone Comp, Athletics - Eastern Zone Comp, Softball, Baseball, Cricket - 8 a-side mid week and Water Polo.

We are pleased to report that the number of students registered for Summer Sports has already doubled from 2011! For the first time in a decade, we have a Selwyn College Golf Team that is strongly supported by staff. With some very strong players in the team, there is no doubt that golf is a sport to look out for in the future at Selwyn!



## NZCT Grant Enables Tennis to Flourish

As a result of a generous grant from the New Zealand Community Trust, the college was able to purchase three new portable tennis systems which were erected on our courts just prior to the summer holidays. As a result, our students and many members of the public have been enjoying this new facility. We would like to extend a huge thank you to NZCT for making this possible.



### Parent

#### Involvement is Important

We place considerable importance of working in partnership with parents to ensure that each student achieves the very best they can. Hence, I would like to

thank you all those parents/caregivers of our new Year 9 students who attended our BBQ and Information Evening on Thursday.

Thank you too, to the Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn (PTA) members who helped with the BBQ and drinks. I would like to encourage more parents/caregivers to support this important group in the college who work so hard to raise funds for resources that benefit our students. To get in touch with them email: [contact@twaos.co.nz](mailto:contact@twaos.co.nz)

### Welcome to New Teacher

#### Natasha Bagley

Natasha Bagley (below) is a new teacher in our Technology Learning Area. Her speciality is fabric design. She is originally from the UK and has been in New Zealand for five years. She has travelled widely and spent a year in Latin America where she did conservation work. She also worked in Cambodia as a teacher and it was this experienced that contributed to her wanting to be a teacher in New Zealand. Natasha has also worked in Arts Administration and web design and she is really excited about SELNET and virtual classrooms.



### Hours for the Student Office

Monday to Friday  
8.30am to 3.30pm

### School Cashier

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
8.30am to 2.15pm

### Student Absence Line Number

Parents are asked to phone the School first thing in the morning once they know their son/daughter will not be attending school that day (521 9610 ext 1). Could you please record your son/daughter's full name, year level and reason for absence plus a contact name and telephone number.

Following your son/daughter's absence please ensure that they bring a note to school for their Mentor teacher.

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