



NEWSLETTER

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Selwyn College Achieves an 'Outstanding Scholar Award' and 21 Scholarships in Total – an Outstanding Achievement!

Special Congratulations to Matthew Skelton-Price – a Selwyn Superstar!



We have just received our Scholarship results for 2011. These are New Zealand's most prestigious academic awards given to the very top academic students in the rigorous nationwide Scholarship examinations.

Last year's Year 13 student **Matthew Skelton-Price** achieved an Outstanding Scholarship in Biology and Scholarship in five other subjects – Physics, Science, History, Geography and Classics. As a result, he is one of the top 51 students in the country to receive an **Outstanding Scholar Award**. This amazing achievement means that he receives \$5,000 each year for three years to assist with his university fees!

We are extremely proud of Matt and regard him as a Selwyn Superstar! He attended Selwyn College since Year 9. In addition to his continuous and enthusiastic commitment to his learning, Matt involved himself fully in the wider life of the school – participating in the Stage Band and various school musicals, playing hockey and contributing to the work of the Academic and Environmental Councils.

A large number of our other Year 13 students also achieved Scholarships. This included **Jack Barnard** who achieved three awards – including an Outstanding Scholarship in History. Jack is also to be congratulated on this exceptionally fine achievement! Also notable is the achievement of **Ardit Hoxha** who got an Outstanding Scholarship in Photography with a mark of 23 out of 24 making him part of a tiny elite of top photographers in the country!

Other students to enjoy Scholarship successes were **Stephanie White** in Painting and Classics, **Quentin Burrell** in Chemistry, **Rafael Buck** in History and Classics, **Jamie Chow** in Chemistry, **Carmela Hughes** in English and Media Studies, **Ben Richards** in Painting and Design and **Natalie Wood** in History.

Considering the size of our year 13 and the fact that there is a maximum number of Scholarship Awards in any one year, Selwyn College students have achieved extremely well. Hence, all of these students and their teachers deserve a huge round of applause!

This newsletter will only be delivered by email for the rest of year. If you wish to add your email address please contact the school.

3-Way Meetings Coming Up

As I have said before, research findings are conclusive about the positive impact of parents working with the school to support their student in their learning.

Hence, I strongly urge all parents to attend their nominated appointment (with their child and Mentor teacher) to confirm their goals for 2012.

Everyone has been posted an appointment time on the following days:

Years 11, 12 & 13: Wednesday 22 Feb

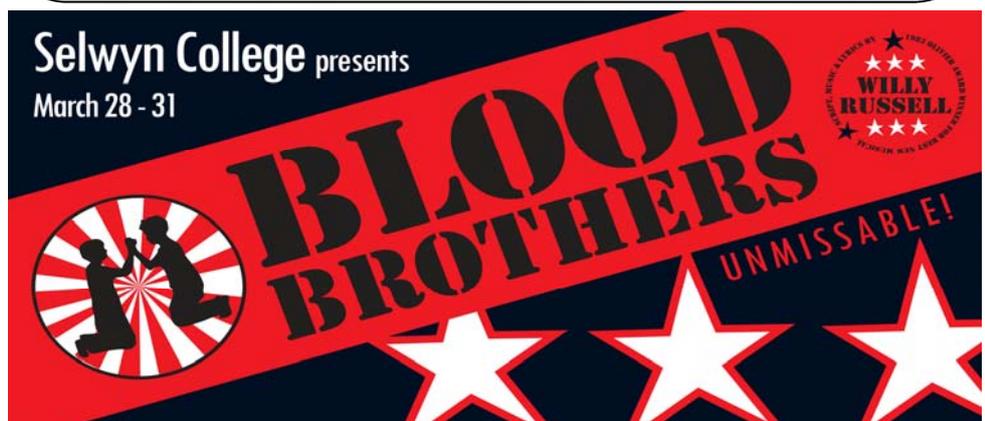
Year 10: Tuesday 28 Feb

Year 9: Thursday 1 March

It is not logistically possible to arrange alternative appointment times. However, if you are unable to attend the meeting, you can view your student's goals and other information on their e-portfolio on Selnet.

SELWYN MUSICAL 2012—BLOOD BROTHERS—Unmissable!

Blood Brothers is one of the West End's most popular musicals, drawing crowds since the 1980s with a famously compelling story of family, friendship, poverty and class. A struggling single mother, Mrs Johnstone, gives up one of her newborn twins to her prosperous employer who is desperate for a baby. The two boys, Mickey and Eddie, lead parallel lives on either side of the Liverpool class divide. As they grow up, their paths cross back and forth, though their true relationship is kept hidden from them by superstition and guilt. The large cast, crew and band are underway with rehearsals and making great progress. **From early indications Blood Brothers is going to be another knockout Selwyn show. Look out for bookings in March.**



**Parent Involvement in
Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn
Welcomed**

We would like to encourage parents/caregivers to attend the first meeting of our PTA – *Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn* – which is taking place Tuesday 21 February at 7pm in the staffroom.

The main topic on the agenda is planning events for 2012. This is an important group in the school community and new members are very welcome indeed!



Sport is Soaring at Selwyn

This week—look out for notices about the start of competitive Cricket, Golf, Tennis, Touch Rugby and Volley Ball.

Also starting are *social* sport clubs in a wide range of sports.

Seize the opportunity and get involved!

Our New Golfing Sensation

We are extremely proud of Year 9 student Manaaki McColl who has been invited by the United States Kids Golf Foundation to attend the Kids World Golf Championship tournament at Pinehurst country club in North Carolina in July.

Manaaki had to turn down an invitation to the European Junior Tournament to attend this. He is in hot demand internationally.

We will keep you informed about Manaaki's progress in this and other tournaments throughout the year.

Introducing New Staff for 2012



Harriet Hellyer—Technology

Hi all. I am looking forward to a wonderful time here at Selwyn College teaching Technology and Hospitality. I studied a Bachelor of Science majoring in Human Nutrition and followed on with a Post Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching. I am very excited to be here at Selwyn College and a part of such a wonderful school community.



SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 1 courses – day, evening and weekends

Starting from Monday 20th February
places still available in:

- Mosaics
- Languages for Travellers
- Outboard Boating Maintenance
- Persian Belly Dancing
- Raranga Flax weaving
- Tivaevae—Island quilting
- Thai massage
- Acrylic Painting
- After school Art for Children
- Hairdressing

See our website www.selwyncomed.school.nz
for details and enrolling
or phone 521 9623.

Literacy Support Volunteers Needed

Years 9 & 10 students in Literacy classes are looking for volunteer 'tutors' to work with them on a one-to-one basis. Each session takes an hour.

These tutors need to have:

- ◇ a rapport with teenagers
- ◇ enthusiasm for reading
- ◇ spare time

If you can help please phone

Mary Anne Foley

Director of Learner Support
ph 521 9610 ext 680

Student Office Hours:

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 3.30pm

School Cashier Hours:

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 2.15pm

Second Hand Uniforms

If you are interested in selling any second hand uniform items to the school, please bring these in to the Student Office or phone us on 5219610 ext 637

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