



Tena Koutou Katoa

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 23 March 2012 — Issue 7

## 'Blood Brothers' begins on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March! Get Your Tickets Now!

Our annual musical 'Blood Brothers' runs from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sat 31<sup>st</sup> March. Bookings are now open via Selnet [www.selwyn.school.nz](http://www.selwyn.school.nz) or by phoning 521 9610 ext 600. I urge you to attend!

You will enjoy a spectacular musical presented by a cast of 70 Selwyn students plus musicians and a large crew! The healthy mixture of seasoned performing arts students and many first time performers has added a lot to the show, as well as bringing a fresh perspective and infectious energy to rehearsals. 'There's this fantastic raw energy that the large cast brings to rehearsal along with a total belief in their show,' says Duncan Allan, Director and Head of Performing Arts at Selwyn. He describes the show as a wonderfully intense and powerful musical theatre experience with a haunting, evocative score. It is shaping up to be another knockout Selwyn production.

Put simply, this show is UNMISSABLE!

PHOTO: "Selwyn College head boy, Callum Blackmore leads members the chorus in rehearsal for Blood Brothers"



## Three Groups of Australian Teachers Visit Selwyn this Week



The Affiliate Schools Partnership with Cognition Education has stepped up a gear with three large groups of Principals and future Principals visiting Selwyn College in the last week.

They were interested in how we are implementing the latest pedagogy to raise students' achievement.

As well as a presentation from Sheryll Ofner, DP Milton Henry and Leaders of the Learning Areas – Lucy Jansen, Rochelle Urlich and Alix Coleman, they also visited classrooms to observe our pedagogy in action.



## Retaining Information

As we have now moved well into the academic year, the number of tests and assessments students receive will be increasing. Hence, it is vital that they are well prepared to achieve their very best. The following data is worth noting:

- 10% of what we read
- 20% of what we hear
- 30% of what we see
- 50% of what we see and hear
- 70% of what we say as we talk
- 90% of what we say as we do a thing

This means that when studying, students are well advised to say out aloud what they need to retain. Eg. Teach a family pet!

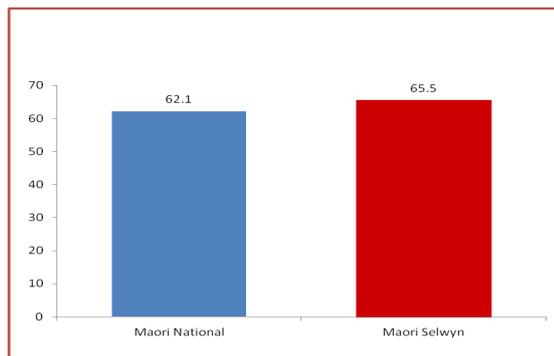
## Continuing Our Story of Academic Success

The academic results for our Maori students are continuing to improve and, as the graphs show, our Maori students' performance at NCEA Levels 1 & 2 exceeds the national average. (There were insufficient Maori students at Level 3 for a valid graph.)

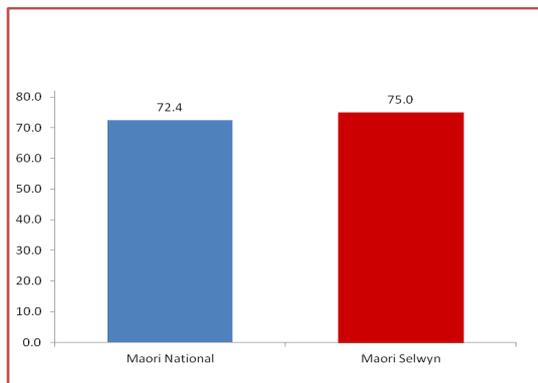
We are pleased with this continued improvement as we have been working hard to implement the Ministry of Education's Maori Education Strategy, *Ka Hikitia: Managing for Success*. Since 2008 we have had school-wide action plans for Raising Maori Students' Achievement every year. Two examples of actions we have taken are:

- The appointment of Gavin Hill as our Kaimanaaki to support Maori students in the classroom and in the wider life of the school and to work with parents and whanau.
- The planned implementation of junior Core Class Co-construction meetings, where culturally responsive strategies are identified for use by all teachers and where individual Maori students are identified as members of the test group to measure our effectiveness.

### Maori Results Level 1 2011



### Maori Results Level 2 2011



#### Student Office Hours:

Monday to Friday—8.30am to 3.30pm

#### School Cashier Hours:

Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 2.15pm



## SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

### Courses Starting next week

- Everlasting wardrobe –114 outfits from 13 garments
- MS Word Extension
- Memory Training
- Sushi making with Yin
- Trusts and Wills

See our website

[www.selwyncomed.school.nz](http://www.selwyncomed.school.nz)

for details and enrolling

or phone 521 9623

## Selwyn Student Leaders meet others over Lunch at St Cuthbert's

On Wednesday our two Head Students, Callum Blackmore and Anya Truong-George, along with Sholto Buck – Leader of the Arts Council and Maysie Chan, leader of the Academic Council attended a special luncheon for school leaders hosted by the Head Girls of St Cuthberts College. They invited four leaders from each central Auckland school. The students were put in mixed groups and each table took part in a competition that contained several different sections. One of them required singing and another dancing and we are delighted to report that our Callum represented his table in both of these challenges and helped them win overall! We hear on the grapevine that Callum quickly became the student leader that everyone got to know and wanted their photo taken with! We are of course, very proud of him!

### Home-stay Families Wanted

Selwyn College is seeking host families to care for International Students for one to two terms. Selwyn College pays host families a generous weekly fee for full board. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Lowndes  
Ph 521 9610 ext 638 Email [ints@selwyn.school.nz](mailto:ints@selwyn.school.nz)

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