



Tena Koutou Katoa

NEWSLETTER

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Thank You

Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn



Our wonderful Selwyn PTA group of parents, teachers and students has just spent some of the money they have fund-raised on a new concrete table tennis table for student enjoyment in the quad outside the Science Block. In addition, they have painted a chess and draughts board on the concrete outside the Special Education Unit and have purchased the pieces required for playing both of these games. Students can borrow these from the PE equipment area at break times.

A special thank you to Kevin Worth, father of Harry Worth in Year 9, for sharing his time and expertise so generously painting the squares and installing the table.

A huge thank you also to Te Whanau Awhi for these wonderful gifts to our students. Julie Keats (Chair) and her team are working hard to raise funds to benefit our students. They have some exciting projects in mind.

A Reminder about the Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

Thursday 3 May
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Our on-line system for making appointments is open.

To book your appointments you will need to know the courses your child is studying and the names of their teachers.

Visit : <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Use this login: **QNXEX**

If you do not wish to use this service, please contact the Student Office on 521 9610 ext 637 and we will organise your appointment times and post them out to you.

Selwyn to Get a Board of Trustees

The Commissioner has just received a letter from the Ministry of Education and the process for the return of a Board of Trustees to Selwyn is about to begin. It will start with the appointment of a Returning Officer and the new Board is expected to be in place by mid June. Further updates will follow.

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

We urge all parents and caregivers who are attending the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews next week to bring a little extra cash in order to buy some TWAoS fundraising raffle tickets. These will be on sale outside the Library.

Futuretech Visits

This week Futureintech inspired our students in pursuing the Maths and Science programmes. Ex-Selwyn student Pascale Prescott spoke to Calculus students about her pathway to a degree in Computer Science and on becoming a Programmer. She said Maths was her favourite subject.

Several Year 10 Science classes were treated to some professional help with their forthcoming bridge building project. Julia Parker from Futureintech and Liam Edwards from a Civil Engineering firm gave a valuable presentation to explain the importance of how compression and tension forces operate in various bridge structures.

The role of Futureintech is to connect students with real-life examples of work and job specific roles that rely on the knowledge and skills acquired through school curriculum areas.

They also enable students to interact with successful role models in engineering, science and technology. The photo below shows our Science teacher Angus Jones building a suspension bridge with Liam and Julia .



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

Study Centre Open to Support Students

The mid year examinations for senior students in Years 11 – 13 are starting on Thursday 24th May.

To support students to prepare for these examinations there will be a **STUDY CENTRE open in the Library from 3.20 – 4.20pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the next three weeks.**

The centre will be managed by our Kaimanaaki Gavin Hill and teachers will be on hand to give specialist support to students.

Junior students are very welcome to take advantage of this centre also.

I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that students take these exams very seriously and start their preparation now. In many subjects, they will be doing a practice exam for an external standard. Students can then use the results to identify areas of strength and weakness and build from there to achieve a higher grade. If there is no examination, teachers are holding intensive workshops.

Introducing Our New Geography Teacher – Brad Waelen

‘I am an enthusiastic new teacher at Selwyn College - fresh from the shores of St Pauls College. I am very passionate about teaching and more importantly Geography! I can’t wait to meet all the new faces around the school and get to know everyone in my curriculum area. Geography and Social Studies are the best two subjects in the world. I am also very excited to get involved with school life and all it has to offer. As far as hobbies are concerned, I’m big on food and I love to cook. I’m also a keen tennis player with a bit of golf on the side. P.S My favourite food is banana cupcakes with cream cheese icing.’



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