



Tena Koutou Katoa

# NEWSLETTER

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## Mid Year Exams for Senior Students Start Next Week!

The mid year examinations for senior students in Years 11 – 13 are starting next week. It is important that students take these exams very seriously. In some of their subjects they may be doing a final internal assessment for NCEA. This means that the grade they get will count towards their qualification. In other subjects, they may be doing a practice exam for an external standard. In this case they can use the results to identify areas of strength and weakness and build from there to achieve a higher grade. These results are also used by NZQA should something prevent them from attending the examinations in November. If there is no examination in a particular subject, teachers are holding intensive workshops and will expect all students to be working hard. Hence, senior students are expected to be at school all day. There is no exam leave.



	Thursday 24 May	Friday 25 May	Monday 28 May
Period 1 and 2 Exam/Workshop	Option E	Option B	Option A
Period 3 and 4 Exam/Workshop	Option F	Option D	Option C

Period 5 is as usual each day

## Students tackle an exciting Bridge-Building Challenge



From left to right, Amelia Watkin-Ward and Ms Vale manage bridge set-up while Louise Blackmore and Nina Van Lier are interviewed by Mr Jones

Students in the two Year 10 Advanced classes have recently been involved in an exciting Science challenge involving the design and construction of bridges. They were given 25 x 30cm bamboo skewers, a bottle of PVA glue, 2 clothes pegs and 1m of string and instructed to produce a structure to span a 40cm gap.

Last Tuesday evening the students gathered in the Library with many parents, teachers and family members for the grand final when the strength and stability of their bridges was put to the test. Each group of students and their supporters nervously watched as their wonderful constructions were placed on a specially constructed stand which enabled pressure to be applied. Huge gasps were audible throughout the Library as each bridge, one, by one was destroyed.

The winning bridge was able to withstand a huge 90 kilos. It was produced by Tammy Lushai, Amber Campbell and Shannon McBride. Two teams tied for runners up. Their bridges both took 88kg worth of pressure.

Thank you to the parent engineers who gave the audience their expert opinions about the wisdom of the design and construction. Plus, a huge and special thanks to two of our talented Science teachers Angus Jones and Molly Vale for their wonderful work and support of the students throughout this exciting activity.

Our winning team and one of the runner-up teams will now go on to represent Selwyn in the national Bridge-building competition. We are confident they will do well and wish them the very best of luck!



Mr Jones mourns the demise of yet another engineering masterpiece with Hamish Graham (centre) and Hamish Kistanna

## Fixtures 18th — 19th May

**Premier Badminton V ACG Parnell**  
at Auckland Badminton Centre from 3.30pm

**Boys Hockey V St Kentigern College**  
at LEP Tiger Turf. Start time 6.00pm

**Girls Hockey – V Epsom Girls Grammar 3**  
at Diocesan School for Girls. Start time 5.30pm

**U19 Boys Basketball V Mt Albert Grammar**  
at YMCA Pitt ST. Tip off 5.45pm

### Netball game times as follows

#### Year 9 Junior 1

9.00am court 21 V Mt Roskill Grammar 2

#### Year 10 Int 1

9.35am court 26 V Baradene of Sacred Heart 2

#### Social team

11.20am court 22 V Diocesan School for Girls 15

#### Senior 1

10.45am court 18 V Macleans College 3

#### Senior 2

11.20am court 8 V Glendowie College 6

#### Boys Football

Junior Boys 15<sup>th</sup> Grade V Macleans College  
at Selwyn No1. Kick off 9.00am

Senior Boys A4 V Green Bay High School  
at Selwyn No1. Kick off 10.00am

#### Rugby

Boys 5B V Kings College  
at Kings College No3. Kick off 9.15am

### Good Luck to our

#### Glen Innes Showcase Finalists

Three performances by Selwyn College students have been selected for the finals in the GI Showcase competition being held in **Mayfair Place from 10am to 11.30am this Saturday**. We encourage you to go and support them!

The finalists are:

**San Aung** – Vocal / Instrumental (Selwyn College)

**Vanderal Talagi** – Vocal / Instrumental (Selwyn College)

**Nisyola Fifita and Ofa** – Dance (Selwyn College)

**Jessica Walker** – Vocal (Glendowie College)

**Grace Asi with Karen / Thomas** – Vocal (Tamaki College)

### Support Our Callum and Enjoy His Opera

Callum Blackmore's 30 minute opera, with which he won the Opera Factory Composition contest, is about to be performed at The Factory Theatre, 7 Eden St, Newmarket. For just \$10.00 students can enjoy a very funny show and also support their fellow Selwyn student!



### LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR by Callum Blackmore

*Love and war over the garden gate, under the watchful eye of Winston the Turnip*

A tragi-comedy about a fanatical gardening guru, her prize winning turnip called 'Winston' and her battles with a neighbouring, niggling, asthmatic, hypochondriac!

Callum's will be one of two short operas performed at the show. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through iTICKET.

#### Performances

Wednesday 23 May	7.30 pm
Thursday 24 May	7.30 pm
Friday 25 May	7.30 pm
Saturday 26 May	2.00 pm & 7.30pm

### Selwyn Park Planting Underway

Planting in Selwyn Park began last Saturday when a group of Conservation Volunteers planted 350 trees.

Planting this Sunday, 20 May from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm by Forest and Bird. Meet in the car park behind the ASB Stadium. Helpers would be welcome.

Register with [j.ferguson@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:j.ferguson@forestandbird.org.nz)

Mobile 027 271 2443. Photo shows International volunteers with Desley Simpson, Orakei Local Board Chairperson.



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