



Tena Koutou Katoa

NEWSLETTER

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Dangerous Playground Behavior will Not be Tolerated in our Wonderful School

Some of you will have read the article in the *NZ Herald* about two of our Year 9 students who cooperated in a game where one put a sleeper hold on another. This led to the student passing out and injuring himself. A handful of Year 9 boys have just begun to engage in this behaviour mimicing what they have seen on television wrestling shows.



I have advised the whole school that such dangerous behaviour will not be tolerated. If they are found participating in such behaviours they can expect very serious consequences.

We know that this is not how 99.9% of our students behave. I am so proud of the warm, respectful and safe environment our students have helped to create. The way that the school has been characterised in the *NZH* article as a result of this event is unfair. Many students are deeply upset by this unfairness. I have advised them to hold their heads high and be proud of who we are. Selwyn College is a wonderful school.

Selwyn Head Student, Callum Blackmore's Opera 'Love Thy Neighbour' was Outstanding

Callum Blackmore's Opera "Love Thy Neighbour" has been acclaimed a spectacular success! Staff who attended performances at Newmarket's Opera Factory are unanimous that it was a delightfully creative and amusing tragic-comedy which told a tale about a spinster gardening guru, her prize-winning turnip named Winston and her battles with a neighbouring hypochondriac.

This adds to Callum's portfolio of achievements as a composer. In 2010 he won the APO Secondary School Composers' Competition for which students from around New Zealand composed original pieces for a symphony orchestra. In 2011, Auckland Libraries commissioned him to write a new piece of music for NZ Music Month and now in 2012, he has had his own opera performed.



Catherine Reaburn & Adam Thompson as neighbours at war

Callum has also been involved with the Opera Factory as an Opera performer for several years. We are extremely proud of his achievements as a young New Zealand Composer and we look forward to hearing his future compositions.



Selwyn College Leaders at EGGs Luncheon

This week four of our student leaders—Aidan McLean (Environmental Council), Rakesh Patel (Sports Council), Lily Worrall (Whanaungatanga Council) and Anya Truong-George (Head Student) - attended a Leader's lunch at Epsom Girls Grammar School.

They enjoyed drama games, musical items and a delicious lunch served by a range of chefs. They found it great to meet and catch up with other school leaders.



SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Full Power for Women and Teen Girls

This workshop will give you the skills to be emotionally and physically safe with people you know and people you don't.

Solve conflict without aggression, self defence skills, speaking up for oneself and for others, and more.

Wednesday 19 June 6:30-9pm

Learner Licence – Road Code Training

Gain NCEA credits while you learn how to successfully pass the Learner Licence test.

Monday afternoons 3:35-5:35pm for 2 weeks. Afternoon tea provided before the course starts. Cost is \$47 in total.

See our website

www.selwyncomed.school.nz

for details or phone **521 9623**

Second Hand Uniforms Required

We urgently require second hand uniform items, especially boys school jumpers and jackets. If you have a Selwyn College scarf you no longer wear, we have families wanting to buy them.

Please bring second hand items to the Student Office. Our hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm.



Selwyn Girls Football team competing against a strong Mt Albert School side this week.

Selwyn College students to compete at the Auckland Regional Smokefree Rockquest finals

Congratulations to the two Selwyn College Rockquest Bands who will compete at the Auckland Regional Finals on **Friday 8 June at Mercury Theatre 7pm-9:40pm Tickets: \$20** (Door Sales available) The Finalists from this year's Rockquest have both composed two original songs and students will also gain NCEA credits for their performances and composition writing.

We urge you to support our two bands by turning up at the finals and texting the names of our bands for the Skinny People's Choice Award. To vote, text the name of your band with no gaps (EyesofEvergreen or Teletubbies) to 5678. Only one vote per mobile phone number will count.



Eyes of Evergreen (above, from left to right)

Takeru Kobayashi - Bass Guitar, San Aung - Vocals,
Teariki Roos - Electric Guitar, Mark Balazs - Electric Guitar,
Clark Yparraguirre - Drums



Teletubbies (left to right)

Hoani Toura - Keyboard,
Lio Sanisitou - Electric Guitar,
Leilani Inamata-Boyd - Lead Vocal,
Danyon Elia - Drums,
Gabriel Aerenga - Vocals,
Puawai Kokai - Electric Guitar