



Tena Koutou Katoa

# NEWSLETTER

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Year 10 Scholars: (Back row) Tom Mossong, Henry Grey, Dylan van Lier, Amelia Watkin Ward, Stephen Bayley; (Front row) Louise Blackmore, Nina van Lier, Dona Xharra, Jarrin Kistanna and Kobanna Poopalasingham

Year 9 Scholars: (Back row) Alice Hoskins, Yasmin Khan, Tiffany Stephens, Harry Worth; (Middle row) Shanti Truong-George, Cindy Xue and Principal, Sheryll Ofner; (Front row) Kate Yanagawa, Dionne Xu, Julie Xu and Lavi Abitbol

## Congratulations to the Students on the Principal's Scholars Lists

This week the Year 9 and 10 students on the **Principal's Scholars List** were presented with their certificates at a special breakfast in the company of their parents. The lists are determined by students' grades in the various achievement objectives assessed in each subject. The scholars are the top ten students at each junior year level. All of these students deserve to be very proud of their achievements so far this year!



### Parent / Subject Teacher / Student Interviews

All parents are reminded that our Term 3 interviews with subject teachers are taking place next **Thursday 2 August between 3:30 – 6:00pm** in the Lewis Centre.

Our on-line booking system is now open to make appointments.

Visit: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>  
Use this login: T36QR

If you do not wish to use this service, please contact the Student Office on 521 9610 ext 637 and we will organise an appointment time for you.

### Early Finish on Thursday 2 August

Please note that school will finish 10 minutes early at 3:00pm this Thursday because of the interviews with subject teachers.

### Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 13 August in the Selwyn College meeting room.

## Selwyn Students Excel in the Australian Mathematics Challenge

Five Selwyn Year 10 students recently undertook a three week Maths programme called the *'Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians'* which is open to Australian and New Zealand students. Around three thousand students entered from both countries – and nine schools from NZ entered students. The students had three weeks to solve 6 high level problems.

A huge congratulations to Dylan Van Lier and Stephen Bayley who both achieved High Distinction! These two students are currently studying NCEA Level 1 Mathematics and they are achieving superb results in this as well. In addition, Kobanaa Poopalasingham gained Distinction, and Daniel Zhang and Kiska Ababa both received Credit awards.

It is great to see these students rewarded in this way for the time and effort they put in.

## Congratulations to Jimmy Hetaraka – Martial Arts Expert

Our Year 10 student, Jimmy Hetaraka, has just returned from the USA where he represented New Zealand in the 14-16 age group at an international Mixed Martial Arts tournament. Competitors came from all over the world, including five from New Zealand. As well as competing, Jimmy did a lot of training and he describes it all as 'a wonderful experience'.

We are proud to have a sporting representative of our country at Selwyn College!



## Selwyn's Definitely Got Talent!

At the end of last term the annual inter-house Talent Quest was held in the ASB Stadium, which was awash with our House colours. Staff and students were treated to a wonderful variety of performances, all of which received huge support.

Congratulations to the following winners:

**Best act:** Angel Garcia-Vargas (Mangopare)

**House results:** Takeketonga—First  
Mangopare—Second  
Rawtawa—Third  
Pitau—Fourth



## Special Praise for Angel Garcia-Vargas

The overall winner of our talent quest, Angel Garcia-Vargas, is enjoying huge success as a result of his amazing talent in Dance. We have recently heard that he has been selected to be part to of the New Zealand Dance Company (Youth programme). This is a very special achievement! Well done Angel!

For those of you who enjoy dance, the company are presenting a show on Saturday 11 August at 2:00 pm, in the ASB Theatre at the Aotea Centre.



## An Amazing Opportunity for Henry Grey

Year 10 student and extraordinarily talented dancer, Henry Grey, has just returned from a 4 week dance training experience in the USA with the news that he is leaving Selwyn to take up a full-time scholarship at the Harid Conservatory in Florida. Henry says:

*'Florida is amazing. Hot, humid and very warm, the place is not only amazing for its alligators, but also for its dancing, one full-time school especially: The HARID Conservatory, in Boca Raton. I think, that after a month's summer school there on full scholarship, that this school is amazing. The dance training is unbelievable, and the schooling is really good. I'm really excited to return there in 4 weeks time for the school year, and will most likely complete my high school years there, in Florida. After training alongside and being taught by some of the best ex-dancers and teachers on the planet, I think it is the best place for me to go. I will miss New Zealand, but I feel that this school is right for me. Adios amigos!'*

This was a wonderful opportunity for Henry and we wish him every success!



## Another Great Community Show

The diverse Selwyn Community Arts Theatre group is staging it's seventh musical next week. It is a hilarious Tony award winning spoof of 1920's musicals. It combines all the best elements of vaudeville, slapstick comedy and dance routines.

Past pupils & current staff join others under the experienced direction of June Renwick, Hilary Nobes & Kim Santarelli.

More details are available on the Selwyn website or by going to [www.bookmyshow.co.nz](http://www.bookmyshow.co.nz).

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SELWYN COMMUNITY ARTS THEATRE PRESENTS  
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