



Tena Koutou Katoa

CALENDAR

SAT 20 JUN

Smokefree Regional Finals 8pm

Botany Downs Secondary College

THUR 25 JUN

Teacher Only Day

Teacher-Only Day 25 June

The Minister of Education has approved a Teacher-only day on June 25th for teachers to work on the implementation of the new national curriculum. Our teachers will be dispersed across different schools in Auckland according to their subject area. Hence, we will not be open for instruction or able to supervise students on 25th June.

Police Drugs Dog Visits Us

This week the college was visited by the police drugs dog Wilhimena, her handler and an officer from the Police Drugs Service. The purpose of the visit was to speak to junior and senior assemblies about the dangers and illegal nature of drug possession and use. Another purpose was to warn the students that they will be returning randomly on future occasions when they will visit classrooms and walk around the grounds. They explained to the assemblies what would happen if the dog detected someone with drugs in their possession. These visits are part of our commitment to ensuring that the school remains safe for all our students.



Support Our Bands in the Smokefree RockQuest

This Saturday evening is the Regional finals of the Smokefree Rock Quest competition. Our two bands - Catatonia and Ponnyfight – would love your support! Both of these bands are awesome and deserve to do well. We hope to see lots of you at **Botany Downs Secondary College, 8.00pm on Saturday. Tickets are \$20 at the door.**



Sheryll Ofner, Principal

Swine Flu Notice from the Ministry of Health to Students and Parents of Selwyn College

With term holidays approaching and a number of families planning to travel, both overseas and around NZ, Selwyn College is aware of the threat posed by the swine flu epidemic, particularly the risk posed by travellers returning as potential carriers.

At this stage, the Ministry of Health's advice is that if staff and students are well and symptom free after returning from an affected area overseas they can return to school and do not need to remain at home for any period after arriving back in the country, or back to the home town/

city. However, this may change in the coming weeks and families need to plan for this possibility. The risk is that if an infected student returns to school and is in contact with other students and staff for even a day, the whole of Selwyn College could be closed for a week.

The school commissioner and senior leadership asks you to carefully monitor your family's health closely as you return from overseas, or your trip within New Zealand, and if there are even the slightest flu symptoms, do not send your son or daughter back to school until you have first telephoned to check with your doctor, or alternatively check through the MOH Healthline 0800 611 116.



Winter Sports Results

Football

Snrs 1st X1 vs One Tree Hill College	lost	3—2
Junior 1st X1 vs MacLeans College	drew	1—1
Girls 1st X1 vs Tamaki College	drew	1—1

Netball

Yr9A vs Epsom Girls' Grammar	won	29—5
Yr9B vs St Mary's College	won	15—8
SnrA vs St Mary's	won	53—5
SnrB vs Epsom Girls' Grammar	won	36—3

Rugby

1 st XV vs Marcellin College	lost	27—0
U15 boys vs Mt Roskill Grammar	lost	28—12
Girls 10's vs One Tree Hill College	won by default	

Basketball

Senior U19 Boys vs St Peter's College	lost	54—51
U17 Boys vs Mt Roskill Grammar	won	33—24
U17 Girls vs Epsom Girls' Grammar	won	42—7



'Try It For A Day' Programme

Unitec offer all high school students the opportunity to participate in a programme called 'Try It For A Day' - TIFAD. This allows students to attend Unitec for the day and experience life on the UNITEC campus, whilst at the same time participating in specific programmes they may be interested in enrolling in.

The Sports 'Try it for a Day' is on Friday 3rd July 2009, 8:30am - 2:15pm. There is room for a maximum of 6 Selwyn College students.

The Communication 'Try it for a Day' is on Thursday 6th July 2009, 10am - 3pm. There is room for a maximum of 4 Selwyn College students.

The Behind the Scenes - Film & TV 'Try it for a Day' is on Wednesday 19th August 2009, 8:30am - 3pm. There is room for a maximum of 4 Selwyn College students.

The Contemporary Dance 'Try it for a Day' is on Thursday 24th September 2009, 9am - 4pm. There is room for a maximum of 4 Selwyn College students.

French Tutor is Impressed with Our Students

Julien Alliot, French tutor from the University of Auckland spent time with



our Year 10 French class. He was interested in learning more about how French is taught at high school level in New Zealand and strongly advocated the value of learning a language beyond the classroom and beyond high school. Julien said that he was impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the students he met while here. Well done Year 10 French!

Fiona Hesse—HOD Languages



Help with preparing for external examinations

The Unitec in Schools **STEP UP** secondary school revision programme offers senior students the opportunity to help prepare for their end of year external exams in a tertiary environment. Intensive revision courses during the September school holidays will be held at Unitec's Mt Albert or North Shore campuses in Auckland. For further details view the STEP UP website or call 0508 STEP UP. 99% of last years students said they would recommend STEP UP classes to other students. Brochures and information are available from the Year 11-13 Deans, teachers and Careers Department. Enrolments are accepted from the beginning of term 3, with early enrolment advised as class sizes are limited.

Enrol online at <http://stepup.unitec.ac.nz>.

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