



Tena Koutou Katoa



C A L E N D A R

WED 29 JULY

Year 13 Top Art Boards Trip to Unitech

TUES 4 AUG

2009 ICAS English Competition

WED 5 AUG

JPA Edmund Hillary Home
10am—11.30am

THURS 6 AUG

Australian Mathematics Competition

FRI 7 AUG

JPA Trip to the Edge at the Aotea Centre
11.30am— 3.30pm

Mid Year Achievement Reports Posted

Today we are posting home a 'Mid-Year Achievement Report' for both senior and junior students. Parents are urged to contact the college if it has not arrived by early next week.

This year we have made some important changes to the ways in which we assess students and report on their achievement. These changes reflect 'best practice'. Hence, I strongly recommend that families take the time to read the information that appears on the inside cover of the report **before** reading the actual report contents, in order to ensure an understanding of what has been reported.

Each subject report identifies the curriculum level at which the student is working, along with a grade indicating the student's performance in each of the achievement objectives completed so far. In addition, subject teachers have been encouraged to provide advice on the next steps students should take in order to raise their achievement.

I urge all students to act on their teachers' advice. We are now more than half way through the year and it is time for students to ensure that they have a thorough command of their subjects in order to achieve the best possible academic results at the end of the year.

Pleasing 'Metro' Results

The Selwyn College Community can take heart from the leading article in the Special Winter Issue of Metro magazine published recently. Selwyn College ranks 26th in the list of the 77 'Best Schools in Auckland' based on the 2008 NCEA results.

Whilst we are working hard to enhance student learning and move up that ladder, we are delighted to note that Selwyn College is surrounded by schools that are consistently recognised as high performing ones, including Rangitoto College in 24th place, Pakuranga College 22nd, Diocesan School for Girls 35th and Mt Albert Grammar School in 38th place. We also sit in a very pleasing position relative to other local secondary schools.

The ranking has been done on the basis of the value that the schools add to the learning of their particular clientele, which is regarded by educational experts as a more valid form of ranking.

I recommend that you read this article.

A Farewell and a Welcome

At the end of last term we farewelled Russell Greenwood, who has retired from teaching. Russell began teaching at Selwyn College in 1981 – what exemplary service! He has taught a range of subjects - most recently English and Classical Studies. His passion for these subjects and his huge depth of knowledge meant he had a very special ability to engage students in their learning and deliver high academic results. Hence, over the years, students consistently clamoured to be in his classes. We thank Russell for his fine contribution to our learning community. He will be sorely missed.

Recently we welcomed a new school caretaker – Grant Woodhouse.



Sheryll Ofner, Principal

Success for our Samuel

Congratulations to Samuel Lee Year 11 (right), who competed in the North, South and West Auckland Performing Arts competitions during the holidays. He came 1st in the pianoforte section in all three competitions and received 4 cups.

Samuel has been invited to play in a concert with other talented students, and will be an accompanist for Santarelli School of Dance RAD ballet exams in September.

In 2008 Samuel achieved a distinction in his Grade 8 Royal Schools of Music Exam.

We would like to thank Samuel for his contribution to the co-curricular music groups at Selwyn College.





SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 3 courses—many courses are already full. There are still places left in the following courses starting the week of the **27th July**.

- Italian For Travellers
- Russian and German Beg.
- French 11
- Arabic Continuation.
- Aerobics
- Tai Chi
- Interior Design
- Release the Actor
- Computing for Beg.
- NZ Day Skipper
- Auto CAD

Phone: 521 9623 or visit
www.selwyncomed.school.nz to enrol.

Welcome to our New International Students

This week we welcomed 14 new international students who come from Italy, Japan, Germany, Korea, Spain, Sweden, Fiji and China. They began with a two day orientation programme which included a formal powhiri on the Orakei Marae and lunch at Mission Bay with our International Students Office staff, Julia Cornthwaite and Dal McGuirk. The students are living with host families in nearby suburbs.



New International students at Orakei Marae

Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn Quiz Night is coming!

15th August

Get your teams together and plan your tactics for the inaugural Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn Quiz Night! Coming to Selwyn on 15th August. This promises to be a night to remember. Spot prizes, plus the chance to win the glory of being the first TWAoS Quiz Champions! Watch out for tickets on sale soon from TWAoS committee members and the Student Office.

Babysitting Course Available

For young people who love children and want to gain the skills in Baby Sitting in order to safely and competently care for small children in the home.

Part 1- Care and Nurture of Children

Part 2 - The Logistics of Babysitting

Part 3 - First Aid, including fundamentals of Basic Life Support.

Course leaders include Registered Nurse, experienced babysitter, mother of young children and the Minister, Rev. Pauline Stewart.

2009 Term 3 Tuesdays 28 July—11 August 6—7 .30pm

2009 Term 3 Saturday 8 August—11am—4pm

2010 Term 2 Tuesday 27 April—11 May - 6—7.30pm

Cost: \$50

Contact: 575 6098

Bookings essential.

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