



Tena Koutou Katoa

# NEWSLETTER

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As we embark on the 2013 academic year, I would like to extend warm greetings to all of our new and existing Selwyn families. Furthermore, I wish all our wonderful students the **best year ever!** I hope your learning inside and outside the classroom is enjoyable and successful.



## Student Leaders for 2013

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed to prestigious leadership positions for 2013.

### Head Students



**Maddison Sanft** and **Jeremiah Vainerere** (left) are our Head Girl and Head Boy respectively. Maddie came to us in Year 9 from Kohimarama Primary School and Jeremiah arrived directly from Rarotonga at the start of 2012. At our first Principal's Assembly for the year, both students impressed us with their eloquence and wisdom. They certainly embody *The Selwyn Way*, being delightfully vibrant, positive and respectful. They also take their academic studies and involvement in the wider life of the school very seriously. They visibly aim for excellence in everything they do.

Maddie sums up her views on what Selwyn offers her this way:

*'Being at Selwyn is like being part of a very special family. The relationships between students and staff are awesome. I have wonderful friendships which will last a lifetime. Selwyn is also a school that puts students at the centre and provides us with awesome opportunities to learn and grow – not only in our subjects but also in things like Performing Arts which is my passion.'*

And here is what Jeremiah says:

*'Selwyn College has opened many doors for me. I can definitely say that it is filled with opportunity! The broad range of subject choices and extra-curricular activities make it vibrant and exciting. I also love its diverse cultures and ethnic groups. The special bond between students, parents, and staff is what sets Selwyn College apart from any other school for me.'*

## The Student Executive

The following students are our Council and House Leaders for 2013.

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| Samantha Lushai           | Academic Council Leader            |
| Gary Hofman               | Arts Council Leader                |
| Rebecca Griffiths         | Environmental Council Leader       |
| Sanchi Thomasz            | Multi Cultural Council Leader      |
| Oren Meizeles             | Social Council Leader              |
| Latrell Tearikimana       | Sport Council Leader               |
| Fiona Seow                | Whanaungatanga Council Leader      |
| Mangopare House Leaders   | Santana Maihi and Michan Fukushima |
| Pitau House Leaders       | Louise Ryan and Devonte Mulitalo   |
| Rautawa House Leaders     | Soana Aleva and CK Manase          |
| Takeketonga House Leaders | Nisyola Fifita and Keshwan Gounder |

## Celebrating Waitangi Day

On February 6<sup>th</sup> Ms Ofner, Nisyola Fifita and Maddie Sanft had the honour of being invited by His Excellency the Governor General Jerry Mateparae to attend a function at Government House to commemorate the 173<sup>rd</sup> signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beautiful gardens, fine company and delicious finger food and at celebrate this important occasion.



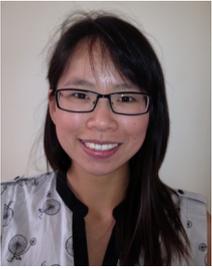
## NCEA Excellence Certificate Endorsements

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Excellence Endorsements in NCEA last year. We are very proud of them.

Year 11—Yuri Morikawa-Reid, Ouday Almoukdad, Satya Sebenik, Nilushya Yoganandarajah, Monica Seow, Teodora Costin, Angela Kotseva, Karen Huang and Holly Kilmartin.

Year 12—Fiona Seow, Nisyola Fifita, Gary Hofman, Naser Noori, Virg Prekazi, Alexandria Winning-Browne and Samantha Lushai.

## Welcome to Our New Teachers



**Jenny Lim**

I graduated from university in Malaysia with a major in Chemistry and later did my diploma in Secondary Education at The University of Auckland. I have worked at an International School for two years. My interests are reading and having a blog which I see as a window to express my opinions. I like to meet new people and learn about their language and culture. My goals as a teacher are to motivate and inspire students to pursue science knowledge and to foster an interactive classroom environment that supports effective learning. My ultimate goal is for students to develop science skills that they can apply toward further study in science, or carry those skills with them to successfully apply in other disciplines including mathematics and humanities. My teaching philosophy has developed over many years as a student and my love of teaching has played a fundamental role in my career choice.



**Ruth Sun**

My role at Selwyn College this year is to teach Chinese and ESOL. I graduated from the University of Auckland in 2011 with a Master Degree in Language Teaching. I have been teaching Chinese and ESOL in NZ for a few years. It is delightful for me to be involved in the vibrant and diverse Selwyn community. I am happy to be a facilitator to help develop students' individual potential. Additionally, I hope to help students gain pride and satisfaction through setting smart personal goals and striving to attain them.

### A Successful Evening for Parents of Year 9 Students

Thank you to all of the parents who came to our special BBQ and information evening this week. We welcomed about 150 people and we were very delighted to hear that our new students are feeling excited about being at Selwyn and are enjoying their classes and activities.



**Dara Murphy**

I am very proud to be here at Selwyn College, embarking on my career in secondary teaching as a Spanish, English and ESOL teacher. There is a very warm, positive, determined spirit amongst staff and students at this school and it's a privilege to be on board the Selwyn wave. I come from a family of six children, of which both parents and three sisters are educators. Hence, it feels very natural to be progressing down this career path. Over the years I have spent time living and teaching in Chile, Brazil and central Auckland. I feel passionate about the benefits of learning other languages and developing a new sense of self through interaction with different languages and their associated cultures. I like to play sports of all sorts and look forward to getting to know the school community.



**Dave Osborne**

Dave Osborne has come to Selwyn College from Massey High School in west Auckland.

Before beginning his art and design teaching career Dave spent 25 years as an art director, working for advertising agencies in both Auckland and London. He lives locally and is married with two daughters, one at art school and the other just starting Yr 12. When the opportunity arises he can be found either surfing or fly fishing.

### Contacting the School

A reminder to all parents that you are welcome to contact the school at any time.

### Student Absence Line Number

Parents are asked to phone the School first thing in the morning once they know their son/daughter will not be attending school that day (521 9610 ext 1). Could you please record your son/daughter's full name, year level and reason for absence plus a contact name and telephone number.

Following your son/daughter's absence please ensure that they bring a note to school for their Mentor teacher.

### Hours for the Student Office

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm

### School Cashier Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2.00pm



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