



Tena Koutou Katoa

Another Outstanding Student Success

Congratulations to Dylan van Lier who was awarded the prize for Top Speaker at NZ Treasury Schools Challenge in Wellington, last Wednesday. Dylan, a Year 11 student, competed in the final round of the competition as part of the Selwyn College team against 45 Year 13 students from around the country. He has been invited back to collect his prize from the Minister of Finance in August. Among Dylan's prizes are a scholarship to Victoria University and the possibility of an internship working at the Treasury. This is an extraordinary success, well done Dylan!



Over the next two weeks staff professional development is focusing on building resilience around student bullying, including cyberbullying. The netsafe website www.netsafe.org.nz is a valuable parent and school resource. It provides tips and information to teach, guide and protect our children. I would encourage all parents and caregivers to visit this site. I would particularly like to draw your attention to ask.fm, a social media website that allows anonymous questions and comments. This site, and other similar sites, are blocked by our school's system. Comments on ask.fm can be far more insulting and offensive as they are anonymous, so I would encourage you to set clear boundaries with your children so that they are aware of the social implications of such sites.

Coming events that we are looking forward to are the school ball, *Cirque du Selwyn*, that the social committee are working hard towards, and the annual bridge building competition for Year 10 Advanced classes.



Movie Experience

Being cast in the movie 'The Dark Horse' was a once in a lifetime experience. I was acting as the reigning champion in a chess tournament. Filming for my part was done over three days at the end of May. I would arrive at the set at 5.30am in the morning, get changed into my costume and be given breakfast. Then we were bused to where the filming was taking place. Throughout the day I would spend 12 hours on set while they filmed the movie and other scenes.

As they called action, it was quite surreal to watch someone like Cliff Curtis act on camera. Between each cut the crew would spend 10 minutes moving the cameras around and then they would call action again. Although it was very exhausting and a lot of work, it was not only a great experience but also a very different experience for me.

Chris Kessell



NCEA FEES Payment

Fees are due to be paid to the Selwyn College Cashier by **Friday 6th September 2013**. Please be early as we will be unable to process your payment after this date at school. You will then need to pay direct to NZQA along with a late fee of \$50.00.

Domestic Students: *

Fees \$76.70 for NZQA subjects including 3 Scholarship entries.

For more than 3 Scholarship subjects

\$76.70 per additional subject.

*If you qualify for Financial Assistance, the forms are available from the Student Office. You will need to show your Community Services Card or Work and Income information when paying these fees.

International Students:

Fees \$383.30. Scholarship subjects \$102.20



SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Courses starting on August 5

- Pilates
- Piano Keyboards - for Children - Advanced
- Guitar
- Burlesque Dancing
- Cake Decorating
- Creating an Effective Work Force - Coaching Skills for Managers
- Dancercise for the 40+
- Decorative Painting
- Digital Photography - Compact Camera for Beginners
- Indesign
- Italian for Travellers and Beginners
- Japanese Cuisine
- Korean for Beginners

See our
 website www.selwyncomed.school.nz
 for details and enrolling or call 5219623



Second Hand Uniform

We urgently require second hand school uniform. These items need to be in good condition. If you would like to sell your uniform to the school please deliver them to the Student Office between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

Please assist us by providing the bank account details where the money is to be paid when you bring in your uniform.

Gateway Success

Clark Yparraguirre (Year 12) participated in a Gateway programme with Geotechnics Limited who are a leading supplier of equipment, testing services, calibration and training for Geotechnical, Civil and Environmental Engineering. Clark was outstanding throughout the programme and the experience gained has given him a better understanding of this as a career option. He also achieved a number of related educational standards through Civiltrain, whose staff stated that "If he decides to go down the path of becoming a Civil Engineer he would no doubt be a considerable asset to the industry."

Other students in Gateway this year are involved in Farming, Sports Coaching, Early Childhood Education, Hairdressing and Computer Engineering.

Gateway is offered to Year 12 and 13 students each year. Those wishing to gain work experience in a chosen field for one day per week for a term should see Careers staff at the school. Additionally, you can gain at least 10 credits in work related standards. Selection for 2014 is now open.



Clark Yparraguirre

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