



Tena Koutou Katoa

## A Colourful and Charming Multicultural Concert



A colourful and charming Multicultural Concert was enjoyed by many in the Selwyn Theatre last Friday. This is an annual event and the student Multicultural Council, which is superbly well-lead by Mahdia Rajaiy, deserve huge praise for organising such a diverse number of entertaining items. They ranged from a powerful opening performance from our Kapa Haka through to an energetic final Hawaiian number. In between, we experienced cultural performance that pretty much covered the whole globe!

A final congratulations goes to the comperes Yuri Reid and Dakota who did a great job with huge enthusiasm.



## Course Selection for 2015 Begins this Week

All Selwyn families are advised that Course Selection for 2015 starts this Wednesday and runs through to the end of next week. Students will have a form to bring home that shows the courses they have selected and entered into our electronic timetable database, in consultation with their Mentor teachers. Parents can also see these courses through their Spider accounts. **Families are encouraged to either phone or make an appointment with their student's Head of House if you have any questions.**

Two excellent resources designed to help students plan their futures are:

### 'Occupational Outlook' – A Useful FREE MOBILE APP

'Occupation Outlook 2014' has launched a free mobile App that can be downloaded at the iTUNES store. The App provides instant and easy access to the latest career information and is designed to help students, and their families, make well-informed career choices.

The free app provides instant New Zealand-specific information on the likely incomes, qualification options and costs, and job prospects for 50 key occupations, compiled from the annual Occupation Outlook report, which is aligned to the Vocational Pathways.

### Vocational Profiles

All students have access to their Vocational Profile, which maps their learning achievement against the Vocational Pathways. To obtain their individual Vocational Profile, they need to login to their user-page at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/>

They can use their Vocational Profile to inform their career planning and/or studies and future employers' about achieving NCEA Level 2 and a Vocational Pathway(s).

## Farewell to Merlene Howard

This week is the last one here at Selwyn for Merlene Howard - our dedicated and beloved Principal's Personal Assistant and Board of Trustees Secretary. She is leaving to accompany her husband who has been appointed to an important position in China. Merlene has given over 11 years of service to the school, which can best be described as exceptional. Everything she does is organised to perfection and students, staff and parents have all benefitted from this and her warm heart and gracious manner. Merlene loves her job and her loyalty to Selwyn is immense. Hence, we know that leaving is a huge wrench for her but she will remain in our hearts and we wish her a wonderful future.

Kia kaha Merlene!



## Hugely Successful Learning Review Meetings

Thank you to parents and caregivers who committed the time last Thursday to attend the 3 Way Learning Review Meetings with their student and mentor teacher. It was a hugely successful day with somewhere between 80-90% of parents attending. Feedback received has been highly encouraging. People liked the fact that they were able to discuss comments from subject teachers and co-construct together next steps to help each student to achieve their goals.



**Selwyn Community Education**

### Courses Starting 11 August

- **Art for the Petrified**
- **Drawing for Beginners**
- **Indesign**
- **Xero —Web-based Accounting— Getting Started**
- **Body Shape and Colours—How to look your best**
- **New Zealand Architecture Series: Maori Architecture with Bill McKay**
- **Incarceration, Inequality, Poverty and Punishment**
- **Yoga for Children**
- **Portrait Drawing—Exploring Faces**
- **Pruning**
- **International Dancercise**

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