



Tena Koutou Katoa

Congratulations Afu Aleva – Another Selwyn Star!

At the Stage Challenge event held in the Aotea Centre this week our wonderful Year 12 student **Afu Aleva** was presented with the **Ministry of Youth Leadership Award**. The award required nominations to be submitted to an independent judging panel. Nominations came from every Auckland school and so it is exceptionally exciting that Afu was selected as the winner. This was a well-deserved honour for Afu and she also engendered huge pride amongst all of us at Selwyn.



The content of the citation that was written by fellow student Emily Griffiths about her showed just how well Afu reflects **The Selwyn Way**. Here are some examples:



We are the Selwyn Team:

'Afu would sacrifice her own time, and interests in order to ensure the best for the team'.

Aim to soar:

'She continuously looked to push herself to do her absolute best.'

You and I we can do it:

'For Afu it wasn't just about competing, it was about bringing together a group of students and encouraging them to explore and challenge their ability in a way that let them have fun and show them that they could do anything they put their mind to'.

Stunning Success for the Selwyn Stage Challenge Cast and Crew

This year, Selwyn College entered Stage Challenge for the first time and on Wednesday night our students, along with twenty other schools, took their performance to the stage at the Aotea Centre. What an awesome performance! The huge effort put in by our students was evident in a fabulous way and all of us in the audience felt massive pride as they danced their way through their 6 minute performance. What was really lovely was that the dance was based around SELWISE – moving from standing through to soaring – which made it delightfully unique! Most of the other schools have been participating in Stage Challenge for years but their experience was matched by our Selwyn students' heart, pride, creativity, energy and teamwork. The result was that we won two awards: *Excellence in Visual Design* and *Excellence in Costume Character*. Huge congratulations to everyone involved!



Congratulations to More Selwyn SILver Medal Winners

A huge congratulations to the following students who were presented with their Selwyn SILver medals in assembly this week by acclaimed Auckland conductor Hamish Arthur. These students deserve to be proud of their Service, Involvement and Leadership at Selwyn College and it is particularly wonderful to see Zoe Worth - a Year 11 student - gain the required points already. We hope Zoe's achievement inspires other younger students that it can be done within three years!



Ilma Dzebhanic

Shanice Mulitalo

Matthew Smith

Avdo Mandal

Zoe Worth

Poppy Lance

Barbershop Ensemble Perform To a High Level



Last Friday a group of singers competed in the Young Singers in Harmony / Auckland Regional Barbershop Competition.

Selwyn had two quartets: the Boys Barbershop: Matthew Wood, Dylan Van Lier, Matthew Fatai and Mana One'One singing 'Heart of my Heart' and the Girls Barbershop: Ellen Reid, Fran Flores-Lim, Morgan Dalton-Mill and Sharmian McKenzie singing 'Goody Goody' and 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'. Both quartets performed with enthusiasm and musicianship. The girls in the Selwyn Barbershop Chorus also combined with singers from Albany Senior High School to form a Chorus. This group performed with focus and lots of vocal energy.

All three ensembles performed to a high level and in each of the adjudicator reports, comments were made about how much potential these ensembles have. This is a fantastic achievement as Selwyn College has never participated in a Barbershop chorus competition before and this style of singing is unique.

At the conclusion of the competition Dylan Van Lier was invited to sing with the Barbershop Group 'The Mission'. This group will represent New Zealand in the 2015 International Collegiate Quartet contest in Las Vegas. This was an amazing opportunity for Dylan who said: *"Singing with The Mission was, quite honestly, one of the most spiritual moments of my life. Really good barbershop sounds gloriously, almost painfully, perfect; and having the opportunity to be involved in it, even briefly - to hear all the harmonies just locking into place - left me literally shaking. This particular religion just found a new missionary."*

Home-Stay Families Wanted

Selwyn College is seeking host families to care for International Students from Germany, Italy, Japan, China and Switzerland. They will arrive during the July holidays and stay either a half or full year. Selwyn College pays host families a generous weekly fee for full board.

If you are interested please contact Lisa Lowndes on ints@selwyn.school.nz or 027 528 8040.