



Tena Koutou Katoa



## CALENDAR

### WED 9 SEP

Year 13 Drama Production 7pm  
'Happy Birthday Wanda June'

### THU 10 SEP

Year 13 Drama Production 7pm  
'The Cripple of Irishmen'

### MON 21—FRI 25 SEP

Senior Exam Week

### FRI 25 SEP

End of Term 3

### MON 12 OCT

Term 4 Commences

## Selwyn Netball Girls Enjoy Success

Selwyn College Netball made its mark at the Auckland Netball Association Prizegiving Ceremony last Saturday morning! They celebrated the end of an excellent season by taking away three trophies. Our top Year 9 Girls team won their grade for the Te Aroha Clarke Trophy and our top Senior team took away the Senior D grade competition for the Jean Rowntree trophy. In addition, our netball teams were jointly awarded the Auckland Netball Association Uniform Trophy, having been **judged the best out of every Auckland school!** Congratulations to all our netball players and their coaches and managers! We are extremely proud of you!



Xsara Hobson and Robyn Findlay holding the netball trophies won by our teams.

## Scholarship Dinner

On Wednesday evening this week, the students who are sitting Scholarship next term and their parents gathered in the Senior Common room for a special Scholarship Dinner. The first guest speaker was Professor John Hattie from the Faculty of Education at the University of Auckland. As well as being an internationally renowned expert in achievement, John also sits on the NZQA Technical Overview Group for NCEA and Scholarship. He was followed by our Head Student from last year Zac Fargher who himself achieved three Scholarships. Zac argued that the quintessential ingredient for success in whatever you do is passion. He urged the students to find what they are passionately interested in and to go for it – a worthwhile message for us all I believe. It was clear from the conversations that many of the students found the speakers thoroughly inspirational.



Guest Speaker John Hattie speaking to the Scholarship candidates and their families.

## Selwyn Photography Students Excel Once Again

Once again, our students have achieved superb results in the Ilford Shield competition. Whilst we did not regain the shield, we came very close because this year more individual Selwyn students achieved awards than in 2008, including some of the very top awards! Congratulations to **Ardit Hoxha** Y11 for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Creative section out of 300 students and to **Krissy Rangi** Y13 and **Katia Kpro** Y13 for gaining Outstanding Honours Awards. Altogether, 12 out of the 15 Selwyn students who entered the competition got Honours places. This is a fantastic result given that more than 900 students nationwide entered this competition. Our warmest congratulations go to all of our talented Photography students!

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Sheryll Ofner, Principal

## CUPCAKE DAY FUNDRAISER FOR SPCA

On Monday, 31 August, the Social Council participated in the first annual SPCA Cupcake Day. Thanks to the generous donations of staff and students, Selwyn College raised almost \$160 for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Well done everyone! It's great to get involved in the community.



## ASTHMA NURSE VISIT

The Asthma Nurse Educator will be at Selwyn College on Tuesday 8 September. She can see any Asthmatic student who would like to have their asthma assessed and who would like some education about their condition. This is a free service. Please see the School Nurse for an appointment or phone 5219610 ext 662.

## School Library Available for Study after school

With the senior exams imminent, I would like to remind all students and their families that the school library is open every day after school until 4.30pm. Once again, I would like to reiterate how vital it is for students to prepare thoroughly for them to identify areas needing more work for NCEA. Also, this year NZQA will be using these exam results should a student actually miss the NCEA exams.

## Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn Quiz Evening—A Big Success!

Our inaugural Quiz Evening took place on Saturday night, and a fantastic night it was for the teams who crowded into the staffroom and cheered their way through ten categories of challenging questions, fortified by rounds of nibbles and drinks! It was a close contest, and the team of students acquitted themselves well, but in the end the Kawau Killers took home the prize basket of goodies from SkyCity and Waiwera, gourmet foods, and Mumms champagne. Thanks to all the willing workers who helped to make our quiz night such a success, and look out for our next venture!

## CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

A private Citizenship Ceremony was held in the REAF department of Selwyn College on Wednesday 26 August. It was probably the first time that a Citizenship Ceremony has been held in a school. Mr Qurban Ghulami and Mrs Gulparwar Ghulami, who are students on the Refugee Programme at Selwyn College became New Zealand citizens. Their classmates, teachers and family were present. Margaret Chittenden, HOD REAF, talked about their journey from Afghanistan to New Zealand. Penelope Shadbolt, a teacher on the REAF programme who became a Justice of the Peace at the end of the 2008, officiated at the ceremony. After the ceremony all the adults students on the programme gathered together on the deck to join in singing the National Anthem.

