



Tena Koutou Katoa

asTTLe Test Results Posted Home

With this newsletter, all parents of Year 9 & 10 students are receiving two 'Individual Learning Pathways Reports' about their child's skills – one for Reading and the other for Mathematics. There is also a sheet explaining how to read the results.

These reports have been compiled from the results of two nationally developed asTTLe tests which the students sat recently. asTTLe stands for *Assessment Tools for Teaching and Learning*. The tests are designed to show a student's strengths and gaps that need to be addressed.

The students are about to use this data to set personal learning goals in these two areas, under the guidance of their teachers. They will be recorded electronically and can be viewed by parents on their student's e-portfolio next term.

In addition, all of our teachers have been trained to use the asTTLe data to address individual student's learning needs. They are also using it to develop a literacy plan for each of their classes.



Urinetown - A Stunning Production – 'You gotta go'!

The opening night of this year's school musical was a resounding success and the word is out that this is one of the highest quality - if not THE BEST - Selwyn production ever! We urge you to make every effort to get to it. The final night is this Saturday. You will love it!! Not only are the cast magnificent in all aspects, but both music and the storyline of this triple Tony award-winning show are enormously appealing.



Attention! Attention!

New Booking System for Parent Interview Evenings

Our first set of interviews for 2010 are taking place on the following dates:

Thursday 22 April 4:00 – 6:30pm (surnames A-L)

Thursday 29 April 4:00 – 6:30pm (surnames M-Z)

Our new On-Line System for making appointments is now available.

To book your appointments you will need to know the subjects your child is studying and the names of their teachers.

Visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Use this login: **5YWFM**

If you do not wish to use this service, please phone the

Student Office (521 9610 ext 637)

and we will organise your appointment times and post them out to you.

We strongly encourage you to attend.

Sports News

Selwyn Cricket

This week is the last round of cricket for our girls' and boys' teams until Term 4. At the college we have one boys' team which plays in the college sport 8-A-Side competition on Wednesday afternoons and one girls' team who also play on Wednesdays. The teams are enjoying developing the skills needed for cricket and the ideals and traditions that cricket is known for. During Term 3 there will be preseason cricket training for anybody that will like to pick up the sport in Term 4.



Above: Selwyn College Girls Cricket Team with Daniel Marsic Sports Coordinator

Student Leadership Meeting

This week our two Head Students (Jose Do Nizza and Declan Thompson) and two House Leaders (Kendall Mabbutt and Chris Buchan) accepted an invitation to a luncheon at St Cuthbert's College in Epsom. It was attended by other student leaders from schools like Diocesan School for Girls, Kings College, Mt Roskill Grammar, Mt Albert Grammar, Avondale College, Auckland Grammar and Manurewa High School. The Selwyn Students received a huge amount of positive feedback about our new dress uniform and our school chant.

The main activity at the luncheon involved teams of six students from mixed schools competing against each other in a friendly quiz. Topics included, History, Sports, Harry Potter, Entertainment and Geography.

It was a great opportunity for our students to meet over sixty leaders from other schools and to share ideas and experiences.



From Left: Chris Buchan, Kendall Mabbutt, Jose Do Nizza & Declan Thompson

Black Lace Up Shoes & Second Hand Uniform Items Wanted!

The Student Office would appreciate donations of black leather lace up shoes in good condition. If you can help us please bring them in!

Likewise, if you wish to sell items of our new uniform please bring them in to the Student Office. They must be clean and in good order.

Students Impress Tiri Tiri Matangi Staff

Last week 37 Year 12 Biology students visited Tiri Tiri Matangi as part of their work towards NCEA Level 2. Tiri Tiri Matangi is an Open Bird Sanctuary off the tip of the Whangaporoa Peninsula. It takes about one hour by ferry from Downtown Auckland to get there. It is an extraordinary island hosting many species of both plants and animals which are highly endangered and not found on the mainland of New Zealand. One of these included the takahe, which appears like a pukeko but is in actual fact, flightless and much larger. There are only two hundred of these birds in existence. The



morning was spent in the presence of experienced volunteer guides who took the students around the island. The behaviour and interest, work ethic and enthusiasm of our students was very much appreciated by the guides who said, "...Selwyn College students have restored our faith in teenagers...Well done." Many students were also very fortunate to see a Stitch bird where only a few exist on outer islands, and have long been extinct on the mainland.

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