



*Welcome to the New School Year* Tena Koutou Katoa

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all Selwyn families as we embark on the 2011 school year. I wish all of our students an exciting and successful year.



Danyon Harris and Betsy Flynn

### Student Leaders for 2011

On Tuesday in the first of our whole school assemblies it was my pleasure to introduce our student leaders for 2011 and to award them their badges. A special congratulations to Year 13 students Betsy Flynn and Danyon Harris on being selected as our Head Students.

Danyon and Betsy exemplify all that we regard as important in our school community. They aspire for academic excellence and apply themselves to their studies in a diligent and rigorous manner. They involve themselves enthusiastically in the wider life of the school and they are committed to enhancing the vibrancy and respect we value so highly.

Danyon and Betsy are responsible for chairing the Student Executive which is made up of the House and Council leaders. Once again, the students who were selected for these positions have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills as they have made their way up through the school. Congratulations to:

#### 2011 House Leaders

Mangopare House Leaders: Malia Lanumata and Kevin Matsuoka  
Rautawa House Leaders: Flo Zieleman and Bennett Conran  
Pitau House Leaders: Dewy Sacayan and Quentin Burrell  
Takeketonga House Leaders: Carmela Hughes and Daniel Barton

#### 2011 Student Executive

Michael Madziva, Sport Council Leader  
Jack Barnard, Arts Council Leader  
Harold Goh, Social Council Co-Leader  
Shazeea Salim, Social Council Co-Leader  
Robyn Findlay, Academic Council Leader  
Christy Carson, Environmental Council Leader  
Rebekah Watkin Ward, Whanau Council Leader  
Shakila Maqsoodi, Multicultural Council Leader

### Congratulations to Jamie Chow

Jamie has received an invitation to join the 2011 Chemistry Olympiad Training Group. This is a special honour for a Selwyn student and we are proud of him.

## NCEA with Excellence

At the assembly, we also honoured the large number of our current Year 12 & 13 students who achieved an NCEA certificate endorsed with Excellence last year:

#### Level 1 with Excellence

Blackmore, Callum  
Chan, Maysie  
Rajaiy, Shazia  
Tadic, Djordje  
Yoganandarajah, Vithushiya  
Burton, Leina  
Kathirgamanathan, Bahavathy  
Noori, Muthana

#### Level 2 with Excellence

White, Stephanie  
Burrell, Quentin  
Barnard, Jack  
Skelton-Price, Matthew  
Hoxha, Ardit  
Buck, Rafael  
Cuadros, Alexandra  
Chow, Jamie  
Hughes, Carmela  
Findlay, Robyn  
Flynn, Betsy  
Richards, Benjamin



As the graph shows, the number of students achieving Excellence continues to track up. We are particularly proud of the Level 2 result. 12.6% of Selwyn students achieved an Excellence endorsement compared to 6.4% nationally.



## Two Well-Attended Parent Evenings

We are absolutely delighted with the way in which parents are working with us to support students in their learning and involvement in the wider life of the school. This week we had two very well attended evenings for parents. On Wednesday night a large number of Maori parents attended a hui to support Whaea Fiona Smith and our Maori students in Kapa Haka as they embark on a schedule of rigorous practices in preparation for their performance at the Polyfest this term.



Then on Thursday evening we welcomed a large crowd of Year 9 parents to a BBQ and presentation about life at Selwyn. I would like to thank the parent-members of Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn who gave up their time to cook the BBQ and serve drinks. I would also like to encourage anyone who would like to support Te Whanau Awhi – no matter how much – to get in touch with them on [contact@twaos.co.nz](mailto:contact@twaos.co.nz)

# Selwyn Sport

We are currently entered for a variety of summer leagues:

- Cricket
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Waka ama



During the school year we will also be asking for interested parents and students for the following sporting activities including:

Aerobics	Cycling	Karate	Rugby	<b><i>Students who wish to represent the school for either Athletics or Swimming at the Eastern Zone Championships will need to contact Coach Rob as soon as possible.</i></b>
Badminton	Equestrian	Kilikiti	Rugby League	
Basketball	Football	Mountain Biking	Snow Sports	
Cheerleading	Golf	Multi-sports	Table Tennis	
Cross Country	Hockey	Netball	Touch Rugby	

Students are requested to complete a Sports Registration Form and hand this to the Student Office with the appropriate fees. This form is available from the Student Office or the Sports Office in the ASB Stadium at any time.

Any queries can be made to our Sports Co-ordinator Robert Old Ph 521 6910, ext 635 [oldr@selwyn.school.nz](mailto:oldr@selwyn.school.nz)

or our Sports Director Kate Janes Ph 0210 2066 388 [janesk@selwyn.school.nz](mailto:janesk@selwyn.school.nz)

## New Staff for 2011

It is our great pleasure to welcome six new members of staff to the Selwyn. Over the next few weeks we will introduce them to you through these newsletters.



Paul Summererville

I have been teaching for 25 years and started my teaching career at James Cook High School where I was a Dean for 4 years before being appointed Head of Technology. I then went on to Papakura High School as HoD Technical and then to Rangitoto College as the Head of Technology. There I later moved into senior administration. For the last 2 years I have been a member of the Senior Leadership team at Mission Heights Junior College.

I saw a great opportunity when the Head of the Technology Learning Area was advertised at Selwyn, I knew of its growing reputation and wanted to be a member of a passionate teaching staff who strive for academic excellence. I am looking forward to working with the staff and students at Selwyn this year.

I have two grown up daughters and enjoy spending time with my family, going to gym, movies and enjoying a great cup of coffee.



Carol Du

My name is Carol and I am a graduate from the University of Auckland. I have a degree in English and have also recently completed a year of teacher's training.

I have a great interest in music – I play the piano and drums – and I have also taught music for five years. I am really excited to be a part of Selwyn College and I am looking forward to meeting all the students, staff and parents.

**Hours for the Student Office**  
are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm



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