



Tena Koutou Katoa

NEWSLETTER

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Our U15 Basketball Heroes

On Wednesday evening, our Under 15 Boys basketball team played Mt Albert Grammar in the Under 15 Central League and won 34 points to 32. This put them on top of the table outright and qualified them for the Greater Auckland playoffs against teams from West Auckland, Counties Manukau and North Harbour.



The members of the team are

Yuat Alok

Don Xharra

Anil Jashari

Lis Haraqia

Timooy Llanes

Gabriel Carr

Adrian Zuniga

This is a tremendous achievement and the first time for well over a decade that a Selwyn team has qualified for this championship in any grade. What makes it even more momentous is it was achieved without a home game! Their opposition included teams from Onehunga High, Dilworth College, Auckland Grammar, Marcellin College, Mt Albert Grammar, Sacred Heart College and St Peters College.

The boys represented Selwyn with pride. Their uniforms and their behavior were immaculate. Congratulations to this wonderful team and their coach – Year 11 student Kenton Biggs.

Seniors should now be making NCEA their Priority

As you will be aware, the Rugby World Cup has had a significant impact on the structure of the school year by changing the times of the school terms. This means that teachers must have finished teaching and assessing NCEA by the end of Term 3 as there are less than two weeks of school time for seniors in Term 4. In real terms then, students now have only 12 weeks left to master the learning required to be successful in NCEA external assessments and to complete internal assessments. Hence, it is vital that our seniors are already prioritising their academic success in NCEA as a very important part of their lives!

Reminder - Monday 4 July - Teacher-only Day

A reminder to all student and their families that **Monday 4th July** is a teacher-only day. The Minister of Education has granted all secondary schools two teacher-only days to prepare for the introduction of revised achievement standards in 2012. The second day will be in Term 4 and will only affect the junior school.

Wonderful New House T-Shirts Available

Thank you to Te Whanau Awhi o Selwyn who have underwritten the production of our wonderful new House T-shirts. We are encouraging all students to purchase these so that they can be worn during inter-house competitions and other House functions each term.

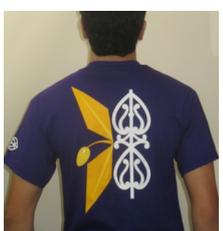
Congratulations Ben Richards!



Congratulations to Ben Richards (left) in Year 13 who has been selected as one of four students for a Te Tuhi Art Award. The prize is \$250 worth of art materials and the opportunity to spend 3 days during the holidays working with an artist and university level tutors to produce a work for a massive billboard.

The overall winner from the group will have their artwork printed, mounted and displayed on a huge billboard for one month!

The work of Ben and the three others will be exhibited at Te Tuhi Gallery on 25 October when the grand winner will be announced .



Planting Morning at Selwyn Park –

Get Involved!

Selwyn staff, students and parents are invited to help with planting native trees in Selwyn Park this Sunday morning, July 3.



Time: 9.00 to 12.00 a.m.

Meeting Place: the car park at the back of the ASB stadium.

Bring: appropriate footwear and a spade if you have one.

Meet and work with the Purewa Restoration Group.

See what has been achieved over the past ten years.

Help create a paradise in this very special place.

Auckland City has classified the Selwyn Park and Bush area together with the adjoining Purewa Valley as an area of “high ecological significance”. Come and see why – and help it realize its potential.



Year 13 History Schools' Night 2011

On Thursday night Mr O'Brien and six Year 13 History students attended a Tudor-Stuart England History Seminar at the University of

Auckland. Jack Barnard, Rafael Buck, Betsy Flynn, Carmela Hughes, Matt Skelton-Price and Natalie Wood attended. They were treated to three lectures by University of Auckland History Department lecturer Dr Lindsay Diggelmann, and Jim Froad and George Bowen both senior History teachers from Auckland schools. All the students enjoyed the glimpse of tertiary life, and gained valuable information to utilise later in the year when they sit Level 3 History and Level 4 Scholarship History external examinations.

Wendy Simons



We are very sorry to hear the sad news that Wendy Simons, who has worked in REAF as a reliever since 2005, has passed away following a stroke. She will be missed by staff and students as she was compassionate to the needs of our students, she was gentle but firm and she had a wonderful sense of humour.

She came highly recommended as we were already using three of her ESOL text books on a regular basis in the department! She “held the fort” for many months on a number of occasions when staff were sick or absent overseas. She attended our end of term functions, prize-givings and shared lunches, which she greatly enjoyed. She was a true professional.

We offer our condolences to Wendy’s family and friends.

Remuera Lions Club visits our REAF Centre

On Tuesday 28th of May, representatives from the Remuera Lions Club came to the Refugee (REAF) Department to see the new



garden utilities area. The Lions had given REAF around \$9000 to construct the area which includes a garden shed, a green house, and paving. The Erick Holmes Foundation then became involved and together with several former refugee students they set about preparing the ground and then erecting the structures. The result is fantastic! REAF now has a green house for raising seedlings that will be planted in its extensive vegetable garden maintained by students and staff – and students will also be able to take seedlings home for their own gardens too. There is also a very useful shed to house the tools that have been generously donated by the Lions. REAF thanks all those involved – especially the Remuera Lions Club who instigated the whole project.



New Zealand Blood Day

NZ blood with the enthusiastic help of the Student Executive are running a successful promotion to sign up 65 students to give blood this Tuesday. Students



who are 16 should remember to bring their I.D and have breakfast on the day if they want to donate blood.



SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 3 Courses start 8th August

See our website

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