



Tena Koutou Katoa

CALENDAR

MON 3 MAY

Community Education
Term Two classes begin

TUE 4 MAY

Full School Assembly
Period 2

THUR 7 MAY

Parent Interviews
4—6.30 pm
Surnames M-Z

MON 11 MAY

Y12 Tourism Class Trip

FRI 15 MAY

Teacher Only Presentation
School Closes 12.30 pm

Community Visitors Enhance Our Learning

This week we have had two inspiring presentations from members of our wider community. Their contributions greatly enriched the learning of students and staff. They reminded us that people in our communities have the resources to make a fantastic contribution to our students' learning and we always need to be proactive in capitalizing on that..



On Tuesday morning, Dave Atkinson and *ATTITUDE*, the youth education division of Parents Inc., presented '*HARDWIRED*' to our Year 10 students. *HARDWIRED* is a holistic approach to drugs and alcohol that particularly addresses the social and emotional reasons young people become involved in drug-taking. The presentation provided facts about drugs and alcohol then dug deeper to lay out scenarios encouraging teenagers to realistically assess risk and think about possible outcomes. It also addressed issues that cause young people to develop habits and ideas on how to make positive decisions, deal with peer pressure and how to overcome addictions.

ATTITUDE began in 1998 to equip teenagers with the life skills and insights necessary for them to build a meaningful future. The well received presentation was up-to-the-minute, funny, research based and backed up with vibrant audiovisuals. This presentation is one of a series of talks that will be presented to students at all year levels over the coming weeks.

If any parents/caregivers are interested in any follow-up information, please email info@selwyn.school.nz

On Wednesday morning, the New Zealand author Stu Duval led the staff in a professional development session on the art of storytelling, how to engage students through and in storytelling and how to inspire boys to read. This was part of our goal to enhance staff expertise in the teaching of literacy within their subject area.

Following that our Year 9 students had the pleasure of hearing Stu tell an animated and moving story set in Piha and Gallipoli. It was a personal story about Stu's two uncles who were part of the New Zealand contingent who died at Gallipoli. Stu creates art as he tells stories—the picture can be seen in the Lewis Centre.



Stu Duval and Andrina Pearson (College Librarian) with the picture

Parent/Teacher Interviews Underway

It was great to see so many parents attending our first evening of interviews this week as strong home-school partnerships are important to supporting students in their learning. I look forward to seeing many more parents next Thursday.

A reminder that if you wish to discuss a matter relating to your child's educational progress and/or wellbeing at a time other than these interviews, your first point of contact should be their Dean:

Year 9	Jane Phillipson	ext. 677	phillipsonj@selwyn.school.nz
Year 10	Ashley Minton	ext. 680	mintona@selwyn.school.nz
Year 11	Stuart Frost	ext. 681	frosts@selwyn.school.nz
Year 12	Mala Nataraj	ext. 679	natarajm@selwyn.school.nz
Year 13	Mary Anne Foley	ext. 678	foleym@selwyn.school.nz

Sheryll Ofner

Sheryll Ofner, Principal

2009 Asian Science Camp, Tsukuba, Japan

- Are you interested in Physics or Chemistry?
- Would you like to travel to Japan and mix with others who share your interest?

Would you like to share ideas with Nobel Prize winners?

The 2009 Asian Science Camp (ASC) will be held August 2nd - 8th in Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan. It will involve about 200 final year high school students from the Asian region (and accompanying teachers), who will learn directly from Nobel Laureates and other eminent scientists in the fields of physics and chemistry.

Fully-funded scholarships are available to qualified applicants who take Year 13 Physics and Chemistry. Follow the "Maurice Wilkins Centre" link on the Science department's "competitions" page of Selnet to download application forms and find out more about the Asian Science Camp.

Winter Sports Begin

Winter sporting codes have begun practising with games for most codes starting this weekend.

This year we have :

- * 4 Boys' and 1 Girls' Basketball teams
- * 2 Boys' and 1 Girls' Football
- * 1 Girls' Hockey team
- * 4 Girls' Netball teams
- * 2 Boys' and 1 Girls' Rugby team.

We wish all the teams well with the upcoming season!



WINTER COLDS AND FLU

How to avoid catching winter colds and flu. These are usually spread by droplet infection – coughing, sneezing, touching eyes, nose and mouth. You may prevent this by:

- * Not sharing cups, drink bottles, cutlery
- * Keeps hands away from eyes, nose and mouth
- * Use paper tissues to blow your nose – then dispose of tissue in rubbish bin
- * Wash your hands well with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry well for 20 seconds before eating, after using the toilet, after blowing your nose
- * Sneeze or cough into your elbow

If you have a bad cold or the flu, stay home and rest, drink water, temperature control. See your doctor if you do not get better.



SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Term 2 courses start on Monday 4th May. There are still vacancies available in the following classes:

Aerobics for the not so fit	Monday 4 May 7-8pm 8 weeks
Manicures/Pedicures	Tuesday 5 May 7-9pm 4 weeks
Boatmaster	Wed 6 May 6-9pm 9 weeks.
Botanical Painting	Tuesday 5 May 12.30-3pm 8 weeks
Contemporary Acrylic Painting	Tuesday 5 May 7-9pm for 8 weeks
Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone	Monday 4 May 7-9pm for 8 weeks
Folk Art	Monday 4 May 7-9pm for 7 weeks
Garden Design for small spaces	Wed 6 May 7-9pm for 4 weeks
Iridology	Tues 5 May 7-9pm for 6 weeks
Life Drawing with Yulia	Wed 6 May 6.30-9pm for 9 weeks
Painting Drawing and More	Thurs 7 May 9.30am-12 for 8 weeks
Portraiture	Wed 6 May 7-9pm for 8 weeks
Sustainable Living	Wed 6 May 7-9pm for 5 weeks
Woodwork	Monday 4 May day and evening
Yoga classes	beginners and continuing daytime and evening Mon-Fri

Phone: 521 9623 or visit

www.selwyncomed.school.nz to enrol

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