



Tena Koutou Katoa

Our Inaugural Year 9 Poetry Evening

This year for the first time we have celebrated the poetry writing talents of the students in 9/6 and 9/5 at a special evening for parents and caregivers. Each of the students shared their talents with the audience by either reading a poem they had written or occasionally one they had chosen or by reading aloud their critical essays on the subject of 'What is Poetry?'

The poems covered a huge range of themes from the colour Red to Rugby to Romance. Students showcased their immense talents by exploring how language can be shaped and crafted into vibrant and exciting imagery, communicating real life themes. Through close reading and careful analysis of various poetry forms including Shakespeare's Sonnets, students were able to define structural techniques, expand their vocabulary and create static images. These images and the students poetry anthologies were also on display in the Library. The evening was a great success and brought many of us to tears!



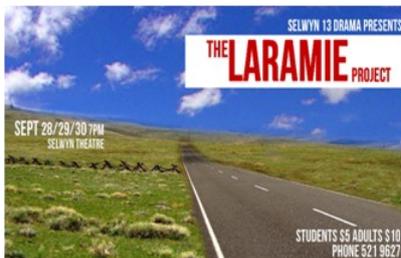
Above—Talia Tito-Hopa 9/5

The Laramie Project— Go Tonight!

If you want to see a most thought provoking, gutsy, emotionally challenging piece of drama then look no further than our own theatre and the Year 13 drama production, "The Laramie Project".

You are not going to laugh (well, maybe a little) you may not cry (well, maybe a little) but you will leave the theatre a different person to the one who walked in.

This is "WOW" theatre and you only have one more chance to see it – tonight.



ADVANCED NOTICE OF THE 2011 SELWYN COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONIES

- **Sports Awards**
Wednesday 26 October
- **Arts Awards**
Tuesday 1 November
- **Senior Academic Prize Giving**
Thursday 3 November
- **Junior Prize Giving**
Friday 9 December

Our Callum Blackmore continues to shine in the World of Music

Our Year 12 student Callum Blackmore has won the national title of Opera Idol for the second year in a row! This is a singing competition for school aged students. 33 singers entered the competition altogether and they were required to sing two contrasting songs. Callum sang a German lied and an aria from The Magic Flute. At the finals he was chosen as the winner of the 15-18 age group against 5 other finalists. Our special congratulations go to Callum, whose achievement makes us here at Selwyn feel very proud indeed!

In addition, Callum is the youngest member of an ensemble of 20 singers that will accompany Dame Kiri Te Kanawa in her concert at the Vector Arena on Saturday 22 October.

The group are busy rehearsing to be word and pitch perfect by the time Dame Kiri arrives in New Zealand. The concert also includes Teddy Tahu Rhodes (NZ baritone), Kawiti Waetford (20 year old NZ baritone) and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

Right— Callum performing as Papageno in 'The Magic Flute'.



Selwyn Staff and Students receive

Nominations for the AMI Showdown Awards

Warm congratulations to the following people who have been nominated for the AMI Showdown Awards 2011. All who went to this year's production of **Bat Boy** agreed it was outstanding. The large number of Showdown nominations clearly endorses this widely held view:

Category	Nominee
Best Set Design	Duncan Allan et al
Best Lighting Design	James Reading
Best Male Soloist	Akshay Belas as Rev. Hightower
Best Supporting Male in a Musical	Jack Barnard as Dr Thomas Parker
Best Leading Male in a Musical	Bennett Conran as Bat Boy
Best Musical Director	Sonya Montgomery
Outstanding Musical	Bat Boy

The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Bruce Mason Theatre on Wednesday 5 October 5. Tickets are \$20.

We urge you to vote for 'Bat Boy' to win the People's Choice Award through the website, www.showdown.org.nz



Akshay Belas as Rev. Hightower (with hands up) & Bennett Conran as Bat Boy

Careers News

The transition from secondary school can be quite daunting for students. After all, our students have been coming to school for the best part of their lives and the habit is well entrenched. To help make this change a little easier, we like to take students out to visit tertiary training providers and experience their institutions first hand. Meeting the staff, seeing older people doing their learning, even checking out how to get there, all help give our potential school leavers the confidence to move onwards and upwards. Here we see the Tourism students at the new Travel Careers & Training campus by the Auckland airport. Several of these students are already planning to study there next year. Thanks to Natasha Rodrigues at TCT for organising this visit.



Photo shows Selwyn Tourism students at the new Travel Careers and Training campus at the airport.

Year 13 Graduation Dinner

This is being held in the Manukau Room at the Sorrento Function Centre, One Tree Hill Domain on Friday 28 October. The evening is being held to honour and farewell our wonderful group of graduating Year 13 students and their parents/caregivers. We are planning an exciting programme in which students will share their talents and memories of the last five years and participate in the official Graduation Ceremony.

Tickets are on sale at the Cashiers Office or phone Richard Fausett on 521 9610 ext 600. Final day for payment is Wednesday 5 October.



SELWYN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- **Tivaevae Quilting course**
starting 11 October at 6pm
- **Pilates short course**
Monday morning 7am starting 3 October
only 3 places left

Term 4 courses– Start from 25 October

Courses starting this week

see our website www.selwyncomed.school.nz
or phone 09 521 9623 to enrol

Second Hand Uniforms Urgently Required

If you are interested in selling second hand uniform items to the school which are in reasonable condition, please bring these into the Student Office or phone us on 5219610 ext 637.