



Tena Koutou Katoa



### An Incredible Performing Arts Tour

During the April holidays, twenty Performing Arts students along with teachers Duncan Allan and Rachel Larcombe travelled to Sydney and Melbourne to experience drama/dance/acting and music workshops along with some sightseeing and tickets to the theatre for nine incredible days!

In Sydney they toured the Sydney Opera House; the Conservatorium of Music which was followed by a jazz workshop and vocal theatre workshop and attended an inspirational workshop at Actors Pulse. Actors Pulse is the leading Meisner technique acting school in the southern hemisphere. *'Meisner-trained actors are well respected and sought after for their instinctive performances, unique characters and flexible, adaptable acting styles.'* Students were encouraged to develop their emotional range and ability to affect another person and to explore and develop skills to tell stories through performance.

They also took part in a jazz dance workshop at Brent St - Australia's leading performing arts centre in Sydney. Whilst there, they watched the mesmerising show Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the elaborate Capitol Theatre. The musical was incredible with an amazing set and strong acting set to a popular family friendly story.

In Melbourne, the group experienced being a Foley artist and created sound effects to further enhance a story; visited the Australian Institute of Music; Melbourne Arts Centre; Music Vault Exhibition; Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI); visited the koalas and watched the Penguin Parade on Phillip Island along with attending two dance workshops: Contemporary Jazz and Musical Theatre at Ministry for Dance.

To conclude their time in Melbourne, they watched West Side Story at the Melbourne Arts Centre. WSS was an incredible musical with a current storyline and was a contrasting show to Charlie. The set was incredible and consisted of three storey scaffolding which moved effortlessly across the stage. The choreography and casting was exceptional and moved us to tears at the conclusion of the show.

The trip was an incredible one with many of these students looking at furthering their studies in the Performing Arts. The students were inspired, motivated and were given a glimpse of the wonderful opportunities that are out.

Sam Francks reflection on the trip: *'The Australia trip allowed us each to explore the different areas of the performing arts at a professional level. Learning what it takes and how to make it happen from some of the industry's finest was nicely paired with two musical performances of high standard magic. Truly an amazing experience doing what we love and making many memories along the way.'*

Hamish Brown: *'A spectacular journey that lets you explore and discover while bonding with people who share your passions. gives you the opportunity to enhance your art and make everlasting memories.'*











## Thank you Oscar Van Druten

During the holidays our accomplished trumpeter Oscar Van Druten had the honour of performing the Last Post - Reveille at the local St. Heliers Bay Anzac Day commemoration service to a large group of locals. Oscar performed it with beautiful poise and sensitivity. Congratulations Oscar on a beautiful tribute to those service men and women who fought bravely.



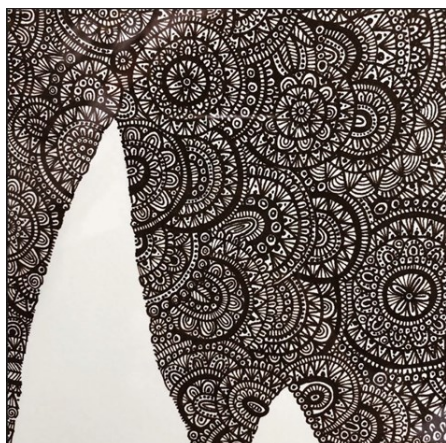
### Anastasia O'Donnell - Teacher of English

My name is Anastasia O'Donnell and I've just joined Selwyn College within the English Learning Area. For the past 5 years I was living and teaching in the UK and in more recent years I was the Head of Media Studies at a high school in North West London. Previously, I also taught English and Media Studies at Botany Downs Secondary College for 4 years. Before teaching I even had a small stint working in politics! Outside of school I enjoy exploring new art, dining, films, sport, as well as being a Vodafone Warriors Club Member.

## Beautiful Artworks by Holly Craig

We are very proud of our Year 12 student Holly Craig whose amazing artworks are on display in the Art By the Sea gallery on the North Shore. Holly is passionate about environmental and world issues and has produced the pieces to enable her to donate to causes important to her.

X1/X2/X3 – are Holly's love earth series where each design in the X represents a world issue, and the X itself represents her love for the earth. The issues she has selected so far are animal poaching, rising water levels and kauri dieback. A percentage from the sale of each drawing will go towards a charity to do with each issue.

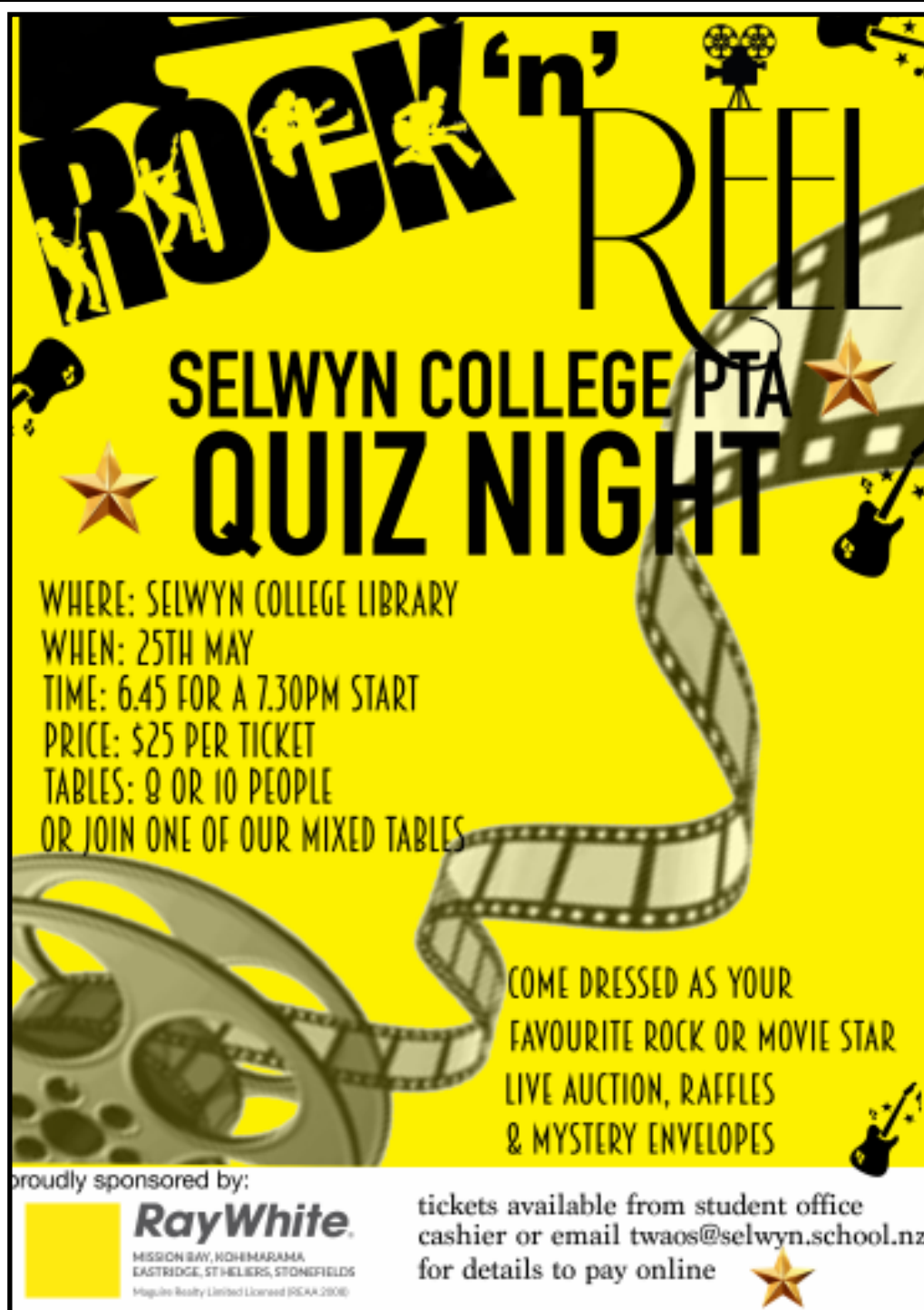


## BOT ELECTIONS

Please note the following dates:

- The main Electoral Roll is now available at the front desk.
- Supplementary roll closes Wednesday 22 May
- Nominations close Friday 24 May
- Voting papers will be posted out by Wednesday 29 May
- VOTING DAY is Friday 7 June
- Votes get counted on Thursday 13 June
- The new Board members take office on Friday 14 June.

**If you would like to know more about being a Board Member there will be a get together in the staff room on Thursday 16 May at 7.30pm.**

A vibrant yellow poster for a 'Rock 'n' Reel Quiz Night' event. The title 'ROCK 'n' REEL' is at the top in large, bold, black letters, with 'n' in a smaller font. Below it, 'SELWYN COLLEGE PTA' and 'QUIZ NIGHT' are written in large, bold, black letters. The poster features a winding film strip graphic that loops around the text. Various icons are scattered throughout, including a camera, a film reel, a guitar, and stars. The event details are listed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font: 'WHERE: SELWYN COLLEGE LIBRARY', 'WHEN: 25TH MAY', 'TIME: 6.45 FOR A 7.30PM START', 'PRICE: \$25 PER TICKET', 'TABLES: 8 OR 10 PEOPLE', and 'OR JOIN ONE OF OUR MIXED TABLES'. At the bottom, it says 'COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE ROCK OR MOVIE STAR', 'LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLES & MYSTERY ENVELOPES'. The bottom left corner has the RayWhite logo and text: 'proudly sponsored by: RayWhite. MISSION BAY, KŌHĪMARAMA, EASTRIDGE, ST HILERS, STONEFIELDS. RayWhite Realty Limited Licensed (REAA 2808)'. The bottom right corner has the text: 'tickets available from student office cashier or email [twaoos@selwyn.school.nz](mailto:twaoos@selwyn.school.nz) for details to pay online' and a star icon.



## Selwyn Community Education Courses

Course Name	Start Date	Course Name	Start Date
<b>EVENING COURSES</b>		Learning to Light your Home	25 May
Japanese for Travellers (Beginners)	13 May	Makeup 101	25 May
Korean for Beginners	13 May	Making Chocolates	25 May
Introduction to Indesign	14 May	Mosaics: Create a Mosaic Bird Bath	25 May
Sewing for Beginners	14 May	The Tea Party	25 May
The Great Italian Artists	14 May	Walking the Camino de Santiago	25 May
Sewing– Next Steps	15 May	Kintsugi - The Japanese Art of Precious Scars	25 May
Historic Auckland Walks: Guided Auckland City Walk	19 May	Using Social Media to Sky Rocket Your Business	26 May
Craft, Coffee and Conversation	19 May	Essentials of Essential Oils Weekend Workshop	26 May
Understanding Kiwi Culture (for ESOL)	20 May	Finding Your Voice and Identity as a Migrant Woman in NZ	26 May
Microsoft Publisher for Beginners	22 May	Living a Zero Waste Life	26 May
<b>THINK TALK</b>		Art and the Environment Crisis - What's Happening?	26 May
Dancing for Hope - Dr Nicholas Rowe talks about dance in traumatized communities		Travel Sketching with Tony McNeight	26 May
<b>WEEKEND COURSES</b>		Wardrobe Planning and Style Personality Workshop	26 May
Basic Car Maintenance	25 May	When in Rome	26 May
Children's Book Illustration with Sandra Morris - Storyboarding and Making a Dummy Book	25 May	Craft, Coffee and Conversation	26 May
English Improve Your Pronunciation Skills	25 May	Lets Make Beeswax Wraps	26 May
Painting Flowers in Oils	25 May		
Spanish for Travellers Weekend Course	25 May		
Lampshade Making: The Next Step	25 May		

See our website [www.selwyncomed.school.nz](http://www.selwyncomed.school.nz)  
for details and enrolling or phone 521 9623

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Short Term Homestay Families Wanted

We are currently looking for local English speaking families to host short term International Students from our school in July to August this year.

Families must be within 5-6km radius to the school (within walking distance or 1 stage bus ride).

Please contact Jane on email: [phillipsonj@selwyn.school.nz](mailto:phillipsonj@selwyn.school.nz) for an application pack.