

Tena Koutou Katoa



“The Greatest Show”

The Junior Performing Arts Academy show held in the Selwyn Theatre over several days last week lived up to its name in every way! It was indeed one of the greatest JPA Shows ever!

It was an ambitious production which showcased the talents of every Year 9 and 10 JPA student through excerpts from four famous musicals: *Oliver*, *The Addams Family*, *Aladdin* and *Newsies*. The audience enjoyed exceptional singing, acting and dancing from our exuberant and passionate junior lovers of the Performing Arts. They genuinely captured the magic of theatre as the following selection of photos reveals!

This show was also testament to the excellence of the programme our Junior Performing Arts Academy offers. Congratulations to the cast and indeed to everyone who contributed to making ‘The Greatest Show’ so memorable.







Selwyn Students Soar at the Ōrākei Marae

Over the last couple of weeks, our Year 9 and 10 students have enjoyed learning experiences at the Ōrākei Marae. The students were welcomed onto the marae in a powhiri lead by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei students and staff. Following their formal welcome, the students gathered in House groups and commenced a rotation of exciting activities. Our students enjoyed a wide range of activities which included Ngā Whetū toko iwa o Matariki - kite making (Science), Raranga Tipare - headband making (Technology), pepeha writing (English), learning the Selwyn College haka (Maori Performing Arts) and playing a game of Ki o Rahi on the field (PE).

The spirit of the days was one of engagement, enthusiasm for learning new skills, persevering with the challenges, and wonderful collaboration with staff and senior students.

Our students are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to experience learning in the stunning setting of the Ōrākei Marae.





Farewell Ros Blackwell

Ros Blackwell is leaving Selwyn College this year after 34 years of outstanding service! Ros has been our Head of Physics and a teacher of Year 9-11 Sciences and the fact the students eagerly seek to be in her class reveals the sort of esteem in which she is held.

The photo shows Ros at a special farewell function put on for her by the Staff in the Sciences Learning Area. She is seated at the far right end of the table.

We honour and thank Ros for being an exceptional professional and hence for exceptional contribution to our learning community!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Junior Reports

Junior Reports will be emailed out on **Monday 7 December**.

Arrangements for the Final Day of School for 2020

Next **Wednesday 9 December** is the final day for the year. Juniors will go to their Mentor Groups at 8.40am and from there will make their way to the Theatre for Junior Prizegiving which starts at 9.15am in the Selwyn Theatre. All parents are cordially invited to attend the Prizegiving. Parents of prize winners have been notified by email. **Students will be dismissed at the end of Prizegiving at approximately 10.45am.**

A Minor Change to one of our School Bus Services

The S547 takes students between Selwyn College, St. Thomas Primary and Panmure via Stonefields in the morning and afternoon. This service is currently run using a large bus. Due to increase in the numbers of students the S547 will now run using an extra-large bus from the first day of **Term 1 2021**. There will be no changes to the route or timetable.

Please take this opportunity to promote the S547 to your students and families, and encourage them to make use of the extra capacity. There is high demand for school bus services across the region and pressure for Auckland Transport to redeploy buses that are not being used to their full capacity to other schools in need.

Student Office Hours - Start of 2021

Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 January - Student Office open from 10am to 2pm

Tuesday 2 February - Student Office will open from 10am - 3.30pm

Wednesday 3 February onwards - Student Office open normal hours which are 8.30am - 3.30pm

Start of 2021

Thursday 4 February - Powhiri welcoming all Year 9, all New Students and Parents to Selwyn College 8.40am.

Friday 5 February - All Year Levels at School 8.40am - 3.10pm