

Tena Koutou Katoa

Selwyn Tongan Students' Charm and Talent on Show



Last Friday night Selwyn College experienced a wonderful Fiefia evening! In front of a full audience in the Selwyn Theatre our new Tongan Cultural Group revealed their charm and talent in amazing performances that drew huge support. The host for the evening was Yuki Suttie, leader of the Student Cultural Council and she did an outstanding job too.

Unfortunately, this week we heard the news that the ASB Polyfest 2020 had been cancelled due to Covid-19. This was to have been the first performance by a Selwyn Tongan Cultural Group at the festival so it is a huge disappointment. However, we will find opportunities later this year for the group to perform and to feel proud of their efforts and achievements.



Leaders Faith Smith (centre) and Marcus Alea (right)





Lizi Fa'asolo (Selwyn Teacher) with Yuki Suttie and Faith Smith



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Urgent and Important Message

Please keep your student at home if they are feeling unwell.

Our staff have been asked to send any unwell student straight to the nurse who will contact you to collect them. Therefore, it is best to keep them at home all day.

A diagram has been developed by Dr Siouxsie Wiles to assist when considering symptoms. It tells us that:

- A dry cough and a high temperature are common to both flu and COVID-19.
- Sneezing is not a symptom of COVID-19, however if someone has COVID-19, then sneezing can spread droplets containing the virus.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

	DRY COUGH	FEVER	RUNNY NOSE	SORE THROAT	BREATH-LESSNESS	HEADACHE	BODY ACHES	SNEEZE	FATIGUE	DIARRHOEA
COVID -19	✓✓	✓✓	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	~
FLU	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✗	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓	✓
COLD	✓	~	✓✓	✓✓	✗	~	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✗

✓✓ FREQUENTLY ✓ SOMETIMES ✓ LITTLE ~ RARE ✗ NOT

@SIOUXSIEW @XTOTL thespinooff.co.nz

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A Message From Nic Slade, Director of Sport

As a Sports Department who are passionate about sport, we regret to inform you that yesterday College Sport made an announcement to which I have provided the link below:

<https://collegesport.co.nz/2020/03/19/covid-19-update-2/>

All remaining summer sports fixtures will no longer take place as per the directive from College Sport.

Trainings will also no longer take place for all sports for the remainder of this term.

Until College Sport's winter programme resumes in Term 2, we will look to run a meaningful inter-House competition across a range of codes.

We will also look to run skill acquisition and strength and conditioning sessions for the students. Both of these are very important in maintaining the wellbeing of our students and keeping them physically as well as mentally active.

A message from Clare Linzey regarding Adobe Offer

All families are reminded that we do have an Adobe offering for students. \$10 will get you one year of access to the Adobe Creative Suite. This can be loaded on a students laptop or a family computer. If you are interested in taking up this offer, please contact the Student Office.

Authentic History Learning at Selwyn

Last Friday, Polynesian Panthers members Melani Anae, Tigilau Ness and Alec Taleafoa returned to Selwyn to share their stories with the Level 1 History students over a two hour workshop. Around 90 students participated and made us very proud.

They were engaged, took lots of notes for their research internal and asked some wonderful and insightful questions. The students said they really enjoyed hearing the personal anecdotes from the Panthers about their experiences during the time of the Dawn Raids and the Springbok Tour. They loved that History came alive in the library and was right there in front of them - that's really what it's all about!



Members of the Polynesian Panthers with our Level 1 History students and teachers

Ben McLean Soars Again

Last weekend, Ben McLean participated in the North Island Youth Archery Championships held in Tauranga.

On Saturday there was a double 720, Ben shot a respectable 624, but wasn't really happy with this.

However, that afternoon for the 2nd 720, he shot 651 – a personal best - and broke the National Tournament Record!

On Sunday, Ben won the Individual Matchplay and the Teams Matchplay.

So he left the championships with 3 Golds, a PB and a National record. This can only be described as SOARING!



Iona Robinson - Teacher of English

Kia ora my name is Iona Robinson, I am teaching English to Year 9 to Year 12 students. Some of you might remember 2017 Head Student Keir Robinson, well he has the great privilege of being my little brother.

I have a Bachelors Degree in History and English and was previously teaching at Mahurangi College in Warkworth. I am passionate about public speaking, Shakespeare and essay writing.

Outside of the classroom I am an enthusiastic camp attendee, enjoy hockey, kayaking and film production.

Selwyn is my dream school. The school's core values of inclusion, academic excellence and making school a supportive community are the values that I want my classroom to have. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few months and look forward to the years to come.



Blanket Donation to Foster Hope

Denise Edwards recently presented No. 6 and No. 7 blankets completed by the Selwyn staff to Kaye Hatton from Foster Hope NZ. These blankets will go in a care package when children go to foster homes.

Kate Hatton wrote in a thank you letter - *many children arrive at their foster homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs or a few belongings. Being able to gift these children an item such as these blankets—created with such care and love—brings them comfort and the knowledge that other people care.*

Thank you for thinking of Foster Hope to donate these blankets to. We really appreciate the donation and know these will be loved and valued by the children who receive them.



Selwyn Community Education Courses

THINK TALKS - The Obesity Epidemic - Working Together for Changes	24 March
Organic Solutions for Pests and Diseases	25 March
Transitioning Your Garden for Autumn and Spring at Kings Plant Barn	26 March
WEEKEND CLASSES	
Cake Decorating - The Basics	28 March
Colouring Techniques in Soap Making	28 March
Creating Beautiful Natural Dyes	28 March
How to Teach Adults	28 March
Microsoft Excel Advanced - Pivot Tables	28 March
WordPress Bootcamp	28 March
English IELTS Intensive Weekend	28 March
English Improve Your Pronunciation Skills - Part 1	28 March
How to Use Essential Oils	28 March
Microsoft Excel—Beginners	28 March
Spanish for Travellers Weekend Course	28 March
Creating and Understanding Russian Icons	28 March
Introduction to Permaculture and Organic Gardening	28 March
Italian for Travellers	28 March
Mobile Phone Photography and Editing with Snapspeed	28 March
Origami for Relaxation	28 March
Pebble Mosaics	28 March
Sewing Weekend for Beginners	28 March
Still Life Painting	28 March
Travel Sketching	28 March
Walking the Camino de Santiago	28 March
Soft Stone Sculpture	28 March
Making Solid Shampoo and Conditioner Bars	28 March

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