

Tena Koutou Katoa

Two Openings on One Special Occasion!

Last Saturday was a special day at Selwyn College with an event celebrating the opening of two fabulous new facilities for our students.

Those of you who have visited our school lately may have noticed the small **grandstand** seating on the hill beside the Pitcaithly field. This seating was made possible through the fundraising of two vitally important support groups associated with our school – our wonderful parents on the PTA and the Selwyn College (Auckland) Foundation Trust Board.



Back row left to right : Tania Lindsey (PTA Chair), with PTA parents
Front row left to right: Sheryll Ofner, Cyrus Richardson (Selwyn Foundation Trust Chair), with Foundation Board members Diane Pitcaithly and Fiona Flynn



Peter Pitcaithly, son of Mr Ngata Prosser Pitcaithly, first Principal of Selwyn College and Selwyn Foundation Trust Board member on the new grandstand looking out onto the Pitcaithly field.

The second facility opened on the day was our new **grass cricket wicket** made possible through grants from the New Zealand Community Trust and Auckland Cricket. We are extremely grateful for their support. The guest speaker on the day was our teacher and former cricketer Ryan Pryor.



Ryan Pryor addressing guests at the opening of our new wicket



Sheryll Ofner cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of our new grass wicket

Following the official opening, the 1st XI played a 1A division game against Western Springs College and we were thrilled to see that the Selwyn team beat their rivals on this very auspicious day by 6 wickets.



Ryan Pryor's Speech to Guests attending the Opening of Our New Grass Wicket

Good morning everyone. My name is Ryan Pryor, I'm the Head of Takeketonga House here at Selwyn College, I have been involved in the Cricket Programme here at Selwyn College for a number of years, I've played myself, coached, been a fan and just generally consider myself a Cricket nut.

Firstly I want to say I'm incredibly proud to speak here - I want to acknowledge today marks the end of a monumental effort by a number of people to make this happen and the beginning of a similarly monumental opportunity. I also want to add that I speak here today so surely not to indulge but to share my experience of a life embedded in the Cricketing community and simply what that has taught me and why its important.

So I'm going to speak to you through the lens of what I learnt from the game and its link to The Selwyn Way. The first thing is about opportunity. When I was 19 and at university I was lucky enough to receive a phone call from Glenn Turner asking if I was able to play Cricket for Otago against Canterbury. What was a tumultuous time for Cricket in New Zealand in the early 2000's was an opportunity for me and I was lucky enough to play 2 pre-season games for Otago. That led on to proudly representing Hawke's Bay at Hawke Cup level before then having the opportunity to move overseas and play for two seasons in the United Kingdom. As a result of taking those opportunities when presented I've been able to play and coach Cricket all over the world. This new Grass pitch represents an opportunity for you and I encourage you to grasp it. Someone is going to score the first Selwyn College 100 on this wicket or take the first 5 wicket bag and it might well be you so Follow the Selwyn Way and aim to soar and with a bit of luck and a lot of mahi this grass wicket might start your own Cricketing journey.

Secondly, focus on the detail. I have spent hours discussing pitches with various grounds people over the years and we have our outstanding groundsman, Mark, here today so I would suggest you talk to him. In my experience in Cricket - the difference between success - lets say the ball hitting the middle of your bat - and failure - the ball hitting the edge and being caught at first slip - is often less than an inch. So turn the odds in your favour as much as possible. So you focus on things that matter - exactly what length do you want to bowl or where do you want hit the ball or place your fielders. Be exact, be specific, give yourself the best chance. Set SMART goals and review them regularly.

Enjoy yourself. Don't forget what it felt like to run in to bowl to your siblings in the front yard when you were 8 or master the shot that clears the 6 boundary but doesn't hit the house on a full because thats out. Enjoy the collaboration that comes with playing with friends. It is how I spent many an afternoon growing up and it is what I hope many of you do too. Cricket is a social game - you will have more failures than success's but no matter what notice the little moments of joy in each game and the laughs with teammates. You and I, we can do it.

Cricket is a gorgeous game - it has beauty in its brutality, beauty in its struggle and beauty in its outcome. Who amongst us doesn't wince at a bouncer whizzing past a batters nose, so close they can hear it. Who amongst us thinks it looks easy to go and bat against Mitchell Starc when it's 5pm in the evening and the sun is setting and you've stood in the field all day. And who amongst us can't admire a glorious off-drive through the inner field down to the boundary for four.

A comment on our beautiful new grass Cricket Pitch as well. No piece of ground at Selwyn College will get the level of scrutiny that the 22 yards of Patamahoe Soil will get in years to come at Selwyn College. It'll be tapped, it'll be scraped, you might put your ear to it and listen to it....but it'll all be worth it because one day, this Grandstand will be full with the community applauding, the ball will be a polished bright red and one of you will have your bat raised above your head in triumph.

A Superb Real Life Experience for Our Hospitality Students

Hospitality students got some real life high-pressure experience today as our staff visited the Selwyn Cafe for break time refreshments, whilst the staffroom was out of use for the Student Leaders Day. Baristas provided excellent service along with tasty slices and staff enjoyed the sun in the cafe gardens.

"It was hectic, but I learnt how to work fast and keep a smile on my face when under pressure!" said Aurora, a Level 3 Hospitality student.



Information about the Performing Arts Tour to Sydney and Melbourne, April 2021

Selwyn Performing Arts are proposing a tour visiting Sydney and Melbourne in April 2021. Proposed activities include: visiting the Sydney Opera House (behind the scenes), attending Drama/Music/Dance workshops (workshops we attend will depend upon the interests of the students. For example, Monash University dance; drama; music workshops; Ministry of Dance workshop, Malthouse Theatre workshop) attending musicals, and more depending on group interest.

The trip in 2019 was a great success and all the students relished the opportunity to develop their performing skills further. The two musicals ('Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'West Side Story') that the students attended were incredible.

There is a meeting for all interested students and parents on Tuesday 10th March at 6.30pm in the new Arts Building - drama room.

A representative from the tour provider, 'Tour Time' will be leading the meeting and will answer any questions you may have. Students from the 2019 trip will also be present to answer any further questions.

At this stage both Duncan Allan and Rachel Larcombe will be the teachers travelling with the group.

To All Parent(s)/Caregivers)

Parents NCEA Information Evening

Thursday 12 March

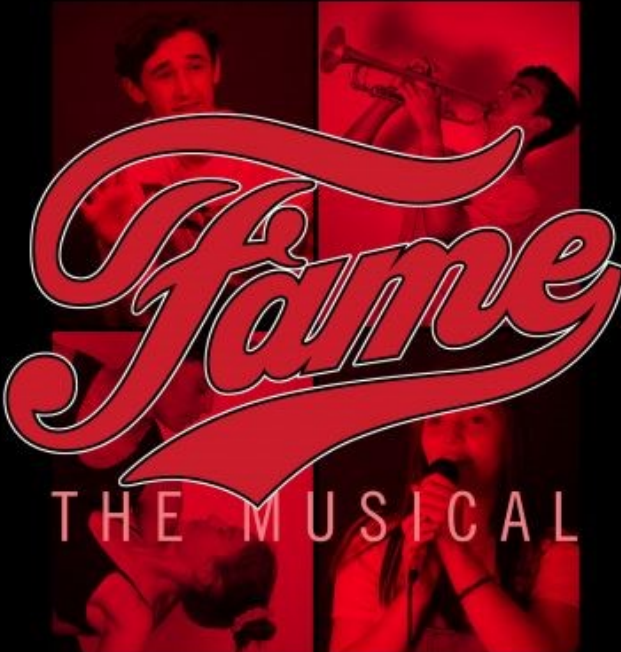
7pm

Selwyn Theatre

All Welcome

Important Message Please Read

When dropping your student(s) off at school please do not drive into our staff car parking areas. This is not a drop off point and is in the best interests of our staff and students health and safety. Thank you.




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BOOK BY JOSE FERNANDEZ | LYRICS BY JACQUES LEVY | MUSIC BY STEVE MARGOSHES

TITLE SONG "FAME" WRITTEN BY DEAN PITCHFORD & MICHAEL GORE

MARCH 28th - APRIL 4th

SELWYN COLLEGE THEATRE

BOOKINGS THROUGH 

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This year at Selwyn, the pop-culture phenomenon about the legendary New York High School of the Performing Arts lives again!

Fame The Musical inspired generations to fight for fame and light up the sky like a flame! This high-octane musical features the Academy Award-winning title song and a host of other stand-out musical numbers. The show follows the final class of New York City's celebrated High School for the Performing Arts from their admission in 1980 to their graduation in 1984. All of the struggles, fears and triumphs – from prejudice to pride are depicted with razor-sharp focus as the young artists navigate the worlds of Music, Drama and Dance.

Fame is an international sensation that continues to reach new generations of performers and audience members. This remarkable show provides the perfect opportunity to feature the diverse talents of our amazing students and showcase outstanding artistic creativity through dancing, singing, acting, rapping and musicianship. The 70 strong cast of musicians, singers, actors and dancers are hard at work in rehearsal and are due to head out to production camp on Saturday March 14th to refine their work and put the show together.

Fame The Musical runs from March 28th through to April 4th.

Tickets are available at <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2020/mar/fame>

Upcoming Events in Term 1

Parents NCEA Evening - 7.00pm—Library	Thursday 12 March
Kapa Haka Camp - Orakei Marae	14-20 March
Musical Camp	14-19 March
Polyfest	18-21 March
Lumino Dentist on site	23 Mar - 9 Apr
Open Evening: 6.45pm starting in the School Theatre	Thursday 26 March
Fame Musical	28 March - 4 April
Enrolment Days for 2021	30 March—1 April
Parent - Student Careers Presentation—School Theatre: 6.30pm	Tuesday 7 April
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 9 April