

Tena Koutou Katoa

Selwyn Students Soar in Digital Technology Challenge



We are thrilled to announce that Selwyn's team **Project Jam** comprised of **Jesse Coleman, Ashley Pitches, Molly Mayers and Noah Isaaka** won the Auckland Regional Finals of the **Tahi Rua Toru** Digital Technology secondary school's competition run by the Ministry of Education, in partnership with the IT industry.

We had 3 teams compete in the Regional Finals. Their challenge was to develop and model their digital outcomes to solve an issue in their school or local communities. Team Project JAM designed a website for students to pre-order food from the tuck shop to solve issues such as long lines, rain, missing out on the food you want, and access for disabled students.

Project Jam are now off to Wellington to represent Auckland in the finals. We wish them all the very best.

Left to right: Noah Isaaka, Molly Mayers, Ashley Pitches and Jesse Coleman

Theo Luc Shakes is a Media Superstar!



We're pleased to announce that our Year 13 student Theo Luc Shakes has been officially nominated in four categories at the recent 2019 All American High School Film Festival for his film **'Bygones'**.

The categories are:

- Best Overall Film
- Best Direction
- Best Drama
- Best International Film

Hollywood Director [David Lowery](#) (Pete's Dragon, Ghost Story & Old Man with a Gun) describes 'Bygones' as *'Terrific! The acting is great; the pace and imagery are just right. In short, I'm jealous - I wish I'd been as far ahead as you are when I was your age.'*

The festival receives over 2,000 films from more than 40 countries across the world and screened over 700 Official Selections at the festival. So it is a remarkable achievement for Theo at this stage of his career. We are extremely proud of him!

IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 4

Friday 15 November—Teacher Only Day— **students do not come to school**

A Magnificent Year 13 Graduation Dinner

Our Graduation Dinner for Year 13 students and their parents/caregiver was once again held at Eden Park – a magnificent venue for a magnificent celebration of this wonderful cohort.

Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner along with the presentation of Graduation Certificates to each student, exceptional musical items from Emma Montgomery Sam Francks, Theo Luc Shakes and Neo Aiono-Fukushima & Hamish Brown, and impressive Graduation speeches delivered by Sydnee Krum, Flavius Suci, Shyamal Singh, Caitlyn Harbrow, Hugh Roxburgh and Alicia Murgatroyd.

Eight students were also presented with SELWISE trophies – one for each Learning Area – in recognition of the exceptional quality of their Learner Attributes.



Isabelle Reid
Arts



Tina Zhou
Languages



Hamish Brown
English



Gajanani Thirumal
Mathematics



Leon Truong-George
Technology



Flavius Suci
Social Sciences



Lauren Stevenson
Sciences



Alysha Selby
PE & Health





The graduates of Takeketonga House with Ryan Pryor



The graduates of Mangopare House with Rebecca Jones



The graduates of Patiki House with Selwyn Hodges



The graduates of Rautawa House with Ann Kieran



The graduates of Pitau House with Katie Lawton

Wonderful Successes at the University of Otago Junior Mathematics Competition

This is a huge competition with thousands of participants. Hence, the following students have achieved extremely well. Congratulations to them all!



Vicky Ngo
Top 30



Ethan Pinker
Top 100



Jet Shand-Pease
Top 100



Gabriel Lau
Top 200



Peter Batchem
Merit



Ben Chambers
Merit

ICAS Science Stars

The following students are Science Stars! We are very proud of them.



Sam Bishop
High Distinction
Top 1%



Ben Chambers
Distinction Top 10%



Kristen Roxburgh
Distinction Top 10%



Andy Pitts
Distinction Top 10%