

Tena Koutou Katoa

A Spectacular Sam Francks Concert to Support our TLC Students



It was a spectacular evening here in the Selwyn Theatre on Saturday 18th May, when the sell-out audience was treated to the fourth and final concert entitled 'Encore' by our super-talented Year 13 student Sam Francks. His special guest was Kermit the Frog.

As in previous years, Sam was raising money for the students in the Totara Learning Centre in order to enable them to experience learning beyond the classroom. Altogether, over all his four concerts, Sam has contributed an amazing \$21,000 to TLC.

Sam's generosity of spirit and sharing of his remarkable talents in support of others is the sign of an outstanding person and hence, we honour Sam enormously.

So, we are thrilled to hear that the Totara Learning Centre student and staff who headed for new learning on the Gold Coast on Monday are experiencing a wonderful time. More news on this next-week.



*The TLC students
celebrating on
stage with Sam*



The TLC Touring party ready to depart from Auckland airport

Sir John Jones Inspires Selwyn Teachers

Last week on Tuesday afternoon, we were hugely privileged to have Sir John Jones a leading international speaker and expert on education address our teachers. Sir John was knighted for his services to education in the UK in 2003. He has a background as a teacher and secondary school Principal.

Sir John spoke to us on **'The Power of Teachers in Inspiring Learning'** and in particular stressed the importance of teacher-student relationships in making a difference for every student. He told us we are in the 'Magic Weaving' business and our challenge is to get in touch with the heart and soul of teaching and learning. He injected wonderful stories into his messages and as a result, our teachers found him completely inspirational as the following selection of comments I received from Selwyn staff reveal:

Just to say that John Jones's talk on Tuesday was truly amazing and so inspiring—possibly the best that I have ever heard!

Thank you for organising this talk.



He had us spellbound for 3 hours—lots of great ideas and truly inspiring.

What a great speaker today! He had that real skill of being able to give heartfelt stories inside a strong call to action. I can't remember the last time I felt so compelled or convinced of the importance of teaching as a profession. Thank you.

Just a quick note of thanks for getting John to come and speak. I would have to say it is the best PD and speaker I have attended for a long time. His words resonated and affirmed my own pedagogy about relationships being the keystone.

I just want to say thank you so much for organising the PD today. Sir John Jones was so inspiring and motivating! Absolutely loved every minute of it. Really fortunate to have experienced that presentation.

Great PD today! Everyone in Art were buzzing after that talk. Gave us lots to think about. It's finding those ways to connect with kids being key. Loved it!

Thank you for bringing such a fantastic speaker to us and making time for us to reflect on the reasons that we are here. So valuable to take time to think about why we do what we do.

The Jazz Band Again Delights Our Community

This week the Selwyn Jazz Band performed at the Orakei Local Board Community Volunteers Awards ceremony at St. Chads Church and Community Centre. The event is run by the Orakei Local board and is an evening where dedicated volunteers from the local community are recognised. Local Board Chair Kit Parkinson commented "Our local board immensely values community-led work and our Community Volunteer Awards is one of the ways we celebrate this." It was a great opportunity for the ensemble and the students played with wonderful professionalism and musicianship.

The board made a donation towards the purchase of a new Baritone Saxophone which is our fundraising drive for 2019 and 2020.



PTA Message: Staff Appreciation Morning Tea

Dear Fellow Selwyn families

On Thursday 20th June, we are putting on a special morning tea for Selwyn College staff to express how much our families appreciate and value what the teachers and staff do for our students. Please help the PTA by making a yummy contribution.

Food - on Thursday 20th June please either: send a plate of morning tea (savoury for boys and sweets for girls) along with your student to drop into the front office before school; or pop into the staffroom to deliver your plate before 10:30am.

Shout Outs - also from Monday to Wednesday 18-20 June there will be a drop-off area in the lobby for messages of thanks that you would like to be passed onto staff, which we will add to our Staff 'Shout Outs' board at the morning tea. This is a chance to acknowledge particular staff members who go the extra mile, and make their day.

Volunteer - please contact Michelle Cook michelle.cooky@gmail.com if you are able to assist on the day 9:00am—11:30am.

Thanking you in anticipation, regards Selwyn College PTA tewhanauawhi@selwyn.school.nz

An Important Message to all Parents/Caregivers of Year 10 Students

We have just been advised by the PPTA that the **rostering home of Year 10 students which was planned for next Tuesday 11th June has been cancelled.**

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 for an application pack.



Selwyn Community Education Courses

Evening Courses: Think Talk: Exploring for Life Beyond Earth	11 June
Cook Like a Masterchef	10 June
Nineteenth Century French Art History	10 June
Photography—DSLR Beginners—The Next Level	10 June
Understanding Contemporary Art	11 June
Perfect pastries, Pies and Tarts with June Renwick	12 June
The Venice Biennale	12 June
Weekend Courses: A Visit to Pah Homestead	22 June
Upholster Your Own Bed Headboard	22 June
Digital Photography—Beginners DSLR Workshop	29 June
Microsoft Excel Advanced—Pivot Tables	29 June
English Improve Your Pronunciation Skills	29 June
Photoshop—Beginners	29 June
Solo Travel for Women—Explore the World Fearlessly	29 June
Creativity and Grief	29 June
Knife Skills 101—Fish and Chicken	29 June
Knitted Wire Jewellery	29 June
Painting with Acrylics for All Levels Workshop	29 June
Portrait Drawing—Exploring Faces	29 June
Sewing Weekend for Beginners	29 June
The Art of Conversation	29 June
Understanding India	29 June
Soft Stone Sculpture with Gillian Elmslie	29 June
Create a Café Style Sunday Brunch	30 June
Jewish Festive Foods	30 June
Using Social Media to Sky Rocket your Business - Continuation	30 June