

Tena Koutou Katoa

Te Kahu Pokere Soars



Ahakoia he iti he pounamu - Although it is small it is a treasure.

This morning the Selwyn College Kapa haka group, Te Kahu Pokere, performed at Polyfest. This even is a celebration of Maori and Pasifika cultures.

This year the roopu was made up of a dedicated and hardworking core of mostly junior students. We really must acknowledge the courage and determination of the junior members. The year 11 and year 12 students were amazing tuakana to the newest members of the group. Rawiri Collins and Maia Royal were our student leaders and truly soared leading waiata a ringa, poi, moteatea and haka.

Those of us, teachers and whanau, who were able to be there were thrilled by the polished performance as were the large numbers of teachers and students who watched the performance live. The key impression from many was how fantastic the group looked and sounded, filling the stage with pride. Ka mau te wehi!

A huge thanks go to Whaea Fi and tutor Piripi Davis Jnr who gave up so much time. A big thank you too to the parents, staff and extended families who worked behind the scenes to support the students over the last intensive weeks, thank you to those staff and families for providing food and assisting with homework amongst all the things you do for our rangatahi.





An Outstanding Auckland Head Students Event Hosted by Selwyn College

Congratulations to our Head Students Frankie Pastiroff and Adam Paulsen who, assisted by the Student Executive, hosted around one hundred of Auckland's Head Students and senior student leaders to a special '**Lessons in Leadership**' event here at Selwyn College last week. This is the third year we have put on such an event. It started with three guest speakers sharing their lessons:-

Alexia Hilbertidou - founder & CEO of GirlBoss

Fatumata Bah – a refugee recognised for her leadership in women's rights activism by the Commonwealth

Jeremiah Tauti - Senior Adviser (Pacific) from the Ministry of Education

Their presentations were followed by the students discussing ideas for how they will achieve their leadership goals for the year. This session provided a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other. After a pizza lunch, the students engaged in fun, challenging games which required serious team work and helped strengthen this wonderful networking opportunity.

Frankie summed up the experience:

The leadership day was immensely successful. A fun-filled day of games and bonding activities, partnered with learning in leadership and hearing from three incredible speakers. Over 100 student leaders from across Auckland attended with a heap of enthusiasm, and a new network of leaders in our community was created.





Fatumata Bah presenting





Ben McLean becomes a New Zealand Archery Champion!

Ben has just completed shooting at the Youth Nationals for Archery, held in Palmerston North. Ben cleaned up in the double 720 rounds and shot a personal best taking out Gold and a New Zealand Record. Congratulations Ben. This is spectacular success!



Seeking a Tuckshop Operator for the Selwyn College Canteen

THE TASTY TUCKSHOP COMPANY which has the contract for our canteen is seeking someone with experience working in the catering environment to operate the canteen 5 days per week, 5.5 hours per day, for school terms only. This is a sole charge role. It requires:

A good knowledge of food and food safety

Good time management skills

Reliable and level headed

An ability to stay calm under pressure

Apply now or for more information, contact Julie on [021\) 732829](tel:021732829)



Introducing Iris Lee - Teacher of Sciences

Hello I am a new teacher of junior science and senior biology at Selwyn College. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Auckland in 2015 and then became a supply teacher in Hong Kong for two years. The reward and the sense of satisfaction I received from educating youth has lead me back to New Zealand to complete a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary). For my second practicum in the programme I was fortunate enough to be placed here at Selwyn. The genuine kindness and respect that both staff and students were showing to each other had urged me to stay after my practicum and work as a teacher at Selwyn College.



Introducing Linh Hoang - Teacher of Mathematics

On my first day here, I was told that Selwyn College has a family-like culture which I am starting to experience and appreciate. I feel very blessed to be able to join the Mathematics Learning Area this year and become a part of the diverse community. Before coming to Selwyn, I was an international student from Vietnam studying Education and Mathematics at the University of Auckland whilst also working as a teaching assistant in the University's Maths Department. This year I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at Selwyn and helping my students achieve their academic goals for Maths. Come say hi to me at V6 any time. Thanks to everyone, especially the amazing Maths team for the warm welcome and incredible support.

Reminder

Platform USA Sports Scholarship Information Evening

Tuesday 19th March at 7pm in the Selwyn Staff room

Platform Sports Management is a New Zealand based US college recruitment company. They specialise in helping athletes gain American college placement based on their needs and requirements. The main focus will be on / tennis / football / basketball / golf but this meeting will help all sports students understand the college system.

Note to all Parent(s)/Caregiver(s)

Student Office Hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm

Richard Fausett - Cashier Extn. 600

Aruni Gunasekara - Attendance Officer Extn. 636

Louise Grigg - Student Office Extn. 637

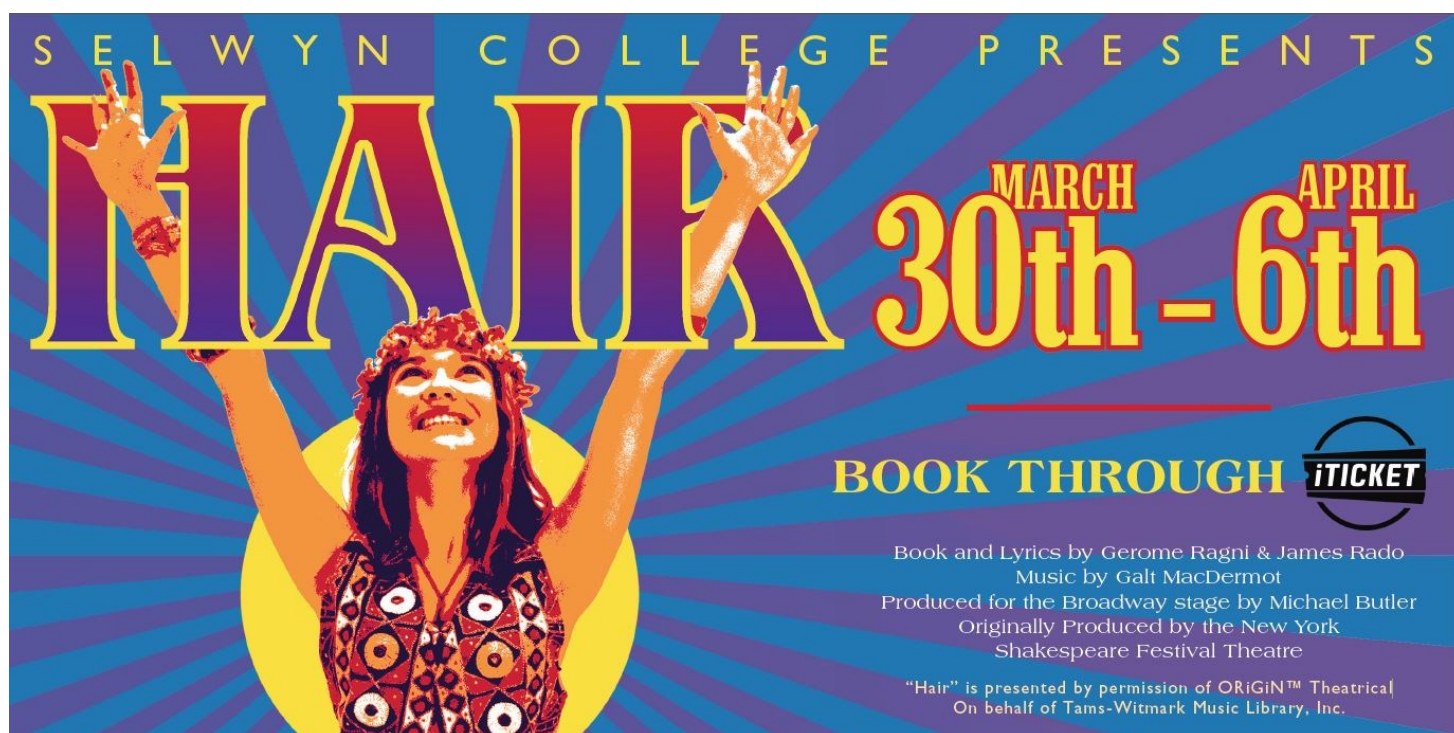
Do You Have Unwanted Musical Instruments?

Can you help our students?

Selwyn College Co-Curricular Music is continuing to flourish and we have students wanting to learn musical instruments but our stocks are running low. Once students are at a suitable level, they are encouraged to play in the concert band, jazz band, jazz combo..... which is something we want to continue fostering at Selwyn.

If anyone has a trumpet, trombone, clarinet, flute or saxophone that is no longer being played / wanted but is in good workable and playable condition and you would like to donate it to the Co-Curricular Music department, please make contact with Rachel Larcombe; Director of Co-Curricular Music.

Email: larcomber@selwyn.school.nz



Selwyn Community Education Courses

A Taste of Things to Come: One Night of Korean Cuisine	18 Mar
Introduction to Flower Photography	18 Mar
Microsoft Excel - Intermediate	18 Mar
Authentic Thai Cooking	19 Mar
Creating a Calmer You	19 Mar
Think Talk: Secrets of a Neuroscientist (Free Talk)	19 Mar
A Mexican Cooking Experience	20 Mar
Lunch with Peta Mathias	24 Mar
Plant Based Cooking	25 Mar
A Taste of Things to Come	25 Mar
Continental Cakes	26 Mar

See our website www.selwyncomed.school.nz
for details and enrolling or phone 521 9623

Upcoming Events in Term 1

Kapa Haka Camp - Orakei Marae	11-16 March
ASB Polyfest	13-16 March
Lumino Dentist on site	25 Mar - 11 Apr
Open Evening: 6.45pm start in the School Theatre	28 March
Hair Musical	30 Mar- 6 Apr
Enrolment Days for 2020	1-3 April
Last Day of Term 1	12 April