

Tena Koutou Katoa

Announcing Our Prestigious New Selwyn STAR Award



At this week's Principal's Assembly, history was made with the very first presentations of our new **Selwyn STAR Award**. This award is for students who throughout their time at Selwyn succeed in doubling their **SIL**ver points for **S**ervice, **I**nvolve**m**ent and **L**eadership. Every Selwyn student is encouraged to set their sights on achieving the Selwyn SILver Medal and it is great to see that the numbers achieving it are flourishing. As a result, we felt the need to provide an additional incentive for those who go the extra mile. As a mark of the importance of this award and the historic occasion, we were honoured to have Scott Milne, Chair of the Orakei Local Board, to present each recipient with their star.



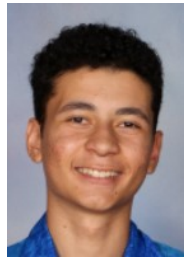
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Sophia Johns



Reilly Downer



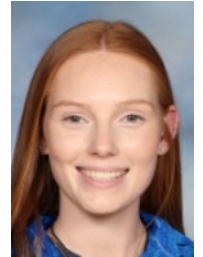
Lisa Salie



Maddie Grigg



Caitlin Marvin



Alicia Rowley



Yannick Utech



Bernice Yeo



Ben Fleming



Elliot Dibley



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Ana Kerrigan



Phoebe Meachen



Rebekah Hoffman



Brianna Marvin



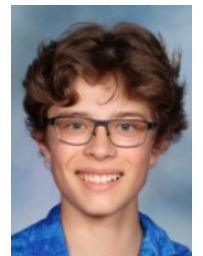
Sophia Lee



Anna McCardle



Rebekah Robinson



Matthew Pritchard



Alex Robinson



Makenna Krum

An Outstanding Senior Open Speech Competition 2020

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in this year's Senior Open Speech Competition. The standard was very high which made it difficult for our judges, Mr Andrew Thompson and Ms Kath O'Connor. However, they were unanimous in their final decisions. First place went to Elizabeth Sovincet who delivered a dramatic, informative speech on the origins and power of words. She challenged us to think carefully about the way we use words and the effect they have on others. Second place went to James Boland and third place to Maia Royal.



James Boland 2nd, Elizabeth Sovincet 1st and Maia Royal 3rd place

The competition is open to years 12 and 13 students and is a purely voluntary, so to make the decision to participate takes courage and determination. The diverse range of topics, and the varied interpretations, were in turn provocative, challenging and inspirational. At this level, it is not just about how well you present, but the content and crafting of the writing. The audience were challenged to think about the way we use words, to consider the role of culture in our society and to reflect on how our actions today will be judged by the next generation. The other participants Anna McCardle, River Drefers, Alex Robinson, Luke Gallagher and Rebekah Robinson also soared and deserve huge praise for their performances.

Ryan Chow Soars Again

We are delighted to learn that Year 13 student Ryan Chow has won a second separate award from the [Indie Short Fest \(ISF\)](#) for the month of September 2020. This is for his film ['Falling Deeper'](#) under the category of 'Best Drone Short'. It can be viewed on Youtube by following this link:

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt13009764/?ref=nm_knf_i2

In addition, Ryan's film **Turn** which featured in last week's newsletter and included several Selwyn students in the cast, has also performed well on the national stage. In the 'Showquest on Screen' competition it has been selected as a winner in these categories:

- Trailblazer (Best Original Story)
- Belongs in Hollywood (Best Blockbuster)
- Best use of location filming
- Most innovative use of lighting



Congratulations Ryan on your outstanding achievements!

Congratulations Jane Guiguit

Jane is winner of our Student Arts Council's 'Reconnected' art competition' following lockdown. This is a stunning self-portrait and Jane is a deserving winner of a gift voucher prize from Gordon Harris.



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Wisdom and Advice from Our Head Boy to the Principal's Assembly as Maori Language Month Concludes

Ata Marie, Tena koutou katoa. Nau mai ki to tatou hui. Good Morning Selwyn.

Ko lisa toku ingoa, tekau ma whitu oku tau. No Āwherika ki te Tonga ahau, kei Panmure toku kainga noho. Ko Maungarei te maunga, ko Te Wai o Taiki te awa. Ko Patiki toku kāhui. Ko Salie toku whanau. I tera wiki te wiki o Te Reo Maori.

As you know, last week was Maori Language Week, and this is Maori language month, *Mahuru Maori*. So, I thought this would be the best time to talk about learning a second language and (more importantly) the significance of learning Te Reo Maori in Aotearoa. We had some great ways of celebrating this significance, like the week-long stall set up by our Te Reo Maori Team; which I hope you went down to see and engage in the activities they made. We also had an academic quiz dedicated to te reo and a presentation from our Pacifica Achievement Group.

While it was great to have a week celebrating the Maori language and culture, we shouldn't stop there. Te Reo Maori is integral to our country's identity. The Maori were the first settlers to arrive in Aotearoa, defining most of our country's history. Cultivating your own understanding of te reo helps you to become more connected with New Zealand and others around us. It's a great way to learn about our country/home and preserve and celebrate the Maori culture Selwyn encourages.

Now let me take you back 5 years ago when I started my Selwyn journey. I was encouraged to take up a foreign language because of how beneficial it could be for my future. I considered the many options at the time like Mandarin and Spanish. But, I chose to continue learning Maori as I already had the exposure to it in primary school. I felt connected enough with the culture, despite being a non-Maori. And over the years I was able to deepen my connection with Aotearoa and the beautiful Maori culture it beholds while also deepening my knowledge in the language itself.

Mā te whakaharatau e tika ai. Learning a new language is one of the best things to do. **Especially** one that resonates with our home. Now you don't need to become fluent or soar straight away, but learning to stand by understanding common phrases and sentences really goes a long way. So as we leave Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, aim to learn some Maori in some form. Learn some proverbs or idioms; *Ako i etahi kiwaha.*

Learning these will make you a more aware person. Some examples are:

Tau Kē!; Awesome!

Ka mau te wehi; This is fantastic!

Ka pai hoki koe!; Good on you!

You could also memorise your pepeha; *Maumahara ki to pepeha,*

I challenge you to all use as much Maori as possible. Try referring to the Selwise wedges by their Maori names, or greet others in Maori, like *Ata Marie*, *Morena* and *Kia Ora*. There are steps we can all take to cultivate the Maori culture within our school, and within our own lives.

Kaua e whakamā ki te korerō Maori; Don't be scared to speak Maori. *Karawhiua!* - give it a go!

Na reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena ra tatou katoa.

Football on Fire

Last Tuesday after school, we enjoyed a round robin Football tournament with 3 teams which were a mixture of 1XI and 2XI Boys and 1XI Girls plus the expertise of Mr Box and Mr Bueno.

The teams were drawn out at random by 1st XI captains River Drefers and Rebecca Hoffman.

Congratulations to Noah Van Den Berg who scored the winning ball over the line to ensure Team 1 took out the competition.

The players were on fire and all games were played with fantastic spirit and skill level. Well done everyone!



Hockey Hoots

Our Boys' and Girls' 1XI Hockey teams have ended the term with a fun game to close out the season. There were hoots of laughter with a few new rules introduced to make the game more even.

To watch our hockey players having a great time playing with their mates, is what Sport is all about. The match ended in a 1 all draw.

Thank you to Grant Rumble our 1XI Girl's coach who umpired the game.





Selwyn Community Education Courses

School Holiday Classes	Start Date	Start Time	End Time
Aspiring Young Cooks (8-12 Years)	28 Sept	09:00 AM	01:30 AM
Aspiring Young Cooks (8-12 Years)	8 October	09:00 AM	01:30 AM
Creating Your Own Cartoons (7-12 Years)	2 October	10:00 AM	04:00 PM
Creative Hand Lettering for Children (8-12 Years)	1 October	10:00 AM	03:00 PM
Design a Driverless Car (8-12 Years)	6 October	09:30 AM	04:00 PM
Drawing REAL Animals with Sandra Morris	29 Sept	10:00 AM	03:00 PM
Get Real: Art for a Cause	30 Sept	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Get Real: Cooking for a Cause	29 Sept	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Get Real: Crafting for a Cause	28 Sept	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Get Real: Drama for a Cause	2 October	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Get Real: Growing for a Cause	1 October	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Origami for Children (8-12 Years)	9 October	10:00 AM	02:00 PM
Sewing for Children (9-12 Years)	8 October	09:00 AM	03:00 PM
Soap Making for Children	7 October	09:00 AM	12:00 PM
Think Talk: Political Marketing in the 2020 US Presidential Election	29 Sept	07:30 PM	08:30 PM

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