

Tena Koutou Katoa

### Academic Motivation Advice by Students for Students



Members of our student Academic Council have been visiting Mentor Groups with a presentation about Motivation. Students admit that motivation is something they have all heard of but perhaps are not always fully cognisant of how important it is to effective studying and academic success.

The Council's goal was to communicate the following points to students:

*Motivation is the first step to success, and the driving force behind everything we do.*

*In order to build up Motivation to study, we also need to build up the four dimensions of Hauora.*

*Planning and setting achievable goals before a study session allows us to harness our Motivation in a targeted and productive manner.*

*Even though it can often be the most difficult part of any task, we must always **get started** and actually **use** our Motivation if we want to achieve anything.*

The team of motivational student speakers soared in giving this guidance, which will help Selwyn students to soar in their studies. Academic Council Leader Anna McCardle says, *'They brilliantly represented our Council's purpose, which is to foster academic support and an appreciation of academic challenges and choices'*.

## Motivation:

*The driving force behind everything we do.*

### A Great Mentoring Experience for our Saxophone Quartet

Prior to Covid-19 our Saxophone Quartet had begun working towards performing at the NZCT Chamber Music Contest. The Quartet is made up of:

**Natalia George** - soprano sax   **Iisa Salie** - alto sax   **Sophia Johns** - tenor sax   **Kona Yanagisawa** - baritone sax

However, due to Covid, the competition is continuing in a different format with final performances being submitted in video format. Our students are working on a NZ piece by Philip Norman; 'A Short Suite' that uses the soprano; alto; tenor and baritone saxophone. The 'Short Suite' is made up of 5 movements with intricate melodies that weave between the instruments, along with very funky and complex rhythms.

Ensembles have all been given the opportunity to be mentored via Zoom and this week our students were very fortunate to be mentored by Ben Hoadley. Ben is a professional musician with degrees in bassoon performance from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the New England Conservatory in Boston, and a Master of Music with First Class Honours from the University of Waikato where he won the Lilburn Composition Prize and received the FASS Masters Thesis Scholarship.

The ensemble loved the mentoring session and appreciated Ben's constructive feedback. They are looking forward to performing live at the Selwyn Music Showcase which is this year being held on Friday 11th September.



From left to right: Kona Yanagisawa, Sophia Johns, Lisa Salie and Natalia George



Ben Hoadley mentoring via Zoom



## Congratulations Wiremu Wikaira

News is just in that our Year 11 student Wiremu Wikaira has been selected for the New Zealand Under 16 Touch Rugby team AND the New Zealand Under 16 Tag Football team. The touch team is doing a domestic tour in September due to Covid-19 restrictions while the Tag team plans on playing Australia.

Congratulations Wiremu – you are truly soaring!



## FAME!

**One of the best things about being in Alert Level One is that we are able to put on our 2020 musical FAME. It will run from Wednesday 22 - 25 July. Tickets will be available via iTicket 19 June.**

This sensational show is a pop-culture phenomenon about the legendary New York High School of the Performing Arts! It 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 are depicted with razor-sharp focus as the young artists navigate the worlds of Music, Drama and Dance. It provides the perfect opportunity to feature the diverse talents of our amazing students and showcase their outstanding artistic creativity through dancing, singing, acting, rapping and musicianship. We cannot wait to bring it to life for you on the Selwyn stage!

A promotional poster for the musical 'Fame'. The title 'Fame' is written in a large, stylized, red cursive font with a white outline, set against a black background. Surrounding the title are four small, square, red-tinted photographs of students: a boy in the top left, a boy playing a trumpet in the top right, a girl in the bottom left, and a girl singing into a microphone in the bottom right.

**JULY**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

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## Selwyn Community Education Courses

Architecture of the Central City	21 June
Artisan Baking—Brioche	21 June
Australian Indigenous Art and Culture	21 June
Craft, Conversation and Cabernet	21 June
Creativity and Grief	20 June
Digital Photography—Beginners DSLR Workshop	20 June
Dot Painting	21 June
Figure Sketching	20 June
Floral Design: Mid Winter Flower Arrangements	20 June
French Travellers Weekend Course (Beginners)	20 June
Getting Started with Facebook and Instagram	20 June
Google Analytics Fundamentals	21 June
Introduction to Permaculture and Organic Gardening	21 June
Knife Skills 101—Fish and Chicken	20 June
Learning Online with Zoom	20 June
Let's Make Beeswax Wraps	21 June
Living a Zero Waste Life	21 June
Makeup for the 40+	20 June
Making Macarons	21 June
Painting with Acrylics Workshop—Beginners and Beyond	20 June
Portrait Painting	20 June
Portuguese for Travellers Weekend Course	20 June
SEO for Small Business	20 June
Sewing Weekend for Beginners	20 June
Solo Travel for Women—Explore the World Fearlessly	20 June
The Art of Conversation	20 June
The Art of Paper Collage	21 June
Wardrobe Planning and Style Personality Workshop	21 June
Who Are You? Discover Your Personality	20 June

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