

Tena Koutou Katoa

Congratulations to our Top Year 11 & 12 Academic Students for 2018



The following students were honoured for their outstanding academic achievement in 2018 at Senior Prizegiving. They deserve our fullest congratulations!



Matthew Pritchard
Year 11 Scholar



Jay Wu
Year 11 Scholar



Natalia George
Year 11 Top Scholar



Frankie Pastiroff
Year 12 Scholar



Bridgit Smerdon
Year 12 Scholar



Myles Wardley
Year 12 Scholar



Hugh Roxburgh
Year 12 Top Scholar

Selwyn Students Soar in the Turnbull Library Anniversary Creative Writing Competition

Congratulations to **Kristen Roxburgh** who won 1st place in the Turnbull Library Anniversary Creative Writing competition and to **Oliver Spalter** who gained highly commended.

The competition celebrated the 150th birthday of the founder of the Turnbull Library, Alexander Turnbull. Students had to write a creative response to any item in the Turnbull Library collection. Many of our Year 9 English classes explored different items in this collection and wrote a range of original and creative poems to enter into this competition.

Kristen Roxburgh wrote a short but effective piece on Katherine Mansfield's shawl and Oliver wrote a meditative poem on Māori land rights activist and religious leader Rua Kenana Hepetipa. Their pieces follow:

Right-side up

By Kristen Roxburgh

*The day after she died, I found her shawl
the one she wore so often, the one I loved
a plain silk shawl, black all over*

*but things come right-side up, eventually.
The shawl was not plain black, right-side up –
it was a garden filled with hidden wonders*

*blooming flowers in all shades of emerald green
and coral pink,
birds shining with such bright blues and yellows
that they seemed to fly off the fabric*

like doves bearing the olive branch.

*We laid that shawl on her coffin
right-side up.*



Pavement Dance

By Oliver Spalter

*Familiar eyes
Hook me in.
What does he know?
Can he see through my lies?
Does he know my mothers name?
Should I have given way, stepped to the side?*

His curls, his whiskey smile, his gold tooth, his dusty laugh.

*Step to the left.
Step to the right.
A pavement dance.*

*Crocodile eyes stalk me through a murky sea of unfamiliar faces.
Me, a floundering fish, trapped in his gaze.
A slap on my back
Weathered leathery hands
His chalky voice lets loose a faint laugh.
He sinks into the crowd.
The ripples remain.*



Attention Fellow Parents

On **Tuesday 27 November** we are putting on a special morning tea for Selwyn College staff to express how much parents appreciate and value the teachers and staff do for Selwyn pupils.

Please help the PTA by making a contribution.

On Tuesday 27 November either:

Send a plate of morning tea (sandwiches or savoury for girls and sweets for boys) along with your student to drop into the front office before school:

OR

Pop into the staffroom to deliver your plate before 10.30am.

Please contact Michelle Cook michelle.cooky@gmail.com if you are able to assist on the day **9am-11.30am**.

Thanking you in anticipation

Regards

Selwyn College PTA

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Cyberbullying

Our children's lives have moved online. Unfortunately, their bullies have moved online too.

A child who is bullied may shut down their social media account and open a new one. They may begin to avoid social situations, even if they enjoyed being social in the past. Victims' (and perpetrators) of cyberbullying often hide their screen or device when other people come into their vicinity and become cagey about what they do online. They may become emotionally distressed or withdrawn.



Ask gentle questions to determine the situation.

1. Work with teachers, mentors and guidance counsellors to get support for your child.
2. Encourage your children to share with you if their friends or peers are bullied.
3. Educate your child about the repercussions of cyberbullying.
4. Clarify that even liking or sharing hurtful content is unacceptable.
5. Encourage your child to reach out to others who are bullied and lend support.

What should you do if your child is bullied?

1. Document the bullying. Take screenshots of abusive messages or behaviour. This will help you report the bullying to the relevant authorities.
2. Talk to the teachers in school. Make sure they are aware of the situation.
3. Report it to their school. You can also report it to the social media or gaming platform where it is hosted. If your child receives threats, don't hesitate to contact the police.

[Www.pmgmt.org.nz/blog/cyberbullying/](http://www.pmgmt.org.nz/blog/cyberbullying/)



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Think Talk: Cancer Research - Why do some people's tumours spread rapidly around the body while others remain dormant and cause minimal harm? Tamsin Robb with the support from Auckland Medical Research Foundation. 7.30 - 8.30pm 13 November

Weekend Classes

Spanish for Travellers Weekend Course	10 November
Weaving Beautiful Baskets	10 November
Australian Indigenous Art and Culture	10 November
Painting for Beginners with Acrylics Workshop	10 November
Producing Vegetables and Fruit from Small Gardens	10 November
Surya Namaskara—Salute to the Sun	10 November
Traditional Maori Medicines—Using Native Plants for Healing	10 November
Yoga for Children and Families	10 November
Christmas Baking	11 November
Knife Skills 101—Fish and Chicken	11 November
Declutter and/or Downsize Your Home	11 November
Let's Research Your Family History	11 November
Street Art Photography	11 November
The Art of Folding Books	11 November
The Art of Paper Collage	11 November
When in Southern Italy	11 November

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

SELWYN COLLEGE 2018 JPA PRESENTS

SLICE OF BROADWAY

Thursday:
29th Nov. 7.00pm

Friday:
30th Nov. 7.00pm

Saturday: 1st Dec.
Matinee 2.00pm,
7.00pm

BOOKINGS
THROUGH iTICKET



Second Hand Uniforms Required

Does your current school uniform fit you?

Do you still need your current uniform after your NCEA exams are over?

If you would like to donate your school uniform back to the school, please drop to the Student Office. We are open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm. The Student Office will close for the year on Wednesday 12 December 2018 and will reopen on Wednesday 23 January 2019. Thank you for your support.

