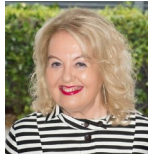


Nga mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou te ahi kaa

New years' greetings to all our new and existing Selwyn families /whanau



Announcing our 2020 Head Students

I am delighted to announce that our Head Students for 2020 are **Ana Kerrigan** and **lisa Salie**. These two outstanding students were presented with their badges at our first Principal's assembly for the year.



Hi! I'm Ana Kerrigan your Head Girl this year. I have a strong passion for Performing Arts, specifically Drama, so the school musical is always an important part of my year. I value creative outlets and love music, film and painting. However, I balance this out by playing on the 1st XI football team since year 10. As someone who has been involved in all aspects of Selwyn extra-curricular life, I would love to encourage students new and old to grasp the huge amount of opportunities offered to them and consequently watch the growth of Selwyn's consistent success. Furthermore, advocating for mental health and balance of academics and extra-curricular activities is something I am passionate about and aim to incorporate into my head girl journey.

Kia ora. Ko lisa toku ingoa, he rangatira taura ahau.

My name is lisa Salie and this year I am the Head Boy. I'm a member of our school Jazz band and the Performing Arts programme, an avid football player and an aspiring academic. This year I'm aiming to cultivate and expand the Maori culture within our school, whilst pushing myself and maintaining the vibrant atmosphere here at Selwyn. I also aim to take more risks in my role of Head Boy and work with all the students and staff to take Selwyn to new heights.

Announcing our Student Executive for 2020

Huge congratulations to these fabulous Selwyn students who have been selected leaders and members of our Student Executive for 2020.



Mangopare
House Leaders



Nick Cornea



Caitlin Marvin



Patiki
House Leaders



Ryan Woodbridge



Mu Miyamoto



Pitau



Elliot Dibley



Jade Townsend



Rautawa



Rosie Parry



Bodhi Meek



Takeketonga
House Leaders



Eddison Moe



Brianna Marvin



Academic Council Leader
Anna McCardle



Arts Council Leader
Matthew Pritchard



Environmental
Council Leader
Yvette Brennan



Multicultural
Council Leader
Yuki Suttie



Social Council Leader
Reilly Downer



Sports Council Leader
Yannick Utech



Whanaungatanga
Council Leader
Makenna Krum

Congratulations to Our Latest Selwyn SILver Award Winners

It was our pleasure at the first whole school assembly this year to present **Mitzi Janes** and **Molly O'Leary** with their Selwyn SILver medals for their Service Involvement and Leadership.

These two students deserve particularly special praise as they achieved this very special award after just two years at Selwyn.



Mitzi Janes



Molly O'Leary

Since an increasing number of students are gaining the points and achieving this prestigious award earlier and earlier during their time at Selwyn we have decided to introduce another even more special incentive – which is detailed below. We look forward to presenting the first Selwyn Star Award very soon!



The Selwyn STAR Award

- Students can start gaining points towards their Selwyn Star Award as soon as they have achieved their SILver.
- All activities must be Selwyn-related.
- The guideline is 20 hours per activity.
- 1 point for each service and involvement.
- 2 points for each leadership role.
- To achieve the STAR Award students require 10 points.



THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Congratulations to Two Selwyn Sporting Stars

During the holidays these two Selwyn students achieved wonderful sporting success and deserve our special recognition.

James Bowler is a karting star! In the NZ Superkart Championship, James finished 2nd in the Rotax Max Light class for senior competitors, aged 15+ and won the final in a field of 22 senior Rotax karts. He then followed this up with another second place at the Superkart meeting in January in the same Rotax Max Light Senior class.



Ben McLean is an archery star! In the Southern Hemisphere Stage of the Indoor Archery Series held in Sydney, Ben competed in the Men's Open Division. Out of the 41 competitors Ben came 4th overall against a strong field which included Olympic and Commonwealth Games champions. This is an amazing achievement!



IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Coronavirus - Latest Advice

This is the latest advice we have received from the Ministry of Education via the Ministry of Health which we have emailed all our families:

For any student who has recently been to Wuhan or Hubei province, or has been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, we encourage the parent/caregiver of the student to delay the start of their school year for 14 days and stay home.

Community Education - Think Talk

The Race Relations Commissioner to Speak!

The Race Relations Commissioner will open the 2020 Community Education 'Think Talk' series by discussing the current inequities in NZ and what the Treaty of Waitangi means in today's context. He will discuss the concept of equity and supporting communities to include change and the value of applying a human rights lens to achieve harmonious relations.

Tuesday 18 February 7.30pm - 8.30pm - Registrations essential by calling: 09 521 9625

Admission by Koha

Upcoming Events in Term 1

Year 9 Parent Information Evening and BBQ: 6.15pm	Wednesday 5 Feb
Waitangi Day	Thursday 6 Feb
House Athletics Day - Mt Smart Stadium	Tuesday 11 Feb
Year 9 Camps	17 - 21 Feb
Student/Mentor/Parent Goal Setting Meetings - all day - NO CLASSES RUNNING	Thursday 5 March
Parents NCEA Evening - 7.00pm—Library	Thursday 12 March
Kapa Haka Camp - Orakei Marae	14-20 March
Musical Camp	14-19 March
Polyfest	18-21 March
Lumino Dentist on site	23 Mar - 9 Apr
Open Evening: 6.45pm starting in the School Theatre	Thursday 26 March
Fame Musical	28 March - 4 April
Enrolment Days for 2021	30 March—1 April
Parent - Student Careers Presentation—School Theatre: 6.30pm	Tuesday 7 April
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 9 April

INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 9 PARENTS

A reminder that we are hosting a BBQ and Information Evening for **all Year 9 Parents** next Wednesday 6th February starting at 6.15pm in the Staff Courtyard.

If you are dropping your student off or picking them up please avoid coming into the staff parking area in front of the school.