

Tena Koutou Katoa

### Totara Learning Centre Students have their Best Time Ever in Rotorua!

As the photos show, our Totara Learning Centre students have had another amazing trip to Rotorua. In fact, this is the fourth time they have visited and this time and it really was .... 'simply the best'!

The students travelled from Auckland to Paeroa for a drink of L and P under the iconic bottle. Then they stopped for a quick foot spa in Te Aroha and onto Keswick Camp in Rotorua. The staff enjoyed watching the students re-acquainting themselves with the place and the people.

Highlights were the trip to the Agrodome, where our young people practiced their milking and lamb feeding skills. They also thoroughly enjoyed Trick Art, where they posed in the 3D art works and were photographed. Of course, no trip to Rotorua is complete without a soak in the pools and a trip up the gondola and down the luge!





## Maddie Grigg is a Selwyn Star!

Maddie Grigg in Year 11 has been selected as co-captain for her Auckland Under15 White Lacrosse team for the tournament in Cambridge this weekend. A huge congratulations to Maddie.

*This is what is written about her on the Auckland Lacrosse Facebook site:*

**Madison is a midfielder from Selwyn College. She is a very versatile player and makes an impact on the game at both ends of the field! With her fierce hustle, speed, and killer feeds she is for sure one to watch during the U15 tournament!**



## Introducing Some New Staff



### Christina Davies - Teacher of English

Hi everyone I am Christina Davies and I have just joined the English team pretty much straight from the UK. I have over 10 years experience working in secondary education and have been lucky enough to teach both English and Drama.

I have moved over from Bristol with my fiancé and our French Bulldog, Smudge. We are both very excited about being here in New Zealand and getting to know Auckland and the surrounding areas.

I enjoy performing and going to the theatre and I cannot wait to see Selwyn students perform in school shows and concerts. I have already enjoyed the last couple of weeks and I am looking forward to working with and getting to know you all.



### Brian Shelly - Director of Sport

My name is Brian Shelley and I have been involved in professional sport for over 10 years. I have had various roles in sport in multiple countries.

I am very excited about my role at Selwyn College as sport has grown considerably over the last few years.

I look forward to building on that success and ensuring the students have a sporting program to be proud of.

## Celebrating Our Music Students

Last week's Music Showcase was a truly outstanding event celebrating the wonderful talents of our students and growth in our Co-curricular Music programme in particular. Our Director Rachel Larcombe can certainly be proud of the transformation she is achieving in Selwyn Music and we are hugely proud of her. Here are a sample of photos from the night.



*The Selwyn College Band, conducted by Rachel Larcombe*



*Clarinet players—this is the instrument we are hoping to buy With the proceeds of the Music Showcase - students usually learn the clarinet first, then progress to the saxophone.*



*Some of the Guitar Ensemble, tutored by John McNab*



*Above: some of the Jazz Combo, tutored by Alex Freer*

*Opposite photo: Singer/songwriter Jess Smith, singing her award winning “I’m Here, You’re There” (she was top solo artist at the Auckland Smokefree Rockquest*



*The trombone face-off during “What is Hip?” by Tower of Power, as the Selwyn Jazz Band gave the evening a stirring finale.*



## A Foundation Era Alumni Celebration

Recently some of our Foundation Era Alumni gathered at the school for an afternoon catch-up. The group included Peter Pitcaithly and his wife Diane. Peter is the son of the first Principal of Selwyn, Ngata Pitcaithly, after whom our new English building is named. Both Peter and Diane are members of the Selwyn College (Auckland) Foundation Trust which is a charitable trust which promotes the advancement of education at the school for current and future students through seeking donations and other funding.



### TERM 3 KEY DATES

- Friday 21 September - L3 Drama Production - 7.00pm
- Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 September - L1 Drama Production - 6.00pm
- Friday 28 September - **Last day of Term 3**

### TERM 4 KEY DATES

- Monday 15 October— **First day of Term 4**
- Thursday 18 October—Sports Awards 6.30pm
- Tuesday 23 October—Arts Awards 6.30pm
- Thursday 1 November—Senior Prizegiving 7.00pm

## ABOUT TIME WE TALKED

A evening of real conversations with parents and teenagers about sex, relationships and social media.

Date and time—Monday 24 September 6.15pm—9.00pm

Location—Studio One Toi Tu, 1 Ponsonby Road, Auckland

Tickets available online—\$5.93—\$16.63

For more information here is the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/about-time-we-talked-tickets-49803320071?aff=eivtefrnd>



### Selwyn Community Education Courses

School Holiday Courses	Start
'GetReal' - 9am to 4pm	8-12 Oct
This new 5 day programme provides fun ways for kids to understand relevant social and environmental topics and enjoy making positive changes in the world and in the lives of others. Limited places—book early	
Other Holiday Courses	
Aspiring Young Cooks	1 Oct
Open your Eyes to Drama	1 Oct
Sewing for Children 9-12 years old	2 Oct
Making Christmas Wreaths	4 Oct
Fundamentals of Filmmaking for 11-14 year olds	8 Oct
Flight and Rocketry	10 Oct

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