

Tena Koutou Katoa

Celebrating International Womens' Day Friday 8th March



Today, Rochelle Ulrich and Year 13 student Bridgit Smerdon represented Selwyn College at the International Women's Day morning tea hosted by The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy at Government House.

A number of leading women spoke about the barriers female leaders face. Whilst recognising that New Zealand has some amazing women leaders in a wide variety of fields, we still have a long way to go to achieve a better balance of gender in leadership. Personal and compelling stories were shared by each of the speakers about how they overcame self-doubt and obstacles on their journeys to become outstanding leaders in their fields. All acknowledged the support of others in achieving their successes. Vanessa Stoddart, Chair of Global Women Board, provided a great reminder that we cannot all be Wonder Woman but we can all be 'Wonderful Women' and urged everyone to support each other to soar to success.

Tomorrow's Schools Review Report

Further to last week's newsletter, the following link takes you to a report and other material about the review and provides an opportunity for you to have your say. There are eight key issues and a number of recommendations – not all of which would be expected to happen. Therefore, it is important that parents have their say in the survey provided.

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

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Selwyn's New Waka Ama Team Soars to Success

Just a couple of seconds separated out our new Selwyn Girls' U16 Waka Ama Team from their rivals at the Secondary School Waka Ama Regionals which were held at the local Orakei Basin this week. Our girls' placed 2nd overall for both of their race finals. Given that this was the first year that the team had entered the competition, this is an amazing example of 'soaring'.

Congratulations to Gracie-Mal Makoare-Watene, Cumorah Pihema, Maia Royal, Lucy Jordan, Sariah Pihema, Jasmine Rota, Alex Baritsky-Shepherd and Tiana Manarangi-Brown, their coach Corey Harriman and their Team Manager Monique Pihema for their hard work and dedication to training in the four weeks leading up to the event as well.



Huge Support for our 2019 Pasifika Student Group

It is a pleasure to let our Pasifika parents know that our Pasifika students group which is focused on academic support and raising achievement is being hugely well attended. They have established a Homework Centre which is running every Wednesday after school until 5pm. Furthermore, cultural workshops are being planned to help Pasifika students to stay connected with their cultures, to get inspired and to promote positive cultural identity amongst all. The teacher liaison for this group is our wonderful Science teacher Liziana Fa'asolo.



Ellen Carter Soars Again



A decisive win for Ellen

Once again huge praise and congratulations go to Ellen Carter who won the 100 metre final at the Eastern Zones in 12.61 seconds this week! Fantastic work Ellen!



Jaden Merlo Soars amongst the Best

A huge congratulations to Jaden who has just been selected for the New Zealand Junior Mens' Team (U19) for Inline Hockey. The team are off to represent our country in Barcelona at the end of June and we wish Jaden all the very best!



Introducing Sophie Skinner - Teacher of Mathematics

I am really enjoying the warm welcome to Selwyn from both students and staff. I teach in the Maths department and this is my first teaching job in NZ. I trained as a teacher in London and worked in schools there for five years. It's really interesting exploring the differences and similarities of the schools in the two countries. I also love all things sport and used to compete in the Heptathlon.

Do You Have Unwanted Musical Instruments?

Can you help our students?

Selwyn College Co-Curricular Music is continuing to flourish and we have students wanting to learn musical instruments but our stocks are running low. Once students are at a suitable level, they are encouraged to play in the concert band, jazz band, jazz combo..... which is something we want to continue fostering at Selwyn.

If anyone has a trumpet, trombone, clarinet, flute or saxophone that is no longer being played / wanted but is in good workable and playable condition and you would like to donate it to the Co-Curricular Music department, please make contact with Rachel Larcombe; Director of Co-Curricular Music.

Email: larcomber@selwyn.school.nz

Important Cricket News – Key Upcoming Fixture

Our Junior Cricket boys have qualified in the top 8 and they take on Howick College this week at Howick with a 12.30pm start.



Selwyn Community Education Courses

A Taste of Things to Come: One Night of Thai Cuisine	11 Mar
The Venice Biennale	12 Mar
A Taste of Things to Come: One Night of Korean Cuisine	18 Mar
Introduction to Flower Photography	18 Mar
Microsoft Excel - Intermediate	18 Mar
Authentic Thai Cooking	19 Mar
Creating a Calmer You	19 Mar
Think Talk: Secrets of a Neuroscientist (Free Talk)	19 Mar
A Mexican Cooking Experience	20 Mar
Lunch with Peta Mathias	24 Mar
Plant Based Cooking	25 Mar
A Taste of Things to Come	25 Mar
Continental Cakes	26 Mar

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

Upcoming Events in Term 1

Kapa Haka Camp - Orakei Marae	11-16 March
ASB Polyfest	13-16 March
Parents NCEA Evening - 7.00pm— Library	14 March
Lumino Dentist on site	25 Mar - 11 Apr
Open Evening: 6.45pm start in the School Theatre	28 March
Hair Musical	30 Mar- 6 Apr
Enrolment Days for 2020	1-3 April
Last Day of Term 1	12 April

'Hair' - the American Tribal Love-Rock Musical follows a young group of hippies fighting the establishment, dodging the drafts, getting high, living and loving in New York City. It's 1967: the Vietnam War is raging and the Age of Aquarius is dawning. Claude, his best friend Berger, their roommate Sheila, and their Tribe of friends struggle to balance the demands of the harsh and violent world with their dream for a more beautiful and peaceful world. When Claude receives his draft notice, he must decide whether to join his friends in resisting the draft, or bow to the pressures of society and his conservative parents, thereby sacrificing his ideals and, possibly, his life. Hair was a sensation when it premiered in 1967, as it brought the counterculture movement into the theatre and the national spotlight. The issues the show brings up -- alienation, civil disobedience, youthful defiance -- continue to timelessly resonate today.

"Come with an open mind, and an open heart, and be ready to have a lot of fun."

