



Tena Koutou Katoa

Selwyn Celebrates Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2020



At Selwyn, we have joined the celebration of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori which began on Monday 14 September. This year's theme is 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' which means 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

On 14 September 1972, 30,000 signatures were presented to Parliament, asking for Te reo Māori to be taught in schools. In recognition of this significant milestone, at 12pm last Monday, Selwyn joined the country in celebrating [Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori | The Māori Language Moment](#) which had the goal of having 1 million people speaking, singing and celebrating te reo Māori at the same time! Students and staff were encouraged to greet each other in Te Reo Maori. We also held an inter-House Te Reo Maori Quiz.

Furthermore, all week there have been break-time activities such as card games for students and staff to get involved and build their mastery of this official language of Aotearoa/New Zealand.



A big thank you to our parents and whanau members for your generosity in making masks for our students.

Fabulous Student Uptake of Our NCEA Support Programme

At the start of this week, I emailed all senior students and their parents outlining the steps we are taking to support our seniors to achieve their NCEA academic goal(s) in this disrupted year. This included how to access each individual's **NCEA Tracking and Signoff Sheet on Spider** and that students are being emailed a **weekly NCEA Catch up and Support Programme** which identifies when additional teacher and teacher aide support is available to help them in their various subjects. If you haven't had the time to read the email I sent you, I urge you to do so, as leaving arrangements are being done differently this year.

As the following two photos show, we are very pleased with the level of student uptake of the additional support on offer.



Basketball at Its Best

Although Covid-19 has delivered a curve ball to inter-school basketball competitions, a fantastic spectacle of basketball was held in our stadium on Wednesday afternoon. Our two premier basketball teams who are both unbeaten in their own Auckland Competition played each other.

U17A with Coach Dan Hawkins and U19A with Coach Connor Woodbridge played a hard fought out game. The skills on show were amazing and a credit to both teams! They were ultra-competitive but at the same time, played with incredible Selwyn spirit. People described it as a 'just a joy to watch'.

In the end, our U17A team came away with the win but the brilliant culture of Selwyn basketball was the biggest winner.

Left to right back row

Daniel Hawkins (Coach U17A), Yannick Utech, Ben Fleming, Ngature Hughes, Ben Craig, Daniel Tialban, Ryan Woodbridge, Sinipata Tuakoi, Dakbai Alok and Connor Woodbridge (coach U19A)

Left to right front row

Rushil Kumar, Leo Van Druten, River Drefsers, Raph Vilorio, Tommy Worth, Barri Merimo-Antebi, Flynn Kake, Aminiasi Siaki-Tatafu and front Ryan Taei





A Winning 'Creation from words'

Our warm congratulations to Year 13 student Tenaya Smerdon whose work has been selected as a finalist for the Wallace Secondary School Art Awards. There are entries submitted to this competition from a huge number of schools so Tenaya's work entitled 'Creation from words' is clearly exceptional. Well done!



Introducing 'Lunchtimes Live'

Last Friday we had our very first 'Lunchtimes Live' concert in the atrium of the Arts Block. Natalia George (Music Leader) explains:

The concept is designed to provide an opportunity for students to share their talents with others through a series of break-time concerts. We had been trying to get these concerts going for some time now but the lockdowns kept getting in the way. We are excited that we have finally got there! There was a great turnout to support our talented performers: a composition by year 11 student Kona Yanagisawa which was performed by the saxophone trio; singer Grace Knell; dancer Xanthe Best; and pianist Alexander Botha. Thanks to fellow music leader Max Small, Mrs Larcombe, and the Arts Council and we are looking forward to the next concert.



Seeking Junior Volleyball Coaches

We are looking for Volleyball Coaches for our Junior Boys' and Girls' teams. Training will be on a Wednesday morning with the games taking place on a Thursday after school at various venues around Auckland. You will need a full current driving licence to drive the team to and from games. Remuneration is \$25-\$35 a session, depending on experience. if you are interested, please contact our Director of Sport Nic Slade at sladen@selwyn.school.nz

SHOWCASE

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FRIDAY
25TH
SEPTEMBER
7PM
ENTRY BY
DONATION
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JAZZ BAND.
COMPOSITION
PREMIERS.
CONCERT BAND.
CHOIR.
SAXOPHONE
QUARTET.
JAZZ COMBO...

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Selwyn Community Education Courses

School Holiday Classes	Start Date	Start Time	End Time
Aspiring Young Cooks (8-12 Years)	28 Sept	09:00 AM	01:30 AM
Aspiring Young Cooks (8-12 Years)	8 October	09:00 AM	01:30 AM
Creating Your Own Cartoons (7-12 Years)	2 October	10:00 AM	04:00 PM
Creative Hand Lettering for Children (8-12 Years)	1 October	10:00 AM	03:00 PM
Design a Driverless Car (8-12 Years)	6 October	09:30 AM	04:00 PM
Drawing REAL Animals with Sandra Morris	29 Sept	10:00 AM	03:00 PM
Get Real: Art for a Cause	30 Sept	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Get Real: Cooking for a Cause	29 Sept	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Get Real: Crafting for a Cause	28 Sept	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Get Real: Drama for a Cause	2 October	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Get Real: Growing for a Cause	1 October	09:00 AM	04:30 PM
Origami for Children (8-12 Years)	9 October	10:00 AM	02:00 PM
Sewing for Children (9-12 Years)	8 October	09:00 AM	03:00 PM
Soap Making for Children	7 October	09:00 AM	12:00 PM
Think Talk: Political Marketing in the 2020 US Presidential Election	29 Sept	07:30 PM	08:30 PM

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