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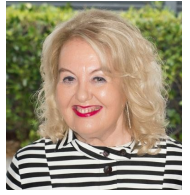
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Tena Koutou Katoa

## Thank you Te Whanau Awhi!

The staff and students at Selwyn would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the parents on our PTA (Te Whanau Awhi) who helped fundraise for the magnificent sail and stylish seating that have been installed in front of our new Arts Learning Centre. As the photo shows, the sail features our wonderful **Selwise** image, which captures the key components of learning at Selwyn.

The funds were raised at one of the annual PTA Quiz nights so in effect, many people in our school community contributed. We hope to add more sails in the future.





## New Zealand Author Ted Dawe Inspires Selwyn Students

Thanks to the New Zealand Book Council, with the support of Creative NZ #writersinschools, this week Selwyn hosted one of our country's most important authors **Ted Dawe** to run a writing seminar and workshop for nearly forty Year 10 students. Firstly, they learnt about Ted Dawe's career - how he became a writer, his struggles, his successes and of course, his passion for writing. Then they proceeded to do their own writing on the topic of loyalty. The students declared that learning from Ted was an inspirational opportunity. Many intend to join our Creative Writing Club to continue their journey as writers.



## Congratulations to Our Year 10 Speech Competition Stars

The standard in this year's Year 10 Speech competition was exceptionally high as the contestants delivered their views on the topic of 'Media, Me and Society'.

Hence, the following winners are **Selwyn Stars**:

Sebastian Shaw (1<sup>st</sup>) Rachel McLachlan (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Lisa Connell (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Congratulations to all our finalists.



Year 10 Speech Competition finalists from left to right: Rachel McLachlan, Aaron Smith, Sebastian Shaw, Georgia Primrose-Hore, Lisa Connell, Lima Faatoina, Lara Whitehead, Neil-Mae Randell.



## Year 10 Advertisers in the Making!

On Tuesday evening the students of 10/1 and 10/2 filled the English block with their colourful advertising campaigns. The students had been working in groups to produce a campaign which raised awareness for an environmental issue using various types of advertising. The campaigns covered issues ranging from reducing plastic waste, to using electric cars, to the effects of sunscreen on the ocean. They presented all sorts of videos, games, websites and pamphlets to the parents and at the end of the evening a vote was held to determine the most persuasive campaign. Congratulations to Youth Transport, Kung Food Fighters, and the Stop Overpackaging groups for taking out the evening!



### Celebrating Chinese Language Week

The Chinese Language was celebrated throughout the country this week, including at Selwyn College. Our students of the Chinese language put on some stunning performances to an enthusiastic audience.

Ms O'Conner's favourite comment from amongst the audience was; *"This is really amazing! We don't often get to see this!"*



### 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



## Selwyn Rock Climber Soar Again



Selwyn student **Miles Hallam** recently competed in the Auckland Schools' Rock Climbing Competition. He got through to the finals and won the Year 8/9/10 boys (intermediate boys) competition!

There was only 3 seconds between first and second places, so well done Miles!

## Selwyn Lacrosse Students Soar in Lacrosse

Congratulations to the following students on their performances in the Lacrosse National tournament. **Georgia Primrose-Hore** played in the Auckland Blue (A) Under 15 team who won the final 10-4 against a strong Waikato side. They remained undefeated throughout the tournament. Georgia was also given the coach's game ball due to her strong attacking and defence skills in the goal circle and also scoring three goals in one of the qualifying games. Auckland White (B) finished the tournament in fourth place. Maddie Grigg (Co Captain) and Rosa Elliott both played brilliantly in this team. Rosa's defence was outstanding, especially as this has been her first season ever in Lacrosse.



*Georgia Primrose-Hore*



*Georgia's Auckland Blue Team*

## Congratulations Angelina Lloyd-Bryant



Angelina has been selected by Dressage New Zealand to attend a Dressage Talent ID Clinic in Taupo. At this clinic she and her horse will train with National Coaches and she will also receive individual coaching in physical fitness and psychological preparation for competition.

Angelina deserves huge praise on her selection to attend this camp as it recognises her talent and potential as a young NZ dressage rider.



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## An Amazing Experience for Alexander Botha

Our Year 11 student Alexander Botha is a member of the AYO and he recently returned from an amazing experience in Europe. 2018 is a very special year for the AYO (Auckland Youth Orchestra) as it is their 70th birthday. To celebrate this, the orchestra went on a tour around Europe representing New Zealand at an international Youth Festival in Berlin and the Young Artists Festival in Bayreuth.

Alexander enjoyed specialist tutoring from several professionals, such as the JS Bach Music School in Vienna and the Slovenia National Orchestra in Dobrna. Some of the Slovenia National Orchestra players joined the tour group and the trombone player was a tutor for Alexander during the tour.

He played in amazing concert halls and churches to sold out audiences around Europe, including Vienna, Dobrna, Prague, Berlin, Bayreuth and Tübingen. All concerts received standing ovations. Another highlight was meeting the New Zealand Ambassador Rupert Holborow after their performance in the Konzerthaus Berlin. Well done Alexander! We are proud of you.



*Alexander Botha is on the left.*





## Year 13 Drama Students Soar in their Final Selwyn Performance

Last week our Year 13 Drama students presented their final Selwyn performance, **REVENGE of the AMAZONS** by Jean Betts & William Shakespeare.

Playwright Jean Betts wrote, "Revenge of the Amazons was written for fun in 1983, mostly to provide more comic parts for women, and a better share of the famous lines. Much as I liked Shakespeare, I knew I wasn't the only one a bit fed up with the fact that his plays are overwhelmingly bloke-ridden, and I felt it was time for a little judicious script editing." So our Yr 13 class and their teacher Duncan Allan, after reflecting on equality in the Arts in the current world climate, decided the time was right to revisit this pantomime romp through a feminist Shakespearean's dream. The audience was asked to leave their prejudices outside and join the talented cast & crew for a mid-80's new romantic/punk inspired dream.



Feedback from the audiences was outstanding; "Best Shakespeare I've ever seen", "I just loved it. So relevant, so topical & so hilarious." "Outstanding talent and energy from the entire cast".

*"We've got the right to choose it - There ain't no way we'll lose it*



*This is our life, this is our song"*

"Revenge of the Amazons" was proud to be a part of the Suffrage 125 national event programme



## Annual Sports Award Dinner

ALL WELCOME

THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER

GET YOUR TICKETS FROM THE STUDENT  
OFFICE BEFORE THEY SELL OUT

If you would like to attend the sports awards dinner you should go into Spider, Pay student fees and go to the optional payments section to choose the sports awards dinner tickets. If this is not visible please email Clare Linzey on [linzeyc@selwyn.school.nz](mailto:linzeyc@selwyn.school.nz).



Selwyn Community Education Courses

### WANTED—12 WARM BLANKETS BY MONDAY 1 OCT

Children will be converting these into ponchos for people who have no homes during the course "Crafting for a Cause" Ph Anne at Com Ed on 521 9625

#### 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

See our website [www.selwyncomed.school.nz](http://www.selwyncomed.school.nz)  
for details and enrolling or phone 521 9623