

Enviroschools students show off their achievements



Springston School Enviroschool members Maya (left) and Kaylee (right) with their worm farm

Twelve schools from around Canterbury recently participated in a student-led tour of three Selwyn schools who are part of the Enviroschools programme.

Enviroschools Canterbury Coordinator Andrea Taylor says the tour provided an opportunity for young people to share their success with others.

“Providing an opportunity for young people to plan and lead a tour connects and strengthens the Enviroschool network as well as inspiring other school communities to become more sustainable. These tours are a great example of ‘empowered students’ which is a guiding principle of the Enviroschools programme.”

Enviroschools gives children and young adults the opportunity to learn about eco-systems and create their own projects that benefit the environment.

Reducing waste and recycling is a focus of the programme and fruit and vegetables from the gardens are either sold to the community with the money going back into their Enviroschools programme, or used in the schools for cooking classes.

Enviroschools help build knowledge about sustainability, and help children and young adults develop leadership skills and work together on environmentally sustainable projects within the school and the community.

The programme in Selwyn is delivered in partnership with Environment Canterbury, Selwyn District Council and the Department of Conservation, who provide funding for the programme.

The tour showcased environmental projects that students from Ladbrooks, Springston and Broadfield Schools brainstormed, designed, and implemented as a part of the Enviroschools programme.

This was the second Enviroschools tour in Selwyn, and future tours will be held once every two years.

Teachers and students had the opportunity to view Enviroschool worm farms, rainwater collection, scrapmetal recycling, artworks, edible gardens, an insect habitat, and the first stages of riparian restoration. Students who had worked on these projects were able to guide their visitors around their school and explain their projects to them.

Easter hours for Council services

Rubbish and recycling collections that normally take place on Good Friday 3 April will now take place on Saturday 4 April. Please have your bins out by 7.30am. Collections will occur as normal on Easter Monday.



Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed on Good Friday but open from 10am-4pm on the weekend of Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April and Easter Monday.

Selwyn District Council offices and libraries are closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Libraries are open with normal hours on Saturday 4 April.

Lincoln Event Centre and Rolleston Community Centre are closed Good Friday and Easter Monday but open Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April with normal hours.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre is open from 8am-8pm over Easter weekend (from Good Friday until Easter Monday).

Water Restrictions lifted for most areas

Lawn watering restrictions in place for Doyleston, Kirwee, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton and Rolleston have now been lifted, but remain for West Melton and Springfield

The restrictions have been lifted as recent rain has helped reduce the demand for water, and water use is expected to be less during autumn as the weather becomes cooler than in the summer. While residents in these townships can now water their lawns and gardens at any time of the day, the Council still encourages people to consider watering after 9pm and before 6am as this is the time of lowest demand for water and provides the best opportunity for water to soak into the ground, reducing the amount of water needed for irrigation.

Lawn watering restrictions remain in place in Springfield and West Melton, and mean that properties connected to these supplies can't water lawns between 6am-9am and from 4pm-9pm until restrictions are lifted.

In West Melton, several months of low rainfall have depleted groundwater levels. The Council is asking residents to reduce water use in order to avoid more stringent watering restrictions being introduced. While Council infrastructure has the capacity to supply West Melton with more water, the Council like other resource consent holders, has limitations imposed on water use through the consent conditions imposed by Environment Canterbury which it must comply with.

In Springfield, water is drawn from the Kowhai River and treated to supply the town. This river is experiencing low flows due to the dry weather of previous months and water restrictions remain in place.

In Doyleston, a second pipe has now been constructed which connects the town's reservoir to the pipeline supplying the town from Leeston. This is helping to provide Doyleston with more constant water pressure. In Leeston an upgrade to the well will soon start which will provide both Leeston and Doyleston townships water supplies with more capacity.

One additional bore will also be developed to supply Lincoln and another to supply Prebbleton later this year. In Rolleston, two new bores will come online this year to provide extra capacity. A fourth bore is planned to be added to the existing three bores supplying West Melton as part of the Whitfield subdivision.

Selwyn looks towards '25

Consultation on Selwyn District Council's draft Long Term Plan will start next week.

The plan sets out what the Council is proposing to do over the next ten years, how the Council is planning to fund projects and how much rates will be.

Consultation opens on 2 April, with submissions closing at 5pm on **Monday 4 May**. Copies of the submission form and consultation document for our Long Term Plan (called *Towards '25*) will be available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz and at Selwyn libraries from 2 April.

Hearings on the draft plan will be held on 21 and 22 May and the Council will then adopt the plan, with any changes as a result of submissions in late June.



Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive Rolleston
Ph 347 2800 or 318 8338

Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880 or 318 8338

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2800

Notices

Mobile Library Timetable

Wednesday 25 March

Southbridge Playcentre
9.40-10am
Rakaia Huts 10.15-11.05am
Southbridge School
11.20am-12.40pm

Thursday 26 March

Ladbroke School 12.40-1.40pm
Prebbleton Tavern 4-6pm

Monday 30 March

Upper Selwyn Huts
10.15-10.45am
Prebbleton Child Care
11.45am-12.15pm

Tuesday 31 March

Dunsandel Playcentre
10.10-10.30am
Dunsandel Hall 10.30-11.15am
Dunsandel School
11.20am-12.10pm
Burnham Preschool 12.30-1pm



Dog Microchipping

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires them to be microchipped. This free monthly service is available on Friday 27 March at:

- Lincoln - 9-9.30am
- Darfield - 11.30am-12pm

- Rolleston -12.45-1.15pm

Please note:

- All clinics last for only half an hour
- The Leeston clinic has been cancelled this month
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive, other locations are outside libraries
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.



Public Notice by the Minister of Education

Partially Operative Selwyn District Plan, Section 173, Resource Management Act 1991.

Under section 172(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 Selwyn District Council has received a decision from the Minister of Education on the Notice of Requirement for the alteration to Clearview Primary School.

The decision is to designate an additional 1.285 hectares of land, in Rolleston immediately north of, and adjacent to, the existing

Clearview Primary School for educational purposes.

The decision on the Notice of Requirement may be inspected during opening hours at the Council's service centres or libraries or viewed on the Council's website at www.selwyn.govt.nz/clearview.

Rights of Appeal on this decision are outlined in Section 174 of the Act but are only available to the Council, submitters and the land owner. Appeals must be lodged with the Environment Court within 15 working days of this notice of decision.

Any questions on the process or the decision can be directed to Andrew Mactier at Selwyn District Council on 347 2802.

Community Board Funding

Funding grants are available from the Malvern and Selwyn Central Community Boards, to support individuals, teams and organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in Selwyn.

Funding is also available for Ellesmere and Springs wards. Detailed information on funding criteria and application forms are available at: www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding.

For further information contact the Council Secretary on 347 2800.

Meetings

Public Forums: *Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Bernadette Ryan (Council), Kate Anderson (Community Boards) or your local committee at least three days before the meeting.*
Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: *To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Tuesday the week before publication.*

Council and Community Boards

Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Council Meeting

Wed 25 Mar 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 1 Apr 3pm

Industrial Park Project Team

Thurs 2 Apr 10am

Izone Visitors Centre

Because of commercially

sensitivity, the public may be excluded from part of or all of the meeting. Enquiries to Douglas Marshall

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 7 April 1pm

Council Meeting

Wed 8 Apr 1pm

The meeting is followed by a Citizenship Ceremony at 6.30pm which is open to the public

Local Committees/Associations

Darfield Community Committee

Wed 8 Apr 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

Tue 7 April 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre

Dunsandel Community Committee

Wed 25 Mar 7.30pm
Dunsandel Sports Centre

Hororata Citizens Committee

Tue 24 Mar 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 1 Apr 7.30pm
Hororata Reserve Admin Building

Kimberley Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 31 Mar 8pm, Kimberley Hall

Leeston Park Association

Mon 30 Mar 8pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

Wed 25 Mar 7.30pm
Lincoln Events Centre

Springfield Township Committee

Tue 7 Apr 7.30pm, Tawera Hall
Springston Hall Committee

Thurs 2 Apr 7.30pm
Springston Hall

Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.

Wed 1 Apr 7.30pm
Tai Tapu Library

West Melton Community Centre Committee

Tue 31 Mar 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

West Melton Residents Association

Wed 8 Apr 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

Creative communities funding

Applications for Creative New Zealand Creative Communities funding are now open.

The fund can be used to support projects or activities that encourage community involvement, support diverse arts and cultural traditions, or enable young people to actively participate in the arts.

In the past, Creative Communities grants have funded exhibitions, productions, concerts, festivals, workshops and presentations that offer opportunities for community involvement in the arts. Funding can also support artist-led projects involving local communities, materials, promotion of arts activities, or personnel costs for one-off, short term projects.

Applications close **Friday 15 May 2015.**

For information about criteria, contact Stuart Westoby at the Council on 03 347 2708, or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz.



The Lincoln Women's Institute Entertainment Group is one of many local groups to receive Creative Communities funding. Here groups members performing at the Senior Citizens Concert at Lincoln

Leeston Library & Service Centre
High Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2820 or 318 8338

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2875 or 318 8338

(03) 347 2800

Darfield call free 318 8338

www.selwyn.govt.nz



Selwyn Events

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WEDNESDAY

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MARCH

Summer Skate Jam

Rolleston Skate Park, 4-6pm

Family fun with music, prizes, a sausage sizzle and free lessons and gear hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool

WEDNESDAY

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MARCH

Helping migrants achieve their dreams

Lincoln Event Centre, 10am

Ellesmere U3A presents Taz Mukorombindo CEO of the Canterbury Business Association. He will talk about his experience moving from Zimbabwe and setting up a charity to connect migrants with organisations and help them become self employed

THURSDAY

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MARCH

Understanding Epilepsy

Lincoln & Districts Community Care, 16 Lyttleton Street, 1.30pm

A free seminar on what epilepsy is, what causes it, how to manage seizures and what triggers them, medication and life style issues. To RSVP phone 0800 epilepsy

THUR - SAT

26-28

MARCH

Earth Hour events

Events include a debate on New Zealand's biosecurity with Kim Hill and panellists, an opportunity to view Earth Hour video competition entries, a candle lit barn dance at Lincoln and a candle lit dinner at Darfield, and skywatching at RF Joyce Memorial Observatory at West Melton. See www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz



FRIDAY

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MARCH

Health in New Zealand

Lincoln & Districts Community Care, 16 Lyttleton Street
5.30-8.30pm

A free session for international people living in Selwyn. Learn about accessing services, vaccinations, entitlements and accident prevention. Bring some food to share with others

SATURDAY

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MARCH

Introduction to Bonsai techniques

Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, 10am

An introductory workshop on bonsai tree growing. The gardens are located on James Street, behind the hospital. Gold coin donation appreciated. For information phone 325 2193

For more events in Selwyn visit
www.selwyn.govt.nz/events