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Learn something new in 2017

If your New Year's resolution includes getting active, learning a new skill or improving your education, your local library or community centre is a great place to visit.

You can learn one of 72 languages for free through Selwyn District Libraries' Mango Languages online learning tool. Mango allows you to learn about the culture of your chosen language, vocabulary, pronunciation and grammar from its native speakers and also includes a translation tool. To access this service visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz and type 'Mango' in the search box on the home page. To log on to Mango you need your library card number and your library PIN (personal identification number). Please contact the library if you need your PIN reset. Once you've created a Mango language account you can download an app from Google Play or iTunes and use this on your iPad or Android tablet while you're on holiday.

If you want to expand your skillset or your mind, local libraries have a range of books and magazines on a wide range of topics including craft, cooking, technology, history, gardening and many others. Selwyn District Libraries also have a free electronic magazine service called Zinio (see www.selwynlibrary.co.nz/ecollections) which lets you read more than 70 popular magazine titles on your PC, phone or tablet – so you can travel light while on holiday.

Term 1 classes start at Lincoln Event Centre and Rolleston Community Centre from mid-January onwards. Classes include baby gym and mini gym for pre-schoolers at both centres and a little feet dancers movement class at Lincoln Event Centre. Both centres have basketball and skate classes for children and fitness classes for adults including yoga, spin, pump, Zumba and Tai Chi. There are also options for older adults including low impact classes and day club get-togethers. To view term programmes – visit www.lincolneventcentre.co.nz and www.rollestoncommunitycentre.co.nz from 1 January onwards. Local community centres and halls also offer a range of fitness and social classes – check with your local facility for details.

If you're new to Selwyn or want to meet new friends in your neighbourhood in 2017, Selwyn District Council's 'Meet your Street' events continue in the New Year. They run on Tuesday evenings from 10 January until the end of March and visit neighbourhoods in Lincoln, Rolleston, Kirwee, Prebbleton, West Melton, Leeston and Darfield. The events are a chance for people to meet their neighbours over a free sausage sizzle in a local park. People can also apply for a small grant to host their own neighbourhood events – see www.selwyn.govt.nz/meetyourstreet for details.

Ends

Photo attached: *Prebbleton residents enjoy the chance to Meet their Street at Farthing Drive reserve earlier this month*

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