



Ipsa Duce

An occasional publication from Kavanagh College

Message from the Principal

Kia ora tātou, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Greetings, and Welcome to our first edition of 'Ipsa Duce' for 2021

We have begun 2021 with a very settled term one. A new strategic plan focussing on ongoing improvement and striving for excellence, has set our theme for 2021 'Striving to be the best version of ourselves'.

The scripture verse from Matthew's Gospel that talks about shining our light rather than hiding it under a bushel, sums up our theme for this year and creates a strong foundation for our new strategic direction which aims for excellence in all areas of our college lives.

Our four goals for our 2021-2025 strategic direction are -

- A Culture of Excellence in a Climate of Faith and Pastoral Care
- A Curriculum that is Fit for Purpose
- Excellence in Learning and Teaching
- Students and Staff Flourish through Wellbeing priorities

Our goal is that everyone in our college will use their gifts fully; bring their best selves to school every day, and aim high in all pursuits, be that academic, cultural

or sports. The job that the Board and I will do is to provide the environment, systems, and structures to allow these things to happen.

The environment at Kavanagh College worked well last year because we have the NCEA, UE and Scholarship results to show this. We received our best results in the last five years and, although 2020 had an impact on senior school learning across New Zealand, Kavanagh College experienced a significant lift across the board and particularly in NCEA Levels 1, 3 and in our UE results. Our results across every level of NCEA and UE were ahead of national decile 8-10 data, with highlights being our boys at Level 1, and boys at UE level surpassing the national data for boys in decile 8-10 schools by a huge 23% and 22% respectively. We were also thrilled to learn that our students gained eight scholarships, with two outstanding scholarships, in last year's scholarship exams.

Ngā mihi nui

by Kate Nicholson



ANZAC DAY 25 April

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who gained excellence endorsements in their NCEA examinations for 2020

These students were acknowledged at the Academic Blues Awards evening held at the **Toitu Otago Settlers Museum** on 9 March. Thank you to our guest speaker Amy Marslin, for her willingness to share her time and expertise

Year 11 - Maliza Alahakoon, Sarah Al-Balushi, Lachlan Allibone, Manaia Barns, Alexander Bello, Hannah Botting, Madison Buckley, Emma Christophers, Molly Colbert, Caoimhe Dowd, Luca Holloway, Mariya Jose, Alison Latawan, Paris Laws, Lucilyn Ongcoy, Katie Pullar, Olive Scurr, Pippa Sherriff, Pari Teli, Gabriel Vink, Guinevere Wilson, Jack Wilson

Year 12 - Jessica Abernethy, Hayley Anderson, Jago Armstrong, Dominic Barlow, Jakira Brophy, Archie Campbell, Stella Caulton, Joshua Chen, Jennifer Cherkun, Meg Christophers, Tobias Devereux, Erika Fairweather, James Gallagher, Alyssa Gamao, Enrique Garcia, Rosa Garlick, Adi Garnett, Liam Gould, Charlotte Hayde, Mickle Jose, Kate Kelly, Oliver King, Hannah Larson, Shimmah Matika, Blythe Middleton, Riley Mortimer, Ella Munro, Sami Perkins, Anna Peyroux, Kahlia Pulham, Annabelle Ring, Emily Shea, Mitchell Stewart, Maria Stoff, Lucas Storm, Lexie Tomlinson, Greta Wallace, Charli White, Katelynn Wink, Hailey Xavier

Year 13 - Travers Bloemsaat, Liberty Bray, Isaac Buhler, Courtney Caulfield, William Frame, Gabriel Gallagher, Zoe Halls, Olivia Hiku, Emily Kerr Bell, Olivia King, Finn Knowles, Rosa Latton, Abbey Mackle, Oscar McConaughy, Kyra McEntyre, Samuel Meikle, Bridget O'Neill, Summer Paulin, Ralph Stewart, Madison Sutherland, Rosa Vaughan, Nicole Whelan, Annalise Wilson, Ryan Wilson, Andrew Wilson, Tsz Wong, Samuel Young

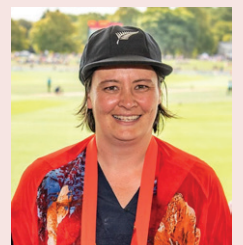
Kee Teo Prize in Mathematics

Congratulations to Tobias Devereux who was awarded the Kee Teo Prize in Mathematics for 2020. This prize is awarded annually to the best undergraduate student enrolled in a second-year mathematics course in distance mode at Massey University.



Top Scholars 2020 from left Andrew Wilson (Y13), Tobias Devereux (Y12) and Olive Scurr (Y11) flank Kavanagh alumni representative Chris Burke.

Congratulations to Totara Whānau Group teacher, Sarah Tsukigawa who was presented with a cap by New Zealand Cricket to recognize her New Zealand representation with the White Ferns.



Year 13 Geo took a trip to Tunnel and Tomahawk Beaches earlier this term to learn about the natural processes that have interacted to create the formation of the beaches.

To help us with our research we measured and graphed the beach profiles, used oranges to record the longshore drift, and counted waves to work out if they were constructive or destructive. We also made observations on the wind processes (aeolian), evidence of erosion, vegetation and the geology of the area.

We bumped into the Year 13 Kings Geographers who were undertaking the same research, and getting equally wet feet as a result of recent erosion at Tunnel Beach. We also managed to get in some world-class cricket and beach volleyball. A big thank you to Mrs Mortimer who came with us and was an invaluable help. And thank you to Cooke Howlison Toyota for the free use of their van.



Seussical

The Kavanagh College Musical for 2021 is Seussical - congratulations to everyone taking part.



Te Tīmatanga – The beginning

A recap of our approach to learning in Year 7 – 9 for 2021.

This is the time to lay foundation stones for your child's learning here at Kavanagh. The skills and capabilities developed in Year 7 - 9 will set them up for learning in the following years.

Whakataukī:

We are driven by the following Whakataukī:

He tina ki runga, he tāmore ki raro

In order to flourish above, one must be firmly rooted below

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7

WHY are we doing this?

We are growing learners who are engaged in authentic learning so that they develop foundational capabilities for their future.

Pastoral Care

We know that strong relationships between students and teachers create fertile ground for excellence in learning. Therefore we have created a structure to ensure that a small number of staff know your children very well and will mentor and advocate for them during their time in Year 7 - 9. Students are in a Whānau Tutor group – a vertical group comprising Year 7 – 9 students and these operate every morning for 15 minutes in the same way that tutor classes operate this year. The Whānau teacher will be the first point of contact for parents. The Whānau group are named after 12 Native Trees. There will be two Deans (Kaiawhina) for these Whānau groups and a Year 7 student will have the same Dean for three years.

At our first Parent -Teacher Meeting we celebrated with the planting of a Miro tree to recognise the development we will be making with our learning which will allow us to flourish as we move through Kavanagh College.



We enjoyed welcoming some new staff into our college at the beginning of the year.

Kalas Taukamo has quickly settled into our staff as a Year 8 Ako (Learning) teacher and is also sharing his basketball gifts with our teams. Adrienne Buckingham has returned to teaching after some time working as a facilitator for the NZ Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience. Adrienne is a very experienced English teacher and is taking good care of Maggie McGarry's classes until Maggie returns from parental leave. It is always nice to have ex-students return to Kavanagh and we were pleased to employ Laura Cooney for a maths and science role. Laura has been teaching for many years at Campion College in Gisborne where she was Head of Maths.

While we enjoy welcoming staff, we are sad to farewell others. At the end of this term, Katrina Kerr-Bell leaves to take up a principalship at St Catherine's College in Wellington. Katrina has been teaching at Kavanagh for nearly 25 years and she has had a big influence on so many past and present students in her various teaching and leadership roles, and through her pastoral care and performing arts influence.

Dave Dougherty has similarly influenced many past and present students and his craftsmanship will be missed in the workshop technology area. Dave is retiring and he is looking forward to more time with family after 25 years at Kavanagh.

Both of these staff have served our college selflessly and we wish them well for their futures.



Kalas Taukamo



Adrienne Buckingham



Laura Cooney



Dave Dougherty



Katrina KerrBell

Volleyball Championships

The Senior A Girls Volleyball team were in Christchurch for the Mainlands Volleyball Champions 2021.

Prior to this we had seeding games to determine which grade we would get into. With some tough losses we managed to get into Division 3 for our trip away.

We stayed at the Jailhouse, which is a backpackers in Addington, Christchurch. We travelled up on Thursday 25th so we could get enough rest for our early 8:30am game on the Friday morning.

We had a total of four games, we managed to win every game. This meant we were placed at the top of our pool with a 8-1 set ratio. However the games on Saturday were a step up from the day before, therefore we lost two games and won one.



Wānanga Rangatire - Year 10 Te Reo Māori Leadership Camp

This year's leadership camp is based around the kaupapa of ngā ara pounamu (greenstone trails). Over the course of this term students from Year 10 Te reo Māori have been learning about this subject and in a beautiful place such as Tāhuna (Glenorchy) this subject comes to life. The Dart River or *Te Awa Whakatipu* at the head of Lake Wakatipu is a rich area of Māori and European history. There are many greenstone trails that begin from this place which follow rivers into the heart of Kā Tiritiri o te Moana (Southern Alps) to the West Coast - where precious pounamu is found. Yesterday, our students retraced the ancient footsteps of tīpuna (ancestors) as we walked an old trail that followed a river called Te Kōmama (Route Burn). At day break we were walking and the goal was to reach Tarahaka Whakatipu (Harris Saddle) which is the highest point on the Routeburn Track (1255m) and return the same way - a distance of 26kms. As the clouds lifted, we arrived at the saddle and were greeted with incredible views of Fiordland National Park including the mighty Darren Mountains. On the return journey we enjoyed a refreshing swim and bombing competition at Forge Flat on the Route Burn. After a very long day we arrived back to the school vans at about 6pm. A huge effort indeed from staff and students!



Highlights of the wānanga (camp) have been riding the gondola, luging and visiting Fear Factory in Queenstown, teaching the students of Glenorchy Primary School haka, waiata and traditional Māori games for the morning on Thursday, walking an ancient greenstone trail, Year 13 mentor student, Melina Lam Cheung's Samoan ghost stories and roasting marshmallows around the campfire, swimming and fishing in Ōturu (Diamond Lake), spotlight, performing the school haka overlooking the Dart River and having good old-fashioned fun with each other!

We have had a very special camp and my sincere thanks to our Year 13s who have been amazing (Hannah Larson, Melina Lam Cheung, Keisha Su'a, Liana Paerata, Jess Evans and Siobhan Stevenson) and thank you also to kaiako Maya Tate-Manning and super camp dad, Mr Rob Lodge. Lastly to the Year 10s (Isaac Tili, Oliver Lodge, Jeremy Meikle, Emma Sharkey, Bella Devereux, Cate Whelan, Layla Pawsey, Chloe Hardie, Anahera Lewis, Sienna Lewis, Ruby de Graaf, Arna van de Klundert, Aila Armstrong, Danny Botting, Joseph Brennan, Jordy Sherriff, Levi Tainui, Elliot Blair, Neveah Aitcheson, Rebekah Vigers, Reihana Kiri and Isabel Castillo, who have been absolutely wonderful - ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! (thank you all!).

Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tō huarahi.

May peace be widespread, may the sea glisten like greenstone, and may the shimmer of light guide you on your way.

A karakia / blessing on all who travel.



Tēnā tātou katoa e ngā whānau

Kapa Haka is up and running this year. Practices are held weekly in the PAD every Tuesday from 3.10pm – 4.10pm. Matua Pesamino Tili and our senior students; Keisha Su'a, Siobhan Stevenson and Piata Rapata-Hanning are leading our practices. In addition to this Matua Lucas and our kapa members are teaching all the year 7-9 akomanga whānau our Kavanagh haka.

We are excited to be learning some new waiata. One of the waiata/ ngeri we are learning was composed by the late Godfrey Pōhatu. Nei te mihi maioha ki ō mātou kaiako o mua. Matua Tili and I are both previous students of Godfrey and Toroa Pōhatu. Our senior students also have great ideas for new waiata. We are also working on getting a new set of poi made for our kapa. New members are welcome. Nau mai, haere mai!



Shakespeare

On Tuesday 30th of March, three teams travelled to Invercargill for the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.

Ellen Redfearn directed Enrique Garcia and Ted Kerr-Bell in a piece from "Twelfth Night". Kate Kelly directed Troy Kubala and Amalie Latton in a piece from "Taming of the Shrew" and Lexie Tomlinson directed Te Kahui Mariu-Boreham and Imogen Sullivan in a piece from "Much Ado About Nothing".

Silver Duke of Edinburgh class

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh class of 2021 had their first tramp of the year in the Silver Peaks, where three students doing their practice for Gold joined them.

We had amazing views for one of the days, but fog for the other two. Students did river crossings, had lunch in a cave and scrambled up and down paths. Students were also doing a camping assessment which will be finished off on their second tramp later in the year.



Kavanagh College held their annual athletics day on Monday 22 February at the Caledonian

We were blessed with fine weather and some great competition.

Congratulations to the two record breakers - **Ola Shittu** in the Under 12 Boys High Jump with a jump of 1.35m, beating the old record which stood since 2002. **Matamatanonofo Taua** also broke her own record in the Under 12 Shot Put with a throw of 9.22m, her previous record was 8.97m. There was also lots of other credible performances throughout the day.



3x3 National Basketball Champs a Great Success



Last Tuesday Year 10 students Daisy Jarvie, Abby Simpson, Sophie Golden, Ryleigh Makiiti, and Aya Oseki headed to Auckland for three and a half days competing in the NZ 3v3 Basketball Nationals.

Ten games later we were tired but very happy to find ourselves in 5th place in the Open Junior Girls' grade.

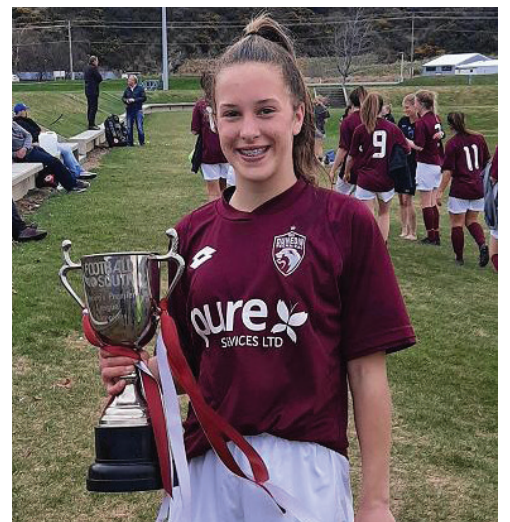
Some highlights of the trip were having the opportunity to play many different teams from all around the country, karaoke in the van, and Ryleigh's buzzer beater!

Georgia Selected in New Zealand U17 Women's Football Camp

Congratulations to Year 11 student Georgia Kennedy who has been selected to attend the New Zealand Under 17 Women's Football camp in Auckland from 27 April - 30 April.

Georgia is one of 34 players selected from throughout the country.

On behalf of the College we wish you all the very best Georgia.



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