



Ipsa Duce



An occasional publication from Kavanagh College

Message from the Principal

Welcome to our end of year publication of Ipsa Duce. We enjoy being able to share a brief overview of some of our significant highlights from the latter part of this year. This year has been complex. People have found different talents and strengths and they were able to take over and support others around them who found this year wasn't their year to shine. You will see that the pandemic has not stopped our young people developing their skills and talents and enjoying the holistic college life we encourage them to have.

Our 'Wall of Fame' in the auditorium foyer has run out of space! Even in the year that has been, when many events and opportunities were cancelled, ten of our students still managed to receive national honours in their chosen field. You will find them listed in this publication.

Having a strong college community and the culture that this creates, is one of the most important taonga a school can have. Achievements and successes are the result of this, and without community and connectedness and a culture within the college that upholds, encourages, and respects everyone in it, team success won't happen, and personal success becomes insignificant.

Whether you have been a leader in our college, one of our longest serving staff, one of our valued support staff and teacher aides, or a board member, maybe a supporter of Kavanagh College from the wider diocese, or someone that values and encourages Catholic education – thank you for what you have done to build our college community this year.

As we make plans for a successful 2021 at Kavanagh College, we will continue to value our community and the powerful part it can play, and we will think about this quote from Michael Jordan – 'Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.'

Have a truly blessed Christmas and a wonderfully restful holiday break.

by Kate Nicholson



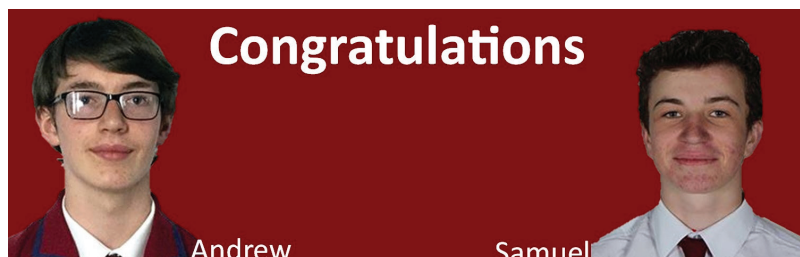
Fairies Isobel McKewen, Ellen Redfearn and Anamika Jones hold Fairy Godmother Travis Bloemsaat, in a break from the Kavanagh Pantomime 'Grinch-19'

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kavanagh's Honours Students 2020

Andrew Wilson (Dux 2020)

1st with Outstanding Achievement in History. 1st= with Outstanding Achievement in English, Chemistry and Physics. Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics with Statistics, Music and Religious Education. General Diligence



Congratulations

Andrew

Samuel

Samuel Meikle (Proxime Accessit 2020)

1st= with Outstanding Achievement in Biology and English. Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics with Statistics, Music and Religious Education. Commendation in Chemistry. General Diligence

Congratulations to our Head Students for 2021

From left - Deputy Head Boy: Tobias Devereux, Head Boy: Enrique Garcia, Head Girl: Erika Fairweather, Deputy Head Girl: Annabelle Ring.



"Wall of Fame" 2020 - Recognition of National Awards

Junior

Serenity Hook - Orchestra

New Zealand Secondary Schools Brass Band, Solo Cornet 2020

Akein Wickramagedaral CAS Science

High Distinction (Top 1%), 2020

Senior

Ewen Clark-Wallace

Singing
New Zealand Secondary Students' Choir 2021-22

Tobias Devereux Informatics

High Distinction in the Computational and

Algorithmic Thinking Competition (Australian Mathematics Trust)

Mathematics and Physics

1st Place (perfect score) in the New Zealand Physics and Mathematics Competition. High Distinction in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Silver Medal in the New Zealand Mathematics Olympiad

Erika Fairweather

Swimming
New Zealand Short Course Championships: 1st in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m freestyle; 2nd in the 50m freestyle; New Zealand records in 100m, 200m and 800m freestyle; Otago

records in 50m, 100m, 200m 800m freestyle and 100m backstroke.

New Zealand Secondary School Championships: 1st in 200m, 400m freestyle; 50m, 200m backstroke; 2nd in 50m, 100m freestyle; 100m backstroke; 200m IM; 3rd in 100m IM; New Zealand record in 400m freestyle

Joshua Forrester

Softball
New Zealand Junior Black Sox and Under 16 Boys Softball Teams

Ona Fraser Dance

Top Mark (100%) in Australasia Solo Seal 2020

Symone Keller Figure Skating

International Selection New Zealand B Squad, 2020

Rosa Latton Debating

2nd National Debating Challenge (Aotearoa Online Schools Debating)

Science

Barcelona Institute Youth Science Challenge: 1 of 100 from around the world.

Annabelle Ring Basketball

New Zealand Under 17 Girls Basketball Team

Kavanagh's longest-serving staff member retires

The conclusion of the 2020 school year also drew a curtain down on the teaching career of Shayne Flanagan. Shayne's participation in Catholic education is unmatched. From a five year old student taught by the Dominican sisters, onto the Christian Brothers' Junior School and then to St Paul's High School followed by 37 years teaching at St Paul's then Kavanagh, Shayne has been fully immersed.

The longevity of Shayne's career means he has truly been a witness to the biggest changes in education, and teaching and learning, in the past century. The introduction of self-governing schools brought about by Tomorrow's Schools in the late 80s was followed by the NCEA assessment in the early 2000s that replaced a more rigid exam-based assessment regime. Technology and its rampant availability and use is probably the biggest of them all. Shayne handled these changes with ease and has been a great advocate of NCEA as his subject – history – fits beautifully. Shayne also went from being a student and teacher in a boys' school to teaching in a co-ed school. No problems.

The Kavanagh community salutes this worthy servant of Catholic education and we all wish Shayne, Rosemary and family happy times ahead.

Well played.



St Vincent de Paul Can appeal

Last week the annual city-wide can drive collected many thousands of cans, of which one-third went to SVDP.

An eclectic bunch of Kavanagh luminaries unloaded the truck and sorted the cans into their different product groups at St Mary's on Friday morning. Kavanagh has had a delegation at this warm-spirited event for many years now and I know the older campaigners at SVDP are always impressed at their enthusiasm, good-nature and general packhorsing skills. Always a pleasure.



New Zealand's 16-Year-Old, and Kavanagh College Head Girl 2021, Erika Fairweather Qualifies for the Tokyo Olympics.

World Junior champion Erika Fairweather, 16, is the third New Zealander to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics in an individual event.

She became the second youngest swimmer from her country to qualify for an Olympics in a swimming event, after Commonwealth Games champion Rebecca Perrott swam at the 1976 Montreal Olympics aged 15, and was New Zealand's youngest Olympic athlete.

Erika clocked a personal best time of 4:07.43 in the 400m freestyle, under the Olympic qualifying time of 4:07.90. Her time was well under a second faster than her fourth placing at the World Junior Championships in Hungary where she swam 4:08.78. Only Australia's Lani Pallister swam faster at World Juniors than Fairweather's latest effort, doing so in a championships record of 4:05.42.



Four of Year Eight's finest bakers Sophie Bracegirdle, Emily Clark, Hayley Roding and Allison Han prepare the mixture for some chocolate chippies. Yum, yum.



Kavanagh Pantomime 'Grinch-19'



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