



This year's Good One teshirt was designed by Sosaia Vakauta, Yr 9. Below: the school crest is a combination of patterns from Tongan culture (on the right) and Samoan patterns (on the left and around the emblem). Good One teshirts are given to students who have been awarded five Good One cards for progress or contributions to the culture of the College.



## A change of direction in the RE Department

Mr Colin MacLeod, our Director of Religious Studies, has been appointed as the Head of Partnerships and Director of the National Centre for Religious Studies. This involves liaising with primary and secondary schools, and those responsible for them, around broad aspects of Catholic Character, including teacher qualifications and curriculum development. He will also be supporting general engagement with faith development in schools and parishes, and managing the production of resources for teaching RE in Catholic schools throughout the country. Mr MacLeod will be based in Dunedin. He says: "This is my twenty-second year at Kavanagh.

I left school and did two years in the Airforce, two years in the Seminary, two years finishing off a Theology Degree, two years at Teachers' College, two years at Tahuna Normal Intermediate and twenty-two years at Kavanagh. It seems like I'll either be two years in my new job or twenty-two!"

### Farewell Mr MacLeod, by Jess Mackintosh, Print Media Prefect

Before writing this, my thought was to ask around for more background information on Mr MacLeod, as I haven't actually been taught by him or know him that well. But then I thought why not focus on the things I have witnessed? I think you are able to grasp what kind of person Mr MacLeod is just from spending a bit of time with him. He is genuinely one of the most down to earth and authentic people out there. Personally as a Yr 13 student, I have been fortunate enough to witness his unique and lively spirit through Retreats and the Caritas Challenge. Mr MacLeod is extremely dedicated to the College, and of course, his faith. I think he is a major asset to our school and will surely be missed.

The first time I experienced his immense passion was on Yr 12 retreat. He has a way with teenagers. He made it possible to connect the Catholic religion to our own personal situations and have us build our own individual relationships with our faith in God, which I believe is truly difficult for our generation at this stage of our lives. He listens to what you have to say which never goes unappreciated. I definitely think he will be missed on Retreats most of all. I almost feel sorry for those coming into Yr 12 next year as they have just missed out on such a wonderful man leading such a special and spiritual two days away at Tirohanga.

I also was able to get to know Mr MacLeod's dedicated spirit when taking part in the Caritas Challenge this year. I did the 24 hour 'Harry Potter' movie marathon which we all brought a donation for which went towards funding certain projects in Cambodia. This night was filled with fun and a nocturnal Mr MacLeod. He stayed up for the entire night, taking progress pictures of the movie marathon team between each film and motivating us to stay awake and think of people who have it much worse. It was inspiring in itself to be around someone so motivated and it made everyone else feel more enthusiastic. He has that effect!

All in all, I can genuinely say that Mr MacLeod's enthusiasm towards all at the College, his passion for Jesus Christ and his faith has meant so much to many people. Of course, there will be a billion other things that Mr MacLeod has done for our College, but this is just a small insight into the truly wonderful and generous character he is. We will remember the stories shared at the retreats, whether they were funny or personal. They will not be forgotten and neither will his dedication. It's been a pleasure to have him at the school and I can confidently say that the whole College will miss his presence but we are incredibly proud of where he is heading and have full confidence he will excel in the next part of his journey. May that passion never die!

### ... and welcome to our new DRS, Dr Lanner, by Emma Ramsay, Print Media Prefect

We are definitely going to miss Mr MacLeod. He has given so much to the Kavanagh community and we are grateful for his enthusiasm and his dedication. Thankfully though, as we say goodbye, we also get to say welcome to our new DRS, Dr Laurel Lanner. I have been lucky enough to be in Dr Lanner's RE class for two years now so I can tell you how dedicated she is to the subject, how she spends time reaching and engaging with every pupil and, in short, how amazing she will be in her new role.

Dr Lanner is very excited about her new position. She is naturally slightly daunted as there is so much to do and so much of it completely new, but she is viewing this as an opportunity, leading by example with her attitude towards 'giving it a go'. She believes she brings to the role a fresh eye, a new way of looking, backed up by a great deal of experience from teaching and all the energy the role will require. Her primary interest is the students of Kavanagh College and she wants to really hear from us as well as increase the overall involvement in the subject. She is also quick to compliment Mr MacLeod and everything he has done in his time in the role of DRS here. She is looking forward to experimenting with some alternative ways of doing things.

Dr Lanner hopes to make RE a warm, welcoming subject for all students and as fun as possible, within the limits of NCEA, of course. Kavanagh kids, look forward to an interesting but challenging course and remember it's not just a credits walkover: Dr Lanner will make sure you learn something too!

She believes it is key that the RE Department is a happy place as well as a successful one. Everyone from students with a Catholic background who deserve to know about their tradition, to those trying to make a choice and the doubtful should all feel challenged but comfortable. If you're willing to learn there will be something for you. She hopes students will leave school with a 'spiritual resource kit' that will provide them with Catholic experiences and knowledge that will support them on their life journey and remind them of God's love for them.

A very important part of our school is the Special Character. Dr Lanner stresses how it will remain central to the school, not something to be sidelined but an important part of who we are. Ultimately, Dr Lanner says, the school is a part of the church's mission. We are here to tell people about Jesus, to show everyone that a relationship with God is worthwhile and possible for all of us.

While we will miss Mr MacLeod, I hope you can agree with me that the school has picked a perfect new DRS. Dr Lanner: we wish you luck and all success!



## Kavanagh farewells Mr Maguire

Mr John Maguire, HOD Graphics and HOD Workshop Technology, as well as Yr 13 Dean, left Kavanagh near the beginning of Term 2 to take up the position of principal of Garin College in Nelson. Mr Maguire is known for his strong deaning and pastoral work, especially with the current Yr 13 who have the benefit of his caring and tenacious guidance since Yr 10. Mr Maguire is one of those teachers who wears his 'faith on his sleeve' and lives his faith in the classroom. His fourteen years at Kavanagh have also included strong collegial support, work at a national level in writing standards and marking for NCEA, building sets for the College Musicals and even mending musical instruments. Mr Colin MacLeod says "Mr Maguire and I have known each other for a very long time. I feel privileged to count him as a colleague and friend. He is a wonderful teacher, Dean and RE Teacher. As Head of Technology his work was known for his sheer level of enthusiasm for any task. He won a Microsoft scholarship for working with the virtual lathe. Perhaps one of the reasons why he understands some of the more difficult students so well is that he had a similar background. "John is one of the most authentic people I know," says Mr MacLeod. "He has profound personal integrity and honesty, a deep personal faith, plus a great sense of humour. He is also reflective and forgiving, all qualities that I believe are absolutely necessary for making a principal." But, Mr MacLeod adds, "I would have liked to see one more rendition of 'Johnny Be Good'." A small group of staff and senior students handed Mr Maguire over to Garin College after Queens; Birthday weekend, bringing a local totara tree seedling to plant in the Garin grounds. This was also a link to the late Bishop Boyle, who died in the same week. A might totara has fallen but a new one is rising.



### Welcome to our new Board of Trustees members

Stephen Cogger (Deputy Chair, parents' representative), Paul O'Neill (parents' representative), Rebecca Meikle (at the front, parents' representative), Jo Bell (Bishop's representative), Lawrence Bishop (Staff representative), Trevor Thomson (Chair, parents' representative) and Gerard Hanning (Bishop's representative).



Some of our Tongan boys have been trialling wearing the tupenu one day a week. Left: Kite Moata'ane with EJ Lam Cheung.

### KAV KWIZ by Ollie Meikle

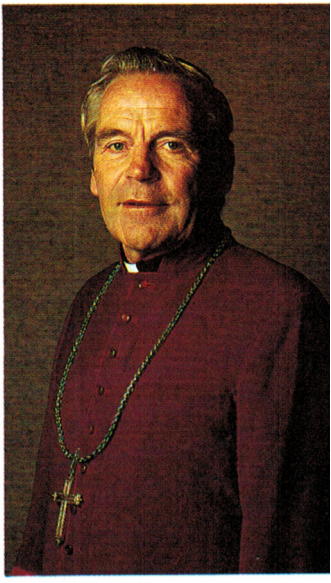
1. What is the name of the person who invented the first computing machine in 1837, called the Analytical Engine?
2. What is the acronym for the initiative officially introduced to Kavanagh this year to assist modern learning?
3. What is a baffle in an auditorium?
4. Who is the computer technician for Kavanagh?
5. When was the internet first available to be used by the public?

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 4!**



# RIP Bishop Leonard Boyle

Bishop Len was Kavanagh's first Bishop. He died in June this year. The following article was published in the Kavanagh College Magazine in 1993.



## 'Bishop Leonard Boyle – the Man' by Anna Clayton-Smith.

Have you ever wondered what Bishop Len's favorite food is or what his most embarrassing moment was? I had the privilege of interviewing him and gained a lot of knowledge in the process. Bishop Len was born in Nightcaps, a coal-mining town in Southland. His parents owned hotels in Nightcaps and Winton. He was the sixth child of seven boys and two girls. All of his grandparents were deceased when he was born and he always wanted to find out more about them. When he went to a place called Anadown, in Galway, Ireland, he found his great-grandfather's grave. His great-grandfather's name was Martin Boyle and his headstone had been erected by John Boyle of New Zealand. A farm twelve miles out of Galway is owned by the Boyles and nearby was a school which Martin Boyle attended. Bishop Len's Irish heritage is very important to him. For primary schooling, Bishop Len went to the Sisters of Mercy convent, then to St Kevin's College in Oamaru for four years. He left school for six years and when he went to the seminary, he had to go back to St Kevin's and do one year of studying Latin because all the books were in Latin at the seminary. Bishop Len decided to become a priest at the age of about 22 or 23. Up until then he was farming and shearing sheep in the Winton area. From the age of 6 or 7 he wanted to be a farmer. As an adult he actually owned a farm because he thought it was to be his life, but God had something else in mind for him. Bishop Len had eight years' training to be a priest. He loves being a bishop and sees it as a

great privilege to be able to serve people. He met the Pope at what is called the Ad Limina visit (this is when all the New Zealand bishops journey to Rome to report on the progress of the Church within their dioceses). The Bishops celebrated Mass with the Pope and each spent fifteen minutes with him. Then the Pope had a formal meeting with all the Bishops for about an hour before dining with them.

Bishop Len is responsible for about 38,000 Catholics in his diocese which stretches south from the Waitaki River. Although he likes all food, steak seems to stand out. In his spare time he likes to have a game of golf, swim or go to the races. His 'funniest' moment occurred years ago when he was a young priest. He had gone surfing at St Kilda beach without a board. Another surfer lent him his board and when he returned it, Bishop Len asked the surfer "Do you know who I am?"

'Aren't you the minister who took the service the other night?'

Bishop Len thought about it and, no, he wasn't. "Who do you think I am?" he asked again.

"The Presbyterian minister from down the road."

The Bishop told him who he was and the surfer said, laughingly, "You're lucky I lent the board to you then."

An embarrassing time he remembers happened when he was speaking at the 50th Jubilee of one of the Sisters. He had gone to a lot of trouble to prepare his speech. On the day, he found he had brought the sermon for Good Friday. Momentarily he was embarrassed because he had to deliver the speech off the top of his head.

It was a privilege to interview Bishop Len. He shared his personal and family life very willingly. He is very warm, caring and humorous.

## HAVE YOUR SAY...

### Why cyberbullying needs to be prevented before it's too late, by Joseph Flaherty, Yr 11

The insecurity. The fear. The feeling that you're all alone. These are all symptoms of being bullied, whether it be verbal, physical, emotional, or online. The first three kinds of bullying are not easily preventable, as they are in person and difficult to get away from. The fourth kind is. Cyberbullying is a relatively new concept. It has only been around since the internet was first invented, but since then there have been many cases of self-harm or even suicide caused by it. It is fast becoming the most common way of bullying, and we need to put a stop to it.

When animals bully, they do it for dominance or survival, but humans have started doing it as a way of exposing unnecessary weaknesses. This has always happened through means such as violence, name calling, or even assault - until now. You don't even have to be in the same room as someone to hurt them. Bullies are migrating to the internet. More and more, people are putting their whole lives on the internet, whether it be a heavily filtered photo of their breakfast on Instagram or a nude picture they'll regret on Snapchat. All this information makes it all too easy for trolls to make these people's lives hell. But there is a solution: don't broadcast everything. When you send a message or post a photo, it is stored forever. Even if you delete it, it is still stored on servers. So don't send that picture, don't upload that status and don't give bullies stuff to use against you. We need to stop putting every little thing we do on the internet.

What if I told you that victims of bullying make up nearly half of suicides in young people? This is a serious figure that needs to be cut down. An example of this is the case of Amanda Todd, in Canada. She hanged herself on October 10, 2012, after a nude photo of her began to circulate around the internet. The person who shared these pictures without her permission probably thought she would take it as a joke. Sadly, she didn't, and this is a testimony to how bad bullying can get. But this is a rare case, right? Wrong. These cases are far more common than we might think. All it can take is one picture, one text. That's the scariest part. Only one bit of information needs to slip out to make someone's life hell. The sad thing is that after Amanda died, people still continued to ridicule her. You wouldn't make fun of someone to their face, would you? So don't do it through a keyboard.

When I say the word "bully", what do you picture? Probably a big, skulking person with arms thicker than tree trunks. But cyberbullying could be by anyone. This is the terrifying thing: a person who wouldn't say these things to your face can easily type them on a keyboard. Cyberbullying is numb: if you say something hurtful, you don't see the emotions flooding across the victim's face, don't give them a chance to retaliate. You just press send, and the stream of code floods out to strike someone. It is constant. 24/7. You could go to sleep one day feeling completely fine, and the next you could have an inbox full of hate and prejudice. It might come from someone on the other side of the world, that you haven't met, never even laid eyes on. They can constantly attack you, ridicule you, make you feel terrible. And the only escape is getting off the internet completely. This is ridiculous! People shouldn't have to live in fear of social media. You know the world is messed up when people can commit suicide because of an electronic box. And it can happen in a matter of hours. One minute your life is great, next minute even living feels like a strain.

With every new iPhone, Samsung, you name it, more people start surfing the spontaneous wave that is technology. People are spending their whole lives glued to a screen. It's got to the point where people can meet, fall in love, and form strong attachments online, without even meeting the person in real life. This can be a great thing, but it can also ruin people's lives. That beautiful teenage girl you met online, who wants you to come over to her house? More likely, a 60 year old man interested in far more obscene things than the latest gossip. If you were face to face with this person you'd be reading their body language, pheromones, and all the minute body signals we don't notice we register. The Web we have created is starting to tear. Perhaps we're losing our ability to see how much harm we're doing to this generation...

No matter what which way you look at it, cyberbullying is an issue. It affects so many people in New Zealand alone. People are losing their lives because of words on a screen. If we are careful, it is preventable - but that involves refraining from broadcasting our entire lives onto the internet, which seems to be the trend. We need to act now and act swiftly. In the short term, we all need to do our bit - which means being aware of what our friends are doing before it is on the world wide web. Advise them to dump that guy who may or may not be real, and think before they send that text. If we all do this, cyberbullying will begin to dwindle. After all, the online world is one that we have created. Do we want the cancer of cyberbullying to consume the internet?

## Bunch of Seven

Mj Fereti



### Which one one thing would you ban from the world?

Mj: Homework.

Josh: Cigarettes.

Piata: Wars.

Tiana: Cheese.

Elliot: Non-renewable electricity production and similar environmental catastrophes.

Renée: Hate.

Moewai: Room temperature beverages.

Josh Forrester



### Who would you invite to be the guest speaker at the next school Assembly?

Mj: Sonny Bill Williams.

Josh: Lionel Messi.

Piata: Donald Trump.

Tiana: Justin Bieber or Ellen Degeneres.

Elliot: Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors and SpaceX would be incredible.

Renée: Not sure: too many to choose from.

Moewai: Beyoncé.

Piata Rapata-Hanning



### What winter addition should be made to the school uniform?

Mj: Sports shoes.

Josh: Beanies.

Piata: Crocs.

Tiana: The Kavanagh sports hoodie.

Elliot: There is no inappropriate time for a bow tie...

Renée: A Kavanagh scarf.

Moewai: Ponchos.

Tiana Cresswell



### What is your usual school day breakfast?

Mj: Scrambled eggs.

Josh: Nothing.

Piata: Cereal.

Tiana: Up & Go! Chocolate, of course.

Elliot: I usually sleep past all of my alarms so don't have time to eat!

Renée: Always coffee.

Moewai: I don't get up in time to eat breakfast.

Elliot Blyth



### What's your favourite TV programme?

Mj: I don't have a favorite.

Josh: Wildlife.

Piata: 'Gossip Girl'.

Tiana: Ellen DeGeneres.

Elliot: Sense8, Doctor Who, 7Days, Skins, Rick & Morty are all great!

Renée: Can't choose just one!

Moewai: 'My Kitchen Rules'. I've only watched five episodes. It's great.

Renée Hancock



Moewai Marsh



Yr 11 student Savanah Kamura represented Kavanagh College at Ngā Manu Kōrero Regional Speech Finals in June at the Civic Centre, Invercargill. Savanah entered the senior English section with an inspiring six minute speech on the topic "Don't be afraid to do something different." In Te Ao Māori, great singers and orators were compared to our special birds. Here is a whakatauki/proverb: "Me he korokoro te tui - with the throat of the tui." Savanah was supported by Matua Lucas, Yr 13 mentor Shania Fox and students from Yr 11 Māori Studies. From left to right: Shania Fox, Ani Marsh, Aliyah Tautuhi, Dannielle Hiku, Savanah Kamura, deLilah Tamatea, Te Mutunga Pohatu, Meihana Kewene-Masina; Shade Rowe was absent, chatting up girls...



The annual Teacher-Student debate took place in June. The moot was 'that this house believes teachers are relevant'. The Teacher team, who regained the Clever Duck Trophy, was (above) Colin MacLeod, Peter Drury and Simon Edmunds. The Student team was Tuseka Njoko, Rory Quinn and Jacob Reeve.



## Sports Round-up

**Caversham Harriers Road Relay:** In May Kavanagh entered a mixed team into this road relay. The team won the mixed section which was an awesome result. The times were: of each Sarah Faulkner-Barclay 7:27; Ben O'Farrell 5:58; Conrad Sinclair 6:41; Isabella Young 7:27. The overall team time was 26:53.

**Logan Park Road Race:** This was also held in May. This year we had a record number of entries with ten senior students. We had three senior boys running in the 5km event. Ben O'Farrell ran very well finishing 3rd in a time of 16.26.46 and Finn Kelly finished 28th in a time of 19.31.99; unfortunately Joe Rietveld withdrew due to injury. We had seven senior girls running in the 2.5km event which was fantastic. Isabella Young led the way with a very good 13th place in a time of 10.27.44, Sarah Faulkner-Barclay was placed 14th in a time of 10.35.08, Caitlin Constable finished 18th with a time of 11.17.19, Sophelia Hook was placed 22nd in a time of 11.47.00, Abbey Constable 23rd in a time of 11.48.16, and Tayler Constable 24th in a time 11.59.54. Rebecca Lynch finished 25th in a time of 12.18.56.

**Milton Relay:** Again in May, two teams went to Milton for the annual Otago-Southland Cross Country relay. We had a senior girls team and a junior mixed team. The conditions were perfect for cross country running and there were some very fast times. Congratulations to all involved; they did the College proud. Senior Girls: Sarah Faulkner-Barclay 7:51; Sophelia Hook 8:22; Tayler Constable 8:35; Isabella Young 8:09. Team time: 32:57 (placed 7th). Junior Mixed: Jordan King 6:40; Madi Sutherland 8:18; Eli Young 7:32; Holly Uluakiola 7:30; Team time: 30.00 (placed 3rd).

**Otago Cross Country:** In June Kavanagh athletes headed over to Kaikorai Valley College to participate in the annual secondary schools' Otago Cross country. They all raced really well in muddy and wet conditions. Results: Holly Uluakiola was 4th with 0.14.14; Jordan King 12th in 0.13.01; Eli Young 19th in 0.13.50; Isabella Young 9th in 0.14.42; Sarah Faulkner-Barclay 7th in 0.22.48.

**Quad Tournament:** This annual event against St Kevin's, St Peter's and Verdon Colleges in June. Basketball: wins for Yr 7-8 boys and girls, Yrs 9-10 boys and girls teams. Netball: wins for Yr 8 and 9 teams. Football: wins for girls (Yr7-10) and boys (Yrs 7-10). Rugby: struggled to get points on the score board. Overall: Kavanagh 38, St Kevin's 28, St Peter's 22 and Verdon 25.

**Southern Catholic Schools Sports Tournament:** At The end of Term 1 Kavanagh College sent over a hundred athletes to Gore to compete in rugby, football, hockey, basketball and netball. This is a very big tournament for our school and one we really want to do well in. The other schools involved were St Kevin's, St Peter's, Verdon, and Roncalli Colleges. Results this year were mixed. Our boys' and girls' football teams cleaned up, easily winning all of their games and taking away the two trophies that were up for grabs. The First XV, after beating Roncalli 12-8 in the first game, fell away and lost their last three games. The Senior A netball team improved on last year's results, recording wins over Verdon 19-11, and St Kevin's B. 'The boys and girls' hockey teams also performed with credit: the boys had a good win over St Kevin's and a very good draw against Roncalli; the girls' hockey team was equally competitive. Both basketball teams also had good tournaments with the girls winning two of their games, and the boys beating Verdon. Overall, Kavanagh finished third out of the five schools. All in all it was a great couple of days, capped off with a church service on the Sunday night. It was great to see the fantastic sportsmanship and comradery.

**Swimming Sports:** In May we held our annual swimming sports at Moana Pool. This year we had 45 participants, including some excellent swimmers, especially in our junior school. Nik Dohig won all the Yr 7/8 boys races, Ambrose Lee also won all his races in the Yr 9/10 boys and Will Christophers was very dominant in the senior boys' section, winning all his races. In the girls' section, the Yr 7/8 races were very competitive mainly between three superb and highly competitive swimmers: Erika Fairweather, Meg Christophers and Jade Fairweather. The Yr 9/10 girls races were also really keenly contested with Holly Uluakiola, Megan Hanning and Katie Hawkins performing really well. All in all we had a great morning, but we would love to have more numbers participating in what is a great sport. The house points this year were as follows: Rice House (213 points), Bodkin (168), Ambrose (137), Pompallier (116), McAuley (98), Gabriel (80).

**Taieri Interchange:** In June 130 students from the Yr 7 and 8 Department took part in the annual Taieri College Interchange. Unfortunately, the day dawned rather dull with some bad weather around, but we were greeted by a fantastic Kapa Haka

performance from Taieri College which lifted the spirits of everyone. All of our students were respectful throughout and Matua Lucas responded beautifully and gratefully accepted the challenge on behalf of all staff and students. The competition during the day was superb. Our football team was dominant, all miniballers and netballers were involved in very close matches and our hockey team had a close win. The rugby players competed with great courage until the final whistle and they must be commended on their efforts. Pleasingly, we came away with a very close 8-7 overall victory. Every student conducted themselves beautifully and will no doubt have come away with a positive experience. Huge thanks must go to all the teachers, students and parents for their hard work on the day. With the cup: front: Raymond Potts, Erika Fairweather; middle: Xavier Chisholm (rolled sleeves), Oceana Campbell,



Faith Elisara, Oliver Tily, Blythe Middleton; back: Nik Dohig (jersey) Aidan Macrae-Platten (obscured), Annabelle Ring, Keisha Su'a and Will Hofmans.



### Check, mate?

There was a noticeable buzz as a large number of students huddled around the chess tables in the library at lunchtime near the end of Term 1 for the inaugural chess club meeting of 2016. There were so many students that we didn't have enough chessboards - and as a result some more chess sets are being ordered. The competition is already shaping up to be tough, with our confident Head Boy Ben O'Farrell taking on whizz kid Tobais Devereux at the top table. Ben was ahead on material but lost on time. For many of the students, the intensity of thinking is new, especially when they discover the challenge of working to a time limit with the chess clocks. If any student or staff member would like to join the Chess Club, or just come along for a casual game, we meet in the library on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes.



A novel collection of non-perishable goods was organised by the students of 11TU this term. A mufti day was held and each year level brought different items: spreads and jams; toothbrushes, toothpaste and toiletries; rice; pasta; tinned food, coffee and tea.

Congratulations to Rosie McKenzie (Yr 9) (left) who gained first place in the 2016 Otago Schools Orienteering Championships Novice Grade. Below: 8 CAM has been investigating the Victorian Era and made miniature models of buildings and trinkets They also researched footwear, fashion, transportation, Christmas traditions, Queen Victoria, authors, schooling and sports.



## Our library meets the digital age



This year the school library has upgraded to a new management system called Access-it. Anyone who has used it has found it easy to use and intuitive. The library catalogue and website can be accessed from any school computer or device. Just go to [library.kavanagh.local:2000](http://library.kavanagh.local:2000). Students can also scan a QR code on their devices and be taken straight to the website. Students can log on, place a hold on a book, renew their items and review books. Students can also search data bases, such as National Geographic and BBC. We also have 'quick lists' showing exactly what study guides and NCEA texts are available on the shelves. The library Instagram account is @kavlibrary. The aim is not only to keep the student abreast of new content in the library, it is also to model appropriate digital citizenship. This is a private account, open to students, teachers and other libraries. New books are often snapped up as soon as they are posted. There have also been competitions for movie tickets. It has evolved to report on school news such as the Musical and the Caritas Challenge. "I love it as I am interacting with other school libraries around the world. Professionally it is fantastic as I get so many ideas from other school librarians from the UK, the US and Australia and, of course, New Zealand," says librarian Mrs Mel van de Klundert. What other digital resources might students find useful? The internet is full of so much content it can be difficult to navigate. The team at the library can help students sort the good from the bad. There is a fantastic online service called [anyquestions.co.nz](http://anyquestions.co.nz) where students can live chat with a qualified librarian who will direct them to age appropriate, useful content for their projects and research. A sister site called [manyanswers.co.nz](http://manyanswers.co.nz) is available for popular subjects. EPIC is also an invaluable online tool. It is a free service to schools

from the National Library of New Zealand with access to the best databases in the world, such as Gale and Britannica. Mrs van de Klundert says she is happy to show any student how to use this.



# profiling...

**FULL NAME:** Mrs Shirley Ann Jackson (teacher of Mathematics and Religious Education; at Kavanagh since 1989; Zachariah Rodney Hardy (Yr 12).  
**BORN IN:** Canada; Dunedin. **AGE:** 'Over the hill'; 17. **STAR SIGN:** Leo; Taurus.  
**WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT KAVANAGH?** SJ: The students, the staff, the number of cultural and sporting codes available. And after 44 years as a teacher, I still love teaching. It keeps me young!  
 ZH: The people and the librarians.  
**AND THE WORST? (Seriously...)** SJ: The lack of grounds for lunch and interval activities for the students; ZH: The stairs.  
**WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR FIRST DAYS AT KAVANAGH?** SJ: After coming from a girls' high school, the boys were amazingly tall; ZH: Looking at all the seniors towering over me and thinking 'How are they that tall....'. Also trying to find my way around what seemed such a big place was embarrassing, and I occasionally still get lost! Mr Frazer impersonations, also Mrs Osten's 'pigsty of a cupboard' as I called it!  
**WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT BEING AT KAVANAGH?** SJ: All my years working with the Pacific Island families and all those wonderful Pasifika Vibes performers; ZH: All the wonderful people. The vibe of the school is great.  
**WHAT DO YOU LIKE READING? WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK?** SJ: Mystery books. Anything by P. D. James; ZH: The 'I Am Margaret' book series by Corinna Turner.  
**IF YOU HAD A MASCOT OR SYMBOL WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?** SJ: A dalmatian dog, like the one I had for fifteen years. Dogs are loyal, don't talk back and they always love you; ZH: GOD! He is creator of all, after-all isn't he?  
**WHAT SPORTS DO YOU PLAY?** SJ: HA! HA! HA!; ZH: GOD! He is creator of all, after-all isn't he?  
**WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR YOU THIS YEAR?** SJ: Being with my family; ZH: YOU ARE joking?  
**WHERE DO YOU HOPE TO BE IN TEN YEARS' TIME?** SJ: I'll be living in a brand new house in Central Otago – retired! ZH: Who knows! Travelling, definitely.  
**WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS FOR 2016?** SJ: Keep focused on your school work. Your teachers ARE really trying to help you succeed. ZH: Enjoy life and take everything as it comes. Don't sweat the small stuff!



## Being PC does not make you correct, by Lilly McKewen, Yr 11

Is the idea of being politically correct going too far? This is the question we must ask when children are in playgrounds, being adventurous in our clean green country, even just washing our hands. Lately in New Zealand kids are being wrapped in cotton wool and being restricted from, really, being a kid. Climbing in playgrounds, going on school adventure camps, probably simply playing sport. Is political correctness actually an attempt to undermine our laid-back way of life? In my opinion, the 'PC (politically correct) brigade' needs to be stopped. They're taking over our lives and claiming it's keeping us safe, equal, clean. Political correctness is taking away what humans are made to do: think for ourselves.

We all want to have fun. But how are we supposed to do this when there are so many restrictions on what we can do nowadays? For example, when I was younger 'Baa baa black sheep' was one of my favourite nursery rhymes. In 2016, some childcare centres are now changing lyrics to 'Baa baa rainbow sheep'. There is no such thing as a rainbow sheep. Some people are considering that calling the sheep black, could be alienating young black children. Seriously? It's a light-hearted nursery rhyme, not a racist jingle. Children today can no longer go and climb a tree, use the playground freely, even play around in mud: while our fathers have a beer after a rugby game! This is all because there is a risk of the children getting hurt, or being handed in to authorities for 'child neglect'. In Yr 11, we are at risk of not going on school camp because more and more teachers are required to go, or more parent help is demanded. If a school needed to go on a trip for education, for example on a rafting trip, a teacher that's been doing it for twenty years is still not good enough to be the instructor; a qualified instructor must be hired to ensure safety. This means a lot more money must be poured into the 'field trip'. Although, political correctness in some areas is obvious, for example to keep us safe and happy, and to avoid offence, we cannot let it destroy our human nature.

No longer can we say firemen, chairmen or policemen. We must be non-gender specific! Firemen become 'firefighters', chairmen become a simple 'chair' and policemen become police officers. Twenty years ago none of this would have ever been talked about, but when the PC brigade came into action, all hell broke loose. Gender equality is a big thing in our world today, but there has to be a limit. Lately, we can't call people 'she' or 'he' because there's the risk that they are gender-sensitive and would rather be called 'they'. We accept that some humans do not feel like they are either gender, but when people get blasted for a slip of the tongue, I believe political correctness is going too far.

Political correctness is creeping into many aspects of our lives, at schools and in workplaces especially. At Kavanagh College, we have all noticed the new and improved bathrooms. We have new soap dispensers for every sink, and paper towels to dry. It has taken about 25 years to get these in, and I wonder why they must go in now? Rules and regulations around schools and workplaces are increasing rapidly because of a PC overload. Tradesmen can no longer climb up a ladder without the risk of falling and being investigated by Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and possibly be charged, what I can imagine a lot of money! Say goodbye to the days where painters could get up on a ladder and paint a house: now they are forced to fork out a lot more money to hire scaffolding if the height is more than three metres. School is even turning into a place where we simply sit down, learn for a day, have teachers teach us, and then go home. If we are upset at school, we can only turn to our friends or a caring teacher we know we can trust. Sometimes a hug can speak a thousand words, but teachers are barely allowed to lay a hand on us in case they get 'done' for harassment. Not only can they not lay a hand on us, but they can barely lay a hand on each other. The idea of sexual harassment is creeping in everywhere.

Face it. It is time to put a stop to this idea of political correctness. Our world today has turned into a place where humans live with strict rules and regulations we must comply with, or else we are in big trouble. Our human nature is changing. We are losing our sense of humour. We must stop these small-minded people changing our world.

## Poem by Molly Colbert

Her face is a flower opening in the sun.  
 Her smile is a warm hug waiting to greet you.  
 Her hands are silk, so very soft.  
 Her arms are noodles flapping about.  
 Her legs are chicken legs, yum yum yum.  
 Her fingers are little people with a mind of their own.  
 Her heart is pure gold and rewarding.  
 Her stare continues until you give her what she wants.  
 Her voice is a bird's song early in the morning.



## Poem by Lillie Hawkins

Her mind is set like a Great White tracking its prey.  
 Her imagination runs wild like a stallion galloping on the mountains.  
 Her hair is like a golden waterfall, crashing on the hard rocks below.  
 Her stare is as cold as ice and as sharp as broken glass.  
 Her eyes are like ferris wheels, spinning constantly.  
 Her laugh is like a witch cackling as she mixes a potion.  
 Her voice is as quiet and strong as trees whispering in an enchanted forest.  
 Her face is like the morning sun brightening the world.  
 She is as sassy as a pink panther prowling through the woods.  
 Her anger is as hot as a fire burning through a forest.  
 Her cheeks are a rose on a dewy morning.

## Yr 7 poems

## Poem by Jack Wilson

My heart is as pure as Jesus.  
 My hair is as untidy as a messy bedroom.  
 My arms are like bear's, catching its prey.  
 My eyes are the colour of a teddy bear.  
 My skin is the colour of the sun burning.  
 My fingers are like raw sausages in the freezer.  
 My legs are like a buffoon's.  
 My stare is like an angry bull charging.  
 My smile is as pearly white like the colour of doves.  
 My voice is as quiet and squeaky as a mouse.



## Drama at Toitu

In 1840 the HMS Herald sailed into Otakou Harbour. On board were Major Thomas Bunbury and Edward Williams Marsh, here to gather signatures from two local Maori Chiefs, Karetai and Korako, as part of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. On June 13 2016 a very talented group of Yr 10 Drama students performed a re-enactment of that signing and also snippet of what life was really like at Otakou in 1840. In a flashback scene they also re-created what had happened four months before at Waitangi on February 6 1840.

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