

Principal's Message



Welcome to our new newsletter for 2009. The start of the year has been exciting and busy. The College has had record enrolments with over 1320 students studying in the day programmes.

The staff have been impressed with the way the majority of students have settled into their programmes and are taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities Hagley offers.

A number of new developments have taken place over the past few months, in particular the integration of the VanAsch Satellite Unit. Currently five deaf students have moved from Van Asch to their new classroom within the College. These students have adjusted to their new environment extremely well in a dynamic culture that celebrates difference.

At the beginning of the year Associate Principal Rex Gibson resigned from his position to extend his career beyond teaching. After such a long association with Hagley we wish to acknowledge the contribution he has made to the College and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

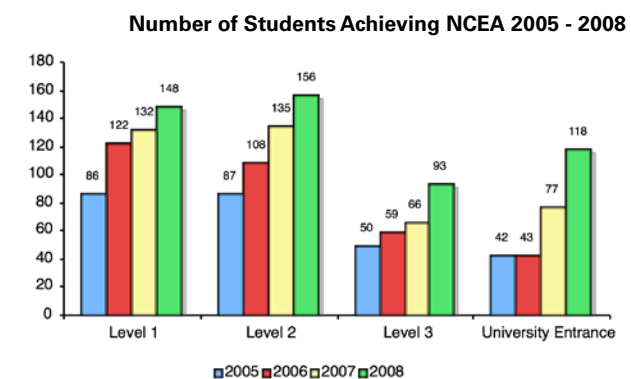
A new appointment has been made for the position of Deputy Principal. The Senior Management Team would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mike Fowler. Many of you will be familiar with Mike as the Head of the highly successful English Department. Mike brings a range of skills and talents to the team and we are looking forward to working with him in the future.

Currently the College is undertaking work to become a designated Special Character School. This initiative is designed to enhance Hagley's current educational direction and achievements and will be discussed more fully in later newsletters.

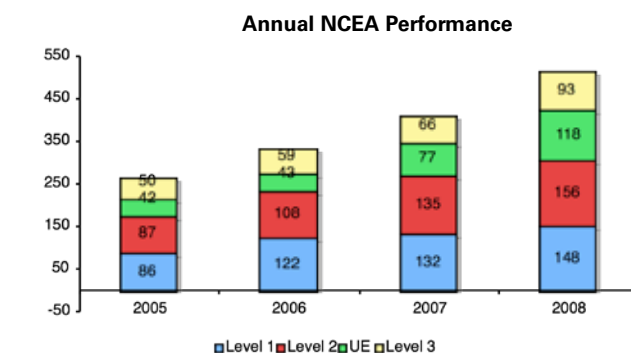
I'd like to thank all parents, caregivers and the wider community for the support it gives in the work that we do in making a difference for students.

Brent Ingram
Principal

NCEA Student Achievement Results



The results from the NZQA database show that the annual performance of student achievement in completed national certificates is very significant. Over the last four years student achievement in completed National Certificates at all levels has improved dramatically. For example: student achievement in NCEA Level 3 from 2005 to 2008 has increased by 86%.



This improvement in student achievement is clearly demonstrated at all National Certificate levels. These results are due to the impact of the teaching and learning strategies and techniques that have been implemented by the College and the way teachers are making a difference to student learning. The graph below shows the accumulated impact these results have had on student achievement. In 2005, 265 students gained a full national qualification. By 2008, 515 students have gained a full national certificate annually. These results are significant and impressive.

New Developments from the Board of Trustees

Recently the Board of Trustees received notification from the Ministry of Education advising of our school's inclusion in the 2008/09 School Property Guide Deficiencies Programme.

The College has been granted \$1,635,679 + GST to address a net area deficiency based upon the July 2008 roll. The board has since given its approval towards the development of an additional gymnasium.

The Ministry of Education has also allocated \$230,560 + GST for the modernisation of a classroom due to the introduction of the Van Asch Satellite Unit. The loss of a room means that H3 can be redesigned to accommodate both the School of Fashion and Industrial Sewing. The existing Industrial Sewing building will then be converted into a workspace for a full-time Hospitality and Tourism programme.

Additional projects being funded by the College throughout 2009 and 2010 include:

A redesign of the Hagley staffroom. Built in 1898 the Hagley staffroom was last upgraded in the early 1990s. This next upgrade will potentially involve the removal of some internal walls to create more functional meeting areas.

The C Block student amenities will also be upgraded and will feature a commercial laundry.

High Speed Internet

The College has just switched to a new internet provider (Snap). Who are providing high speed internet access via the CCNL fibre network. Not only will this provide faster internet access but also the opportunity for innovative teaching and learning initiatives.

Parents - do you have any accounting expertise?

If so then the Hagley Board of Trustees want you to be a representative on the board. For more information please call the College on 379 3090.



The Hagley Junior Graduating College Open Night

The Hagley Junior Graduating College Open Night gives prospective students and parents the opportunity to find out more about our unique learning opportunities. The event is held each year in the Hagley Student Centre Cafe and features a presentation by the Principal Brent Ingram and a guided tour around the College facilities led by current Year 9 and 10 students. The Head of the Junior Graduating College Suzanne Waters is available throughout the evening to answer any questions.

The Hagley Junior Graduating College has been a major leading innovation in New Zealand education since its development in 1998. In its first year of implementation it won the inaugural Jade Excellence Award in Education. Since then it has continued to grow and develop, providing students with exciting opportunities.

Recently we interviewed five current Year 10 students to hear what they had to say about the Junior Graduating College.

What are the three best things about being at Hagley?

Being Accepted: "Everyone respects one another for who they are. Nobody is alienated from anybody else and everyone is an equal." - *Jocasta*

The Teachers: "The teachers talk to you as an adult. Once you earn their respect you get it back." - *Alexandra*

"Using a teacher's first name creates a closer relationship because you can freely talk to them. It's not intimidating that way." *Jocasta*



The Resources: "I compared Hagley to other schools and the resources are better here. There is also enough equipment to go around." - *Jacob*

"The library! The books are new unlike other schools. It's fantastic!" - *Olivia*

"I know a lot of people who envy the cafe. How many other schools have canteens that shelter you from the rain?" - *Jacob*

What is the best thing that has happened to you at Hagley?

"I like the fact that you get recognition and awards. It gives me something to work towards." - *Nik*

"For me it is being here. I never liked going to school, but when I got accepted at Hagley I wanted to get up and go in the morning." - *Alexandra*

What does it feel like to graduate from Year 9 into Year 10?

"The graduation is student focused. It's all about us and our successes!" - *Olivia*

"Graduation is awesome. It feels great to share the experience with my classmates cheering you on. It is like a community coming together to celebrate." - *Alexandra*

What did Mum and Dad think of you coming to Hagley?

"My Mum and Dad thought this was the best school to come to. For them it was the Hagley ERO Reports. My Dad read all the schools' reports and Hagley had by far the best one. They liked the way the teachers worked and how they know what works best for each individual." *Olivia*

How would your life be if you could no longer come to Hagley?

"When I think of Hagley I think of heaps of colours. If I had to go to another school the colours would start to run together turning everything grey." *Jacob*

For more information about the Hagley Junior Graduating College call us on: 0508 Hagley or visit our website: www.hagley.school.nz



Join us for the Hagley Junior Graduating College Open Night



Thursday 21 May, 7-9pm Hagley Student Centre Cafe

"I enjoyed learning about the credit system. The presentation didn't go on for too long before getting the chance to explore the College facilities." *Olivia*

"The one thing I remember from attending the Open Night was walking into that room and seeing all those fine Mac computers. I just couldn't get past it! The Open Night totally changed my mind about coming to Hagley." *Jacob*

"After going round the College my Dad and I headed back to the cafe for a couple of hot chocolates. Inside everybody was standing around talking, it had created a real buzz." *Nik*

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Staff - Update

Bernard Frankpitt - Mathematics. Permanent full time (replaced Maryanne Ward). **Carolyn Green - Science.** Fixed term 13.5 hours (replaced Suhaylah Richards). **Sacha Hyde - Social Studies.** 4 hours per week. **Peter Courtney - ESOL.** Permanent full time. **Sarah Denny - HOD ESOL.** Permanent full time. **Tara de Coninck - ESOL.** Permanent full time. **Marita Holtes - ESOL.** 8 hours fixed term 2009 school year. **Natalie Collier - Teacher of Literacy.** 12.5 fixed term for 2009 year. **Christina Stachurski - Writers' institute.** 3 hours fixed term 2009 replacing Fiona Farrell. **Suhaylah Richards - Maths.** Term 2 only.

Support Staff (not including the homework centre)

Fleur Lester - Teacher Aide Learning Support. 9 hours. **Julie Mitchell - Teacher Aide Learning Support.** 16 hours replaced Fran Clark. **Jules Schwalger Smith - Sports Assistant and Teacher Aid.** 32 hours replaced Ben Constable and Peter Borrowdale. **Veronica Neiman - Student Manager Assistant (new position).** **Amy Broadstock - Attendance Assistance.** Replaced Veronica. **Louise Courtney - Teacher Aide ESOL.** Start term 2. **Ben Brown - Writer in residence for 2008**

New Positions

Mike Fowler - Deputy Principal, Marie Stribling - HOD English, Heather Clark - Director of Learning Communities. Starts 28 May. **Anita Yarwood - Information Literacy Manager** replacing Marie Stribling.

Resignations

Rex Gibson and William Batterbury.

NCEA UPDATE

Information regarding NCEA for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be sent out shortly. Keep reading the notices for the deadlines for when the Financial Assistance Forms will be available.

If your address has changed please notify the Enrolment Centre immediately.

Important Dates in May 2009

Thursday	21 May	Junior Open Night
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CPIT Have A Go Day - 12 June.

Students have the opportunity to be a student for a day and try out a course such as Nursing, Computing, Recreation, Cookery etc. Try out a trade at Sullivan Avenue campus. The choice is yours.

Try a **STAR** (School Tertiary Alignment Resource) **Course.** These are short 3 or 4 day courses within the industry/career of your choice. Any student who is in the senior school and is attending school full time, can apply and the best part is they're FREE! For more information see Jackie in the Careers room.

He's no Chicken!

Students and staff were treated to Easter Eggs on the last day of Term One by none other than Principal Brent Ingram. Not even a mountain of report writing could curb his enthusiasm!



Term One Summer Sports Results

In term one 26 teams represented Hagley in a variety of summer sports, including archery, futsal, volleyball, softball and water polo just to name a few.

In **Volleyball** three girls teams and two boys teams competed against other schools around Canterbury on Monday Evenings. **The Senior Girls A Team** was promoted to the league division with *Mili Tabukovo* winning the MVP award.

The **Mixed Hockey** side finished second in their competition, narrowly losing the final. The brother and sister combination of *Francis and Sylvia Main* proved to be a formidable one.

Representatives from Hagley competed at the recent Canterbury Championships for Swimming and Athletics

Tamatoa McEntyre, Francine Jones, A J Kumar, and Cousteau Pope all took part in the swimming champs held at QE11 during week 6. *Tamatoa* came 5th in the U18 50 Freestyle, *Francine* finished 6th in the 14-year-old 100 Free, while *Cousteau* and *AJ* both competed in freestyle events.



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Five Hagley students also took part in the Athletics Champs, held at QE11 Stadium. *Jonathan Sutherland* (Intermediate Boys Discus & Shot Put), *Yolanda Timbers* (Junior Girls 100 & 200m Sprints), *Jocasta Neale* (Junior Girls Shot Put), *Telesia Leota* (Senior Girls Discus, Javelin and Shot Put) and *Kosal Ouk* (Intermediate Boys Javelin). *Telesia* and *Kosal* performed exceptionally well with *Telesia* placing 7th in the final of her discus event and *Kosal* 4th in the final of javelin. Well done to all of the athletes.

Congratulations to the **Senior Mixed B Indoor Netball Team** for winning their division. The team consisted of *Shaun Cain, Lewis Cochrane-Cree, Lauren Hendry, Chloe Hill, Tremayne Hunt, Saskia Norcliffe, Alex Odering and Aimee Salter.* Hagley's Career Adviser Jennie Ring has managed the team for the past 4 years and her ongoing support has also been a big contributor in their success.

The Summer Sport Prizegiving recognises both individual and team sport achievement this year the Overall Summer Sporting Excellence Award went to Samantha Sneesby.

Samantha is a year 13 student who was a member of the Senior Girls Futsal and Senior Girls A Volleyball teams. *Sam* has been at Hagley for a number of years now and has always been a dedicated sports person. She always makes trainings for Futsal and Volleyball and is a great team person. She consistently performed to a high level in both of these sports. Congratulations to *Sam* on being the recipient of this award.

A special thanks goes to all the staff that helped out and to all the students for being such great sports!

Coming Up:

School Gym Circuit - Final Week of Term 2
Canterbury Road Race - Thursday 14th May
Canterbury Cross Country - Tuesday 26th May

Performing Arts

"Together Alone" was the title of the latest dance performance held in the Open Stage on April 6th-9th.

Head of the Hagley Dance Company Sheryl Robinson thought the show went brilliantly. "I was particularly proud of the work from the new Year 11 class we had. Three of the deaf students were performing and their integration was so complete that no one in the audience was aware that they couldn't hear the music. They were truly amazing", she said.

The production also included Dance Company students performing in group and duet pieces along with self devised solo works based around the inspiration taken from New Zealand art works.



Hagley's onsite theatre The Open Stage has recently undergone a major transformation thanks to a part grant from the Canterbury Community Trust.

Brand new seating has been installed and the new look has already had the big thumbs up from audiences and those involved with the Open Stage. With a slight increase in seating coupled with easier accessibility and comfort, this makes for one vast improvement! Our immense gratitude goes out to the College and the Canterbury Community Trust for their support in valuing what we do.

The Year 13 Drama Class were busy devising performances for specific audiences during Term One.

One group created 'Three Little Pigs', a piece based on the famous story for the Year 9 Health Class. These students tackled the issue of bullying and how to deal with it. The second group performed 'Pirates on the High Seas' for drama students who meet up outside of school time. There was one moment of chaos when the 'treasure chest' they used split open, showering the audience with chocolate coins. The third group took suggestions from the Pre-School teachers to create and perform a piece for the 3 year olds that covered important issues like how to get dressed and the importance of sharing. It featured Tinkerbell, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and Pippi Longstocking with each one helping the main character on her first day at school. To all the students involved - a big congratulations! Great work.

Refugee Programmes



Bishnu Pokereel has joined the team for twenty four hours per week as Bhutanese/Nepali/Lhotshampa Liaison Officer. Bishnu was a school principal in his former country and is a well respected member of the newly arrived community. The value Kiwis place on education and multiculturalism means that he was happy and proud to take on the role.

January saw the third session of a pilot programme funded by the Ministry of Social Development. 48 staff from 33 organisations have received training so far. The day long workshop looked at the process of resettlement, developing cultural competency and working successfully alongside communities and peoples from refugee backgrounds. Experienced facilitators from Hagley Community College, the Office of Ethnic Affairs and Refugee Services Aotearoa delivered the programme. Participants were particularly interested in a talk from Rasy Sao from the Cambodian Khmer Association which reflected upon the process of uprooting and settling in a new and distance land after escaping a repressive regime. Mastura Abd Rahman also gave practical insights about working with women and girls.

There are two further sessions planned at the college at the end of terms 2 and 3 to assist people that work alongside these special families. The sessions are free to those working in a paid or voluntary capacity within NGOs, charities, educational institutions, local social services and government organisations. You can receive a registration pack by e mailing mr@hagley.school.nz

ShahWali Ayatee, Bishnu Pokereel and Carla Moore recently meet alongside other services with representatives from Te Papa. The national institution is planning an exhibition that will run for three years focusing on 'Optimism in a New Land'. Plans are at the early stages, however it is hoped that young people from the ages of 12-29 will speak of their experiences through pictures, films, stories and artefacts. With up to one million people projected to see the exhibition over three years, it is a fabulous opportunity for students to highlight their achievements and express their views on resettlement

Recent Events

Tutors from the Multi-Ethnic Homework Centre were exceptionally proud to be able to send off nine students that regularly attend to Canterbury, Otago, Massey and CPIT.

Bowling proved to be a challenge for the *Hagley Healthy Girls* as plenty of bowls skidded towards the gutters. This pilot scheme set up by the Ministry of Social Development will soon see fifteen more women and girls benefit from First Aid training under the guidance of the Red Cross.

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