

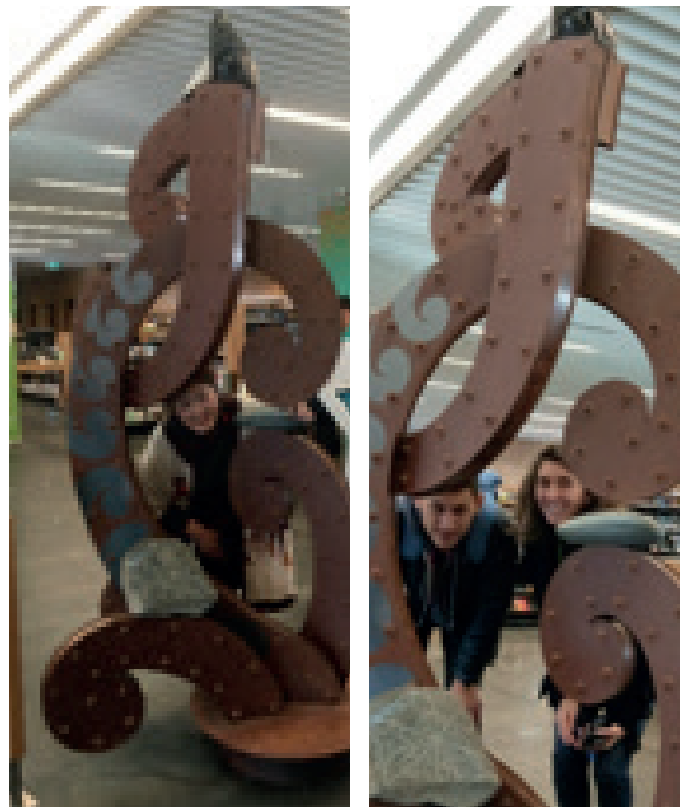


## A visit to Turanga Library

On Thursday, 23rd May 2019, E6 students and teacher Tara visited Tūranga Library.

First, we walked from Hagley College to Tūranga Library. Next we took the lift to the fourth floor. Then, we saw world languages books and magazines. After that, we went downstairs on took photos on the stairs. Finally, some students walked to the bus exchange and some students walked back to Hagley College.

We had a lovely afternoon.



# LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Newsletter  
Term 2, 2019

Term 2 review and see what we've been up to here at Hagley's Learning Communities.

## Ahmad Tani - Honored for Service Refugee Communities

Ahmed Tani, chairperson of New Zealand National Refugee Association, has received a New Year's honour for 20 years' service to refugee communities.

A teacher in Somalia, Tani arrived in Christchurch in 1999 during his home country's ongoing civil war. He drove a taxi on the weekends and spent weekdays helping other Somali refugees adjust to their new lives.

In 2004, he founded the Canterbury Refugee Council - a base for a team of 10 former refugees, mostly female graduates, who visit refugees in their homes, connect them with services, and provide English lessons. It is now named the Canterbury Refugee Resettlement and Resource Centre.

In 2005, he handed over the Multi-ethnic Homework Club to Hagley College, where more than 100 children of refugee families get help with their studies while their parents get cooking lessons.

A year later, Tani established the New Zealand National Refugee Association, of which he has been the chairperson since 2014.

"The reason we founded the national association was to have a collective voice for the refugees, and that went well really."

Tani said helping refugees resettle was his priority "because I love the people and I love to help the people".





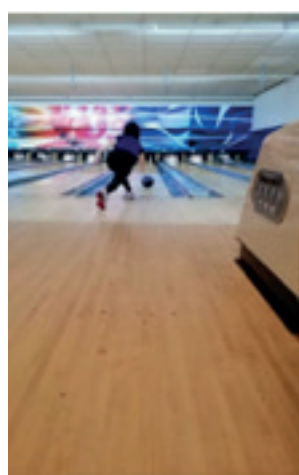
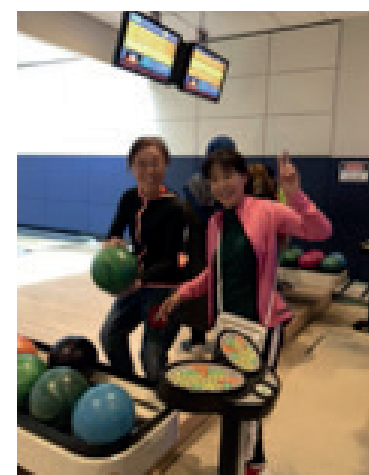


## Going bowling

On Thursday, 11th April 2019, E6 and E3 students and their teachers went bowling.

First, we drove from Hagley College to the bowling venue. Next, some students changed their shoes. Then, we made groups of four and started bowling at 2pm. We laughed a lot. After that, we took a group photo and we checked our score. Finally, we drove back to Hagley College and went home.

We had an amazing afternoon. It was a great way to end term 1. We look forward to our next bowling trip.



## Talk Session- ELL Students

Welcome Talk Session program with five topics from Fire Department, Police, Migrant and Refugee Health, Multicultural Liaison Coordinator and Internet Safety. The program starting from June till September 2019. The audience from 150 ELL Students and provide interpreters, the schedules will be Monday 10.45-12.35, Tuesday 10.45-12.35 and Thursday 1.20-3.00.



## Ramadan Mubarak

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Muslim lunar calendar. Healthy adult Muslims fast during Ramadan from dawn until dusk. This includes abstaining from drinking, eating, immoral acts and anger. The holy month of Ramadan, which began on May 7, 2019 and ends on June 5, 2019.

During Ramadan, Muslims wake up well before dawn to eat the first meal of the day, which has to last until sunset. This means eating lots of high-protein foods and drinking as much water as possible, a pre-dawn meal called suhoor. Then they can't eat and drink on daylight.

The breaking of that fast, just after sunset is the second meal of the day Muslims eat a huge meal known as iftar.

"Best wishes for peace & prosperity throughout Ramadan"

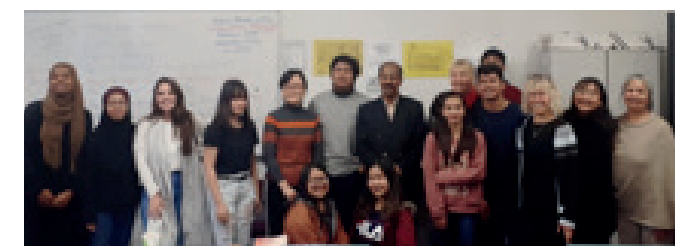
Happy Ramadan



## Picking Nuts

On Thursday, 2nd May 2019, E6 students and teacher Tara drove to a nut farm.

First, we drove from Hagley College to the nut farm in Clarkville. We drove for 35 minutes. Next, the lady gave us buckets. Then, we went to the nut trees and we picked nuts. Some students picked walnuts, some students picked hazelnuts, and some students picked chestnuts. After that, the lady weighed our nuts and we paid. Finally, the lady took a group photo and we drove back to Hagley College. We had a lovely afternoon. The weather was beautiful. We were lucky!



## "Growing Happy in a Busy World"

"Be yourself"

"Be real"

"Be close to your heart"

"Be free to be who you are"

On Tuesday 21 May 2019, Srinivas Arka came to class 13 EPA and shared his knowledge and experience with students.

Srinivas Arka is a World Renowned Philosopher, inspirational speaker and author. He has developed Human Positive Potential Programmes and is a founder of the Centre for Conscious Awareness (CCA) registered which is part of charities worldwide.

He spoke about helping people to feel happy, learn to listen, not simply hear and try to be positive with everyone.

People are born loving not aggressive and their character can develop by offering smiles, good vibrations and using positive dialogue to communicate.

Wisdom comes with knowledge, age and experience.

It's a process to understanding and respect.

Be self reflective and observe your thoughts

Be you .... "You are a Star!"



## Youth Workshop

On Thursday 20 June 2019, we had a workshop from "SHAKTI" Ethnic Women's Support Group Christchurch. Work towards the empowerment of youth (specially ethnic girls - Asian/ Middle Eastern/African). This workshop aims to provide a deeper understanding of domestic family violence. Regarding forced marriages, bullying, discrimination, etc.

SHAKTI in several Asian languages means "Strength". Offering strength and motivation to thousands of migrants and refugees in New Zealand in overcoming isolation, insecurity, fear and frustration.



## Unity Day

On Thursday 11th April 2019, we had a Unity Day, with Music, Jump jam, Yoga, calligraphy and BBQ on front lawn gold coin donation for Hagley Muslim Communities.

We raised just over \$500 and this money will go directly to Hagley families (staff and students), who have lost family members as a result of the tragedy (March, 15th 2019)

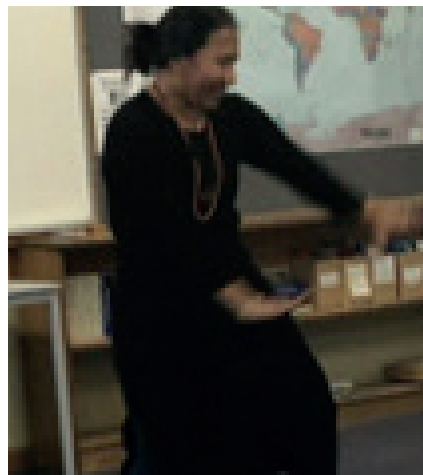
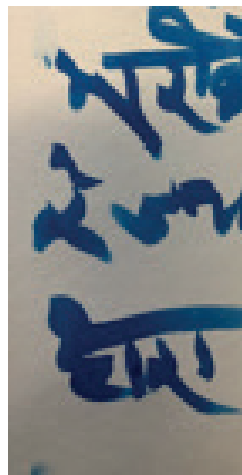
As one of Hagley College students who lost her husband and son commented: "You can't change darkness with darkness, you need light - in the same way - you can't change hate with hate, you need love"



I'm Marc Swain-Rogatski and I teach ESOL and Community classes at the Hagley Adult Literacy Centre (HALC). I started teaching ESOL privately around 15 years ago, while I was studying for my BA in English at the University of Canterbury. Since then I have managed several retail stores, studied some more - gaining my MA in TESOL and NZCALNE - and am nearing completion of a digital film diploma! I love meeting people from different backgrounds, and really respect our learners making the effort to come to HALC to improve their everyday English skills.

What I love about teaching at HALC is seeing the happiness in learners who can speak English a lot more than when they started and being proud of their achievements. The teaching opportunities the managers have provided me with has given me the ability to teach in a wide context, both onsite at Hagley College and community classes at the McFaddens Centre in St Albans. I feel I grow a lot in experience every year. The multicultural Hagley environment is really special and is one that I am privileged to be a part of. The inclusiveness and community shown is one that has really humbled me. It has been special to learn of my students' cultures, share food, stories and laugh together.

What I find exciting now is what I found scary at first: those times when lesson content isn't comprehended as fast as initially expected and having to switch up quickly, whilst keeping the lesson interesting, and taking time to enjoy the lightbulb moments and smiles when it all comes together. I enjoy working together collaboratively with each class to understand new information. I have learnt a lot from others at HALC, with each tutor having a different style and personality, it is genuinely rewarding to be a part of the team.



## A trip to Jellie Park

On Thursday, 4th April 2019, E6 class and teacher Tara went to Jellie Park.

First, we drove from Hagley College to Jellie Park. Then, we walked around the pond. Next, we took a group photo behind the waterfall. After that, some students played disc golf. They had a lot of fun. We also saw many ducks in the pond. Finally, we walked back to our car and we drove to Hagley College.

We had a great afternoon. The weather was beautiful, we were very lucky!



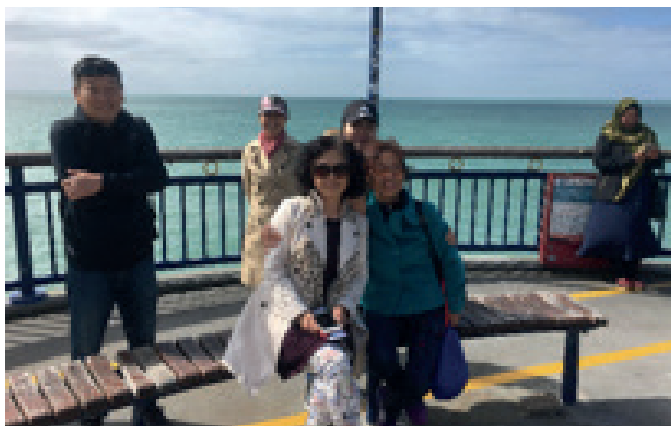


## A trip to New Brighton Pier

On Thursday, 18th March 2019, E6 students and teacher Tara drove to New Brighton.

First, we drove to New Brighton. Then we ate lunch together. We shared our food, it was yummy. Next, we walked on the pier. New Brighton Pier is the biggest pier in Australasia. It is 300 metres long. Then, we took a group photo. We saw people fishing. After that, we walked back to the car. Finally, we drove to Hagley College and went home.

We had an amazing afternoon. We love spending time together. Unfortunately, Xi Huai and Catherine didn't catch any fish.

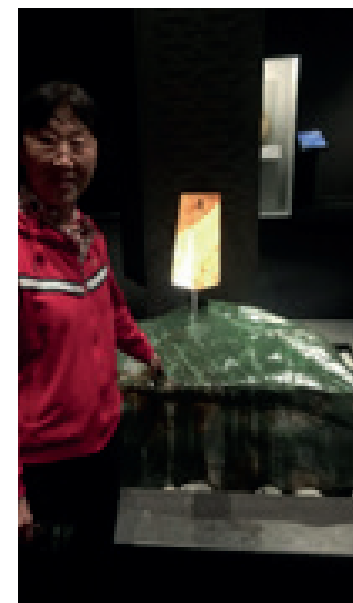
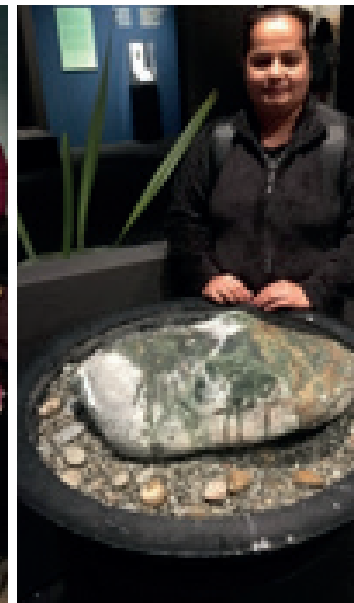
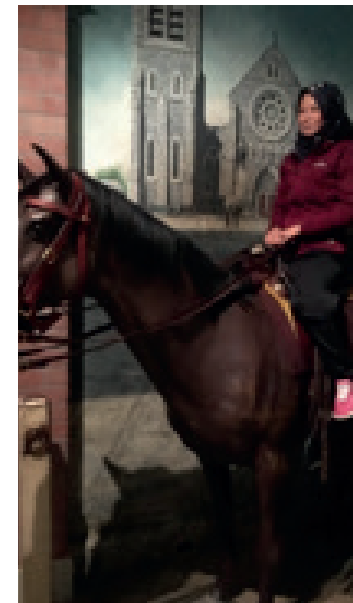


## A visit to a farm

On Wednesday, 3rd of April 2019, 11 ELL students and teachers Tara and Anna visited a farm.

First, we drove to the farm in Amberley. Next, we arrived at the farm and saw seven horses. Then, we patted and brushed the horses. They liked it. After that, we went to see the chickens. Vicky has 16 chickens. Finally, we washed our hands and we drove back to school.

We had a lovely morning at the farm.



## A visit to Canterbury Museum

On Thursday, 9th May 2019, E6 students and teacher Tara walked to Canterbury Museum.

First, we crossed the road and walked through Hagley Park to the museum. Next, we saw how a street in Christchurch looked like between 1870 and 1901. Then, we took a group photo in front of the Pounamu exhibition. After that, we looked around and saw lots of Pounamu. We saw decorations, weapons and tools made from Pounamu. Finally, some students walked to the bus exchange and some students walked back to Hagley College.

We had a lovely afternoon.

