

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Newsletter

Term 4, 2017

Term 4 review and see what we've been up to here at Hagley's Learning Communities.

Welcome to our Term 4 Newsletter!

Tena tatou e te whanau.

Term 4 has been full of vibrant and exciting activities: in the classroom, across communities and in the city. At the same time, students have completed numerous assessments and celebrated huge successes in all areas of the curriculum. It has been extremely rewarding to see students, within and across cultures and languages, 'trying on' new ways of being, doing, thinking and expressing. It is this love of curiosity, adventure and intercultural interaction that provides meaningful and memorable experiences at Hagley. Thank you to everyone who has helped make 2017 a happy and fulfilling year. We wish you all a joyful and relaxing break. For those leaving, we look forward to the great contributions that you will make to the future of our city, Otautahi, and New Zealand. Ma te atua koe e tiaki e manaaki. May God care for you and guide you.

Sarah Denny - Director Learning Communities

Student Profile



I am Nguyen Thi Lan and Nguyen Thi Huong, students of Class 11CEA2 (Community English for Adults), school year 2017 at Hagley College. Our classroom teacher is Rosaline.

We are in Term 4, approaching end of the year now. Looking back for the whole year 2017 at Hagley College, we find that we are so lucky to have such a wonderful year at the school. We have learnt a lot, not only English language but also life skills. We learnt to cook healthy foods from different countries around the world, do gardening, practice yoga, and went to healthy days for women. We also celebrated cultures of different ethnicities; build cultural friendship, learnt about other's beliefs and religions that help us understand each other better and enables us to integrate better in New Zealand society. We visited community gardens, went to Canterbury museums, and went to picnics at different places around Christchurch, like Sumner and Spencer's Park. Between terms, we were relaxed and enjoyed wonderful breaks with our friends and families.

There are 15 students in our class. All of us have a very limited English language. Some of us even have not been to school before coming to New Zealand. We all come from different countries namely Chinese, Afghanistan, Somalia and Vietnam. We are all very friendly, helpful and supportive. We learnt a lot from each other, have a lot of fun and wonderful time together.

Our teachers are very dedicated and helpful, especially Mrs Rosaline, Kay, Tara, Trish and Simon. They teach us how to pronounce correctly every single word in English. Thanks to them, our English language skills are getting better and better each day.

We sincerely thank them for all what they have been teaching us, and many thanks to the leaders, teachers and support staff of the College for their hard work, their kindness and dedication to us at all times during the year. We wish them a happy holiday and great New Year 2018. We look forward to coming back to the school next year.

Preschool at Hagley

Jocelyn Wright Preschool Director Hagley Community Preschool

Hagley Preschool has been on site at the College for over 40 years. It is open 8am – 4 pm for children aged 4 months to 5 years. We care the children while their parents are studying at Hagley College. To register your child or grandchildren, please contact the preschool, phone 03 364 5158 to speak to Jocelyn or Megan.

Why should children spend time outdoors?

Playing in an outdoor environment has huge benefits for young children's learning and development. It is great for young children's physical development and, while playing outside, children also tend to develop a more positive attitude to learning. They are usually more active, absorbed and involved. They learn how to get on with others and manage their feelings, how to safely take risks, take responsibility, and to think more freely. Time in the outdoor environment is very important to the positive development of a child's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

So, with term break and summer approaching fast, get out the sun screen and sunhats, turn off the TV, and open the doors. Explore the outdoors together: plant some seeds, go on a treasure hunt, feed the birds, dig a hole, walk to the park or let your child just play! And don't mind the mess – it will always wash off!



Capacity Building Workshop

In the first week of Term 3 Holiday, we held a Capacity Building Workshop called "Working alongside Refugees and Their Families". It was organised at Hagley College. It is an annual training offered by Hagley College to individuals and organizations providing resettlement services to refugee people. Through the project, Hagley has been able to raise awareness of the needs of refugee communities and build the capacity amongst government and local community agencies through the workshop. Since September 2008, there have been twenty-three Capacity Building Workshops developed, funded and delivered.

This year, a total of 67 attended the workshop and came from 43 organizations. They had access to a variety of materials and resource guide books and listened to ten key speakers coming from refugee communities and supporting agencies.

Capacity Building workshop received positive feedback from the participants and they would like more training in the area. They found the programme valuable to their work.

The workshop was recorded and broadcasted on Canterbury Cultures Programme, PlainsFM96.9 – a regional radio in Canterbury region. If you want to listen it again, click to podcast links below:

<http://accessradio.org/Player.aspx?eid=1ffa88e0-bde2-47ff-9f82-c7d2f93b0190>

<http://accessradio.org/Player.aspx?eid=2a0e6d77-c48b-400e-936f-03f70fe1f702>

<http://accessradio.org/Player.aspx?eid=738928f4-764b-4a92-bb63-2a762a1d6fde>

<http://accessradio.org/Player.aspx?eid=3bb6ee5e-9887-4067-8285-3c5205a2bbf6>



NCEA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

In the first week of Term 3 Holiday, an annual NCEA Holiday Programme was organised at the Homework centre at Hagley College. Twenty-seven students from Year 10 to Year 13 came from 7 different schools in Christchurch to learn the best way to successfully answer NCEA external assessments and prepare for their upcoming examinations. The teachers used examples from English, Science and Mathematics and mock exams to help students improve their skills.

Below is some feedback from the students participating in the NCEA Holiday programme:

“The teachers help me doing my work and help me answer the questions that I can’t answer”

The teachers are all good and I am satisfied with their teaching!

Thanks the NCEA preparation programme. It helps me reach my goals.

It's helpful and good.

Really good. I encourage other people to come since it's so helpful.The study support centre is very helpful. I like to come here to study and do my homework. Thank you so much.



NCEA Night at Hagley College

On Tuesday evening 4 July 2017 Hagley College had another NCEA/Careers and Pathways night in conjunction with Scholarship Night at the Multi-Ethnic Homework Centre.

Teachers presented information on NCEA and how to achieve at each level (credits, achieved, merit and excellence). There was a group of high school students from schools around Christchurch, including Avonside Girls, Boys High, Hagley College, Burnside High School, Papanui High School and more.

The presentation also included the differences between Certificate, Diploma, and Degree courses and the different entry requirements. The group examined several pathways and what was needed to enter the programmes. Areas explored included nursing, IT, plumbing, law and culinary.

The group found the entry requirements for each pathway, and looked at NCEA levels, literacy, maths, IELTS and important subjects for each area of study. This gave students a sampling of different pathways and a better understanding of what tertiary institutions are asking for from prospective students and of what scholarships are available to finance their tertiary education.

While the careers and pathways sessions were happening, other education activities were taking place in the classrooms next door for primary and intermediate aged students.

In other classrooms, primary and intermediate students from all over Christchurch were working on their literacy, maths and computing skills. These kind of events happen every Tuesday and Wednesday evening at Hagley College.

The multi-ethnic Homework Centre is about much more than homework.



ELL WINNERS AT SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

Our heartiest congratulations to Freba Ahmadi, recipient of Abdul Rahman Ikhtari Award 2017 to support academic study.

Abdul Rahman Ikhtari Award is created to honour the memory of Abdul Rahman Ikhtari who was a teacher in Afghanistan and worked as a volunteer here at Hagley for four years. He was sadly murdered in Christchurch in 2008. He was very much respected and known for his selflessness and generosity of spirit and it is in the spirit of this community-oriented man that Hagley awards this scholarship specifically to students from refugee background who have excelled to support them with future studies.



The student is the teacher

Shulian (student) showing Ali (bilingual tutor) how to crimp the edges of the curry puffs.

