

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Newsletter

Term 3, 2019

Term 3 review and see what we've been up to here at Hagley's Learning Communities.



Special Award to Ahmed Tani

Mr. Ahmad Tani has recently been honoured for Officers of The New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM). Ahmed Tani is the chairperson of New Zealand National Refugee Association. He was presented with a New Year's honour for 20 years' of service to refugee communities, by the New Zealand Governor General.

Ahmed Tani was a teacher in Somalia during his home country's civil war. He arrived in Christchurch in 1999 and earned a living driving a taxi in the weekends and spending his weekdays helping other Somali refugees to settle into their new environment.

Ahmed Tani founded the Canterbury Refugee Council in 2004 with a team of 10 former refugees, mostly female graduates. His team visit refugees in their new homes, connect them with services they need and provide English lessons. The council now named the Canterbury Refugee Resettlement and Resource Centre.

In 2005, Ahmed Tani handed over the Multi-ethnic Homework Club to Hagley College. More than 100 children of refugee families get help with their studies and adults get cooking and driving lessons, as needed. Ahmed Tani established the New Zealand National Refugee Association which he has chaired since 2014.

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

Ahmed Tani has made helping refugees resettle here, his priority and his length of service in the area is testimony to his wholehearted commitment to helping others.



On Thursday Afternoon

On Thursday afternoon, the 20th June, the students of 11ELL2, 11ELL and 9DM played some Maths probability games together in E6. The 9DM students had created the games and wanted to share with other classes. We were happy to play and talk with them and hopefully to improve our English.

As Nathaly in 11ELL2 explains:

'Firstly, the students in my group explained how to play the card game they had designed. They told me that the rules were similar to those of Poker and each person starts the game with ten tokens. The students also explained that there would be a winner in every game.

When we started playing, it was a lot of fun. The students were very funny and sweet. They explained the game so well that I won three times.

Earlier I had made some brigadeiros, Brazilian sweets, to share for afternoon tea. My classmates and Margaret, our teacher, brought pizza, fruit and lots of food and drinks to share with the students as it was World Refugee Day at school and we wanted to celebrate. It was a delicious afternoon tea.

We all enjoyed the afternoon playing card, dice, board and outdoor games. I was really happy. I would like to play again with the students from 9DM.'

NCEA Holiday Programme

NCEA - The National Certificate of Educational Achievement, in order to help students achieve, we are offering a 'NCEA Holiday Programme' the first week of Term 3 school holidays.

The Course will be starting from Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October 2019 and the class will begin from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will be holding classes for senior students in the J Block Classrooms at Hagley College. Students will need to bring their own a packed lunch.

The NCEA Holiday Programme will be providing with New Zealand registered teachers in various subjects: English, Science, Mathematics, Biology and Economics. And help from experienced bilingual teacher aides and tutors who speak your own languages for Somali, Farsi, Nepalese, Bhutanese, Arabic and Dari. These classes will teach students the best way to successfully answer NCEA external assessments and prepare for upcoming examinations.

Students will need to register, please contact the number below if you are interested in attending.

Multi-ethnic homework and Study Support Centre (Tuesday – Wednesday | Time 5pm – 7pm)

Hagley College Ph: 03 – 3793090 (Ext 810) or 027 2560009

We hope to see you there!

World Refugee Day

The World Refugee on 22 June 2019 at Hagley College in collaboration with social services providers and agencies such as PEETO-Intercultural Development Trust, Red Cross, local refugee communities, Christchurch Resettlement Services and Canterbury Refugee Resettlement and Resource Centre. The event was featured with refugee journeys, music, dance, and sharing international food from different cultures.

We were very delighted and welcome to the speakers of the day including thr Mayor of Christchurch, Lianne Dalziel, Councilor Jimmy Chen and Councilor Anne gateway of the Christchurch City Council, Father Gabriel from the Ethiopia Community and Megan Woods, Minister of Housing.

Ahmed Tani, the Chairperson of New Zealand National Refugee Association shared: "Today is the World Refugee day. We are celebrating the success of refugees who have settled in New Zealand and also remembered their pain and the journey that actually come through. Millions of people have been displaced by conflict in their own countries. Thank you to Christchurch people who always sporting, listening, teaching and commenting a lot to the wider society about the refugees."

Lianne Dalziel as the Mayor of Christchurch, Refugee community in Christchurch appreciated the warm welcome New Zealand to former Refugee and embracing them as part of our identity as nations.

The event was marked by sharing the food from others communities; Somali, Afghanistan, Nepal and Indonesian. With also experienced performance dances from Nepal, Belly dancer and some poetry. The children have interactive session including face painting, playing games, hand paint printing on fabric, henna and many others.

It was a wonderful day, we started from 2pm and ended at 7pm.
"Happy World Refugee Day"



Airport Tour

On Friday 26th July 11 CEE class and 11 ELL3 class went to the airport for a tour. We learnt a lot about how the airport operates, such as where to park, how to check-in, how to go through customs and about biosecurity.

Many of our questions were answered, for example we learnt that there is a prayer room with prayer mats at the airport and what items you cannot bring to New Zealand from other countries. The staff also told us what to do when a flight is cancelled, or when your luggage does not arrive. More than 6000 people work at the airport and there are more than 250 companies.

Every year, there are more than 10.000 international and 60.000 domestic flights. It was an interesting visit and it will be much easier to find our way around the airport next time we have to travel by plane.



Adult Learning Week - Cake



Class Trip



4th July 2019, E6 students and teacher Tara visited Christchurch Adventure Park.



25th April 2019, E6 students and teacher Tara went to Ten Pin Bowling.



27th June 2019, E6 students and teacher Tara drove to Wigram Air Force Museum.

NCEA Night Information & Pathway

On Tuesday 3rd September 2019 we invited parents and students from Refugee and Migrant backgrounds attended the NCEA Information and Pathway evening provided by the Ministry of Education to Support the communities.

This information will be useful for parents and students, especially for those who are new to New Zealand from Refugee and Migrant backgrounds. It was a great opportunity for asked questions and understands more about all the possibilities for career pathway with NCEA. The presentation also included with the workshop and the prizes.

By the end of the NCEA Night event, we had 11 students from different schools at Christchurch fill up the NCEA Holiday Programme 2019.

What a productive night!

