

Ipsa Duce

Celebrating Excellence!



Another Social Justice project: Octacan, our appeal for the Foodbank.

Get ready to bring your own device next year!

For 2016 it is proposed that students will be required to have a device which connects to the internet through wifi. Teaching and learning can be more effective when every student has a digital device of their own to provide immediate access to the World Wide Web. This enables immediate access to local on-line materials posted by teachers. It can also encourage group learning, creativity and problem-solving supported by digital devices.

Anecdotal evidence is that about 15-20% of students are already bringing laptops or tablets to school, another 20% have devices at home that they don't bring to school, and around 80% are using the school wifi regularly on their smart-phones. The College is not requiring a particular device to be used. The metaphor we are using is that of a "Digital Pencil-Case", just as we make suggestions about what a student should have in their actual pencil cases at school individuals tend to have a wide variety ranging from bare necessities to lots of extras. The College is suggesting tablets for juniors and laptops for seniors, based on the increased amount of writing required around NCEA at the senior school. The chosen device needs to have at least an 18cm screen and at least 8 hours of battery life. Ideally, an external keyboard (attachable, or generic accessory) is advised. The device needs to be suited to a Google environment.

We are conscious of financial pressures on families and are investigating ways to ensure accessibility. We are already a BYOD school with state of the art internal cabling and we have purchased and installed whole-school wifi. We have a 500MB fibre internet link with MOE filtering. Students are now required to use their username and password to access the web from school and we have a well-established google environment. The Kavanagh Moodle Learning site (Koodle, accessed from the school website) has been operating for the last six years.

Taking up the Caritas Challenge

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is an agency of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference that works towards making a real difference in the lives of people living with poverty or injustice. It is part of Caritas Internationalis, a network of 165 Catholic aid, development and social justice agencies working for the poor and oppressed in over 200 countries and territories. The Caritas Internationalis network is one of the largest humanitarian confederations in the world, working with people regardless of their religion, race, gender or ethnicity. Caritas' purpose is to transform communities to enable lives of dignity and hope. They value compassion and empathy - aroha, human dignity - te mana i te tangata, equality - oritetanga, hope - tumanako, justice - tika.



The 2015 Caritas Challenge major focus was on The Philippines. This nation of over 7,000 islands is extremely vulnerable to natural disasters, experiencing up to twenty tropical typhoons a year. It is also susceptible to floods, landslides, storm surges, tsunamis and earthquakes. These events are becoming more frequent and more severe as a result of climate change. People in the Philippines need assistance to adapt the way they grow food, build houses and use natural resources, so they can be more resilient to natural disasters. Caritas Philippines and Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand are assisting many communities in the Philippines to BUILD BACK BETTER.

Participants in the Caritas Challenge contributed to several community development projects in Mindanao, where people are 'Building Back Better' after Typhoon Bopha. The projects involve: improving access to fresh water, increased preparedness for disasters and improving sustainability in agriculture. The New Zealand Bishops asked us to support this worthy cause so this year, for the second time, Kavanagh took on the National Caritas Challenge.

These challenges included: Move It (sport for 24 hours and thinking of those travelling long distances for work); Sweat It (working in demanding condition in shifts over 24 hours, to experience the conditions others face daily); Live It (building a temporary shelter and living in it for 24 hours); Stop It (going without something for 24 hours, to experience hardship); and Watch it (a national first, restricted to Yr 13 and past Kavanagh students: watching the complete "The Hobbit" and "Lord of the Rings" series in one sitting, thinking about the sedentary lives of those affected by poverty and illness). Most activities were done at home, with the help of parents and family friends. Part of the challenge was, of course, choosing a challenge!

The Kavanagh Organising Team was: Service Prefects: Oscar German, Hana Gallaher, Sofia Yanez-Flores, David Clark; Head Students: Sarangi Sabu, Oscar Paul, Madeline Homan, Aaron Fahey; BOT Representative: Caitlin Smith; and Director of religious Studies, Mr Colin MacLeod.

Congratulations to our golden girl, Zoe McBride

Ex-student Zoe (19) is truly on top of the world with her gold medal in the women's lightweight single sculls at the world cup event in Varese, Italy. In the semi-final she had already smashed the world record, set in 1994. In the final she stormed past Fabiana Beltrame of Brazil to win by seven seconds in 7 minutes 31.15seconds.

Zoe is right up there with the other three gold medal winners: the men's lightweight four, the women's double and the men's single scull. The New Zealand squad is now focusing its attention on the third and final world cup to be held in Lucerne, Switzerland, in July. And then Zoe is eying the Rio Olympics. "For me this year I want to get my experience of my first year at elite level and make improvements. So when I'm coming up to trials next year I'm in the best form possible," she says.

Zoe said her third race in as many days at elite level proved taxing but she entered the final bolstered by her semi-final record. "There's always going to be a bit of fatigue going through the racing progression but I felt really good. Yesterday gave me a boost of confidence and I just went into it today wanting to go out there and have the best race I could."



Yr 8 students went to the Edgar Centre in June to play futsal, basketball, table tennis and hand ball. Each class was divided into two teams and each team played all four sports. Results were evenly spread and students enjoyed two hours of fun.

The Big Sing

Twenty choristers from Kavanagh, now known as Kavaccino (formerly A Cappella) wowed the crowds in June. The Dunedin Town Hall was packed downstairs with twenty-five choirs from all around Otago and South Canterbury for the regional competition known the Big Sing. Kavaccino sang a modern New Zealand piece, a romantic European work and a traditional Spiritual song and were proud to say that they attained a 'Commended' award. Given that there were so many choirs, mainly made up of experienced senior singers, and that only a few awards were presented that night, this was a real achievement. Kavaccino has Yr 7-13 singers, including six Yr 7s, so our younger singers really stepped up that night. One of the highlights was the whole town hall standing up to sing along and groove to the Bruno Mars 'Uptown Funk'! The standard of singing throughout the day was high, and hopefully will inspire us to even greater heights in future years.



Kav Kwiz by Josh Meikle

1. Who is the current Russian Prime Minister?
2. How many classrooms are there on the second floor of the Mercy Block?
3. Which item in our solar system is the spacecraft 'New Horizons' about to pass?
4. Who, while living up the Whanganui River at Jerusalem, set up a Catholic congregation, published a significant Maori text, broke in a hill farm, made medicines and cared for babies and children during the Depression in New Zealand (among other things)?
5. How many Highlanders were named in the recent All Blacks training squad?

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HAVE YOUR SAY!

Time to say goodbye, from Ida Lieback

Wow. So this is really it. After one year overseas it is time to go back to Germany. In the last twelve months of my life on exchange in New Zealand I feel like I have learnt more about myself and others than in my whole life before. I guess going away is just a really big step and if you want to make the most of it, you will have to be as open and accepting as possible to fully get to know another culture. But then again, Kavanagh helped me a lot as well. Since the very first day there were always people who showed me around or patiently repeated their names over and over until I got it. And, thankfully, school in New Zealand is pretty easy anyway so I could lie back a bit. I mean: only six subjects? I was used to twelve. And although our periods are shorter, the quantity of things that you need to learn - and remember! - is way bigger! A big plus is that the teachers here are so relaxed about everything... To be honest, when I think about some of the stuff I did in class here, I probably would have been sent to the principal if I'd pulled that in Germany. But the thing that was really was the most challenging for me was the school uniform. We don't have one in Germany and the amount of time it takes me to get ready every morning is unbelievable. I won't miss the uniform although I did enjoy the experience. The only thing that I can say is that I loved it here more than anything! I had the time of my life and I wouldn't change a thing about the past year! Thank you, Kavanagh College, for everything you did for me!

Contact with our sister school, by Drama teacher, Chris Manley



This year I have taken leave from Kavanagh in order to travel overseas for six months, with my husband. On our way to Europe, I took the opportunity to go to Shanghai to visit Jinyuan Senior High School, Kavanagh's sister school. From the moment the plane landed at Shanghai Pudong International Airport, both Tim and I knew that we were going to be exposed to a totally different cultural experience. Shanghai is China's largest city with over 24 million residents. The city is mixture of modern and traditional China. It is colourful, hot and noisy. On my second day in Shanghai I was picked up from the hotel by, Dai, one of the senior teachers, who had visited Kavanagh College in 2014. My first impression was of a very modern school with an extremely relaxed and tranquil atmosphere within an pleasant park-like environment. I was taken to meet the English Department teachers

and immediately felt right at home. They were an impressive group of dedicated men and women who were very excited about the chance to show-off their students. My itinerary initially included observing some classes but it was clear to me that they really wanted their students to be able to demonstrate their skills on stage. Before the work began I was taken to lunch by Principal Wang, her Vice-Principal, Susan, a senior teacher and interpreter, who had also visited Dunedin, and Dai. Even though I communicated to Principal Wang through our interpreter, it was a very easy conversation. This very impressive and endearing Principal has a way of making everything you say very important and is eager to relate the stories of her school back to you. All the students were a joy to work with. At various levels they had prepared their own scripts in English and performed them on the stage. They were delightful. I was totally impressed by their enthusiasm and engagement. They sang, danced and acted their way through difficult English dialogue which they had memorised. At the end of each play I was to give these young people feedback. There were so many 'stars' which stood out but it was the way they looked after all their cast members which I most admired. Their teachers had used this drama activity to teach the skills of the English language and clearly it was productive. One of the most exciting times during my second day at the school was to take a large group of students through a drama workshop. I was able to guide them by employing many of my communicative and co-operative activities through many scenarios which will be helpful to them in the future. Following a very busy two days at the school, Dai took both Tim and me sight-seeing. In a city that never sleeps, amid the crazy traffic and cacophony of noise, I was privileged to share, with those wonderful teachers, a similar passion of bringing to life, the dreams of those students.



Bunch of Seven!

1. In which century would you like to have been born in and why?
2. If you had one outstanding talent what would you have?
3. What service have you done this year for a Social Justice project?
4. What is your biggest fear?
5. What natural disaster do you fear the most?



Charlotte Hayde, Yr 7:
 1. The 21st because we have the newest technology.
 2. Understanding what people say.
 3. Donated to the Nepal earthquake.
 4. Snakes.
 5. Tsunami.



Morgan Reeve, Yr 8:
 1. This one: it's an exciting time.
 2. Flight.
 3. Carefully planning for the Caritas Challenge.
 4. Feet!
 5. Tsunami.



Zoe Szostak, Yr 9:
 1. The 3rd so that I could see the pyramids being built.
 2. Read and play music.
 3. Our class collected money for dog rescue.
 4. Drowning.
 5. A big earthquake.



Nick Dolan, Yr 10:
 1. The 20th, especially the 80's. Everything was so cool, like the boom box.
 2. Freestyle rap.
 3. Collecting cans and having a social for Yr 9 and 10 to raise money for Nepal.
 4. My mum.
 5. A big earthquake.



Kevin Pestano, Yr 11:
 1. The 21st, don't know why.
 2. A circus rope walker.
 3. Nothing yet.
 4. Small spaces.
 5. Tsunami.



Shania Fox, Yr 12:
 1. The 20th for the 1920's fashion and make-up: stunning!
 2. Being able to sing.
 3. Meeting blood donors and fundraising for CanTeen.
 4. Spiders.
 5. Bush fires.



Jack Liu, Yr 13:
 1. The 3rd, BC, because it was the time of the Roman Empire and I really like their armour.
 2. Changing stones into gold (need the money, ha ha).
 3. Nothing yet.
 4. Pythons or poisonous insects.
 5. Heart attack.

Farewell to Maureen

It is with sadness that the College farewelled Maureen Bretherton in June as she retired from her role as School Counsellor, a position she held for the past 12 years. Maureen saw the good in every child and felt that everyone had a story that deserved to be heard. She offered them the time, empathy and respect they needed to express their feelings and perhaps understand themselves from a different perspective. Maureen's advice and guidance has left indelible footprints in the lives of those she has touched at Kavanagh, both students and staff. Her warmth, courage, sense of humour and willingness to listen to others will be sadly missed. We wish her well in her relaxation.



Message from Maureen: I'd like to say just how much I have enjoyed my years at Kavanagh. It is such a special school community - the staff, the students and the families. It has been a real privilege to work as the school Guidance Counsellor and be able to get to know people when they are having a difficult time, for an enormous variety of reasons. The challenges faced and the courage shown has frequently astonished me. Our students are, and have always been, very special young people. One of my special joys is meeting up with, or hearing from, ex-students and families and learning how they are getting on. So many have found a path which is bringing them happiness, a sense of self-worth and success on their chosen pathway. I feel blessed to have been able to be part of some of those journeys. I also have to mention the students who are not with us anymore. I hope they are at peace and their families can find some comfort from this. It reminds me of how every person in our community is special and needs to be treated respectfully, the way we all wish to be treated, and I believe that at Kavanagh we work hard to ensure it happens. My own journey has had its challenges over the past few years, both with my family and with my health. Last August I was incredibly fortunate to receive a liver transplant which is now offering me opportunities I didn't expect to have, and in February I was blessed with a beautiful, healthy grandson. I don't know what my future will hold of course, but sadly I've had to acknowledge that I just don't have the energy needed to do the counsellor role fully anymore. So I say thank-you for all the support and friendship I have received over my Kavanagh years and wish you all the very best for the future. May God bless us all.

Maureen Bretherton mbreth07@gmail.com

Catering for the gifted

Who are these gifted pupils? They are identified usually by at least three pieces of evidence, such as stanine 9 in PATs (English and Mathematics skills assessed in March and November in Yrs 7-10). Students from Yrs 7-10 are invited to apply, with a supporting letter from their parents or caregivers. Their strengths may come from a variety of fields: academic, sporting, cultural, artistic, spiritual, creative, and/or social. Sometimes these students are seen as 'square pegs in round holes' because of their exceptional ability. Once accepted, students have two periods per week devoted to project work of their own choice. This might include writing a novel, conducting a science experiment, creating a work of art... The aim is to challenge, extend and excite beyond what is expected in the regular class. In the past Kavanagh has streamed some year levels to create a Gifted and Talented class, but this has been changed to cater for a multi-level group. Often students enjoy working with others from different year levels. Their Dean, Mrs Kerron Thompson, keeps a Journal of the projects, with examples of work. Their findings and creativity are presented to parents in an end of year demonstration.

Notes from the Alumni Trust

The Alumni have had a busy year to date, while a lot of our work is behind the scenes, we are intending to host a gala concert later in the year highlighting the wonderful talents of past and present students. The Alumni are also planning its first Distinguished Alumni Dinner celebrating and recognising distinguished former students of Kavanagh and its Foundations schools, a gala concert to showcase the musical talents of present and former students and the annual golf tournament.



Paula Rose with the Governor-General, Sir Jerry Mateparae

Celebrating Success : Kavanagh Alumni were delighted to once again sponsor a number of prizes at several key events in recent months including the Proxime Accessit Award at the Senior Prizegiving and Alumni Junior Leadership Cup at Junior Prizegiving at the end of 2014, together with the academic blues

Hon. Marian Hobbs: The Alumni are delighted to advise that former St Dominic's student, The Hon. Marian Hobbs has joined the Trust. Marian entered Parliament in 1996 as a list MP. From 1999-2008 she was been the MP for the Wellington Central electorate. During her time in parliament, she held many ministerial roles including Minister for the Environment and Minister of Broadcasting and latterly was Assistant Speaker of the House. Marian is now based in Dunedin, following a period of time working in the United Kingdom.



Hon. Marian Hobbs.

Paula Rose QSO: Educated at St Mary's Primary School in Mosgiel and Moreau College in South Dunedin (now part of Kavanagh College), Former Supt Rose said she did not know what she wanted to do once she left school and began a commerce degree at the University of Otago. Life as a student ended when she joined the MOT as a traffic officer, although she later completed her degree and a postgraduate diploma in commerce as a mature student. The MOT and the police merged in 1992 and Supt Rose became a sworn officer. She worked in Dunedin from 1984 to 1986, in Timaru from 1986 to 1989, and returned to Dunedin until 2000 when a promotion took her to police national headquarters in

she spent three months as part of New Zealand's peace-keeping forces in the Solomon Islands, and spent several months the following year and again earlier this year attending courses and working alongside front-line officers in England and Scotland. In March 2008, she was appointed roading national manager - the first woman to hold the role. She was honoured for her 27 years in road policing in 2012 with the insignia of a companion of the Queen's Service Order and is now an independent consultant specialising in leadership, performance, safety and transport issues. She currently serves as a Director of Worksafe New Zealand and a member of the Parole Board, among other appointments.



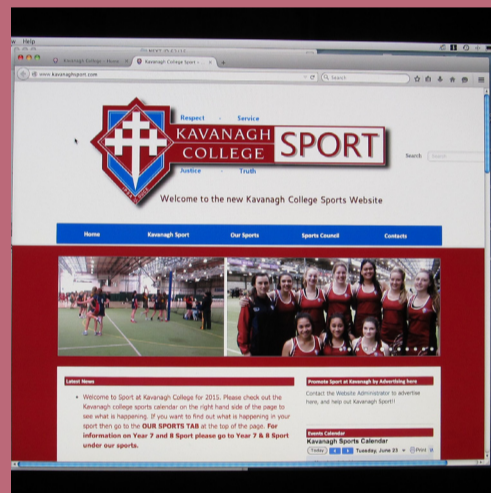
Oscar Paul, Ben Nettleton and Matthew Kelly.



Tim Oliver and Alexi Hart.

Facebook: We encourage all former students of Kavanagh and its foundation schools (St Dominic's, Christian Brothers, St Philomena's, St Pauls and Moreau College) to join our Facebook Page by searching Kavanagh Alumni.

Sports Round-up



Co-Ed Schools Tournament

On June 16 Kavanagh College competed in the annual Co-ed Sports Tournament. The sports competed in were Basketball, Netball, Hockey, Football, Rugby and badminton. Kavanagh College had an outstanding day winning the overall title for the third consecutive year running. Congratulations to all involved: over 140 participants!
Basketball: Junior boys: 1st; Junior Girls 1st; Senior boys: 2nd; Senior Girls 1st; overall winner: Kavanagh. Netball: Senior: 2nd; Junior: 3rd; overall; Kavanagh 2nd; Hockey: bopys: 1st; girls: 1st; overall winner; Football: boys: 1st; girls: 3rd; joint overall winner; Rugby: 2nd; Badminton: 1st; Overall placings: 1 Kavanagh College; 2 Taieri College; 3 Logan Park High School; 4 Bayfield High School; 5 Kaikorai Valley College; 6 Tokomairiro High School.

Junior Catholic Schools Tournament

On June 3 we hosted the Junior Catholic schools tournament here in Dunedin. Rugby and football were played at an extremely wet conditions at Bayfield Park while the netball and basketball were played in the relative comfort of the Edgar Centre. Kavanagh had a very successful day winning the Bishop Boyle Trophy relatively easily. For a full summary of all the results go check it out on www.kavanaghssport.com Rugby and football had reduced schedules due to the inclement weather. Netball: Yr 7: 3 wins; Yr 8: 3 wins; Yr 9: 2 wins; Yr 10: 3 losses. Basketball: Boys Yr 7/8: 3 wins, 2 losses; Girls Yr 7/8: 3 wins, 2 losses; Boys Yr 9/10: 3 wins; Girls Yr 9/10: 2 wins, 1 loss. Rugby: Boys Yr 9/10: 2 wins; Boys Yr 7/8: 2 losses. Football: Girls Yr 7-10: a win; Boys Yr 7-10: a win. Overall placings: 1. Kavanagh (40); 2. St Kevins (26); 3. St Peters (26); 4. Verdon (24).

The Southern Catholic Schools Sports Tournament

This was held in Oamaru on 29-30 March. Kavanagh was represented by 110 students and a large number of staff, coaches, managers and supporters. The competition was against Verdon, St Peter's, St Kevin's and Roncalli Colleges. The results are: Basketball Senior A Boy 2nd; Senior A Girls 2nd Hockey Boys 1st Girls 2nd; Football Boys 1st, Girls 3rd; Netball Senior A: 4th; Rugby 1st XV 3rd. The overall points were: 1. St Kevin's (50); 2. Kavanagh (46); 3. Roncalli (38); 4. St Peter's (19); 5. Verdon (6). While disappointed not to be the overall champion school, Kavanagh did extremely well to finish in a close second place. Well done to all our teams who competed well and represented the College with distinction. It was a great celebration of Catholic School sport.

For a full list of all the results go to the sports website www.kavanaghssport.com



would like to purchase a Hoodie needs to collect an order form from the College Office or downloaded from the sports website.

Sports hoodie

Kavanagh College Sport has developed a new sports hoodie. It is a high quality garment in the two school colours, cardinal red and navy blue. It is available for purchase to any individual student, or team, who plays any sport for Kavanagh. This will become the only sports hoodie for all Kavanagh individuals and teams. It comes with the Kavanagh College logo. Students can pay extra to have their name and their sport, on their Hoodie. Any student who



RoboCup winners

This national robotics competition for schools. is a unique event that excites and motivates students to participate in activities such as Robot Theatre, Rescue or Soccer. Created in a true cooperative spirit, the RoboCup Junior Educational Competition encompasses not only engineering and IT skills, but extends right across the school curriculum. It also addresses social development by encouraging sportsmanship, sharing, teamwork, and organisational skills. Kavanagh

performed very well in the Regional competition held in June: Junior Theatre: first place: Arachnid Attack: Tobias Devereux, pictured above in spider gear, (who also won a 'spot prize' for programming). Senior soccer: second place to Extreme Edition (Isaac Rijlaarsdam, Shaun Tatley and Aaron Fahey), who also won the Best Programming Prize.

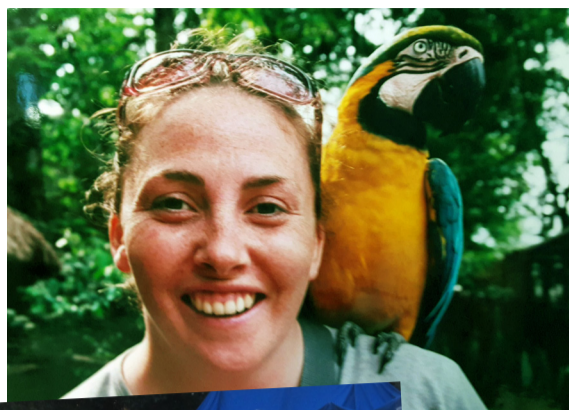
Ara Pounamu 2015

This annual Wānanga and leadership camp was held at Te Ana-au -Piopiotahi greenstone trail / Milford Track Fiordland Park in March. From close encounters with giant eels, eating yummy gourmet cookies to jaw-dropping scenery, it would be fair to say the Yr 10 Maori Studies class had an amazing camp in Fiordland National Park. Today, this pathway is called the Milford Track. In times of old, Maori used this overland route to procure tangiwai from Anita Bay / Hupokeka. This variety of greenstone was only found on the rugged Fiordland coast near the entrance to Milford Sound. For most of this term the class has been studying greenstone trails and at the end of the unit we venture out into our stunning back country to retrace the footsteps of our tūpuna (ancestors). Accompanied by Matua Kane Holmes and Mrs Glynis Corson, the class were wowed by the wonderful stories by Matua Kane and the kind nature of Whaea Glynis. Te tau tea-ka-tu means 'the white thread against the cliff'. What a beautiful name to describe New Zealand's highest waterfall - Sutherland Falls! Seeing this hiree (waterfall) up close and getting soaked by its spray was a highlight for many of the class. A big thank you to everyone who made this incredible experience happen.



Profiling...

FULL NAME: Amelia Bresanello (no middle name; my mum thought my name was enough), Careers advisor, gateway coordinator and Pasifika Dean; **Ida Rahel Samira Lieback** German Exchange student, Yr 13. **BORN IN :** Dunedin 7/12/1974; Berlin Germany; **AGE:** 40!!!; 17; **STAR SIGN:** Sagitarius (my spelling is mud!); Gemini.



WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT KAVANAGH? AB: Hmm, there really are too many things, but a few is that at Kavanagh, you make friends for life (I still have all my friends that I went to school with. ... Yes, I did go to Kavanagh 900 years ago. Also I love that we have a really diverse group of students and teachers: it keeps the days interesting. I love all things McAuley! Ida: For me personally the best thing about Kavanagh is the people and my art classes. The people at Kavanagh are all so much fun and I know that I have definitely made friends for life over the past 12 months! And Art – well it's just my favorite subject and it's way better here than in Berlin because you can do painting, or photography, or print making and you can choose your own topics and it all feels more like fun than school...

AND THE WORST? (Seriously...) AB: The 200 and something stairs to climb to my office also that people have a fascination with removing the D bolts from the volleyball nets... I could have built a new gym with the amount of bolts I have replaced. Ida: I guess the worst thing about Kavanagh really is the strict uniform rules. And I'm not trying to say that the rules are bad, it's just that I don't like having my hair in, and I love bold earrings etc. so it's just a bit strange, especially as I don't have a school uniform at my school back in Germany...

WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR FIRST DAYS AT KAVANAGH? AB: I remember being in the Christian Brothers Gym (there was no Auditorium when I started at Kavanagh) my name getting called out at the beginning and moving up to D34 to our tutor class and being in a room filled with such excitement that there were boys in our class. (It turned out they were not that exciting after all). Ida: I only remember that I was really nervous and worried that the people would be completely different from Germany and I couldn't handle the Kiwi culture. On my first day of school I didn't do a lot though, as me and the other arriving international students were mainly shown around school and stuff like that. But I had my first Drama period in New Zealand that day and looking back now it's just crazy how much I learned about the people there and how much it all changed.

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT BEING AT KAVANAGH? AB: The amazing friends that I have made, both as a student and as a teacher. Also the smell of wet kilts in the rain... Ida: My friends. Of course I will probably often think about how easy everything is over here, as I don't get any credits and don't sit most of the exams, but I guess the people that you meet overseas are the ones that will stay with you forever.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE READING? WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK? AB: At the moment I find myself reading great picture books, a few favorites that my boy Louis and I like to read are 'The Gruffalo', 'The day Louis got eaten', 'Giraffes can't dance' and 'We are going on a bear hunt! All top reads. I recommend them but I don't think however that they will count towards any reading log! Ida: I like a lot of different stuff. For example I like reading fantasy and science fiction but then again I also like reading books that were based on true stories like 'The Bell Jar'. I don't have a favorite book as such as all the books I am reading are so different that you can't really compare them and say what you like better. But if I had to pick a book that really fascinated me it would probably be 'Perfume' by Patrick Suskind. I kind of like the dark and disturbing things.

IF YOU HAD A MASCOT OR SYMBOL WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE? AB: Anything black... M C A U L E Y! Ida: I don't think there is any symbol or mascot that really fits me, but one that I quite like is the "NC" symbol from the "Bitch Planet" comic series that a lot of feminist women are getting tattooed lately (apparently – I've never seen one but I heard about it). "NC" stands for "Non-Compliant" and in the comics (which are about a sci-fi

prison for women), inmates that fight against patriarchy get branded with this tattoo. I heard that many women are getting this symbol inked now to represent their own independence and I quite like the idea behind all that.

WHAT SPORTS DO YOU PLAY? AB: Is this a trick question??? My body is so damaged from the sport that I played at school I can barely get about. However, I do like to throw a volleyball around now and then. Is Bubble Witch a sport? Ida: I don't really play sports like that. I used to dance and of course go to the gym, just what everybody else does. I would like to try out something like boxing though.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR YOU THIS YEAR? AB: To celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Br Henry (John) Shepherd in some great Eddie Rice fashion. We might have a Mass? Some kai? Something fun to celebrate a great man's contribution to our awesome community. Ida: I can't tell what the most important thing was because this year so many things happened that it feels like a whole life time full of stuff. An important thing though was to get closer to my friends and developing my friendships with people further, getting to know them better. It's just so great to have all these great friends around me and I think this is unofficially the main goal of every exchange – getting to know new people and making friends for life.

WHERE DO YOU HOPE TO BE IN TEN YEARS' TIME? AB: Hmm... Sitting in Mr Read's office. He should be on the top floor; he loves exercise! Ida: I hope to have travelled a lot, have a degree in Management and get a job as an agent. I'm not to sure what kind of agent, maybe literary agent, or model agent, or something like an event manager. I just know that I want to make a whole lot of money.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS FOR 2015? AB: Tie up your hair, go to class, always remember to ask your referee before you put their name on your CV! Eat good food, learn something new and enjoy your family and friends. Ida: I'm quite bad at giving advice so I'd rather not do it!

Writers' Corner

Lucky Rabbit's Foot, by Liam Gould, 7OST

The sound of the motor smashed the silence. I scurried through the forest. My heart was racing. I could see the glare of a headlight. The forest flashed past me. It was as if I was going at the speed of light. A small part of me wanted to believe I could make it. But I knew it was futile. I could hear the crack of a shotgun. A howl! Oh no. I thought. They'd unleashed the hunting dogs. I raced inside a hollow tree. I looked around. Leading into the tree were red footprints. With a sh9ock I realised that they were blood: my blood. Looking down I could see a shotgun pellet embedded in my leg. Quickly I left my hiding place and leaped into a river, attempting to lose the dogs. I could hear the scream of a man's voice. "Hurry up!" he yelled. "We're going to lose!" I hate being a rabbit, I thought as I jumped into a hole. The gunshots grew quieter. Looking down at my foot, surveying the damage, I could see that my wound could have been fatal. It was thanks to my foot that I was alive.

The last race, by Enrique Garcia, 7OCA

"On your marks!" I had just finished a safety check as these words were shot at me.

"Get set!" My body shook violently as I examined my go-kart one last time. I was eager to start as this was like the Indy 500 to me. My heart was thumping like a drum.

"GO!" The word came at me like a bullet. As we rumbled around the first corner it looked like it was going to be a good race. I was in the lead! The track was bumpy, very bumpy. I was scared. I was going to fall out of my go-kart. A silent wind rushed over the track. I was blinded. I lost control of the kart and rushed into the forest as murky clouds hovered over the track. Slowly rain started to fall on the track and the dust on my face skidded off. I tried to gain control but I was too late. BANG! I smashed into a tree. The mud was licking my knees. Blood was dripping from my head. What was left to see of my knee was covered in blood, a sort of yellowish-green. The wound around it was dark brown. I knew it was infected and maybe even broken. When I lifted what was left of my kart, I realised that I was far from the track. My eyes started to close. I could just make out a dim light approaching. Medics surrounded me. One of them mumbled something to the other but the wind carried the sound away.

Wasp nest by Jago Armstrong, 7OST

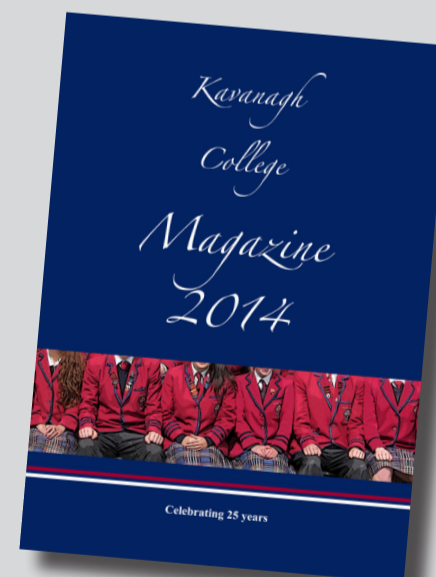
The whine of the engines echoes behind me and I sprint faster, skidding slightly on a thick screen of oil. Yet I sprint on. Soon my breathing comes out in shallow gasps and the noise of the engines grows ever closer. Once again I sprint forwards, but I trip over a piece of discarded rubbish and fall. Instinctively I raise my arms yet this does nothing to help me and my head connects with the ground.

I wake, dizzy and confused, my head plagued with images of capture and death. I pick myself up but instantly crumple back to the ground.

When I wake again it is in a dark room. This time when I attempt to stand I do so easily. I also notice that once again I can think clearly. I feel the walls. They're made from hard rock. Suddenly it dawns on me: I know where I am. I lean against the wall for support. I lie down on the bed which is barely even the size of a cot and wait, dreaming of freedom. The door to the cell opens and a man walks in. He drags me out the door and down a long corridor to another room. The light is strong and I rise my arms, only to have them instantly pulled down again by this burly man. When I can see again without being blinded, I make out a room bustling with activity yet also filled with the seething gazes of the judge and his colleagues. This is a wasp nest. They will attack you together and eventually you will fall. These are my thoughts. Of course, I am correct. I stand in a stupor. Then the judge bangs his gavel on the wooden table. This only slightly snaps me out of this stupor. As he shouts accusations at me, I can only mumble replies. When he slams his gavel down for the last time, I know I have no hope. I sit in my cell, day dreaming, yet push those thoughts away. Might as well get used to life in cells.



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