



# Newsletter

Thursday 30 May 2019



**Tena koutou katoa**

**Attending the Secondary Principals' (SPANZ) conference this week was a privilege**—to be at the forefront of educational change in New Zealand and informed about the current directions and trends in education world wide. The conference programme was quite varied, with keynote speakers of national and international acclaim inspiring over 175

secondary school leaders.

2014 New Zealander of the Year Dr Lance O'Sullivan described his turbulent teenage years, having been expelled from two schools (including TBHS) as a 'disruptive' youth! Today as a rural GP and father of seven, he is dedicated to increasing the prosperity of Maori youth in New Zealand, as well as using smart technology to develop an App (iMoko), to provide a digital health service to those who cannot easily access health care in the far North.

Neuroscience expert and lecturer, Nathan Wallis gave an entertaining exposé into how the adolescent brain works, given the knowledge gained since the advent of brain scans on live subjects in the 1990s. He focused on the importance of the frontal cortex section of the four brains, where the thinking and learning takes place, and encourages the use of mindfulness practices (or stillness) to calm the brain so that learning can happen.

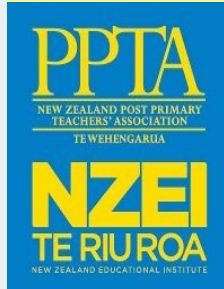
Finnish educator and author Dr Pasi Sahlberg shared his ideas on managing the "three big issues" for school leadership today—Wellbeing, Media and Activism. He suggests more sleep, more play, less screen time and increased collaboration around complex problem solving (such as climate change).

Sir John Jones, a UK educator, concluded the conference with a dynamic presentation on the importance of appointing the "right people" to our schools—those who give opportunities, who have passion, who have belief in all students, who give their time and who role model how to improve. Sir John stressed that change is chaotic in the beginning, it is uncomfortable and it hurts! He left us with the message "Don't die with the music in you" (Wayne Bennett)—in other words, have no regrets! Some of the more perfunctory presentations, although important, were updates from the various education branches. Dr Karen Poutasi outlined progress made on the NZQA Digital Trial examinations, while interim Chief Executive of the new Teaching Council of Aotearoa, Ms Lesley Hoskin detailed the parameters of this professional body, including its online services platform.

Day Three of the conference on Wednesday coincided with the nationwide industrial action undertaken by all sectors of New Zealand education. We were very fortunate that the Minister of Education, the Honorable Chris Hipkins, made the time to address the conference, answering our questions fully and honestly, on what would have been a very busy day for him. It looks as if there is no easy or immediate solution to the current pressing issues around workload, remuneration and teacher supply.



150 fathers and daughters attended Monday's **Blokes Breakfast** in the School dining room—many thanks to the kitchen and boarding staff for supporting this wonderful opportunity.



Pursuant to Section 74AC of the State Sector Act 1988, the PPTA gives notice that teachers employed in secondary, intermediate and composite schools, who are members of the Post Primary Teachers' Association and who are bound by (or intend to be bound by) the Secondary Teachers' Collective Agreement will

**be on strike for the following date: 12:01am Tuesday 4 June 2019 until 11:59pm Tuesday 4 June 2019.**

The nature of this action will be a continuous withdrawal of all labour related to **Year 9 students** for the duration of the strike on the day stated above. Please note that a series of rolling strikes are planned—one year level per week for the next 4 weeks. While we realise that this may cause inconvenience, we ask that parents please keep their Year 9 daughters home for that day.

We warmly welcome Board of Trustees members Rene Crawford and Michelle Kelly back to the Board and congratulate our new Board member Paul Dominikovich.

God Bless—Lindy Graham, Principal

**Meet Madison Lane—  
2019 Te Rawhiti House Leader**



It has been a privilege to be given the role of Te Rawhiti House leader for 2019. I am excited to be working alongside my deputy Alex Innes. Since starting my role at the beginning of the year, we have led our house to victory in Swimming Sports and have collected numerous House points. By competing in a wide range of activities such as House Chants, Athletics, Cross Country and many more, we hope to lead our House to victory in the upcoming House Choirs competition this term.

Since I started at Craighead in 2013, I have been fortunate to be given the opportunity to be a boarder which has allowed me to form lifelong friendships and become more independent. Seeing the School develop over my years here, with the addition of a new boarding wing and gymnasium, has created a bright future for the new girls who are yet to begin their adventure here. I believe that House activities are a great opportunity to get involved in new, fun ways, whilst competing against your friends in other House groups. The introduction of the new House whanau groups this year, has enabled students to interact with girls from other year groups which has helped to form a bond with one another.

Whilst being at Craighead, I have participated in a wide range of sports such as Netball, Basketball, Senior A Volleyball and the First XV Rugby team. I have also enjoyed success in Trapshooting and it has been an amazing opportunity to represent Craighead at South Island and National Secondary School Clay Target championships four years in a row. I look forward to travelling to Hamilton to compete in my last New Zealand Secondary School Championships in Hamilton in September.

**DIARY DATES...**

<b>MAY</b>	
Fri 31	Primary Schools' Skate and Scoot Event
<b>JUNE</b>	
Mon 3	Queen's Birthday— School Closed, Boarding House open
<b>Tues 4</b>	<b>Year 9 Rolling Teachers' Strike</b>
Mon 10	STAC Exchange—hosted by Craighead
Tue 11	Aoraki Cycling Primary Schools' Cross Country
Thur 20	Rangi Ruru Exchange—hosted by Craighead





## Cross Country

**Congratulations to our students who successfully competed at last week's Aoraki Secondary Schools' Cross Country.**

**Junior Team:** First place (Niamh Motley—1st, Madeline Thomas—4th, Molly Fitzgerald—5th, Sophie Hogg—21st)

**Intermediate Team:** Second place (Abby Ross—5th, Isobel Sharp—7th, Kate Mackenzie—9th, Emily-Jane Clucas—17th)

**Senior Grade:** Amanda Shallard—2nd

## RACE UNITY SPEECH AWARDS

I was fortunate to be selected for the 2019 National Race Unity Speech Awards and Hui



Eve Hyslop

held in Auckland recently, competing in the semi-finals along with twenty other students from around New Zealand. Although I did not make the finals, I was thoroughly happy with how I spoke and proud that I had made it this far. I also attended the National Race Unity Hui where we engaged in valuable conversations on improving race relations in Aotearoa, listened to a panel discussion from a group of individuals who each had a story to tell and gave insights on race relations, and I had my first taste of broadcasting, recording a video for the Human Rights Commission. Having these discussions was so special as it's not everyday that you get to share your views on such topics—I realised I had so much more to say than I thought.

This experience was really valuable, heart-warming and eye-opening for me, gaining both knowledge and some special friends; one that I wouldn't have traded for the world. The main things I learnt were that you should always treat others with kindness, as you don't know what is going on for them behind closed doors, and that you may not be able to change others opinions and views but you can touch their hearts and open their minds and that is at least one step towards unity. The Minister of Youth, Peeni Henare, used the quote "We've gone too far not to go further and done too much not to do more". If you would like to learn more about the competition, Hui, race relations in Aotearoa or watch the finalists' speeches, visit Race Unity Aotearoa on Facebook, YouTube or Google.

### FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE...

#### Weekend activities:

Friday 31 May DVD evening, sweet making

Saturday 1 June Movie Max

Sunday 2 June The Warehouse/Skating

Please note that the Boarding House will remain open over Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Mrs Tracy Dockrill—Director of Boarding  
[boarding.manager@craighead.school.nz](mailto:boarding.manager@craighead.school.nz)



Parents and Friends are involved in a variety of social and fundraising activities which aim to support the special character and values of Craighead, whilst promoting open communication between the school and parents/caregivers.

Parents & Friends @  
**CRAIGHEAD**

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 10 JUNE AT 5PM in the Staffroom—  
Apologies to Tracy McLeod 027 60 90 656—All are welcome to attend!

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**WE ARE HOLDING OUR TWILIGHT MARKET ON FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER...**

We are in urgent need of offers from two or three enthusiastic people to join our planning group—We would love to hear from you!!  
Secretary, Tracy McLeod—027 60 90 656

The Craighead School grounds are considered a pedestrian area with vehicle access for staff parking and deliveries only. We ask that parents please drop their daughter(s) off at the school gate and refrain from driving through the school in the morning and after school. These times are particularly busy in our school day with many girls walking to Chapel, Form meetings or simply meeting up with their friends. Thank you for ensuring the safety of all our students.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Form Level Meeting**—Just a reminder that all Year 7–10 students are expected at Form Level meeting and Chapel line-up in the Auditorium at 8.30am on Wednesdays and Fridays. This is an important part of our school day for Junior students where their Dean discusses information relevant to these levels.

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**REMINDER...** Orders for the Craighead 9A and 10A Netball Teams Pie Fundraiser must be in by next Friday 14 June.  
See email sent Thursday 16 May for full details.

## CAREERS

**DIGIGIRLZ**—Last week, a group of Year 10-13 students attended a DigiGirlz workshop at the Landing Services Building. A student from Auckland University, (who works for Microsoft), told the our girls about Technology opportunities and how they can shape their careers. They participated in activities which included coding, programming and robotics, and looked at how technology is used in everyday life. The girls appreciated She Can Code and Aoraki Development bringing this event to Timaru.



**ARA DUAL PATH OPTION**—Year 12 and 13 students can enrol in a Dual Path option at Ara as part of their school programme, which generally involves the student spending one day a week on the Ara campus. This year, three Year 12 students are enrolled in the Dual Path option; two are studying Level 2 Introduction to Hospitality, and Ella Williams (left) is enrolled in Level 2 Introduction to Automotive, with a view to training as a Diesel Mechanic.

**UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY**  
Information Evening—**TONIGHT**  
Thursday 30 May, 6pm—Craighead Auditorium

**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO AND OTAGO POLYTECHNIC**  
Joint Information Evening—Thursday 6 June, 7pm  
ASB Tennis Pavillion, Timaru

### CRAIGHEAD UNIFORM SHOP

Opening every Friday—3.30-4.30pm

Contact Angela Fairbrother, [baz.ange@xtra.co.nz](mailto:baz.ange@xtra.co.nz) or 027 223 2503  
if you have any queries.

### CRAIGHEAD SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Dates coming up...

Tomorrow, Friday 24 May, 14 June and 26 July—3.30-4.30pm  
Cash or cheque only at Second Hand Shop