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IT IS NOT INSTRUCTION THAT I CAN RECEIVE FROM ANOTHER SOUL, BUT PROVOCATION

—EMMERSON

## Philosophy News

**'Teach philosophy in primary schools,'**  
Professor Angie Hobbs believes just one philosophy class a week would benefit children's intellectual and social development. (12 Mar 2015)  
<http://goo.gl/1KaSlf>

**A C Grayling seeks to fill philosophy's 'screaming silence'**  
Philosopher A C Grayling is to campaign for the introduction of a philosophy GCSE in the wake of controversial reforms to religious education, (20 February, 2015)  
<http://goo.gl/VpR2qm>

**AC Grayling is wrong.**  
Religious education and philosophy are complementary, not alternatives  
<http://goo.gl/izKlrs>

**Philosophy to be part of new changes to Junior cycle in 2017**  
Ireland's Minister for Education, Jan O'Sullivan, has signaled that Philosophy will be brought in as part of the new changes for the Junior cycle that will be implemented in 2017. (5 January 2015).  
<http://goo.gl/69U5gN>

**Why there should be a philosophy GCSE**  
Simon Blackburn, 2014  
<http://goo.gl/oUq5Kj>



**Journal of Philosophy in Schools** launched, 2014  
The focus of the journal is research into philosophy with school-aged children.

<http://goo.gl/W8z0LV>



**David Birch (2014) *Provocations*** (email [j.sloss@rangiruru.school.nz](mailto:j.sloss@rangiruru.school.nz) for sample pages)



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<http://www.wi-phi.com/>

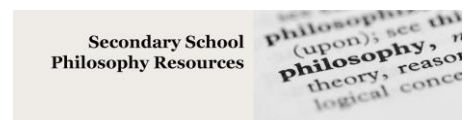


**NCEA Philosophy:**  
Level 1-3 Units available from:  
<http://goo.gl/t93N8t>

## New Resources



**Values: 58 Ideas We Live By.** A series of beautiful cards visualising what makes us who we are. <http://goo.gl/Sehviq>



**Database of Secondary School Philosophy Resources**  
<http://schoolphilosophyresources.com/>

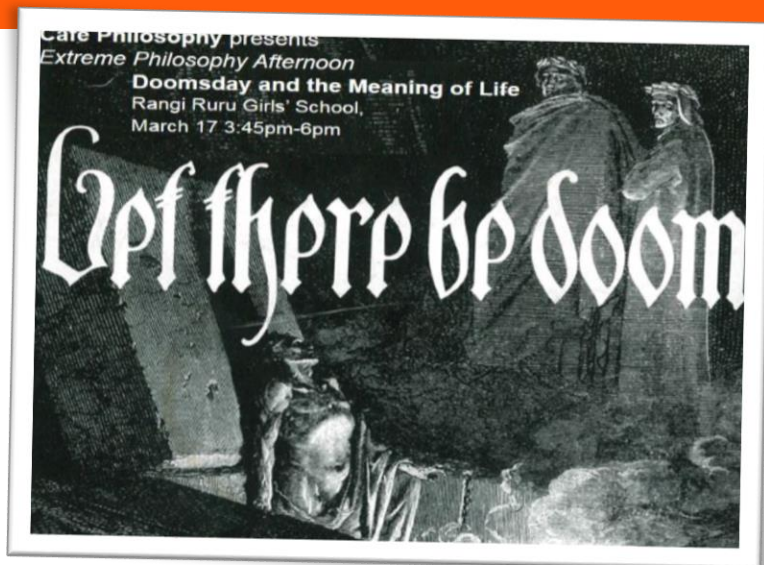


## Café Philosophy Afternoon

Rangi Ruru's Philosophy Club recently hosted the inaugural Café Philosophy season. Students from Hagley Community College and Unlimited explored Existential ideas through a doomsday scenario that featured in the 2013 film *After the Dark*. We discussed Camus's concept of the absurd and the Myth of Sisyphus over coffee and fudge. Followed by some comic relief with some bite sized excerpts of the Jean-Paul Sartre inspired, *Existential Star Wars* <http://goo.gl/EQKNqg>

Students also competed in a Philosophy colouring competition with some work from Archie McPhee's excellent *Existential Colouring Book*.

There was also some lively discussion of Nietzsche's Eternal Recurrence and the Myth of Prometheus as we finished the afternoon with a reflection on the role of Art in our lives.



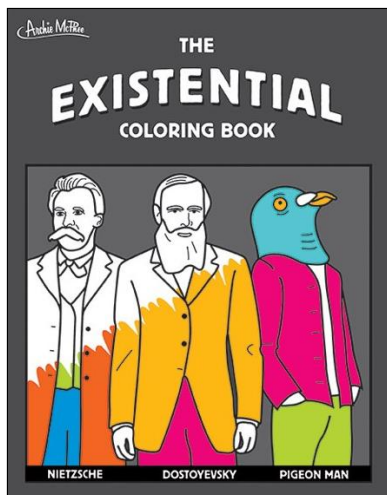
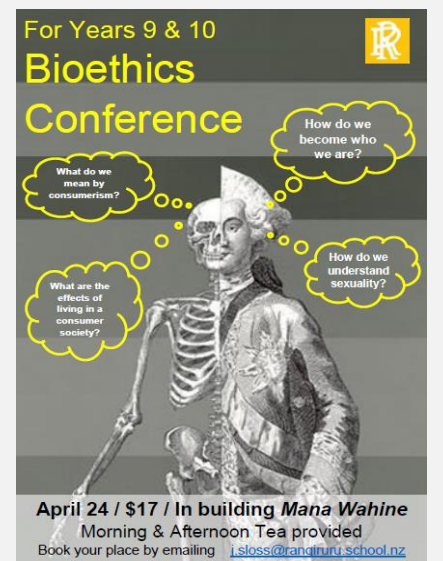
### STUDENT CONFERENCES

## Bioethics Conference:

April 24 - The Centre for Science and Citizenship will be presenting a Bioethics Roadshow on April 24 at Rangi Ruru Girls School. This daylong event will see students engage in activities that enable them to critically think about contemporary social issues.

This Roadshow will cover a diverse and interesting selection of ethical issues relating to our identity, sexuality and consumerism

The Roadshow stimulates informed thinking and promote ethical discussion through Live drama, debate, music, film and art



## Global Citizenship Student Conference

August 1 - **Cosmopolitanism: A Philosophy for Global Citizenship.** The New Zealand Centre for Global Studies presents a day-long, inter-school conference. The conference will be largely organised by the *New Zealand Centre for Global Studies*.

The student conferences aim to encourage NZ high-school students to think creatively

and realistically about the concept of global citizenship in an encouraging and stimulating setting. The discussion will explore the meaning of global citizenship in terms of global processes, interconnectivity, and intercultural dialogue.

Students will also examine how globalisation can affect their individual lives and the political process.

This examination will be anchored in a cosmopolitan context – if we are 'citizens of the world' then what implication does this have for both individual conduct and for national policy towards the challenges of the 21st century.

OBITUARY



We farewell our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Jonathan McKeown-Green, who peacefully Passed away on 11 February 2015. Jon led a full life as a musician, teacher, philosopher and Christian. He also contributed much

time and energy to the promotion of philosophy in schools. An inspirational man, Jon embodied the spirit of philosophy education:

*For teaching is the communication of insight. It throws out the clues, the pointed hints that lead to insight. It cajoles attention to drive away distracting images that stand in insights way. It puts the further questions that reveal the need to further insights to modify and complement the acquired store. It has grasped the strategy of developing intelligence, and so begins from the simple to advance to the more complex. (Bernard Lonergan (1957) Insight, p. 198)*

**-- NZAPT 2015--  
Conference  
Registration  
September 24-25**

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Registration Type:  
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Lunch: vegetarian / omnivorous

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**New Philosophy HOD appointed at Western Spring College.**

Congratulations to Philippa Johnson who has inherited the fifth cohort of students to proceed to Year 13 in Philosophy at WSC. This department offers Philosophy courses in all year levels, and full courses using NCEA at Levels 1-3.



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- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May Auckland, St Cuthbert's College
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Wellington, Scots College
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May Christchurch, Cashmere High School