



PASIFIKA PERSPECTIVE LEADER

Kam na bane, ni Mauri. Warmest Pasifika greetings to you all. What a rollercoaster, but I would have not traded it for anything. Firstly, a special mention to my Year 13 Pasifika sisters: you all know who you are.

Throughout the year we celebrated various Pasifika language weeks, which provided many opportunities to showcase our talents through

performance. The Kilikiti competition, hosted by the University of Waikato, kicked off our Samoan language week. Our Senior and Junior Pasifika teams did amazingly well. We carried on the celebration with Samoa's 60th Independence event and placed 3rd overall. For our Kiribati language week we performed at our school's full school assembly. I felt emotional seeing the girls on stage showcasing and embracing my beloved Kiribati culture. Our Tongan sisters did our

Pasifika girls proud at two formal out-of-school events.

Another highlight was the Waikato Kāhui Ako Catholic Festival. We truly wanted to look spectacular for our three performances - Samoan, Tongan, and Kiribati - and certainly did.

It has been my privilege working alongside Whaea Ali, who is a voice for our Pasifika girls. I admire and acknowledge our Pasifika girls for always being willing to step out of their comfort zones, with just a little nudge.

Tebi Tabokaai



Teine o le Fatu

Back Row: Ioana Wade, Finau Palu, Jasmine Suka, Talei Kelsall, Asinta Pouafe, Otobina Bio, Xuan Zhou

2nd Row: Lute Wolfgramm, Ana Nu'u, Shyrah Tuliau-Tua'a, Rieley Chou-Lee, Suinitila Fihaki, Tupou Kaufononga, Aliialofa Salima (Pasifika Teacher)

Front Row: Tivi Piliu, Teueroa Kabwea, Sina Neli, Tebi Tabokaai, Emma Wade, Avalldamarie Godinet, Henaka Tusa Soagia



INTERNATIONAL LEADER

I have been an international student in New Zealand since primary school, and this year I was honoured to be the International Leader. It's been a true honour and a wonderful experience being part of the Senior Council.

Here at Sacred Heart, being an international student means that we get to experience Kiwi school life

and explore Aotearoa. We have been working hard academically to make our families proud.

In Term 3 we welcomed wonderful Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino students to our international whānau, and we were fortunate to go on school trips and attend cultural events. Supporting our international students is really important, so

making sure they have a student buddy has made life easier as the buddies help them socially and academically.

Being part of the international group is a privilege as it gives us the opportunity to understand the different cultures that we are now a part of or have experienced. It gives us a wider perspective on our own values and goals and how we tackle them.

Although the year has been a rollercoaster it has taught me about time management, wellbeing, responsibilities, hard work and aroha.

Yim-Qi Su



ARTS LEADER

Being Sacred Heart's Arts Leader has been a privilege and an experience I will never forget.

This year we started an Arts Committee with creative arts students from Year 9-13. This opportunity has given me valuable leadership experience, and I have gained confidence in speaking to others. Arts Week was packed with an Arts assembly, Arts Showcase, Character Day and activities for the whole school like Just Dance and Karaoke.

Thank you to our Arts Teachers, Mrs Fleetwood and Ms Jamieson in

particular, and the Arts Committee whose creative ideas have been able to make school Arts events possible.

Over my time here at Sacred Heart, I myself have been able to grow from a shy Year 9, to a humble and confident Year 13 through God's gift of the Arts to me, and will be forever thankful for this opportunity.

For years to come I hope to see the Arts at Sacred Heart expand, as there are so many opportunities through art, photography, drama, dance and music.

Anna Norris



Arts Committee

Back Row: Honeylet Kabling, Kate Monsma, Finleah McCall

Front Row: Samantha Richards, Emma Truscott, Anna Norris, Amelia Monsma, Josie Harder



International Students

Back Row: Monica van Oostrom (International Administrator), Collette Tuioti (International Director), Christa Glass (Teacher)

Front Row: Yim-Ngan Su, Siyi Song, Yim Qi Su, Boyao Li, Germaine Jong

INTERNATIONAL



This year, our small group of five international students grew to ten. Annika, Chihana, Maho, Belle, and Claire joined us in Term 3 as New Zealand re-opened its borders. All settled in well and enjoyed their classes and other school activities. Our Japanese girls attended their first international Rugby game and the group visited the Hobbiton movie set in Matamata.

Many thanks to our Homestay host families who continue to care for our girls. We are looking forward to welcoming increased numbers of international students next year.



ANNIKA YU

"This year has been 'a cultural learning experience'."



CHIHANA KOBAYASHI

"I've learned kindness from the students of this school, they always help me a lot."



GERMAINE JONG

"I have enjoyed being part of my international community, the Pasifika community, and have learned and grown with them altogether as young women."



BOYAO LI

"One memorable thing about my time at Sacred Heart is the Year 13 retreat. I am planning on continuing on to university next year."



DAISY DONG

"The people here are very friendly, the environment is beautiful, I'm very happy to be here in New Zealand and I'm enjoying my time here."



MAHO SETOGUCHI

"I enjoyed being at Sacred Heart because there were many lovely and kind friends and teachers. Thank you so much for always talking to me and helping. I'm very happy to have had a wonderful time at Sacred Heart. I wish everyone all the best! Thank you!"



SIYI SONG

"My time at Sacred Heart has been very enjoyable, with teachers and good friends, and I have learnt how to be more tolerant and helpful. My favourite thing about school is that every time we organise an event, it brings everyone together and then brings us together."



SUZU NINOMIYA (BELLE)

"I have made many lovely and wonderful friends. There are a lot of people who support you when you are in trouble and when you are sad. It is a wonderful school where students and even international students are proud to be students of Sacred Heart."



YIM QI SU

"Being a student at Sacred Heart has taught me the importance of community and involvement as it helps me develop and grow. This year, I have also learned more about the importance of time management and balance in my life."



YIM-NGAN SU

"Being in an International and Pasifika community is like being with a lovely and caring family because it helps me grow more confident in what I do and it is a place where I feel supported the most. I love how I get to meet these people because they give me the courage to keep going with my school and to do all the things that I love."



ZI HAN MENG (CLAIRE)

"My new life in my Sacred Heart is colourful and hopeful. I was worried at first that I wouldn't be able to adapt to the new environment. Fortunately, I met a great group of teachers and students, they like to listen and talk to me patiently, so my English improves a lot. My teacher always encourages me, I have become much more confident than before. Although I met some difficulties, I have the confidence to solve them. I hope my English will be good next year, and I can get a good grade."

