



From the Principal

Tena koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

They 'Set their heart on Sacred Heart', and now our new students have arrived, are settling in and are learning quickly what it means to be a young Sacred Heart Woman, with hearts for the world. Here, we 'Ignite the Passion' so that our young women will be inspired to change the world and the evidence tells us that empowered women, empower humanity... me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone (take heed the dignity of women). As a Mission College, we can look to the young Mary as a role model of empowerment: a young woman connected to her God, her whānau and her world. We want our young women, like Mary, to say 'yes' to opportunities that cultivate virtues of Faith, Hope and Justice and which contribute to her formation: capable, confident, dignified and resourceful (and that's just for starters!).

Euphrasie Barbier, the founder of the Mission Sisters, and all the Patrons of our Houses: Suzanne Aubert, Theresa of Avila, Mary MacKillop, Catherine of Siena, Thérèse of Lisieux were all extraordinary Women of the Church; little girls with dreams who became women with visions that changed the world! This is an area of our Special Character that we are committed to strengthening through leadership, learning and participation. This year, in particular, we will be focusing on the community's understanding and experience of 'Communion'. Staff and students have reflected on the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. We put the question to all, what's in our kite that we can share with the community....coaching a team, providing transport, donating uniform, paying it forward? We all have something of value for the community....what's your Bread and Fish?

Another way of contributing to the College is to prioritise the payment of Attendance fees and donations. This source of income for the school allows us to provide additional opportunities for

your daughter, such as the development, refurbishment and the modernisation of our buildings to support your daughter's learning. You will begin to see your contributions put to good use as we begin a long-awaited refurbishment of the school. Our first major project is the design of an innovative, contemporary (and future-proofed) specialist learning area (for Science) that supports 21st Century learning and teaching methods. Although, before that, the roof will be replaced. This does mean that we will have much construction taking place around the site and we ask parents to be mindful of this when dropping off or picking up students. We have very little space due to the temporary classrooms and the fenced off areas. We appreciate your assistance as we maintain a safe environment.

We marked the start of the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Liturgy for all students and staff. As we begin our Lenten journey, we pray for the humility to walk back into the open arms of our God. Traditionally, lent is a time of fasting, praying and giving. It still is, but there is also a contemporary context for this season of personal reflection and preparation. We can ask ourselves some questions and deepen our personal faith journey: how can we give up some of the things we normally indulge in, to create more space in our day, to honour our Faith. Instead of giving up chocolate, alcohol, complaining or arguing, can we grow in compassion, peace and kindness for our neighbours, near and far. How can we create space in our day for Hopeful contemplation: can we close the door on the worldly routines and noise of the day, in the knowledge that when we honour the presence of God in our lives, it brings light to our own life and to those around us? How can we give joyfully, rather than reluctantly or out of self-righteousness, and with a sense of Justice, so that when we look into the eyes of our sisters or brothers in poverty, we seek to understand their hopes and struggles and give freely and generously to bring healing?

Finally, thank you to the families who joined us for the Whānau BBQ this week and the PTFA for their support to get things arranged. It is a great pleasure to meet you all: all are welcome and all of you is welcome.

Age Quod Agis.

Ngā mihi

Our Vision Statement

Ignite the Passion: inspiring young women to change the world - me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone.

We live the virtues of Faith, Hope and Justice.

Our charism is expressed through **Communion, Contemplation, Mission.**

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

16 February - Duke of Edinburgh Silver/
Gold Practice Tramps

19 February - Theatre Sports

21 February - Māori & Pasifika Whānau Hui

22 February - Photo Day CCM & ID - all
students

23 February - Year 13 Group Photo

FROM THE HEAD GIRL

Kio Ora Katou!

Welcome to each and every one of you to a brand new year at Sacred Heart Girls' college. A special welcome to our Year 9s, those coming to Sacred Heart Girls College for the first time and their families.

My name is Lushomo Thebe. I have the privilege and absolute pleasure of being your Head Girl for 2018. I'm humbled and excited to take on this role and look forward to the challenges and exciting times that lie ahead.

I started here in 2014 and on my journey at Sacred Heart I have absolutely grown and blossomed from a girl who was so unsure of herself to a confident young woman. I have grown because of the opportunities that I have been given not just in academic but also, in culture, sports and special character development. I encourage all students to take advantage of all the opportunities that we have in abundance. If you are not sure, ask your fellow students or teachers who are always willing to assist on how best you can explore these opportunities.

It is important for each student to get actively involved with our school as this will give them more opportunities to learn new things and make new friends. By joining groups at school they're giving themselves the opportunity to further develop their character, so that each day they become more and more the person God made them to be. I encourage all students to try something they have never done before. Do not let your comfort zone prevent you from adapting to change or from trying new things. Comfort zones are a beautiful place but nothing grows there. So, get involved!

My mission for 2018 is to be a positive ambassador for Sacred Heart, especially in our wider community. To continue and cement the outstanding history, reputation and legacy of Sacred Heart Girls College in our communities. To ensure that the College remains the school of choice for girl students out there. It'll also be a joy to work with our senior council and year 13 students, who over the years have become sisters to me. In my view every single year 13 is a leader and has a role to play in serving our Sacred Heart community.

I want to be inclusive of all students as this ties in with our school theme for this year which is on communion, with a specific focus on building community.



This means being one together, doing things together, helping each other, loving our neighbour(s). In Zambia (where I come from), we have a saying that is very special to my family and I. We say "ti yende pamozi ndi mutima umozi" in English this means; Let us walk together with one heart. To me, this means all of us students, staff and families coming together and walking through our 2018 journey together. Sharing in our faith, sharing our gifts and talents to benefit our community. Sacred Heart students are always full of passion and zeal! Whether it's in the classroom, sports field, the stage, at masses, and I'm looking forward to seeing them continue to emulate that spirit throughout this year.

In conclusion, I wish to encourage all of you to embrace and share love and happiness. Always remembering, the greatest gift God gave us is love. My God bless you and bless our community.

Lushomo Thebe

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Rae Mellsop joins the International Team as Homestay Coordinator along with Tracey Carter as Administrator International.

Tracey will also be responsible for school wide Communications.



OPENING PŌWHIRI

On Wednesday 7th February we held our Opening Pōwhiri to welcome new students and their Whānau, as well as new staff members to our school. It was a wonderful way to begin the new year.



WHĀNAU BBQ



The Whānau BBQ was held at the College on 13th February from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. This event was run in conjunction with our school Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA). A huge thank you to PTFA for helping out with such a wonderful event.

PTFA

The PTFA (Parent/Teacher/Whanau-Family/Friends Association) Committee is holding an AGM on Thursday February 22 at 7pm (venue TBC).

All whānau, staff and friends of our school are invited to join. Meetings are relaxed and informal but do follow due meeting process. The forum provides a great opportunity to meet with whānau and friends of the school on an informal basis.

Chris Mugeridge
Guidance Counsellor

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE FEES

Accounts office is open 9am-3pm daily.

Email: accounts@shgcham.school.nz

Phone: 856 7874 Ext 2829, 2827

Student fees have been charged, and can be viewed through Monitor on website.

NEW STUDENTS – parents should have received an email from Monitor earlier this month, with instructions for Login to Monitor. Please contact accounts if you have not received your Login details or your email has recently changed.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. My Monitor portal on our website; www.shgcham.school.nz (preferred option)
2. Direct Credit to:
Sacred Heart Girls' College
01 0315 0329900 00 - Reference Student name and ID number
3. Payment plan: A regular amount can be paid by Automatic Payment to the College bank account, details above.
4. Pay by cash, eftpos or credit card on-site at the Payment kiosk outside accounts office.
5. Cheque: Payable to Sacred Heart Girls' College, at accounts office.

PROPRIETORS FEES

MISSION COLLEGE HAMILTON TRUST BOARD are the proprietors of the College.

Attendance Dues pay for insurance, mortgages, debt servicing and major maintenance of the land and buildings of the College. These dues also supports new building projects.

Building Donation is a donation to the building program at Sacred Heart Girls' College. The proprietors appreciate your continued support in payment of this contribution which is used for new building projects and upgrading of college facilities.

Special Character provides for some retreat costs, liturgies, chaplaincy and activities which promote the Catholic Character of the College.

Sacred Heart Girls' College is the only Catholic school independent of the Diocese and the funds we receive are used solely by the College for the benefit of our own students.

2018 ANNUAL FEES

Special Character \$40

Attendance Dues \$890

Building Fund \$210

Total \$1140

Annual fees will be invoiced and sent by the 3 March 2018. Fees are due by the end of Term One or by regular payment plan operating during the year.

Payment options:

1. Direct Credit to:
Mission College Hamilton Trust Board
01-0315-0176908-00
Reference Student name and ID number
2. Payment plan: A regular amount can be paid by Automatic Payment to the Mission College Hamilton Trust Board bank account, details (1) above.
3. Cheque Payable to Mission College Hamilton Trust Board at accounts office.

DONATION RECEIPTS (for Sacred Heart AND Mission College fees)

All families who pay donations by 31 March 2018 will receive

Donation Certificates so a tax refund can be claimed from IRD for the 2017 - 2018 tax year. (Donation Certificates will be available from mid April). To claim a donation rebate from IRD refer to: IRD website www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual or www.schoolrebates.co.nz

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

2017 EXAMINATION STATISTICS (Provisional as at 12 February)

The overall NCEA data show that at all levels in last year's NCEA assessments, students at Sacred Heart Girls' College performed at a higher level than students nationally, girls nationally and girls in Decile 7 schools.

Congratulations to both our students and staff for their hard work.

NCEA – Percentage of students gaining qualifications

	Sacred Heart		Decile 7 Girls		National	
	2017	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017
Literacy	99.5	98.5	94.5	93.1		
Numeracy	98.4	94.1	92.7	91.4		
Level 1	90.1	89.9	90.2	87.3		
Level 2	94.4	95.3	92.1	90.8		
Level 3	90.5	93.3	87.2	85.8		
University Entry	77.6	76.7	69.3	65.6		

We also would like to congratulate the following students who gained individual subject Scholarships:

Kirsten Maclaurin - English

Aylish Waldron – English

Emma White – English

Nadia De Jesus - Design

Cushla Jackson
Deputy Principal - Curriculum

STUDENT ABSENCES

For all Student Absentees, including away from school appointments or late to school, please report to the following: email - absences@shgcham.school.nz or hone 07 856 7874 ext 2852

LIBRARY HOURS

Hours: Monday, Friday 8.45am - 3.30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am - 3.30pm. Closed at interval, open all of lunchtime. Please bring ID cards for issuing books (use your 2017 card until the new ones are issued).

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

A reminder to parents to please drop your students off at the Cook St entrance due to the congestion and danger in Firth St. Cars have been spotted stopping on broken yellow lines and driving on the Firth St public footpath which is illegal.

SPORTS TERM 1 EVENTS

Netball:

Year 10 Trial 1 on 18 February 2018 @8am-Noon
Senior Trial 1 on 18 February 2018 @Noon-4pm
Senior Trial 2 on 21 February 2018 @3.30-6pm
(all trials at Astro Turf if fine, Gymnasium if wet)

Football:

Meet n Greet Evening on 23 February 2018 @6-7pm
(SHGC PE1 Classroom Gymnasium, Cook Street entrance)
Pre-season Training on 27 February & 1, 6, 8, 13 & 15 March 2018
@4-6pm (Flynn Park) open for all players wanting to play in 2018
Trial 1 on 20 March 2018 @4-6pm (Flynn Park)
Trial 2 on 22 March 2018 @4-6pm (Flynn Park)

Hockey:

Trial 1 on 1 March 2018 @3.30-5pm (SHGC Astro Turf)
Trial 2 on 6 March 2018 @4-5pm (Gallagher Hockey Centre)
Trial 3 on 8 March 2018 @4-5.30pm (Gallagher Hockey Centre)

Touch:

Season runs 19 February – 26 March 2018 @various times (Steele Park)
Training each Wednesday & Friday commencing 14 February @ 7-8am (Steele Park if fine, Gymnasium if wet)
Waikato Secondary School Touch Regional Qualifier - 11 March 2018 (Albert Park, Te Awamutu) SHGC Open Touch Team

Volleyball:

Season runs from 10 February. Training each Friday commencing 2 February @3.30-5pm (Gymnasium)

Athletics:

Sacred Heart Girls' College Athletics Day - 5 March 2018 (Porritt Stadium) Compulsory attendance for all students.

Central Zone Athletics -14 March 2018 (Porritt Stadium) Qualifiers from our School athletics day

Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships – 24 March 2018 (Tauranga Domain) Qualifiers from the Central Zone Athletics Day

Summer Tournament Week 19-23 March 2018:

NZSS Waka Ama (Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua)
NZSS Rowing Maadi Cup (Twizel)
NZSS Softball (Hamilton)

Swimming:

Sacred Heart Girls' College Swimming Sports Day - 27 March 2018 (Waikato University Pools). Compulsory attendance for all students.

ATHLETICS

Athletics Day will be held at Porritt Stadium on Monday, 5 March. Each student will need to either find their own way to and from Porritt Stadium or organise to use the bus service from the school.

School Athletics Day is a school day and attendance is compulsory. Rolls will be taken throughout the day. Students will need to bring their lunch and plenty of water from home. It is also important that students are prepared for ANY weather conditions. We encourage them to bring a sun hat, sun block, sunglasses, an umbrella (for sun shade/rain) and appropriate clothing for the conditions. The track becomes extremely hot and will blister feet. To ensure all safety standards are met, it is compulsory for all Field Event

athletes to wear shoes; while for track event athletes – shoes are highly recommended but not compulsory. These standards will be enforced on the day. PLEASE NOTE: Porritt Stadium has undergone a full resurfacing and so glitter, face paint and feather boas are NOT be brought into the stadium.

COUNSELLING

This year we have two Counsellors at school - Mrs Anita McQueen is at school on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Chris Muggeridge is at school on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Students can make appointments by filling out an Appointment Form and placing it in the box outside the Counselling Rooms, or by emailing one of the Counsellors. An appointment time will be sent to them as soon as possible. Parents/caregivers are also very welcome to contact the Counsellors if they wish to do so.

Chris Muggeridge
Guidance Counsellor

OPENING MASS

On Friday February 9th we celebrated our first Mass for 2018. Our focus was on community and welcoming all people in, and associated with, our school community. The Gospel reading was Jesus feeds the 5,000 and we were asked the question 'how many loaves do you have?'; what are the gifts and talents that you will share this year? At the end of mass we commissioned our Senior Council and all our Year 13 students. This was a significant way to start our year and we extend a thank you to all involved in bring this celebration together.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Welcome back to our 11 returning students. Congratulations to all international seniors as they all achieved NCEA - Ying Yu Level 1, Alisa Level 2, and Quinn Level 3. Both Yue Cheng Wu and Michelle Kwan achieved Level 2 with Excellence and Hailin Chen and Mint Alongkorntaskin passed Level 3 with Merit. Mint was also the recipient of the Waikato Education International Scholarship and will be attending University of Waikato. Hailin will be studying nursing and Quinn engineering. We also say goodbye to Vivian Kwan who has decided to return to Hong Kong to work.

We greet 12 new students from Thailand, China, Japan and Sri Lanka.

Julie Radice
Director of International Students

SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce scholarships are available for 2018. Please visit the website for info and applications: <http://shgcham.school.nz/student-info/scholarships/>