



From the Principal

**Tena koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou**

I find it reassuring that like us, Euphrasie Barbier encountered similar 'busyness' in her time and place. And, as we come to the end of another term:

"We are beginning to realise how quickly life passes. The years follow one another with such rapidity that we find we have gone a long way, almost without noticing it. Whatever may have been our little or great trials in life we are happy if we remain faithful to God's grace in every circumstance, doing everything to the best of our ability, moment by moment, out of love for God who never turns away from us."

Over the last few weeks, the Senior Leadership Team has been meeting with our new students and whanau. It is always a pleasure to see the excitement of students who are ready and eager to continue their learning at Sacred Heart Girls' College. These transition meetings are a valuable opportunity to engage with our families, and to make our first connection a positive experience for all. It is reassuring to meet such confident and articulate young women, full of potential, who can talk about their learning with clarity and positive attitudes. We look forward to a long association with all.

Many students, parents, staff and volunteers have been involved in Winter Sports, and in the last week of Term, we honoured student achievement, team successes and individuals' contributions to their teams. Being part of a sports team or a club reinforces the benefits of collaboration, development of skills and the opportunity to acknowledge the variety of talent that others bring to the sport. We also appreciate the contribution that parents and volunteers

make to this essential part of school life: coaches, managers, supporters, promoters etc. We rely heavily on your support throughout the year. As a 'thank you' we hope you will be able to join us next term (check your emails for an invitation).

We ended the last week of term with a fun day: Character Day (it's an Arts thing)! Check out the costumes on Facebook. You may not recognise your daughter (or her teachers)!

Finally, as I reminded senior students recently, the Cherry Blossom is in full bloom and that means your daughter's exam revision schedule should be in full bloom too. Small sacrifices now will yield a fruitful return on their investment...less social media, less shifts at work, less shopping trips. Nobody can do justice to their learning in exams without preparation, practice and perseverance. It takes effort and gritty determination, especially at this time of the year: "Whaowhia te kete maatauranga" (Fill your Basket of Knowledge).

Please support your daughter in the best way you know how, or ask any of her teachers for guidance. There will be lots of learning conversations, coaching, mentoring, tutoring and guidance given at school. Please feel free to ask for assistance, either from your daughter's Companion, her Dean or her subject teachers.

My thanks are also extended to all staff for their ongoing commitment to teaching and learning throughout the term as well as the extras beyond the classroom. We are most fortunate to have such dedicated professionals at the service of our wonderful young women. In particular, we say farewell to Mr Martell, who, after 10 years of service to our College, has taken the opportunity to follow his heart, and seize a meaningful opportunity at Melville College. We have been blessed by his presence and his passion!

Wishing you all a restful break from the routines of school and safe travels, if you are lucky to be on the road, sea or skies.

Age Quod Agis
Ngaa Mihi

Catherine Gunn

Our Vision Statement

Sacred Heart Girls' College educates and inspires young women to be confident, connected, Catholic, learners for life; committed to excellence, ready to serve, to challenge and to shape the future.

We live the virtues of Faith, Hope and Justice.

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

BOT NEWS

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, Talofa Lava and greetings to all readers.

Well it seems I went into hibernation and now a full term is near to being completed. My apologies for my absence and tardiness in keeping you updated.



Where are we at with the 2021 visioning process?

The board is close to a final draft for staff and community feedback. Trustees will be in touch with the parents and caregivers who 'put up their hand' to be consulted with, and to confirm your ongoing availability and timing for the feedback process. We will be running concurrent feedback sessions with students, staff and the parent community.

Māori and Pasifika community engagement

Development in this area of our school culture and curriculum has been a focus this year. Whilst the school acknowledges that like any change, it does take time, we do have a number of students, parents and whānau to thank for the progress and the success to date. This year there will be an end of year Māori and Pasifika achievement and success celebration in the form of a whānau dinner. This will be an exciting opportunity for our students to share their success from the academic year.

Winter Sports or Summer Sports (Thank you!)

Congratulations to all of our winter sports teams and individuals, parents, coaches, managers and teachers-in-charge. So...now it is time to polish off your summer sports kit or perhaps take a break. The Board would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone involved, especially parents and supporters who volunteer their time to assist with sports for the school.

Property (current and future)

The Board property sub-committee is working with the Mission Trust (our proprietor) in regards to facility improvements over the next few years. The re-roofing project commences at the end of term four, mostly during the Christmas holidays. More excitingly is that the re-roofing will be followed by an upgrade of the north facing building that houses the student centre, classrooms and chapel. The facility design is in its concept phase with feedback being sought from staff and students.

Five board members toured the school property recently to take the follow up on comments made in last year's community

survey. In particular, the abolition/rest room areas, the older classrooms (namely heat and cooling issues and outdoor areas. Yvonne Vosper locked herself in every cubicle and flushed every cistern to identify any faults. We identified some areas of maintenance that were semi-urgent for action, plus the walkabout was helpful in raising our awareness of the bricks and mortar needs.

School enrolments

Enrolment interviews with senior staff are currently happening for those 2018, Year 9 students accepted to begin their secondary schooling at Sacred Heart Girls' College. Overall the Board is committing more energy to roll growth going forward through our strategic priorities.

Thank you and farewell

This month was Angelique TuiSamoa's last Board meeting as the student representative. Angelique has been an invaluable trustee, a truly genuine student voice and a professional advocate at all times. Angelique will be missed by her fellow trustees and on behalf of the Board I wish her all the best for her future endeavours in the field of leadership. Amazing job!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or a fellow trustee.

God bless and have a safe holiday.

Hayley McConnell
Chairperson - Board of Trustees

VINNIES

During Terms 2 & 3 Year 10 students visited the Vinnies centre in Frankton. We did this to make a hot meal for the people of our community who cannot always afford their own meals. Some of the food we donated through the school's food drive contributed to the meals we provided. The majority of the people who ate the meals have homes, however their weekly pay does not cover their food for the week. This is where the Vinnies play a significant role in the lives of the less privileged, to supplement their daily necessities. It was awesome to see that our efforts went to a great cause and was very rewarding to see the smiles on their faces.

Overall, it was a great opportunity for us and we look forward to serving the community again next year. This experience has tied in nicely with our school focus this year of Mission, though this activity we were able to put into practice things we have learnt at school eg collaborating, delegating, taking risks, reasoning. We used our Head Heart and Hands to make mission possible.

Alisha Jacob, Pippa Johns and Lucy Muldowney

CURRICULUM NEWS

PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS

These took place during week six of this term. Senior reports will be sent out at the end of the Term. These reports no longer include subject teacher comments as teachers provided students with detailed feedback and advice when they went over these assessments.

NCEA

Remember students can keep up to date with their credits for NCEA by visiting the NZQA website and using their NSN and self-generated password. It is here that students obtain their examination results so it pays to become familiar with using the site before the external results arrive.

Students can also use the NCEA Student App which can be downloaded from either the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. It is free to download and can be used from any smart device. The App allows students to plan, select and set their NCEA credit goals and targets and to see how they are tracking towards NCEA Level one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance.

Term Four

On Monday, 16 October 2017, a full staff Professional Learning Day is being held. The focus of this day is Restorative Practises which support our Head, Heart, Hands framework. Term Four will commence on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 for students.

Advance Notice

Senior Prizegiving will be held on Friday, 3 November at 10:30am.

Cushla Jackson
Deputy Principal

STUDY HELP

Crash course on study, tests and anxiety. It may be helpful for senior students. Click link to view: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-gcqaRJMP4&feature=em-subst_digest

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
Phone: 07 856 7874 ext 2852

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We have had a very successful term. Our new International students have settled in and the seniors are preparing for their NCEA examinations. So many of our International students are gaining Excellence in their subjects and we gather regularly with food to celebrate every achievement.

The International business is growing BUT we are still in need of good home stays. Please contact Stephanie Mildon our home stay coordinator and administrator on smildon@shgcham.school.nz if you can offer any help. Each girl needs a room of their own, a bed, table and lamp, a wardrobe and chest of drawers plus heating for the winter. They need to be part of the family and join in activities with them.

If you think this is you then please contact us immediately.

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

- 29 September** - End of Term 3
- 16 October** - Staff Only Day
- 17 October** - Start of Term 4

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SPORTS

Knock Out Cup

The KO Cup Contest Final was held on Saturday, 23 September 2017, between the SHGC junior girls and HGHS juniors.

Sacred Heart started out as the stronger team in the first half creating all the early chances and were unlucky on a number of occasions not to take the deserved lead. Unfortunately, against the run of play, HGHS opened the scoring direct from a corner. The match was end to end and went into half time with HGHS having doubled the lead to 2-0 with a well taken goal.



SHGC came out after the break and showed how they got to the final with a dominant display of breathless football creating chance after chance. But, a highly impressive display by

the opponents defence restricted the team to a solitary goal from Danielle Brdanovic, with the game finishing 3-1 to HGHS. The whole team performed with great skill and spirit, and were admirably led by team captain Poppy Callaghan. They accepted their silver medals and congratulated HGHS on their win. They represented the School with great pride showing true Sacred Heart spirit. Well done girls.

5 Aside Football Tournament - 16 September 2017

On Saturday the 16th of September the 1st XI, 2nd XI and Junior Development football teams put in a few teams in the five a side football tournament at Jansen park. All of the teams did very well! The 1st XI team came 3rd, the 2nd XI team came second - only by penalty shoot outs - and the juniors made it to the semi final.

On the day, the weather was extremely inconsistent. We were playing in the sun for one minute then playing in the pouring rain the next. But, that didn't stop the girls from giving it their best shot and having heaps of fun! Despite the 1st XI team not being able to figure out how the gazebo went up, forcing us to share with the other teams, it was a very fun, successful day.

At the end of our intense season of football it's always great fun to end with a five a side tournament. While the standard of football is high, it is a much faster paced game than regular football, and the emphasis is on having a fun day.

The focus is on fast teamwork, short sharp field play and as many goals as possible.

Sarah Moorehouse

NZSS Swimming Champs

We had 6 girls recently compete at the NZSS Swimming Championships.

The team of girls did very well and were able to achieve some PB's amongst them. They represented our school with pride and maturity and were a credit to themselves and our school, placing 12th out of 57 Girls Schools.



This was a difficult meet for all swimmers who are currently training in short course distance but had to compete in Long Course distance for each event. We are proud of and congratulate you for your amazing achievements.

One of our Girls, Jordyn Williams had an extremely successful meet, competing in 9 different events ranging from 50 meters to 400 meters. She won 3 Gold medals, 2 Silver medals, and 2 Bronze medals. Jordyn's success comes after a very strict training regime which often sees her training twice a day - early in the morning and late at night - as well as being expected to stay on top of homework and family chores.

Jordyn will now prepare for the NZ Age Group Championships. We wish you all the best Jordyn, with your upcoming competition.

LISIEUX FEAST DAY

On Monday 25th September, students and staff from Lisieux House had a Shared Morning Tea to celebrate the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, also known as 'Little Flower.'



St Therese, our patron saint, was a novice nun in France many years ago when she decided on her chosen vocation. Despite the other convent sisters belief that St. Therese was too young to enter the desired vocation, St Therese dedicated prayers and special intentions by tossing flowers on the cobblestones in her village in France. Hence, she received the nickname 'Little Flower.'

For our celebration, students in Lisieux house made tissue and crepe paper in various shades of blue (our house colour). The intention was to scatter the flowers around the school, however, inclement weather on the day prohibited such frivolities! Instead, the flowers - with special intention prayers on each one - were distributed around the table. There was even a bit of dancing. All in all, a good time was had and everyone left for interval with full tummies and smiling faces!

Mrs J Fanning