

## From our Acting Principal Mrs Cat Roberts

### Tēnā koutou katoa Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

If you follow our school Facebook page, you will know there are many students whose achievements over the last two weeks deserve to be highlighted. To name a few, our Mission Cup and Te Toa Tournament players competed admirably in Wellington; the performers at the Chamber Music Competitions wowed audiences with their high standard of musical performance; WaiBoP Cross Country runners gave their all, and the Year 12 and 13 PE students showed their grit by competing in the Tough Guy Tough Gal competition this week. Congratulations to all of our students who commit to an extracurricular activity and persevere to grow their talents.

We look forward to hosting the whānau and aiga of our Māori and Pasifika students at our Ngakau Tapatahi dinner next week. With Matariki upon us, it is timely to come together to renew and strengthen our connections with one another.

I write this as my last newsletter as Acting Principal, with Miss Gunn due to return from her Sabbatical Leave on Monday. We look forward to welcoming her back. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for their support over this time: in particular to Mrs Morris, who has been acting as Deputy Principal, and Miss Schilperoort who has been back in the College teaching RE.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The PPTA have advised that the Regional Strike planned for Tuesday 18 June has been cancelled so all students are expected to be at school.

#### CURRICULUM NEWS

##### SENIOR MID-YEAR REPORTS

Mid year reports for Senior students have been emailed this week. If you did not get your daughter's report, please contact the school office.

This year, progress report meetings are being held for students in Years 11-13 on Monday 1 July from 3.30 – 6.30.

To book online click on the link here: [School Interviews](#) Select the 'make a booking button' and enter the online code: yp26q

Booking Opens: Monday 24th June

##### ASSESSMENTS

Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 will have assessments in a number of their subjects throughout the year. It is most important that students be present for all assessments. With some internal assessments this may be the final opportunity students have to gain the credits while the grades they get in their practice assessments may be required as evidence if your daughter needs to apply for a derived grade due to unforeseen circumstances at the time of their external exams.

##### JUNIOR MID-YEAR REPORTS

Reports for Junior students will be emailed by the end of term. Please make the time to talk with your daughter about her learning when you receive these reports.

#### UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

18th June	The Big Sing Regionals WSS Squash Tournament
19th June	Special Character Assembly Ngakau Tapatahi - Māori & Pasifika Dinner World Challenge parents launch - CAC 6.30
27th June	NZ Blood Bank onsite
28th June	Sacred Heart Day - 9.15am Mass

### Our Vision

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.**

## LOGOS - YEAR 13 RETREAT

Logos, a Marist Youth Development organisation, facilitated our Year 13 retreat this year. Girls were given the opportunity to reflect on the year so far and consider their next steps, which was the theme of this retreat. There was prayer, meditation, skits, group activities, and time for students to focus on their relationship with themselves, God, and others. It was a meaningful day with lots of fun had by all.



## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

### Hockey

The following girls have achieved representative's honours for Hockey for 2019;

Halle Scurrah - Midlands U18

Caitlin Jamieson and Jaimee Honey - Waikato U18

Libby Singer, Samantha Hartstone, Cloie Pigangay & Maddie O'Donoghue - Waikato U18 Development

## MISSION CUP

Mission Cup is a memorable time, where we get to socialise with other Mission Sister schools' as well as bond within our own team. Whilst also having fun it was a competitive Netball tournament where we played against some strong teams, resulting in a couple of losses, which were 32-25 against SHGC Lower Hutt and 26-25 against SHGC New Plymouth. While we could have given up at this point, with each other's support and keeping in high spirits, we pulled through and gained some well-earned results under our belt, winning 48-12 against St Joseph's Napier and 47-22 against SHGC Napier. SHGC Lower Hutt took away the Cup this year. This experience gave us the opportunity to identify improvements we want to make but most importantly it brought us closer together as a team.

## TE TOA

On Friday 31st May the SHGC Hockey 1st XI Team headed to Wellington to attend the annual Te Toa Hockey Tournament. This tournament has a strong history between the participating schools since 1982. On arrival the team attended a Powhiri to welcome all schools. Our first game on Saturday was against Sacred Heart Lower Hutt where we had a great start to the tournament winning 10-0. In the afternoon we headed into our toughest game against Sacred Heart New Plymouth who were last year's winners. We drew 2-2 after a hard fought game and with one of our goals disallowed. This meant we needed to have convincing wins on Sunday to have a chance at winning the trophy back. We last won the trophy back in 2016.

On Saturday night all the teams gathered together for Mass followed by a dinner. This was a great opportunity to grow friendships and solidarity between teams. Sunday morning was an early start with our first game at 8am and the weather in Wellington was pretty bad. With our thermals on we played well as a team against Sacred Heart Napier winning 15-0. Our final game was against St Joseph's Maori Girls College Napier and we knew we needed goals. The team played hard and had our best win of the tournament winning 17-1.

We finished the tournament on the same points as Sacred Heart New Plymouth and so it was down to the goal difference to see who would win the trophy. After scoring 44 goals it was a nervous wait and unfortunately we ended up as Runners Up. We are now looking forward to winning the Trophy in 2020 when the Te Toa Tournament comes back to Hamilton.

## GATEWAY

### Pet Doctors

A very big thank you to Pet Doctors, Hillcrest staff for providing Jyoti Karki with such an amazing placement. Jyoti has been able to observe numerous operations, dental procedures and help



out in a number of areas while gaining a first-hand understanding of the busy, heartwarming and, at times, emotional day-to-day experience of a local vet.

### Samantha Felton Eventing

Thank you to Samantha Felton Eventing for providing Grea Wells-Dally and Gemma Kay the opportunity to further explore the equine and eventing industry. Both students are thoroughly enjoying the hands on experience and have demonstrated a strong work ethic while learning about the day-to-day workings of an efficient stables.



## WAIKATO CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO - TE HUI AHUREA 2019



### Tēnā koutou katoa

On Saturday 17th August 2019, our Kāhui Ako will be holding our very first Cultural Festival to celebrate our Māori and Pasifika cultures through a day filled with song and dance. It will be held at Activate Church 11 Bisley Rd, Enderley, Hamilton. There will be a representation from all of our community, from our two early learning centres, nine primary schools, and two secondary schools. Each school have been invited to enter one Pasifika and one Kapa Haka group to perform.

Whānau and Aiga, add this event to your calendars. Come and enjoy a day of celebration of our Catholic cultural community and support our tamariki.

There is also an opportunity for any school to provide a food stall(s) for this event to help individual schools' fundraising efforts. If you are keen to hold a food stall, please contact Dwayne Hudson [dhudson@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz](mailto:dhudson@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz) to book your spot. There are a limited number of food stalls we will be accepting, so be in quick.

More information will be coming out closer to the date with times of performances for each group.



## STUDY SMART WORKSHOP - JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Learn the powerful strategies that make a difference to your study. Through the use of simple, easy to apply and yet practical ideas, you can boost your own performance & exam results. Ideal for students in Years 9-13.



**HAMILTON WORKSHOP:** 8th July 9am - 3pm  
Register before 15th June for \$149.00 and bring a friend for FREE and receive a FREE 27 Study Tips quick check card.  
Click on the link here for more information: Study Smart Workshop

## ROTARY WAIKATO RYPEN LEADERSHIP CAMP

I was very fortunate to attend the Rypen Rotary Leadership Camp where I learnt more about myself, leadership roles and qualities. We participated in a series of activities and exercises, where I pushed myself physically and mentally in order to be challenged in team building obstacles. I really enjoyed getting to know different students and the staff of Lakewood Lodge and Rotary. Some of my favorite activities were rock climbing, flying fox and kayaking. Rock climbing pushed me out of my comfort zone and challenged me to overcome my fear of heights. Once reaching the very top of the wall, with the support of my teammates and Thomas the instructor, I felt very proud of myself. The flying fox got my adrenaline pumping as it was located over the lake. We attempted many tricks like dropping from the platform backwards and diving off. I really loved kayaking as it involved water and we participated in a lot of thrilling activities like running across the kayaks and a race, which I won. Overall I highly recommend this camp as I made new friends and learnt more about myself as a person and how to be a better leader. Kiana Pohe-Bright



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Seven of our girls were part of the winning performance this week and have a chance to compete at the Young Singers in Harmony National Finals in Christchurch in September. Maya Post gave a very interesting presentation to her English class about the Swiss school system. We continue to receive applications for short term students for Terms 3 and 4 this year and inquiries for 2020 are at a good level.

Pictured are Aki Mizomi and Xinran Yu, as part of the Kapa Haka group at the recent Art Showcase.



Julie Radice, International Director

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

# HERstory

2019 is the 135th anniversary of the Mission Sisters laying the foundation stone for our College in 1884. In the spirit of this milestone year, we are launching HERstory. Our Archivist & Alumni Administrator, Kirsten Elliot, is working behind the scenes to create a purpose-built archival website, which we plan to launch in Term 4. You can find out more about this on the College website here <https://shgcham.school.nz/herstory/>.

For now, please join our HERstory Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/shgcherstory/> to keep up to date with our progress, help identify students in unmarked photos, share your stories, and connect with past and present students and staff. We are currently digitising photos, school magazines and other heritage materials. If you have any items you wish to share, or would like to tell your story, please email: [herstory@shgcham.school.nz](mailto:herstory@shgcham.school.nz) or phone 07 856 7874 ext. 2813.