



From the Principal

Tihei Mauri ora – kia tau te rangimārie!

Welcome back to Term 2. We are an Easter People – people of Hope – so as a reminder of that in this unpredictable, turbulent world of ours, something to Contemplate:

'Around us, life bursts with miracles – a glass of water, a ray of sunshine, a leaf, a caterpillar, a flower, laughter, raindrops. If you live in awareness, it is easy to see miracles everywhere. Each human being is a multiplicity of miracles. Eyes that see thousands of colours, shapes, and forms; ears that hear a bee flying or a thunderclap; a brain that ponders a speck of dust as easily as the entire cosmos; a heart that beats in rhythm with the heartbeat of all beings. When we are tired and feel discouraged by life's daily struggles, we may not notice these miracles, but they are always there.' Thich Nhat Hanh

Through all the miracles of life, God is speaking!
Kia pai te ra whakataa – have a restful weekend.



A joint production with St John's College

The Sound of Music Production proved popular from the outset, with tickets flying out the door and selling out! The students (and adults!) involved in this production have faced some challenges throughout the process of bringing this show to life. A myriad of the usual hurdles have all been faced head-on, with utmost tenacity, flexibility and resilience. We could not be more proud of each and every one of them and their choice to say "yes" over and over. Ngā mihi nui for working together to bring it to life as a cast and crew united, our lives and hearts truly are blessed with the sound of music.



Tena koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

UPCOMING DATES

23 May	School Cross Country
24 May	Zone Cross Country
24 May	Open Evening
25 May	Waikato Secondary Schools Regional Swimming Championships
26-27 May	Duke of Edinburgh Tramp (Silver & Gold)

ROSTERING HOME PLAN

Rostering Home started this week. This means that teachers, who are PPTA members, will NOT teach these year levels on these days.

Week 3	Tue May 9	Year 12
	Thu May 11	PPTA Strike Day School Closed for Instruction
Week 4	Tue May 16	Year 9
	Wed May 17	Year 10
Week 5	Thu May 25	Year 11
Week 6	Tue May 30	Year 13
	Thu June 1	Year 12
Week 7	Tue June 6	Year 10
	Thu June 8	Year 9

*Please keep an eye out for updates via email.



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.**

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE



I have recently been aboard voyage 862 on the Spirit of New Zealand with 39 other trainees. This is a 10-day trip designed to push the trainees out of their comfort zone and strengthen their leadership skills.

A couple of my highlights from this trip would definitely have to be swimming with dolphins, being chased by a seal in a cave, climbing to the top of the mast, travelling around Great Barrier and all of the awesome friends I made and the memories we share.

I would 100% recommend this experience to everyone, it has been one of the best things I've done in life so far.

Ella Vandy – Year 13 Student



SCHOOL TO SKIES

While my friends took time to relax over the holidays, I was waking up at 6am every day for a week at the Royal New Zealand Air Force Base at Ohakea. The School to Skies programme, run by the Royal New Zealand Air Force gave 40 Year 13 girls, 6 days of hands-on experience, showing how STEM is carried out in different trades in the Air Force.

Trades included Aircraft Technician, Pilot, Air Warfare Officer, Avionics Technician and much more. They not only gave us insight into the military life/career, we also had lessons on resilience, leadership and mentoring.

I encourage students who are interested in the defence force or STEM subjects, to apply for this programme as it allowed me to build strong relationships with other like-minded individuals and assured me to follow my passion of becoming a pilot.

Karen Woo – Year 13 Student



STAFF CELEBRATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- **Vicki Cotton** recently graduated from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa over the holidays with her Level 5 Diploma in Te Reo Māori.
- **Belinda Cooper** (in absentia) recently graduated from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa with a Certificate in Rongoā Level 4.
- **Caitlynn O'Toole** recently graduated from the University of Waikato with a Masters in Teaching and Learning in Secondary Teaching.
- **Eadon Gillibrand** recently graduated from the University of Waikato with a Postgraduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching.
- And lastly, a huge congratulations to **Vivienne Leddy** for her 25 years of service to our school.



SHGC ROWING SQUAD AWARDS

Congratulations to the SHGC Rowing Squad who achieved some significant awards at the Hamilton Rowing Club Prizegiving on Friday 28th April.

- **Veronica van Eyk & Kate Davies** – Jerry St Clair Memorial Award Highest Points
- **Sarah Healy** – HRC Points Cup 2nd Highest Points
- **Georgia Kendrick** – School Girl Points
- **Sarah Healy** – Maiden Sculls Best 1st Year Sculler
- **Rose Abbott** – Coxswains Trophy Best Coxswain
- **Lily Johnson** – Outstanding Female Novice
- **Veronica van Eyk, Sarah Healy, Amara Casey, Kate Davies & Rose Abbott** – Hamilton Ladies Challenge Cup Outstanding Womens coxed four – Womens Intermediate 4+
- **Lily Ashton, Georgia Kendrick, Lily Johnson, Livvy Moon & Rose Abbott** – Most Outstanding Crew – U15 4+
- **Thea Mace, Eva McGivern, Lily Johnson, Livvy Moon & Rose Abbott** – Ramco Marine Cup Most Points by a school novice crew – Novice 4+
- **Peter Mitchell** – Charles Haggie Award Effort, Consistency & Leadership in training

We would like to thank Peter Mitchell for his dedication and time with the students this season and also extend our gratitude to Kylee Corboy for her commitment and work with the girls this season and the many years prior. Thank you and we can't wait for the 2024 Season!



Celebrating our Students

Sarah Healy – Year 12

Congratulations to Sarah, who was one of 12 students chosen from more than 140 to take part in the Hyundai NZ Pinnacle Programme! This programme aims to identify young New Zealanders with potential and develop their skills to become this country's next generation of leaders through an individualised mentoring experience.

pinnacleprogramme.co.nz

Rebecca de Leeuw – Year 13

Congratulations to Rebecca, who once again gained an Elite Award (10,000+ points) in the Education Perfect Languages Championship for the 4th year in a row! Tolle Leistung, Rebecca!

Chloe Peters – Year 11

Huge congratulations to Chloe, who had a haul of nine medals at the Swimming Nationals in Napier (April) in the 15-year-old age group. 4 golds (3 in the relays, 1 in 100m butterfly), 2 silvers (1 in the 200m butterfly, 1 in the relay) and 3 bronzes (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle and 50m butterfly).

Madison Marlow – Year 10

Madison also came away with 1 bronze medal in the 200m butterfly in the 14-year-old age group at the Swimming Nationals.

Olivia Maroney-Pearson – Year 10

Congratulations to Olivia who is quite handy in the surf! Olivia and her Raglan Surf Club team took part in the North Island IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) Championships, gaining 3rd in the teams event.

Mackenzie Gemmell – Year 11

Congratulations to Mackenzie for her trampolining medals.

- GOLD Auckland Icon Trampoline Champs
- GOLD & SILVER Tristar Trampoline & Tumble Champs

Mackenzie has now qualified for the North Island Champs & National Champs! Congrats Mackenzie!!

Libby McGowan – Year 10

Libby recently represented NZ in water ski racing at the Trans Tasman trophy against Australia. They claimed the Trophy for the first time in 11 years! Libby also came away with 5 GOLD medals. WOOP WOOP!

Keilana Lee – Year 9

Congratulations to Keilana who won her weight division in Kumite at the Karate NZ Cup.

Emily Nagel – Year 9

Before the end of term, Emily competed at the 2023 NZSS Canoe Slalom National Championships in Tekapo and came away with 5 gold medals and 2 bronze medals. Congratulations Emily!

The Arts

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

Enrolments have opened for Term Two at the Waikato Community School of Music. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format and one-to-one music tuition in a range of instruments. Group-format class fees range from \$45 to \$110 per term (8 lessons in Term Two) depending on student age and the instrument chosen. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as the student wishes. Enrolment in ensembles only is also an option. One-to-one classes can aid in preparing for exams and earning NCEA credits. Class times are between 8am and 2pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. WCSM is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact us via our website WCSM or on 07 838 4611.

LEARNING PROGRESS REPORTING

Your child will now have at least one learning progress comment for each subject for Term One. These comments provide regular feedback and feedforward on learning progress and are available to you via the [portal](#). You can login to the Parent Portal via our school website using your login details.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Learning Conversations will be from 16-18 May, 3.15-4.30pm. Bookings will open on 8 May and can be made via the [following link](#) (code: v36eu). Find your child's subject teacher's name to book an appointment time.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

At the end of Term one we said *Sayonara* to most of our Japanese students who were here for just one term. Last week we welcomed Yuzuki, who is with us for Terms 2 and 3, and we are receiving lots of queries for Term 3.

Our Director, Collette Tuioti returned from successful marketing visits to Vietnam and Hong Kong to promote our school and to recruit long-term students from these two important Asian markets. As a result, we have already received enquiries.

We also gained positive feedback from education agents and school officials who felt more confident after meetings about our school's academic programmes, facilities and student support services.



NOTICE BOARD

Mission College Fees

If you do not have a payment plan in place your Attendance Dues are now Overdue. Please check emails for updated statements.

Writing Competition

National Council of Women NZ – Hamilton Branch – is pleased to offer all students in the Waikato an opportunity to create a speech, essay, poem – whatever format they like, on the topic of “*What does equity mean (to them)*” Email your submission to: ncwnzhilton@gmail.com. Video entries are also accepted. Closing date: Monday, 3 July. Winning entry will receive \$300.

Attendance Reminder

If your daughter will be absent from school during the day for any reason, please phone the school 856 7874 option 1, or email the Student Coordinator: absences@shgcham.school.nz giving a reason for her absence. If a student will be absent from school for an extended period of time, whānau must inform Miss Gunn. Please email Ms Ritchie at pa@shgcham.school.nz explaining the reason for her absence – e.g., a holiday during term time.

GIRL POWA
Adult & Teen Adventure Day
Mother/Daughter Aunt/Niece Big Sister/Little Sister

Adventure Together
Lead, inspire, support, laugh, bond, learn, challenge

GIRL POWA ADVENTURE DAY
SATURDAY 20TH MAY 2023
8.30AM - 4.30PM
PIRONGIA FOREST PARK LODGE
\$100 PER TEAM: FEMALES ONLY
1 ADULT AND 1 TEEN PER TEAM
Includes: 4 activities, morning & afternoon tea and lunch

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• Archery

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