



From the Principal

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

Welcome to our recently baptised and confirmed students, now full participating members of our Faith Community. Congratulations for responding to the call with a 'yes'. Charlotte, Anne, Roxanne and Aki received the sacraments at our Mass for the Feast of the Assumption.

We also took the opportunity, at this Mass, to reflect on the life and work of Euphrasie Barbier, as she discerned her calling from a young age. As the daughter of migrants, living in poverty, she was fully immersed and engaged with her community. The Assumption honours the role of Mary and her place in Salvation history. Her resounding 'yes' to God's plan and her Song of Praise, the Magnificat, as her vision of a just society, was the inspiration for Euphrasie Barbier to create an order of like-minded women: the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. Their legacy remains strong in Hamilton and we are fortunate to have Sr Anne Sklenars RNDM closely connected with Sacred Heart Girls' College. A former student of our College, she is a fine example of a woman of mission who says 'yes' every day. We are challenged to reflect on our 'yes' to the call of our faithful God.

We are midway through Term 3 and your daughter is likely to be preparing for assessment week. It is most important that she prepares well. This is an opportunity to practice for externals, which will give teachers a genuine indication of likely achievement and where there needs to be improvement. In addition, these assessments contribute to a 'derived' grade - should there be extenuating circumstances where a student was unable to sit an external exam, we will be

confident that we have an authentic summative assessment. These are not 'mock' exams; they are the real thing. Please encourage your daughter to do her best and maximise the opportunities.

Something we need your help with as parents, caregivers, mentors and advisers...is social media. Technology is a powerful tool; a tool that can either bring great benefit to all its users or, something which can become destructive and bring nothing but misery and distress. Either outcome depends on the user's discernment and engagement of their head, heart and hands. It would be helpful to remind your daughters of what is acceptable, aligned with your family values and those of our College. As Pope Francis (an avid Tweeter himself), reminds us: "...we have a shared responsibility for each other...and that being good and decent [is] worth it" (Laudato Si').

Finally, we wish the Chanel Shield Team all the best as they travel to Aquinas College, Tauranga, to showcase their gifts and talents in scripture reading, poetry, speech and drama.

Age Quod Agis

Nga 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.***

TOP 5 IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Congratulations to KAYLA GOODWIN who represented NZ at the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas last month.

To be selected in itself, is a wonderful accolade. Kayla can be very proud of her efforts, particularly in the Girls Long Jump where she jumped a distance of 5.59m to give her a 5th place ranking. For full results, you can visit:

https://results.bahamas2017cyg.com/static/eng/zz/engzz_general-general-schedule.htm



Image: Kayla (2nd from left) with fellow NZ team mates

CURRICULUM NEWS

Assessment Week

A reminder that Week 6 (28 August-1 September) is assessment week for senior students. The results from these examinations 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. The timetable for these exams is on the school website.

On Friday, 1 September, only Year 11-13 students who have a timetabled assessment are required to be at school. If you require your Year 9 or 10 daughter to attend school on this day, supervision will be available. In this case, please contact the student centre.

Subject Choices for 2018

Student Option Choice forms are due back by Friday 25 August. The course information and option forms are all available on the school website.

Cushla Jackson
Deputy Principal

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

- 18-19 August - Chanel Shield
- 23-24 August - Arts Showcase
- 28 August - Board of Trustees Meeting
- 28 Aug - 1 Sep - Senior Assessment Week
- 11 September - Year 12 Retreat
- 13 September - Māori and Pasifika Hui
- 29 September - End of Term 3

ARTS SHOWCASE

SHGC Arts Showcase 23rd and 24th of August, 7pm

An entertaining evening showcasing the creativity and talent of our students.

Held in the CAC, Tickets available from Miss Vaile in the CAC office

\$5 Adults, \$2.50 Students

Food and Drinks available for purchase on the night



MARIST 200 CELEBRATION

Saturday, 9th September - St John's College and the St John's College Old Boys Network invite all parents, Old Boys and associates of the school to a celebration event marking 200 years of Marist education. This will be a wonderful chance to connect with friends in the St John's community. The celebration starts at 7.30pm at St John's College – please RSVP at <https://marist200.eventbrite.co.nz> or contact the school office to register on 07 856 7091.

EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION RESULTS

5-6 August 2017

Codie White and her horse Kabo Scout won the Pellows Newcomer Championship, the Mixed Breed Horse Championship, and received the cup for the highest percentage out of all competitors for the past 4 months, in the Waikato Dressage Series.



Kabo Scout is only 4 years old, and was broken in 6 months ago with Codie doing all his training.

Congratulations Codie & Kabo Scout, a great achievement and

no doubt a starting point for greater things to come. We are very proud of you, your achievement, and the passion you show for your sport and horses.

Wishing you all the very best for the rest of the Year.

From the Students & Staff at SHGC

STUDENT SAFETY

FIRTH STREET - AFTERNOONS

Parents are reminded that parking on the broken yellow lines on Firth St is illegal and obscures visibility of on-coming traffic for our students crossing the road to catch their school buses. Please use our alternative entrance at Cook St when picking up in the afternoons.

Se recuerda a los padres que el estacionamiento en las líneas rotas de la calle Firth es ilegal y la visibilidad del tráfico que se aproxima a nuestros estudiantes que cruzan la calle para coger sus autobuses escolares es obstruida. por favor utilice nuestra entrada alternativa en Cook Street cuando recoja por las tardes.

D Lang
Bus Controller

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

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION MASS 2017

This Tuesday, the school gathered together for mass at the Cathedral, to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. This day is one of only two Holy Days of Obligation we have here in New Zealand. At this mass we remembered that Mary said 'yes' when God called her, and we remembered that Euphrase Barbier said 'yes' to God. Everyday Mission Sisters worldwide say 'yes'. The challenge is for us to be open when we are called. #missionispossible



Another significant event on this day was sacraments being conferred on four students, who have been preparing for this since the beginning of Term 2. Charlotte Lowthian was baptised, confirmed and made her 1st Eucharist. Anne Fajardo, Roxanne Zamora and Aki Fosita were all confirmed and made their 1st Eucharist. It was very special to share this event with our full school community.

We thank Bishop Steve for celebrating mass with us. We especially thank the sisters who were present and members of our wider school community who made the time to come to this celebration.



Susan Brebner
Director of Faith and Mission

CULTURAL



Success for Māori as Māori
Success for Pasifika as Pasifika

Māori and Pasifika End of the Year Celebrations

Where: Sacred Heart Girls' College

Venue: Hall or CAC (TBC)

When: Wednesday 25th October 2017

Watch this space!!!

Kahu Tawera
Leader of Learning - Māori

CLAY SHOOTING CHAMPION

Well Done Grace Beddis!

Grace travelled to the South Island to compete in the Secondary School Championships and the Dunedin Intercollegiate shoot in Dunedin during the holidays. She came 1st in the South Island (Girls) Point Score, 4th in the Single Rise (Girls) and 1st Point Score at the Dunedin Intercollegiate shoot.



PTFA



Thursday 24th August at 7 p.m.
IN THE STAFFROOM

Let's share together - an opportunity to get to know your current PTFA members - and what we do in the school community.

Please bring some nibbles to share.

For further info, be in touch with Margaret (0274712418) or Robyn (021 639775).