



## From the Principal

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

I am sure if you were able to attend our recent Arts Showcase, you will agree that we have some very talented and creative young women in our midst. Thank you to all our students who shared their time and talents, as well as, to the numerous staff who supported Ms Vaile to make the event happen. For many students, it was their first time performing in public, yet they certainly proved their confidence, collaboration and creativity. On a similar note, if you follow us on Facebook, you will know that the Chanel Shield Team also did us proud with a first place for Debating and Poetry, and a second placing overall. These are significant events that require staff and volunteers to engage above and beyond the call of duty.

By the time you read this newsletter, our Senior Students will have come to the end of their practice exams, in preparation for NCEA externals. Staff will now spend a considerable amount of time marking papers and making judgements, based on specific criteria. A process of moderation ensures the teacher's judgements reflect that criteria accurately. When your daughter receives feedback from her teacher, please take the opportunity to discuss how improvements can be made and, if necessary, contact your daughter's teacher for further guidance. At this stage in her learning, this is a vital conversation to have. It is never too late to make the necessary adjustments that will maximise long-term success as a learner.

You may have heard much about a Community of Learning over the last couple of years. What started as 'Community of Schools', became 'Community of Learning' and now The Ministry of Education prefers the term Kāhui Ako - (Kāhui as in cluster/constellation of

stars, and Ako as in learn, teach or advise). Sacred Heart Girls' College is part of the Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako. Whatever we think of the political rhetoric on this subject, the intention of this system-wide approach is to raise achievement for all students, through collaboration between schools, identifying and maximising professional expertise and, enhancing opportunities for teachers to innovate new, possible and exciting practices. The Ministry of Education provides resources for schools involved to engage with this work. Currently, our Kāhui Ako is at the critical stage of appointing teachers who can collaborate effectively and lead change of practice across our schools and early learning centres. They will be leading inquiries in three areas: Culturally Responsive and Whānau-centric Pedagogy, Teacher Efficacy, and Transition/Pathways and Hauora. The Principals involved all agree that a focus on improving teaching practice, our relationships with students and their families, and placing greater emphasis on meeting the needs of all learners, will strengthen and spread effective teaching and leadership practice across the Kāhui Ako, and make a positive difference more quickly, within and across the system. In a nutshell, the Kāhui Ako challenges the adults in the system to reflect on their practice, strengthen it as necessary and share expertise collaboratively, to improve outcomes for learners.

For some reason, Term 3 in schools is known as the business end of the year, despite the fact that learning is a constant endeavour, and there is rarely 'downtime' in schools. Nevertheless, we do get times in every term that demand more of us than others. It's at those times that I reach for Euphrasie Barbier's extract from letters she wrote to her sisters across the globe, in the 19th Century. I am especially fond of this one:

*"Do not think that because you cannot do all that you would want to do, there is reason to believe that all is lost. No, no, what cannot be done today, do tomorrow; what cannot be done in the first year, do in the second. Only stay calm, maintain union with God" (1868).*

Have a wonderful weekend, as Spring shows signs of arrival.

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.**

## ARTS SHOWCASE

In Week 5 our talented students performed in the Arts Showcase, selling out tickets over both nights! Special thanks to all of those who came along to watch the show and to those parents and teachers who helped to collaborate to bring it all together.



## MAKING MISSION POSSIBLE

During Term three and four, CCM group ZVA is starting a new recycling initiative schoolwide.

There will be three challenges: the GLAD Food Storage Recycling Programme, the Oral Care Recycling, and the Collective Suckies Recycling. Once collected, the waste is sent to an organisation called 'Terracycle' who clean and melt it down to form new recycled products.

This is an exciting way to make mission possible at Sacred Heart and the more support this receives, the greater the difference we can make to our Earth. So, next time you finish your toothpaste or toothbrush, or you have Glad Wrap, or 'The Collective Suckie' in your lunch box, remember to recycle and do your part to make a difference. Bring your recyclable items to the CAC where these items are being collected. Remember: every small act counts.

If you are interested in learning more or are unsure about what you can recycle, head to <http://www.terracycle.co.nz/en-NZ/>

## CHANEL SHIELD ANNUAL COMPETITION

On Friday, 18th August, a group of 14 students headed to Tauranga to compete in the annual Chanel Shield Speaking & Performing Arts Competition hosted this year at Aquinas College. We picked up our bus buddies from Saint John's College, and headed off across the Kaimais, leaving a gloomy Waikato sky behind us to be greeted by a cloudless blue sky.

The event kicked off at 12:00pm with a welcoming Powhiri

and Mass, after which we all enjoyed a lunch together. Then, it was time to stick on the game faces as the competitions began. Sacred Heart placed first in the Junior Poetry Reading, and made it through to the final round for debating along with Saint John's College; an event which would take place the following day. After a dinner filled with socialising it was time to watch the school drama performances, after which, students were picked up by their billets with whom they would spend the night.



Many girls made new friends from staying with their billets, and some even got to have a dip in a spa.

The second day's events started with a morning prayer at 8:45 am. Then, for the debating team, it was time to prepare for a final showdown. The competition was strong. Overall, and by only 1 point, Sacred Heart placed 2nd and were beaten by John Paul College. It was a great two days of cultural competition and socialising with students from other schools. It was definitely an enhancing experience for many.



St John's College student, Travis Glassie and, our own Angel Benny, both placed in the top 3 for Senior and Junior Bible Reading categories. Competitors included Gus Dube, who won a Shakespeare scholarship to the Globe, in London last year and, our own Nikita Raman, who read beautifully.

NZ's longest serving News anchor man, Philip Sherry was an entertaining judge, requesting that a door be left open in case they needed to make a run for it- if the audience didn't like



their decisions. If you get a chance to attend Mass at the Mount, you may be lucky enough to hear him read there. Mr Sherry's tip for the audience, "If you ever get the chance

to read, [do your best]. It may be the last time a member of the congregation hears the Word of God proclaimed." He was assisted by Actor, Monika Barker.

It was a long bus ride home for our travel companions and worthy competitors, St John's College. They were awarded 3rd place.

**Aylish Waldron - Y12 Student**  
**Kristina McQueen - Teacher of Religious Studies**

## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK

As well as celebrating “Cultural Diversity Week”, language students celebrating learning French and German in their classes. There was a “Creperie” for Year 10, “Cafe” with sandwiches for Year 11, petanque games on the netball courts for Year 9 classes and a French cooking afternoon and sit-down meal for the senior French class. Lots of eating this week!!



## LANGUAGE CCMS SUPPORT SCHOOL

Language Faculty CCMs are helping to support students at Whitiara Primary School.

Currently about 1/3rd of the students at Whitiara are in Government Emergency housing. They come to school usually with little or no resources. The school has been using the meagre profits from its lunch sales but they are going nowhere near the demands so we approached the school, got a list of needs and students and their parents got busy shopping. On 31st July, Mrs Cooper and Miss Cotton took Grace (BCO), Bridie (VCO) and Faye (KMQ) to hand over all the supplies to the Principal, Mr Cooper and 3 senior council members, Mere, Sariah and Sashi at Whitiara.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - CAVE TRIP

Julie and I had the pleasure of taking 22 of our International Students to the Spellbound Caves in Waitomo and visiting the Otorohanga Kiwi House to see the elusive Kiwi!!

It was a great day overall and the girls experienced hand feeding large eels, spotting Kereru and beautiful Tui's and managed to not fall out of the boat while visiting the Glow Worm Caves.



Steph Mildon  
International Student Administrator

## MAORI AND PASIFIKA CELEBRATIONS



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

Tēnā koutou

This invitation goes out to our Catholic Community.

If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions about this evening, e-mail or RSVP me at [ktawera@shgcham.school.nz](mailto:ktawera@shgcham.school.nz)

Kahu Tawera, Leader of Learning - Māori

## SPORTS

### Rowing Information Evening



All current and new rowers and their parents are invited to our information evening for rowing at Sacred Heart. You'll get to meet the Head Coach, Duncan Grant, who will explain details for the 2017-18 season.

**When:** Sunday 3rd September 2017, 5-7pm

**Where:** P.E classroom at Sacred Heart

**\*Parking available at Cook St entrance**

If you have any questions please contact one of the following:

Secretary: Sue Tierney - 021 960 997

TIC: Megan Eshuis - meshuis@shgcham.school.nz

SHGC Main Office: 07 856 7874 ext 2831

It would be great if the current rowers would please wear their rowing tracksuits :)

Light refreshments will be provided.

### Duncan Grant - Rowing Head Coach



Sacred Heart Rowing is pleased to introduce Duncan Grant as the Head Coach for this season.

Duncan has a wealth of experience in rowing and coaching. Duncan was a part of the New Zealand rowing team for 12 years from 2002 to 2014. He was world champion in the lightweight single scull in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Duncan has been

a rowing coach at Cambridge High School for the past two years, and prior to that St Peters School in Cambridge. He has a bachelors degree in Electronic Commerce from the University of Waikato and a graduate diploma in teaching (secondary).

## UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

**3-8 September** - Tournament Week

**11 Septmeber** - Year 12 Retreat

**13 September** - Maori and Pasifika Hui

**11-17 September** - Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori

**18-22 September** - Social Justice Week

**29 September** - Last day of Term

## JUNIOR THEATRESPORTS TEAM

Congratulations to Maggie Lowe, Bree Landers, Simone Peers and Bridie Case-Miller on coming fourth in the Waikato Junior Theatresports finals this week! An outstanding achievement. Congratulations to St John's also who placed third in the senior final.



## YEAR 11 DRAMA STUDENTS

Year 11 Drama students are currently working on their devising assessment and are using the old school hostel as a stimulus. They met with Sister Mary Philippa recently to hear of her experiences of living in Euphrasie House Hostel. In week 10 they will perform their devised scenes. All are welcome to attend. Friday 29th September, 6pm, Koha for entry.



## 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](mailto:absences@shgcham.school.nz)

Phone: 07 856 7874 ext 2852