



From the Principal

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

E kore te tōtara e tū noa i te pārae, engari me tū i roto i te wao nui o Tane.

The Totara does not stand alone on the plain, but stands inside the forest.

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week and this year, it coincides with Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. The theme of Weaving Bonds of Belonging reminds us that we are born into whānau, aiga, neighbourhoods and communities that are not always perfect, but God intended that we grow through our interaction with others. Throughout this week, our students have had many opportunities to build community and learn more about our sisters and brothers in parts of the world where Mission matters and even the smallest action can weave bonds of belonging across fractured communities. Thank you to our Māori Perspective Leaders, Regina and Alisha and Maria Franicevic, Mission Leader. Also, thank you to the Year 10 students from Mrs Morris' RE class for their contributions to the success of these important community events in our week.

If you have been following us on Facebook, you will know about the achievements of our sports teams who competed at high levels in Hockey, Football, Netball and Gymnastics.

All these teams have represented Sacred Heart Girls' College with boundless dedication, passion and loyalty - to their team, coaches, families and their sport. All our sports achievements will be honoured at our Sports Assembly in week 10, however, we had to acknowledge, in this week's full school assembly, the trophy-winning Hockey Team and the Goal Keeper of the Football Tournament, Angelique TuiSamoa. Apart from one goal (penalty shoot-out) nothing else got past her. Angelique's outstanding performance in goal was noticed by many spectators!

As I reminded all our senior students in assembly...when the cherry blossom trees bloom, it is a sign that external exams are imminent: time to get a revision schedule in place, cut back on paid work, wind down the social media and get prepared for the opportunity to demonstrate their best examples of learning!

One final plea to parents to support us as we maintain high standards of uniform, behaviour and engagement: please encourage your daughter to wear correct (Winter) uniform with pride in her school, interact with others respectfully and kindly and be present and punctual to school and class. Standards and expectations are outlined in the diary and our website.

Age Quod Agis

Nгаа 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.***

SPORT - TOURNAMENT WEEK

Hockey Champions

Congratulations to the 1st XI Hockey team for winning the Chica Gilmore Secondary Schools Tournament in Whangarei last week. The team has progressed well and have performed outstandingly throughout the year. During the tournament the hockey girls showed an extremely relentless work ethic and a never say die attitude. Sacred Heart are proud of the way the hockey girls conducted themselves on and off the field, taking responsibility for their recovery, injury prevention, and for the friendly and supportive team environment. Early on in pool play the girls drew 4-4 against Orewa College who they ended up playing against in the final. The girls performed extremely well to come back from a goal down, and draw 1 all at full time. Extra time commenced and they went on to play a challenging and nerve wracking golden goal time period, where Sacred Heart won in extra time.

A special thank you to Trina Hope who has been the girls Hockey manager for the past few years, we are grateful for your contribution. An additional thanks to all the parents, supporters and sponsors who contributed to the successful year. Next year the 1st XI team have qualified to play in the top New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament in Whangarei.



Clarissa Maxwell
Teacher in Charge - Hockey

SHGC Football 1st XI

Last week the SHGC football girls did us all proud - on and off the pitch.

The team was unbeaten with 6 wins and a draw, and ended up placing 5th in convincing fashion, with a 4-0 victory over Western Springs in the 5-6 play off. The team had an astonishing goal difference of +23, scoring 24 goals, and only conceding a single goal. Unfortunately for us, that goal was in a 1-1 draw against Waikato Dio and we came out on the wrong side of

the ensuing penalty shootout (4-2). Still, the girls showed good heart and character and managed to lift themselves after that game, and went on to win their next two matches. Some of the referees and opposing coaches were impressed with our team and the way our girls played, with one of the referees asking "Do you have any national players in your team?"



Goalkeeper of the tournament was awarded to our very own, Angelique TuiSamoa. She was a clear stand-out at the tournament and is certainly rated one of the Top Goal keepers in New Zealand in her age group. Well done Angelique! What a great note to end your school season.



A special mention for Libby McConnell who fulfilled the role of Captain. She showed positive leadership skills and stood as a role model for her fellow players, ensuring the team remained composed after their loss against Dio. It was a pleasure to spend the week with the team.

Chris, Fletch and I, all agree that the girls have been a privilege to coach this year. They all listen well, take on new concepts, apply them, and work really hard for each other on the field.

Kristina McQueen
Teacher in Charge - Football

SPORT NEWS

Secondary School Equestrian Cup

On the 8th September Chelsea Drury, Jemma Kay and Margot Wilde travelled to Woodville Sands, Helensville, to compete in the Secondary Schools Equestrian Cup. The girls rode well and all had an enjoyable day.



Harriet Reed- Hadley
Teacher in Charge - Equestrian

NZSS Gymsport Championships- Tumbling

3 of our students went to compete and represent our school on Sunday 10th September at the NZSS Gymsport Championships in the Tumbling discipline. The girls, Kelsey Nahna, Ashlei & Kyla Turner are local gymnast who regularly compete in the Elite section of Tumbling, which requires the girls to complete a complex routine, which is then marked by the judges and graded accordingly.

The NZSS Champs saw 18 girls from across the country come to compete and try and grab the title for themselves and the school they represent.

Ashlie and Kyla were able to place 12th equal and Kelsey 14th overall, the competition was dominated by Senior gymnasts and our girls performed very well, holding their own against the Senior students.

Ashlie and Kyla placed 1st equal out of the Year 9's with Kelsey a close 2nd.

Congratulations girls, awesome effort from a great weekend. Look forward to seeing your progress in the near future!

NZSS Gymsport Championships –Rhythmic

Katelyn MacDonald also competed at the Championships in the discipline of Rhythmic, A very confident and talented gymnasts who was also competing against athletes who are at a higher level than herself, however that didn't prevent Katelyn from receiving a 5th Overall placement.

Congratulations Katelyn, great to see you pursuing your passion for gymnastics and representing our school for the 3rd year at the NZSS Championships.



Gina Marcum
Sports Co-ordinator

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 NEWS

International Food Fest

Our girls very keenly participated in the International Food Fest held on the 18 August, cooking some amazing dishes from their home countries.

Our girls represented Japan, Korea and China and produced some tasty treats for the girls and staff to sample and enjoy.

The International Department are now working on applications for the 2018 year, so far we have students coming from Japan, Thailand, Korea and returning students from China, Hong Kong and Korea.

Steph Mildon
International Student Administrator



Successes in the International French qualification examinations

Recently, a group of our senior French students sat the DELF International examinations where they were tested over a couple of hours on their listening, reading, writing and speaking of French, by a team of examiners. All of them comfortably passed their respective levels.

A special commendation to Rebekah Baird who passed B2, which means that should she choose to study at a French speaking university in the future, she will be exempt from language entrance examinations. She is also currently taking a stage 2 French paper at Waikato University.

Félicitations! Congratulations girls!

Belinda Cooper
Leader of Learning - Languages



TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

Tēna koutou katoa.

This week is the annual celebration Te Wiki o te Reo Māori! This year's theme is "Kia ora Te Reo Māori," meaning "keep the Māori language alive."

We, the Māori community of Sacred Heart, take pride in celebrating our taonga tuku iho and enjoy sharing our love of everything Māori with others within our school. We have had a lot of fun activities this week, not just for Māori students but for everyone to enjoy. Some of these activities included Poi making, Whānau Feud - which is a Māori infused spin off of the television programme Family Feud - and a school wide favourite, Fried Bread Friday. Thank you to all those who were a part of the celebrations. It's been great to see some classes incorporating activities that celebrate Te Reo and Ahurea.

Our Kaupapa Māori team have been working with a great deal of effort to enhance the Māori Culture in our school. We are constantly striving to make sure everyone is involved in the Sacred Heart tradition, which is to embrace the Māori culture and unite it with our Catholic Faith. It's been a great week!



Also, at the beginning of the term our Kapa Haka Roopu had the privilege of combining with the Kapa Haka Roopu from St John's College Hamilton and we performed at Te Tai Ohinga Maro Kapa Haka festival which was held at Ngaruawāhia High School. It took weeks of hard work

practising, and adjusting to the new kaupapa as most of the girls had never handled Poi before. In the end we were able to pull it off and most importantly have fun while getting in touch with our Māori roots.

*"Mā pango, mā whero ka oti te mahi.
With all of us working together, the work will be done."*

Regina Tuwhangai & Alisha Orange
Māori Perspective Leaders

MARIAN SCHOOL - PARENT INFO EVENING

Tackling Technology information sessions -

Circle your calendars on September 19th, as Marian School are hosting a meeting for parents and Caregivers, not to be missed. Tackling Technology is a presentation about how to keep your children safe online and what to look out for. The world our children are growing up in is one we need to learn to navigate- so come along for a gold coin donation and learn what you need to know.

Start time 5.45pm in the Gerry Sullivan Events Centre, at **Marian Catholic School.**

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

18-22 September - Social Justice Week

22 September - Mission Day

25 September - Board of Trustees Meeting

29 September - Last day of Term

16 October - Teacher Only Day

17 October - Start of Term 4

MAORI AND PASIFIKA CELEBRATIONS



Success for Māori as Māori
Success for Pasifika as Pasifika

Māori and Pasifika End of the Year Celebrations

When: Wednesday 25th October 2017

Time: 6-8:30pm

Where: TBC