



## From the Principal

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

“There was a time when smoke from the ancient birthing fires shut out the Sun, and Earth and Sky were one – and all was darkness and life had not begun. Then the children of Earth and Sky thrust their parents apart to let in the light – and allowed the beginning of life. Then Io Mata Ngaro sent Tāne to create beautiful birds and tall trees, and Tangaroa to the seas – and life flourished, but there were no people. Then Tāne searched for the uha of an earth woman, the feminine essence, and found it not, so he fashioned her out of red clay – and named her Hine Ahu One.”

**‘Me aro koe ki te ha O Hine-ahu-one - take heed the power and dignity of women’.**

Our first Ngākau Tapatahi was a wonderful opportunity to honour our confident, courageous and dignified Wahine Toa as Māori and Pacific Islanders. Our lead students in these areas did us all proud, especially their whānau and aiga, as they shared their successes, challenges and hopes for the future. Regina Tuwhangai, Alisha Orange and Jocelyn Zeke have been outstanding role models for all of us at Sacred Heart Girls' College. These young women have had significant support throughout the year by their whānau and it was a joy to be in the company of proud parents and grandparents! Thank you for your preparation, presence and participation in this event. The next Ngākau Tapatahi will be June 20th 2018...just in time for Matariki.

We encourage all our families to assist the Board of Trustees with Twenty21 Vision. Part of the consultation process will take place next week in the Staffroom (October 31 at 7pm). The Board will be seeking feedback on their proposed Vision and strategic direction. Feel free to join us.

The Catholic Character Review Team was on site last week. The review process is an important service in support of the Proprietors (Mission College Trust), Principal, Staff, and of all who promote Catholic Character. It also helps to reassure the whole community, as well as those of us who have a special responsibility for this area, that the Catholic Character is properly protected, promoted and expressed authentically. Thank you to our students who the team described as ‘confident and articulate’ when they spoke of their experience of our school.

Finally, as our senior students prepare for the last few days of school, there will be many bittersweet moments as we come to the realisation that our community will never be the same again. Yet, we wait in anticipation and hope for the New Year to welcome new families to the Sacred Heart whanau. Please join us for any of our liturgies and assemblies that will be part of the farewell rituals over the next few weeks. All are welcome.

I hope the final term has started well for all, refreshed from a break in the routines of work and school, and I look forward to another successful term as we approach the end of another successful year. Kia Kaha.

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.***

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### NCEA – Starting Thursday 9 November

All students who have entered for external examinations will receive their examination admission slip after Prizegiving on Friday 3 November. It shows the external standards which your daughter has entered as at 1 September. If your daughter has decided to withdraw from a standard no action is required but should a standard not appear on the list, please contact Mrs Jackson immediately to ensure a late entry has been made.

The slip needs to be checked carefully and kept in a safe place as it is required for students to be able to enter the examination room. With the admission slip is an information sheet regarding the timetable and procedures for compassionate consideration. If your daughter is ill on the day of the examination she may be eligible for a derived grade. The form to apply for a derived grade is on the NZQA website: [www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/secondary/forms.html](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/secondary/forms.html). Or, a copy can be obtained from Mrs Jackson. A doctor's signature is required on the application form.

Remember, students can keep up to date with their credits for NCEA by visiting the NZQA website and using their NSN and self-generated password. It is here that students obtain their examination results, so it pays to become familiar with using the site before the external results arrive.

### Rules and procedures

#### Time of exams

**Morning examinations start at 9.30 am**

**Afternoon examinations start at 2.00 pm**

Students need to be at the examination room 30 minutes prior to the starting time as it can take some time to get all the students seated.

If a student arrives late for an exam they may be admitted up to 30 minutes after the examination has started but will not be allowed any extra time.

Students cannot leave the exam room within the first hour or the last 15 minutes of the exam.

#### Venue for exams:

All examinations are held at Sacred Heart Girls' College, including those studied by correspondence. Most examinations will be held in the school hall. The location of any examination in alternate rooms will be shown on the board outside the hall.

### Equipment required for examinations:

- Admission slip with the NSN number
- **Scholarship candidates need photo ID**
- A **clear bag** containing pen (make sure you have spare pens), ruler, calculators, protractor, etc
- Students are also permitted to take into the exam, in a clear sealable plastic bag, the following items: cell phone turned off and with alarm deactivated, wallet, keys, money, bus/train ticket.
- **DO NOT** take: iPods, walkmans, correction fluid or any written material

**Examination conditions apply** – students cannot communicate with others in any manner and all students must have their own equipment.

**Correct school uniform must be worn.**

**Cushla Jackson**  
**Deputy Principal - Curriculum**  
**Reporting and Assessment**

## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

### Senior Prizegiving – 3 November

All Year 11-13 students are required to be at school at 8.40am. They will be given important information about their NCEA exams.

Prizegiving will be held in the school hall starting at 10.30am. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. All students will be released from school at the end of prizegiving.

Students in Years 9-10 are **not** required at school as this is a study day in preparation for their exams on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November.

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## 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

## SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Keelin Leong who competed in the New Zealand Gymnastics Competition in Nelson during the October holidays. Keelin had an extremely successful competition winning five medals. She was first on floor, first on horizontal bars, second on beam, second on vault and won the gold medal for First All Round in Step Eight.

## DONATIONS FOR SERVICE DAY

Donations are required for the Christmas Goodie Boxes that are being assembled and filled with baking - being done on December 5th, i.e. Service Day.

We are aiming to make 120 Christmas Goodie boxes which will be distributed to families in the community who are struggling and may not otherwise have had yummy treats for Christmas.

This is a joint effort with Community Fruit Waikato and Kaivolution and also students from Fairfield College.

The aim is for our students to assemble the boxes and make the rocky road, coconut ice and muffins for the boxes.

**We need donations of ingredients and also donations of Christmas treats** such as candy canes and chocolate santas.

**Ingredient donations include** butter, icing sugar, desiccated coconut, marshmallows and lollies for the rocky road.

They can be dropped off to rooms PO1 or PO2 as we are going to store them in the dark room which can be locked.

**Natasha Bastion**  
Teaching Staff

## UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

- 2 November** - Thanksgiving Mass
- 3 November** - Senior Prizegiving
- 6-7 November** - Junior Exams
- 9 Nov-1 Dec** - NCEA Exams
- 27 November** - Board of Trustees Meeting
- 2 December** - Year 13 Ball
- 4 December** - Year 13 Final Liturgy
- 5-7 December** - Year 10 Camp
- 6 December** - Maori & Pasifika Hui
- 12 December** - Term 4 ends

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In our International Department we are coming to the end of some of our student home-stays. Some have been with us many years and will be completing their Year 13 studies/exams and have applied to stay in NZ and study further. Sadly, we must bid farewell to our year-long students, but wish them all the success in the world for when they return to their homes to continue studying.

We have a large amount of students returning to us in 2018 and look forward to supporting them in their continued studies. We also look forward to welcoming many new students from Thailand, China, Japan and Korea.

We hope all who have helped us over the past year have enjoyed their experience with our International Students and we thank you for all you have done to welcome them and make them feel at home with your families.

**Steph Mildon**  
International Administrator

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Saturday morning music classes

Enrolments are now open for Term Four 2017 at the Hamilton Community Centre of Music. The first session is on Saturday 28th October. The centre caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$35 to \$95 per term depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as you wish, at no additional charge.

Class times are between 8am and 1:30pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. The centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> OR, on 07 838 4611

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze is a place where you can meet and become really good friends with people. You get to learn new skills. While tramping, you can see some amazing views and take great pictures. Joining Duke of Ed is a big commitment but it pays off because it's also fun.

The training involves two lessons of First Aid courses, which helps us know what to do in emergencies - whether it be a bee sting or a serious allergic reaction. We then have a full day as well as an after school session of bush craft training, where you learn how to be safe in the bush, to read maps and uses compasses. You then need to go on the practice tramp and the qualifying tramp.

The practice tramp started with us meeting in the Firth St car park for a de-brief, getting into our assigned cars and driving just over an hour to our camp site in the Karangakaha Gorge. Once we had set up our tents we headed off with our day packs for our first big day of tramping, where we had to cross a stream and cook ourselves lunch using our cookers. We were back at the campsite before sunset, made dinner then had some free time and a campfire. We were all in bed by about 9.00pm and had to wake up at 5.30am the next morning for an even bigger day of tramping, which involved us crossing a river. We were back at school by 4.00pm and ready to head home.

It was wet, windy and cold. We were exhausted, looking forward to seeing our families and getting back to our warm homes. And yet we had so much fun and are excited for the upcoming qualifying tramp.

**Samantha Hayde**

## SIENA HOUSE TAKES THE WIN

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S OVERALL HOUSE COMPETITION...



## SIENA HOUSE

