



Sacred Heart  
Girls' College  
HAMILTON

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## From the Principal

**Tēnā koutou katoa  
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou**

By now you will have read about, or noticed in passing, the state of our buildings. We were on the receiving end of reckless behaviour that has created enormous strain and inconvenience for our students, staff and Boards. It was a shock to all of us, and the wider community, that we should be dealing with such a matter. However, we will bounce back. Whilst at the moment, we remain somewhat bewildered and overwhelmed at the task that lies ahead, we know our strength comes from our commitment to Faith, Hope and Justice, through prayer:

*'a surge of the heart...a simple look turned toward heaven...a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy'* (St Therese of Lisieux)

I am humbled by the outpour of support and concern from our families, colleagues and the wider community. We have received messages, flowers, gifts, baking, cards and more flowers and we were treated to morning tea on numerous occasions.

The fire destroyed the staffroom, where we meet and eat, the staff workroom, the staff restrooms and the balcony. Fire also damaged two classrooms having shattered windows and burned frames. A further three teaching spaces (along the corridor from the staffroom) have been badly damaged by smoke. Underneath the staffroom and workroom, four science labs have water damage, two are particularly effected. Due to power issues, a further two classrooms have been 'closed'. You can imagine the disruption this has caused.

Unfortunately, due to the asbestos issue, we are unable to get into the rooms to assess the loss of equipment and resources.

We appreciate your patience as we wait for experts to carry out immediate and essential safety works before we get on with the cleaning. It is unlikely, however, that some of the water damaged classrooms will be usable by Term 1. Consequently, we are anticipating a temporary solution so as to minimise disruption. This is going to be a long recovery and we will keep the community well informed of the progress.

We will also appreciate your engagement in the consultation process that will be part of the rebuild. The Mission Trust has a staged redevelopment plan of the Sacred Space, communal dining area and Student Services; these will continue as planned, alongside the rebuild (of what may affectionately become known as the 'Phoenix Wing').

Our students must be commended for their responsible behaviour around school at this time. They have followed safety instructions and have cooperated with staff throughout the week. Teachers are in the process of writing reports for Junior students. Please bear with us if the reports are published a day or two later than scheduled, due to the disruption of the fire. Unfortunately, some assessment papers were also destroyed in the fire, requiring staff to use other evidence of progress and attainment.

It has also helped with easing congestion on Firth Street that parents have made alternative arrangements for the drop-offs and pick-ups. Indeed, our senior students sitting NCEA exams have pushed through and managed the distractions and the talk of the community. I am sure they will do us proud when the results come in.

We are grateful that what was lost in the fire can be replaced, though we acknowledge the personal loss staff and students are feeling: particularly, our colleagues at Hamilton Boys' High School, who are mourning the loss of their Deputy Principal who died suddenly last week. Our hearts go out to them, their students and their families. May there be an abundance of consolation and blessings. May he rest in peace.

Age Quod Agis  
Ngā 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

### REPORTS

Junior exams were held recently. Junior reports will be emailed during the last week of term.

### NCEA 2018

NZQA have advised that the NCEA external examinations will run from Wednesday 7 November to Friday 30 November 2018. Information of when each subject is to be held will be published on the NZQA website: [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

### JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Junior Prizegiving will be held on Friday 8 December, at 10.30 am in the school hall. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

### START OF YEAR – 2018

Wednesday 31 January	Year 9, 13 and new students attend
Thursday 1 February	Year 9 and 13 students attend
Friday 2 February	Year 9 and 13 students attend
Monday 5 February	Students with appointments attend
Wednesday 7 February	All students attend
Friday 9 February	Opening Mass

### TERM DATES – 2018

#### Term One:

Wednesday 30 January – Friday 13 April (98 half days)  
Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 Feb  
Good Friday - 30 March, Easter Monday - 2 April and Easter Tuesday - 3 April  
Anzac Day - Monday 25 April (in school holidays)

#### Term Two:

Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July (98 half days)  
Queen's Birthday - Monday 4 June

#### Term Three:

Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September (100 half days)

#### Term Four:

Monday 15 October – Wednesday 12 December (84 half days)  
Labour Day - 22 October

## ROUND THE BRIDGES COMPETITION

Congratulations to those students who competed in the Round the Bridges Hamilton event on Sunday, 19th November.

Gemma Horan placed 3rd in the 12km Under 20 Women's Section and 37th overall. Lilly Marshall also competed in this section and placed 10th.

In addition, Ellen O'Brien, Holly Stokes, Sarah Stokes, and Shantel O'Keefe, and others from the college also competed.

Gemma also placed 3rd for the under 18km Under 20 Women's Section, in the TOIS Challenge in Whakatane. It was a tough all terrain course with over 700 competitors.

Well done girls!

## 2018 SCHOOL COMMUNITY BBQ

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE 2018 SCHOOL COMMUNITY BBQ?

The BBQ is a welcome to all Year 9 students and their families, as well as all other new families to the Sacred Heart Community.

**DATE:** Tuesday, 13th February 2018

**VENUE:** Front Lawn of the College



Can you spare time from 5:15pm to 7:30pm, to help set up the food tables and cook sausages?

If so, please contact:

Robyn Fenneman at [rb.services@outlook.co.nz](mailto:rb.services@outlook.co.nz)

This is such a fun evening - for all students, parents and volunteers.

Further information will be forthcoming early in February 2018.

## 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

## UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

**27 November** - Board of Trustees Meeting

**1 December** - Last day for NCEA Exams

**2 December** - Year 13 Ball

**4 December** - Year 13 Final Liturgy/Full School Assembly

**5-7 December** - Year 10 Camp/Year 9 Activities

**6 December** - Māori & Pasifika Hui

**8 December** - Term 4 ends/Junior Liturgy & Prizegiving/  
Māori Students Retreat

## PRAYERFUL THINKING - CONTEMPLATION

Some Year 9 and 10 RE classes have been learning about **Contemplation**. At the start of each lesson, we listen to a religious song and reflect on the message of the Sunday Gospel. Enjoy a snippet of this beautiful page from one of our talented Year 10 students.



## HOMESTAY AND PRIVATE BOARDING

Do you have a spare room and would be interested in having an International Student or a Domestic Boarder stay with you? Our International Student numbers are growing and we also have a number of students from within NZ wishing to study at our school, and these girls need homes!!

Please email Steph on [smildon@shgcham.school.nz](mailto:smildon@shgcham.school.nz) if you would like further info.

**Steph Mildon**  
International Administrator

## SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING - NATIONALS

During the last school holidays, Alisha Smart, Y10, went to Invercargill for 5 days to compete in the Synchronised Swimming Nationals Competition, representing Waikato. She participated in figures, and presented both a Team routine and Duet routine in the Aquanauts category. Remarkably, Alisha came in 2nd place for her Duet. What a wonderful achievement!

Synchronised Swimming is a new sport in Hamilton, and Alisha joined her club, when it started early 2016. Alisha has been swimming from the age of one, has been dancing for 10 years, and is also an experienced Rhythmic Gymnastic in Japan. All her physical experiences came together in this Synchronised Competition and all the training has definitely paid off!

## P.E. JUNIOR CULTURAL MOVEMENT

On Wednesday, 22nd November, the Junior P.E. classes presented their performances for the Movement unit. The unit was designed to celebrate diversity and difference and to showcase traditional dance styles from around the world.

The performances were student led, meaning students had to come up with choreography, music and costume designs. They had to manage themselves in terms of sorting out leadership roles within the classes, as well as utilising all their interpersonal skills to ensure a smooth, polished performance on the day.

As always it was a spectacle of colour, energy and music. Every class presented a well-designed and spirited performance they could be proud of. For many just performing in front of others can be a daunting task and it was pleasing to see the audience cheering and supporting their peers with encouraging and kind words.



## PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF - PARENTS

Firth St pick up and drop offs AM and PM. **Please do not park on the broken yellow lines.** Parents are requested to use the Cook St entrance to drop off students due to restricted space caused by the fire.

## 2017 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The SHGC Magazine will be available for collection at the conclusion of the full school assembly on Monday, 4th December. You must be in school to receive it. This is particularly important for seniors.



## DONATE YOUR UNIFORM

Would you like to donate your daughter's unwanted uniform to the College now that she has finished her studies here?

If so, please drop the uniform into the Student Services office between 8.30am-3.00pm, Mon-Fri (up until 8th December); or to the Administration Building Reception (up until 22nd December). Your donation would be gratefully received.

The PTFA will have the following open days for purchasing these items at a reasonable price:

Monday 15th January, 2018: 9.30-11.00am

Friday 19th January, 2018: 9.30-11.00am

## STUDENT DIARY COVER COMPETITION

Thank you to all the talented young women who submitted artwork for the Student Diary Cover Competition.

After much consideration, the votes are in and the Winner for the 2018 Student Diary is Mary Barzo! Congratulations Mary.



Also, congratulations to our 2 runner ups, Krystie Solomon and Neave O'Toole.



All students were invited to design a cover for next year's 2018 Student Diary. Entry Conditions were as follows:

- The Design must be original and created by the student themselves.
- The Design must be 'G' RATED.
- \*Reflect "COMMUNITY" - the school theme for the year. (being one together, doing things together, helping each other, loving our neighbour(s)).
- Must have the words "Sacred Heart Girls' College" & "Student Diary 2018" written on it.
- Students can use any technology available to them.
- The student is to provide a brief 'story' explaining the design. Students can view the current diary as an exemplar.

All the designs are amazing! Tumeke for the wonderful effort.

