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From the Principal

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

All of a sudden, the end of Term 4 is here! A time of tidying up, farewelling colleagues and friends and honouring our students' achievements and personal success. This is Advent.

For many of our families, it is the end of an era, though not the end of their association with this wonderful community: They will always be connected and part of our story.

Over the years, and with the support of their whānau, it has become clear that our young women are well attuned to their gifts and talents. They know how to use them and they know how to share them. They know the virtues and values of Sacred Heart Girls' College: Faith, Hope and Justice and they know these are qualities worth developing as they journey through life. They also know that there are infinite possibilities to offer their service, to make a contribution, to develop their joys and passions and to respond to the needs of our world, with their sacred heart! They know that when they make their part of the world a better place, they can change the world.

I am immensely proud of the students who have risen to the many opportunities presented throughout the year. In particular, our leaders, Lily Winthrop, Kylee Nobilo and Libby McConnell, have been outstanding examples and role models of everything Sacred Heart Girls' College stands for: dedicated to their learning, dignified in their relationships and generous with their gifts. I am confident that the leaders in these positions for 2018 will also rise to the challenge:

congratulations to Lushomo Thebe (Head Girl), Emily Maree (Deputy Head Girl Special Character) and Nikitia Raman (Deputy Head Girl Learning).

As we say farewell to students, we also honour the departure of staff who have contributed to the learning and teaching through their dedicated service to our students:

Ms Kanji takes up a Principal position at Tauranga Girls' College, where she will continue to advocate for the empowerment of young women, through her commitment to ensuring high levels of engagement in a collaborative, quality learning environment, where students come first. She will be a wonderful asset to her new school and we wish her every success.

Ms Antoque has been promoted to Director of Religious Studies at Rosmini College in Auckland. Ms Antoque has made notable contributions to the Religious Education department and Special Character. She takes with her the skills and qualities to raise academic achievement for another school, where students will continue to benefit.

Mrs Graham has decided to spend time with her young family. What a lucky young man her son is to be on the receiving end of his Mother's unconditional love.

Mr Wilson will continue to have an impact on education and learning as he accepts an offer to work with an E-learning developer of software and resources. He's in his element and will also be able to spend more time with his young family. It is admirable that staff make lifestyle changes that benefit their families.

Many of you will know **Sr Raewyn** is also finishing her many years of voluntary work with us. I know she is grateful for the opportunity to learn how to manage a data base and what a great example of a life-long learner she is too. Sr Raewyn has been associated with the College since a school girl herself so I am sure she will appreciate your prayers and good wishes as she slows down and moves into the next stage of her vocational life.

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.***

We give thanks for all these good people who have done much to make a difference for students. We also wish our expectant Mothers all the best as they wait for their 'joy' to arrive. We look forward to your return soon.

Work on the fire recovery continues. The scope of the work has yet to be finalised and I will keep updating the community with as much information as I have, prior to next term. It is likely that Facebook and personal emails will be the main mode of contact. Safety procedures are in the process of being updated to take account of the imminent building site. Things will be different next term when the school resumes to hold the full capacity of students, so we need to plan for that too. It would be a great help if parents and whānau could reinforce the messages about safety as well as those about relocation and displacement. Whilst it may be uncomfortable for a short time, the long-term benefits will be worth it. (Think Mission!)

This is a final pānui and soon it will be time to wish all a Blessed and Holy Christmas (but it's still Advent)! Nevertheless, the Christmas story is very simple: it tells of a birth, the birth of a first child to poor parents with an uncertain future. Despite having heard it many times over, I am still captivated by its message: God delights in creating unfathomable wonders to reveal present and eternal love. There is much generous love in the story, and a sense of wonder that God could be so intimately involved with something so simple that shepherds are amazed, wise men are humbled and a young woman treasures all these things in her heart. In the midst of the love, we are all invited, just like the people in the story, to trust that God is here and cares deeply for each of us as we deal with the joys and sorrows, the hopes and disappointments of everyday life:

He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua

He maungārongo ki te whenua

He whakaaro pai, ki ngā tāngata katoa

Hangā e te Atua, he ngākau hou

Ki roto ki tēnā, ki tēnā o mātou. Ake, ake, Āmine

Honour and glory to God

Peace on Earth

Goodwill to all people

The possibility of being messengers of Good News, like the Angels, is not only greatly needed, it is joyful and simple. Indeed, peace and goodwill to all ... not just at Christmas, but for all time!

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou.

Catherine Gunn

FAREWELL MESSAGES

It's time to farewell Sacred Heart! I've had a fabulous time and of course it's because of the people – staff and students alike. I have had an amazing time and enjoyed every day. Six years seemed to have whizzed on by.



From my time as DP Pastoral to DP Learning and Teaching, and most importantly, from my time getting to know you as I have been amongst the learners (with or without my lolly jar), or if you popped in and enjoyed a fruit burst or grabbed a chupa chup, it's the conversations that we had that I shall miss the most.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Sacred Heart and to contribute to our College's Special Character. As I say to my Year 9's, "I want you to be more awesome than before" and to do that you have to remember the formula: "Me plus easy equals me. But, me plus hard equals awesome." So, don't be afraid to do the 'hard' stuff as I am sure you all want to be 'more awesome' - and why wouldn't you? Remember to take people with you, take the time to listen, and of course always be kind.

Bye for now and see you around.

I will miss you.

Ms Tara Kanji
Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching

My five year stay at Sacred Heart Girls' College has greatly contributed to my growth as a person and as a professional. The countless, meaningful encounters I have had with the lovely staff and students in this college have prepared me to move on and take on another opportunity to grow and learn. I will surely miss all of you. I pray that I will have an equally rewarding experience at Rosmini College in Auckland, in the years to come.



Ma. Chanda Gado-Antoque
Teacher of Religious Studies

OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

Please be aware the the Sacred Heart office will be closed from **Monday, 18th December** through to **Tuesday, 23rd January**.

2018 START DATES

Tuesday, 30th January – Staff only Day

**Wednesday, 31st January – Friday, 2nd February
Year 9 and Year 13 students attend**

Year 9 students at school from 8.45am – 2.30pm each day.

Year 13 students to be at 8.30am on Wednesday, 31st January when they depart for Retreat. They will arrive back at school at approximately 2.30pm on Friday, 2nd February.

**Friday, 2nd February
New students in Years 10 – 12**

Any students who are new to Sacred Heart are to be at school from 8.45am – 2.30pm

Monday, 5th February

Only students with appointments required at school.

Tuesday 6 February – Waitangi Day Holiday

Wednesday 7 February

All students to be in attendance from 8.45am – 3.10pm

On arrival at school:

- Years 10 – 13 students go directly to their CCM group
- Year 9 and new students at other levels will meet in the Quad

Thursday 8 February

All students to be in attendance from 8.45am – 3.10pm

Friday 9 February

All students to be in attendance from 8.45am – 1.30pm

9.00 am - Opening School Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Course Confirmation for students in Years 11-13

In mid-January an email will be sent advising students how to access their timetables through the student portal. Students will also be able to make appointments with their Dean to confirm their subjects during the week of Monday, 22nd January – Friday, 26th January.



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 Administration Building Reception (**up until 22nd December**) **between 8.30am-3.00pm, Mon-Fri**. 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

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

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

Further information will be forthcoming early in February 2018.



MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The Māori Education Trust 2018 Scholarship Programme is now open and offers scholarships to Māori secondary school and tertiary students who meet the respective scholarship's criteria.

The 2018 Secondary Scholarship Programme is made up of the following scholarships:

Year 9

- Tī Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship
- Rose Hellaby Scholarship

Year 9 – 13

- Sister Anne Henry Scholarship

Year 12 – 13

- RJ Graham Scholarship

Year 13

- VW & LM Rosier Scholarship
- Regina Rudland Memorial Scholarship.

Secondary school students can download an application from the website www.maorieducation.org.nz. Heoi anō.

INTERNATIONAL END OF YEAR NEWS

As this school year is approaching an end, we have said goodbye to many students. All the girls have brought something so special to our International Department and it is sad to see them go. But, it has been amazing to see how much their confidence has grown alongside their grasp of the English language.

At this stage we have a handful of students returning and arriving to study in the new year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our homestay families for everything you have done for our gorgeous girls throughout their stay with you and thank you also for those who are ready for their new 'daughter' to arrive in the New Year.

If you have a spare room would you 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 our international department at international@shgcham.school.nz if you would like further info.

We wish you all a safe, beautiful and happy festive season and look forward to working with you again in 2018.

Julie and Steph
International Department

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2017

YEAR 9 Principal's Award for Endeavour

Kate Overdeest

YEAR 10 Principal's Award for Endeavour

Lita Momo

Notre Dame Cup for Overall Excellence

Stephanie Samson

Growth Mindset Award for Year 9

Jo-Myna Tuala

Growth Mindset Award for Year 10

Shakyr Clark and Casey Toni

College Cup for Excellence in Junior Writing

Gloria Dutiyabodhi

Hui Te Rangiora Trophy for Leadership in Maori Language and Culture in the School

Caitlin Te Puia

Junior Sportsperson of the Year/ Ashby Cup for Junior Sportswoman of the Year

Krystie Solomon

Gold Bar in Swimming

Jordyn Williams

Gold Bar in Athletics

Krystie Solomon and Sophie Young

Team of the Year

1st XI Hockey

(Samantha Hartstone, Libby Singer, Taylor Young, Lyani Goodman, Jaimee Honey, Caitlin Jamieson, Cloie Pigangay, Halle Scurrah)



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MĀORI SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

Last weekend 8 students from Years 10 & 11 attended a retreat to learn more about Wairuatanga and how it applies to our Catholic Faith. The retreat took place at the Tyburn Monastery in Ngakuru outside Rotorua and was led by Karen and Peter Moeau. Mrs Stobie and Mrs Brebner also attended.

This was a very special weekend that none of us will forget. We sang, we prayed, we sang, we talked, we sang, we ate great food, we sang. We learnt so much. On Sunday the first ever Miha Māori (Māori Mass) was held in the chapel at the Monastery. It was also the first encounter most of the students had with Benedictine nuns and an enclosed order.

Over summer we will process what we learnt and in 2018 we will share with the school. We extend a huge thanks to Karen and Peter whose generous sharing of knowledge made this weekend possible.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER

Last Wednesday, seven of our girls, along with Silver recipients from four other schools, attended a civic reception organized by Duke of Edinburgh's national office and attended by His Worship the Mayor, Andrew King. After a few inspirational speeches, the Mayor presented each recipient with their certificate. Pieta Bouma spoke on behalf of the students from all schools and we were very proud of her.

Below is a section of Pieta's speech:

"People question why we give up so much of our year to get this award. The answer lies not in the incredible satisfaction and pride gained when we receive the award, but rather in the pleasure of seeing yourself improve after hours of hard work whether in aspects of the adventurous journey, the skill or the sport and the incredible feeling of seeing real and lasting change you have made from volunteering in your community."

Working towards my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards has honestly been the highlight of my high school years and the friends made from facing huge mental and physical challenges together are priceless. Although sometimes the going is tough - the tramps turn out a lot harder than anyone expected or that early morning sports training just doesn't feel worth it - I'm sure we can all agree that overall, the Duke of Ed award programme is an incredibly fulfilling opportunity that teaches us so many valuable skills; teamwork, time-management, leadership and the incomparable feeling of giving back to the community, to name just a few."

Belinda Cooper

Teacher in Charge - Duke of Edinburgh

YOUNG AMBASSADORS - KATIE SULLIVAN

Katie Sullivan, currently in Switzerland on a French-speaking exchange, has been selected as one of only 6 French-speaking young people to participate in the Young Ambassadors "Following Family Footsteps tour 2018."



She will spend 3 weeks in Paris and Northeast France to visit historical and cultural sites related to the war, be hosted in a French school, take part in common activities with French counterparts and may be part of the production of a French language visual educational resource/tv documentary in commemoration of the First World War in France. Before leaving, she

will take part in activities in Wellington and Waiouru, along with guests from France.

Félicitations Katie! Congratulations!

YEAR 10 CAMP

The weather was beautiful at Keswick Christian Camp in Rotorua. It was great to see everyone having fun.



NZSS ATHLETICS CHAMPS

Congratulations to our four students - Brooke Batters (Y10), Kayla Goodwin (Y11), Ruby Slater (Y9) and Krystie Solomon (Y10) who participated in NZSS Track & Field Champs in Hastings 1-3 December. Although very early in the Athletics season, our girls did extremely well.

Brooke, still one of the youngest in the U16 Junior grade, placed 6th in the High Jump and Krystie had the fastest time overall in the Junior grade 800m. Ruby ran extremely well in both the 300m Hurdles and 2k Steeples, gaining PBs. Of particular note, Kayla won the Senior Girls Triple Jump with a massive 12.10m leap, placed 5th in Long Jump and 6th in the Javelin with a PB of 35.89m. Kayla also made the NZ Secondary Schools team named at the end of the championships.

As always, we were very proud to have witnessed the girls' successes and wish them well for the season that continues through to April 2018.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Junior Activities days this year saw all our Year 9 students and 40 Year 10 students participate in 3 different challenge based days.

On Tuesday, 140 students immersed themselves in a self-organised day of service with an organisation or community member in need. Many enjoyed returning to their former school and others helped out in rest homes, opportunity shops, animal and environmental organisations, their grandparents gardens and many more. A further 60 students joined in with a school organised service where they baked and decorated Christmas cookies for the public services (especially the firefighters), worked at St Vincent de Paul, painted at a local Kohanga, sewed Boomerang Bags for Plastic Bag Free Hamilton East, knitted peggy squares to create a warm blanket, made sweet treats for community goodie boxes and created gift tags. It was such a buzz to see students fully involved and passionate about the day.



Wednesday started with a reflection on the day of mission and time to be together for games and challenges. Trip day on Thursday, saw students embark on their choice of one of five trips - each aimed to challenge the student to push beyond their comfort zone.



Congratulations to all the girls involved for their enthusiastic participation and mission spirit.

Melanie Giles
Year 9 Dean

CHRISTMAS GOODIE BOXES

Thank you so very much to all of the friends and families in our Sacred Heart community who donated ingredients for the Christmas Goodie boxes.



During our Service Day, an amazing team of Year 9 and 10 students rocked to Christmas carols while producing vast quantities of coconut ice, rocky road and 120 logs of cookie batter in Mrs Maclaurin's Food Technology classroom. A second group of students handmade 120 Christmas cards with a message of joy, hope and love inside for each family.

On Saturday, another team of volunteers baked, iced and packaged 120 dozen muffins as well as baking and icing the cookies.

A little closer to Christmas, the 120 boxes will be filled with all the goodies, chocolate santas and candy canes ready for distribution to local families.



Thank you for responding to a very real need - your generosity will make a difference this Christmas for many families.

Natasha Bastion
Teaching Staff