



From the Principal

Tena koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

"She is clothed with Strength and Dignity and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness"
(Proverbs 31: 25)

As we have recently acknowledged International Women's Day, it is a perfect opportunity to honour our own wonderful young women who grace our school every day, doing things great and small for the benefit of others, the Church and the world.

We will continue to empower our young women to be the generation who will challenge and shape our world into a place of justice and peace. Our Vision and Mission expressed is: Ignite the passion; inspiring young women to change the world - me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone. Such a lofty and aspirational statement raises questions...what kind of woman does this? What does she need in her 'kite' to achieve this? Answer: Plenty! The proverb included above helps by providing an image of the kind of young women we shape and form at Sacred Heart Girls' College - to be world changers. As we usually look to our own mothers as the primary example of empowered women, we look first to the image of Mary, who we meet as a young girl, full of potential, who said 'yes' to changing the world. We see her journey through her mission, continuing to say 'yes'. We know her vision of a transformed world through the Magnificat. In fact, we encounter her throughout the Gospel as a brave, passionate, visionary woman, who ultimately, stood at the cross, grieving the death of her son, still brave, still dignified, still hopeful of a better world as she led the early disciples through difficult and transformative times for the early church.

Although we are fortunate to live in a part of the world where we can exercise choice, claim our right to education, participate in society, earn an income and live a life free from violence, discrimination and unrest, we also know this not the case for all.

The education and empowerment of women can, as we have seen through Euphrasie Barbier and her Mission Sisters today, initiate and sustain social change and justice, and indeed change the world. Therefore, and in partnership with our families and whānau, we encourage your daughters to see and influence the world as Women of Faith, Hope and Justice. We want them to know and understand the big ideas that shape our world, we want them to develop the attitudes and attributes they will need to engage with these big ideas and we want them to be sufficiently skilled and competent to function in a world that is unpredictable and ever-changing as a consequence of these big ideas. This is a culture of learning that emphasises the holistic formation of our learners: balanced, healthy and abundant with opportunities for growth. The following is a piece from a poem 'In the Sanctuary of Women' which serves as a pertinent reminder that changing the world is a life-long experience:

I am from women less quiet,
women of the shout and the stomp,
testifying wherever they could make
their voices heard.
I am from Miriam and Mary and Magdalena
and from women unknown and unnamed,
women who carried their prayers
not in books
but in their blood
and in their bones,
women who passed down the sacred stories
from body to body.
I am from them,
listening for their voices,
aching to hear,
to tell, to cry out,
to make a way for those
yet to come.

Jan Richardson
adapted from In the Sanctuary of Women

Our Vision Statement

Ignite the Passion: inspiring young women to change the world - me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone.

We live the virtues of Faith, Hope and Justice.

Our charism is expressed through **Communion, Contemplation, Mission.**

We wish our Rowing and Waka Ama team's all the best as they prepare to take on every school in the country (almost) next week, in Twizel and Rotorua respectively. We thank all the parents who support our students in these events and enabling them to take place. Your volunteering, coaching, organising, cooking, caring and cheering them on is much appreciated.

Finally, if you are still looking for a Lenten promise, here is a helpful tip from Pope Francis, 'let us strive to fast during lent with a smile, rather than a long face'.

Age Quod Agis
Ngā mihi

CRICKET GIRLS CLEAN UP

On Wednesday 7th of March, the Sacred Heart Girls' cricket team



were given the opportunity to take part in the 'Go Girls Cricket Tournament' held at Seddon Park. Our team was excited to have the privilege of playing cricket on such a world class ground.

Beginning with a win against Diocesan, our team performed consistently and learnt some new tips and tricks from the tournament volunteers. We played in a combined team for our second game with lots of 6's hit and a couple of run outs ending in a further win. To finish the day our team battled in a closely fought match against Morrinsville achieving the win by only two runs and included a spectacular one handed catch to top off the day!

Throughout the tournament our team all illustrated Head, Heart, and Hands by thanking the volunteers and congratulating our opposition teams.

A huge thank you to Miss Harre for the hard work she puts into our team. Thank you too to our supporters and volunteers, without them we would be unable to play the sport we love. A special mention to coach Andy Carswell for helping our team to achieve such results.

Brianna O'Halloran, Cate Elliott, Dayna Parish
& Paige Bredesen
Year 11

SWIMMING SPORTS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Our School Swimming Sports day will be held on Tuesday the 28th March at our new venue, the University of Waikato. This is a whole school event and we would like all students to be at the university by 8.45am, where possible, for a 9.15am start.

Those students with sport or cultural practices on at this time will need to make their way to the University at the conclusion of their practices. Please check in with Miss Pratt when you arrive to ensure your name is checked off the rolls.

Students are required to bring a packed lunch, sun hats, plenty of water and sunscreen. Please ensure your daughter is prepared for cooler weather with a warm jersey or jacket. We would love for our parents to join us on the day. A programme of events has been made available on our website.

If you have any questions OR would prefer that your daughter is accompanied to the University by a staff member, please contact me by email to make arrangements:
kpratt@shgcham.school.nz

INTERIM REPORTS AND MEET THE TEACHERS

Interim reports for all students will be emailed during Week 8 of this term. Meet the Teacher meetings this year are being held in April for students in Years 9 and 10. These are to be held on Thursday 5 April from 5.00-7.00PM; and Monday 9 April from 3.30-5.30PM. We will be using the School Interview site again this year so that parents can make interviews on the day and time that is suitable for them. We also encourage students to attend these meetings which can be booked online from 28 March at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The code for parents is: dnmvm

Mid-Year reports will be emailed by the end of Week 6 in Term 2 for students in Years 11-13, and the end of Week 8 for students in Years 9-10. In Week 10 Progress Report meetings will be held for students in Years 11-13 and their parents. These will be held on Monday 2 July from 5.00-7.00 and Thursday 5 July from 3.30-5.30PM. Further details about these meetings will be published later in the year.

Cushla Jackson
Deputy Principal
Curriculum

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

- 19-23rd March - Waka Ama & Maadi Cup
- 24th March - Waikato/BOP SS Track & Field
- 24-25th March - Set Free Retreat
- 26th March – Board of Trustees Meeting
- 27th March – School Swimming Day
- 29th March – Holy Week Liturgy & Early Finish 1.00PM
- 30th March to 3rd April – School closed for Easter celebrations
- 4th April – Teacher Only Day

YEAR 13 FRENCH RETREAT

On the 2nd of March I was lucky enough to spend the night out at Raglan on our Year 13 French Camp (along with Matamata, St Peter's, and Cambridge High School's). It was a great experience and a great reward for all the hard work my peers and I have put into learning French. We arrived in the morning and settled into our cabins each with a friend or two from SHGC and a couple of girls from the other schools. There were only two boys this year but that didn't stop them from enthusiastically participating in all activities with us.



We introduced ourselves, did some icebreaker activities, and were split into three groups. In our groups we played French Jeopardy and Taboo, made crepes and art. We also had a competition to create French themed items out of newspaper and paper clips. Of course the Eiffel Tower won despite there being a wonderfully creative group (that I was in) that created multiple origami frogs and rolled-newspaper-snails that were the main attraction at the 'Paper Paris Zoo'.

In the afternoon we went to the beach and created French monuments in the sand, then in small groups we did a scavenger hunt through town. We had fish and chips on the beach for dinner and along with the crepes, and the multiple snacks we'd had during the day, we felt we'd eaten our own body weight in food. In the evening we had a quiz, performed skits and watched a French comedy about French and Belgian customs.



The next morning we had croissants for breakfast and finished our group activities. We were all exhausted but satisfied knowing that we'd had a lot of wonderful

experiences in a short period of time. We finished the day with Petanque, similar to lawn bowls, until one team was crowned champions!

It was incredible to have the opportunity to make many new friends and have so many adventures. It was both helpful and enjoyable to spend a night with like-minded people speaking French without feeling pressured if there was something you couldn't say. There were lots of opportunities to explore Raglan, to learn more about France and to speak the language. To have accomplished that much in just two days, and in a second language, was incredible.

Belinda Cooper
Leader of Learning Languages

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Coming to Claudelands Showgrounds on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th of April, The Waikato Show has celebrated our people, our environment, our successes and our community for over 100 years. This year there is an opportunity for students and youth volunteers to join the 1000 odd people who will be working hard behind the scenes to make sure it all runs smoothly. If you are interested in learning more and getting involved visit our website.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP SCHOLARS

At the first Academic Assembly we acknowledged the following students who excelled in NCEA in 2017.

Scholarship:

We congratulate the following students who received individual subject scholarships:

Nadia De Jesus – Design
Kirsten Maclaurin – English
Aylish Waldron - English
Emma White - English

NCEA Top Scholars:

The Top Scholars in each level were determined by calculating the percentage of Excellence credits the students received in 2017.

NCEA Level Three

		% of Excellence Credits
1	Laura Henderson	95%
2	Maria Aubin	79%
3	Ava O'Donoghue	78.9%
4	Doria Kao	78.5%
5	Kylee Nobilo	76.8%
6	Maria Franicevic	74.1%
7	Caitlin Rutherford	73.9%
8	Rebekah Baird	68.2%
9	Vimala Varghese	67.7%
10	Amelia Baine	66.7%

NCEA Level Two

		% of Excellence Credits
1	Divya Jose	92.2%
2	Sophie Vosper	87.7%
3	Katie Sullivan	86.3%
4	Nikita Raman	81.7%
5	Emma White	75.4%
6	Dana Smagge	74.2%
7	Lydia Han	73.9%
8	Lisa Oh	72.7%
9	Pieta Bouman	67.4%
10	Caitlynn O'Toole	66.9%

NCEA Level One

		% of Excellence Credits
1	Claudia Fransen	89.5%
2	Jasmina Singh	86.8%
3	Priya Thomas	72.7%
4	Shania Bonenkamp	70.1%
5	Jennifer Kim	69.5%
6	Mary Barroso	64.9%
7	Mary Piggin	64.6%
8	Kayla Goodwin	61.4%
9	Samantha Brown	61.3%
10	Keelin Leong	61.2%

We also recognized top academic performance that is repeated throughout a student's time at Sacred Heart.

Silver Academic Excellence awards are made to students who have been Top Scholars for two years, and Gold Academic Excellence awards are made to those students who have been a top scholar for all three years.

Academic Excellence – Silver Award:

The following students have been in our Top Ten for two years:

	Level 2 2017	Level 1 2016
Pieta Bouma	9	6
Lydia Han	7	5
Divya Jose	1	2
Lisa Oh	8	3
Nikita Raman	4	3
Dana Smagge	6	8
Katie Sullivan	3	1
	Level 3 2017	Level 1 2015
Kylie Nobile	5	10
	Level 3 2017	Level 2 2016
Amelia Baine	10	4

Academic Excellence – Gold Award:

The following students have been in our Top Ten for three years:

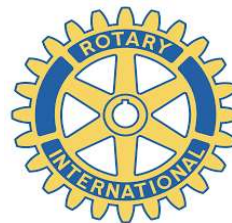
	Level 3 2017	Level 2 2016	Level 1 2015
Maria Aubin	2	2	6
Maria Franicevic	6	6	2
Doria Kao	4	1	4
Ava O'Donoghue	3	7	9
Caitlin Rutherford	7	3	5

NCEA INFORMATION

Students in Year 11-13 have been given information regarding assessment requirements for NCEA. Alternatively, you can access this information from our school website. You are asked to read this information carefully, and then sign the Authenticity Agreement and ask your daughter to return it to her CCM Companion. I would like to emphasise the paragraph that relates to authenticity and reiterate that students who copy the work of another student, allow their work to be copied, or pass off the work of another as their own, will receive a Not Achieved grade and will not have a further assessment opportunity.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE



Applications for Rotary International Youth Exchange 2019 close on the 31st of March. Students aged 16-18 who are interested are encouraged to attend an Information Seminar on Thursday 29th March. Please phone (07) 855 7612 to RSVP. Further details can be found at: Rotary International

PAYMENT OF STUDENT FEES

The Accounts office is open 9am-3pm daily
Email: accounts@shgcham.school.nz
Phone: 856 7874 Ext 2829, 2827

Fees for trips, sports or activities will be charged to your daughter's account after permission slips have been returned and collated by the TIC.

Students are able to add print credit to their account and pay fees at the kiosk, by using their ID number. Students with cash are encouraged to make payment before school, to avoid carrying cash during the day. Parents who wish to pay fees at the College outside office hours can use the kiosk by Student Services. You will require your daughters Student ID number to make payment this way.