



From the Principal

Tena koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

'Titiro ki te kanohi o atawhai. Ka tatou te kanohi o atawhai.'
See the face of Mercy. Be the face of Mercy'.

Although it's not the end of term just yet, it is beginning to feel like it! Despite the difficulties that the fire and water damage have presented since last year, our students and staff can be congratulated for their positive attitude, patience and growth mind-set. I am pleased to say that there are concept plans and lots of creative design thinking is taking place at the moment. We will engage with the community, as soon as the Trust Board has an agreed plan to share for consultation and feedback.

As I mentioned in a recent newsletter, the Trust Board has indicated that the rebuild is a unique opportunity to design a modern, flexible, agile and innovative learning space to support a modern, flexible, agile and innovative curriculum! One way that parents and students can help us arrive at the best outcome for our current and future students is to engage in the consultation process. Feel free to ask questions and put forward suggestions or if you have experience of innovative learning spaces, let us know so we can give consideration to your perspective. An email to hearts@shgcham.school.nz will help to develop a 'Frequently Asked Questions' forum about the need for a change to a more collaborative approach to learning and teaching that an ILE supports. Please add 'ILE' to the subject line and we will collate your questions and provide a response. Some of our students have very clear thoughts about a learning space...bean bags (they meant a variety

of seating!), space to move around, quiet space (because sometimes we 'get it' and want to practice our learning). The idea of a café/social dining area was 'cool' and even 'cooler' if they could buy hot chocolate! It is reassuring to hear our students articulate what they need to support their learning and the pertinent questions such as 'what if?' and 'will that mean...?' demonstrates the growth mind-set and positive attitude our potential 'world changers' have and that they value their learning. I'm looking forward to the on-going dialogue and design.

I am equally heartened when I see our students witnessing their Faith and being actively engaged with their Parish too. Their presence at the Charism Mass and at the Set Free Retreat is a fine example of Faith formation and witness. We also live out our Catholic Character as a whole Faith Community and our Holy Week Liturgy, on Thursday, is always a particularly poignant moment of prayer and contemplation.

In the last couple of weeks, we have had many students involved in sports, representing us with great spirit and pride: the rowers at Maadi, the paddlers at Waka Ama and the runners, jumpers and throwers at Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics. There were personal bests and records broken at athletics, thanks to Kayla Goodwin and Krystie Solomon and the Relay team made it to the top of the podium. There were also great strides of progress made at both Maadi and Waka Ama and although results of finals were not what competitors hoped for and had worked hard to achieve, our students' attitude to personal excellence and perseverance was a credit to them. Thank you to parents who supported teams to travel across the country and to coaches and managers who continue to work with our students out of passion for their sport and a desire to grow our sportswomen beyond where they imagined.

We say farewell to Ms Mills at the end of this term as she takes up a position at Buller High School as an English teacher. We thank her for her contribution to student learning and hope she will continue to enjoy her teaching at her new school.

Our Vision

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.**

Speaking of Passion, I do hope you find time over the weekend to experience some of our rich Catholic rituals: Good Friday service, Holy Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass:

A 'Good Friday' Reflection

They call today Good Friday
but what could make this day good?
if you have ever believed that love inevitably leads to betrayal
this day says it doesn't.
if you have ever believed that some people are unlovable, irredeemable
this day says they aren't.
if you have ever believed that there is a limit to forgiveness
this day says there isn't.
if you have ever believed you aren't worth saving
this day says you are.
if you have ever believed that you don't deserve freedom
this day says you do.
if you have ever believed that fear, anger, hate and despair will always win
this day says it won't.
this day is good for you!

Holy Week is a solemn week of liturgy and contemplation that culminates with the greatest feast of the Church...the Resurrection. Everything else makes sense because of Easter.



Wishing you all the Joys of the Easter Season and a restful long weekend.

Age Quod Agis
Ngā mihi

JUNIOR SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Online bookings for Junior School interviews open on the 28th March 2018 and close at 1pm on the 5th and the 9th of April. To book a time visit:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and enter the following code: dnvum

If you have any questions regarding the interviews please contact Melanie Giles mgiles@shgcham.school.nz

WAKA AMA

Congratulations to our Waka Ama students who made it to the Semi Finals for both the 250m and 500m, placing 9th overall in the Plate Division.



In individual results, Amelia Liddell placed 4th in the U19's OC1 Plate final (single waka). An amazing achievement in her first year.

INTERSCHOOL DRESSAGE

Equestrian results from Friday 23rd March 2018: Team 1 finished 9th out of 15 teams and Team 2 (combined with Hillcrest High School) finished 6th out of 12 teams. Well done to Grea Wells-Dally, Kelsie Morgan, Jemma Kay and Libby Wallace (Team 1) and Chelsea Drury and Tylah Lang (Team 2).



DUKE OF EDINBURGH QUALIFYING TRAMP



The day started off before the crack of dawn so the drive to Mt Tarawera was a sleepy one. A waiting shuttle transferred us to our long-anticipated boat trip across Lake Tarawera and as the sun began to rise we mentally

prepared for our tramp.

We walked for a couple of hours to a waterfall (absolutely stunning) and continued for another 3 hours as night engulfed Tarawera. We set up camp in Humphrey's Bay and settled in for the night and cooked a hot dinner to take the chill off.

Day two was a luxury in comparison with a sleep in till 8:00 am. Pleasant weather and stunning scenery made the 12km tramp thoroughly enjoyable, reaching our destination and enjoying a leisurely afternoon swim and relax at Lake Okataina.

On our final day we packed up camp early and ate breakfast by starlight. By 6:40am we were tramping uphill with our headlamps guiding the way. We had 19km to cover and slowly but surely we conquered the dreaded uphill while avoiding descending mountain bikers. Despite the difficulty of the tramp we were rewarded with native bird song, wild blackberries to snack on and even a wallaby sighting!

This tramp definitely had its challenges but we emerged a much closer group. We discovered a deeper sense of self; capable of pushing boundaries and comfort zones to become better versions of ourselves. We



would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Wolff and Miss Mac; without your dedication and time we would not have these wonderful opportunities.

Alisha Jacob
Year 11

HUNTLY HALF MARATHON

Congratulations to Gemma Horan who competed in the Huntly Half Marathon (21 km) on the 25th March and achieved 'First Female Home' in a time of 1 hour and 42 minutes.

THE LIBRARY



The SHGC library is a modern space, housing a large range of fiction and non-fiction books, with new titles being added regularly. Last year we bought in 878 new books – that’s nearly one new book for each student! This year already we have processed 113 new titles that are on their way to the library shelves and into the hands of our students. The library is staffed by a full-time librarian, Jane Thorrold and myself. Both Jane and I have obtained a Diploma in Information and Library Studies from the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand. We are passionate about books and reading, and enjoy connecting with students and helping them find the information they need.

Other than reading and learning, the library space is used for a variety of activities by the students, such as doing puzzles, playing cards and other games at lunchtime, or making use of the computers, copier and study rooms to complete homework. We even have the Barbershop singing group practicing in the library every Tuesday morning, and new this year, regular lunchtime concerts.



The library catalogue can be accessed from within the school, using any device, so that students can look up and reserve books outside of the library, and also outside of school hours. To search the library catalogue go to the SHGC website and under the heading ‘Current Students’ (at the top of the home page), you will find the ‘Student Library’ page. Once you’re on the library webpage, click on ‘Browse the Library Catalogue’ to see what we have to offer. We encourage students to come in and visit the library.

Kirsten Elliot
Library Assistant

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS



A huge thank you to all students and staff for their outstanding leadership at our Swimming Sports Day on the 27th March. This was our first at the University and whilst the day was run in a new format and last minute field changes made it tricky, it was a really successful day.

Congratulations to Barbier who achieved 618 house points putting them in 1st place. Points table below:

Barbier	618
Siena	300
Avila	290
MacKillop	262
Lisieux	192
Aubert	162



UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

- 5th April - Junior School Interviews
- 7th April - SGCNZ Sheila Winn Shakespeare Festival (Regionals)
- 9th April - Junior School Interviews
- 12th April – Full School Assembly
- 12th April - Vision Screening (Year 10)
- 13th April - End of Term One
- 30th April - Beginning of Term Two
- 1st May - Fiafia Night
- 9th May - Open Day for prospective families

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2018 EASTER MASS TIMES



Holy Thursday - Thursday 29 March 7.00pm

Good Friday - Friday 30 March

Stations of the Cross @ 9.00am

Passion of Our Lord @ 3.00pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday 31 March @ 8.00pm

Easter Sunday - Sunday 1 April 2018

@ 7.30am/10.30am/6.00pm

TERM 2 UNIFORM

Please be aware that when students return to school in Term 2 they will be expected to be dressed in Winter uniform.

This is the usual skirt, blouse and blazer but also with the compulsory black leather shoes and black pantyhose. A school jersey and a school scarf may also be worn but are optional pieces of uniform.

MAADI TWIZEL 2018



The SHGC rowing squad of 23 girls, Miss Sommerfield and 4 full-time parent supporters (Sue Tierney, Julie Batley, Elaine Cooper & Christine Nicholas) attended Maadi Cup in Twizel from March 19th to 25th. The girls were a positive, polite and supportive team that engaged in all aspects of Maadi Cup including keen competitors on the rowing course, avid mascot supporters, creative parade participants, tourists at the local sights and staunch supporters of fellow rowers racing during the week.

The girls all raced very hard in their respective crews and gave it their all in each heat, re-percharge and semi to get to two A finals (U15 8+ who placed 8th in their A final and U16 4+ who placed 6th in their A final) and the Novice U18 8 won their B final (beating Auckland Dio to first place on the way). The senior rowers coped admirably with a very disappointing end to their week at Maadi as sickness of a crew member resulted in several of their scheduled races being scratched but put everything into their racing regardless.

The SHGC rowing squad had fun supporting and getting to know the St John's College rowing team and supporters while down in Maadi with the groups sharing supper at the start of the week, cheering for the respective school crews, and traveling in convoy back to Christchurch. The girls and parents are very appreciative of our coaches Duncan and Alana for all their hard work getting the boats and crews organised for the regatta, dealing with all the inevitable challenges of Maadi week and remaining organised and positive throughout the week for the girls.

Thanks also go out to Duncan's family for generously loaning us a Land Cruiser vehicle for the entire Maadi week; and to other parent helpers including Teuila and John Maggoff, John Cooper, Mel Pitchford, Jacque Goodman and Alison Jones and all the other SHGC rower parents who attended Maadi to support our girls.



SHGC should be very proud of the way that the rowing squad embraced all that is Maadi, including our mascot "Elmo" enjoying a high profile at the regatta and "Malcolm the Duck" for helping our rowers get over the line!

Sue Tierney
Parent Supporter

ST VINCENT DE PAUL



This year we have again committed to assisting the St Vincent de Paul Society with their lunch preparation for some of Hamilton's disadvantaged people. Twice this term a group of Year 10 students assisted by a teacher have prepared, cooked, served and cleaned up an lunch time meal.

This is an excellent example of learning outside the classroom as students learn to delegate, to be timely in their work, they have to work out how to do portion control so that there is as much on plate one as there is on plate thirty.

We also apply our Catholic Social Teaching in that we learn to recognise that every person is made in God's image and has a dignity of their own. It is our privilege to serve our local community.

ACCOUNTS - CONTACT DETAILS

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

GUIDANCE COUNSELLING

This year we have two Counsellors at school - Mrs Anita McQueen is at school on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Chris Muggeridge is at school on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Students can make appointments by filling out an Appointment Form and placing it in the box outside the Counselling Rooms, or by emailing one of the Counsellors.

An appointment time will be sent to them as soon as possible. Parents/caregivers are also very welcome to contact the Counsellors if they wish to do so.

This year, Cherie Brownlee-Clarke, who has taught here at Sacred Heart for the past 11 years in the Arts, joins the guidance team as a "student counsellor" whilst on study leave. She is coming in to school two days a week (most weeks) as part of the practicum requirements in the Master of Counselling Programme through the University of Waikato. Cherie is excited about training as a counsellor and is both enjoying and looking forward to further opportunities to work within the school with our young woman in this new capacity. Cherie subscribes to the Code of Ethics of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors (NZAC), as we all do, a copy of which can be viewed online at nzac.org.nz.