



From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Another term has ended and I am reminded of all there is to be done that hasn't been completed today. However, I often come across this Gem from Euphrasie Barbier:

"We are beginning to realise how quickly life passes. The years follow one another with such rapidity that we find we have gone a long way, almost without noticing it. Whatever may have been our little or great trials in life we are happy if we remain faithful to God's grace in every circumstance, doing everything to the best of our ability moment by moment out of love for God who never turns away from us"

I find it reassuring that Euphrasie encountered similar 'busyness' in her time and place and her inspiration to balance the missionary work with contemplation and communion. Sometimes, that's a moment of silence!

Currently, we are meeting with our new students and their families, due to start at Sacred Heart next year. Despite the busyness, we value this opportunity to engage with our families and make that first connection a positive experience for all. I am already impressed with the aspirations and positive learning attitudes of these young women. The years spent at Sacred Heart Girls' College is a time of formation, guided by our vision, values and mission: another timely reminder of our greater purpose and vocation. As part of our commitment to our Kāhui Ako strategies, we have also initiated school visits for Year 8 students. We know that when we minimise the anxiety often associated with transition to new environments such as schools, we can contribute to more effective learning through familiarisation with routines and people, improving hauora.

So far, we have met most of our newly enrolled students for their 'Experience Sacred Heart Day'. We have had great support and positive feedback from our students, their families, teachers and Principals. Building community extends across all the Waikato Catholic Kāhui Ako schools and we are beginning to see the fruit of our labour in this area.

At times, health and safety issues come to the fore at the College. Our primary concern is the safety of students. Knowing where our students are at all times during the day is essential. We have a 'signing in' and 'signing out' policy, which is outlined in the diary and frequently mentioned by staff. Please help us to ensure the safety of your daughter by reinforcing our procedures and reminding her of the responsibility to be at school and in class on time throughout the day. If you know your daughter is going to be absent from school, please contact us in advance, so we can complete the necessary administration. If you hear from us, to query your daughter's non-attendance, please communicate with us as quickly as possible, so her whereabouts can be located. It would be most helpful if parents/caregivers could remind their daughter to follow the school process if she feels unwell. Some students have texted home and left school without our knowledge. This can lead to confusion and assumptions and presents a safety issue. The procedure is for students to communicate with their teacher, if they feel unwell. If she is unable to remain in class, she will be guided to sick-bay in Student Services. A member of staff will contact you if your daughter cannot remain at school. With your help, we can maintain effective communication in this area of safety and well-being in the future and ensure that her needs are met efficiently.

A further area of importance is online behaviour. This is an ongoing matter for all schools, young people and their families. We do our best to assist our students to use technology responsibly and this aligns to our values of respect, honesty and integrity. To strengthen our students' learning in this significant area of their lives, we have created an opportunity for the inclusion of a Cybersafety programme, in partnership with the Waikato Police Social Media Team. Part of this intervention is also a parent information event which will be held at St Paul's Collegiate, Hukanui Road, on Wednesday the 26th of September from 7 – 8.30/9pm. A link was posted on our Facebook page with full details.

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.**

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For parents only, there will be speakers from Netsafe NZ, Hamilton Police CIB and the School Community Officer from Hamilton Police Youth Services. We encourage parents to attend to gain insight and a consistent message about safe, responsible behaviour and the consequences of poor choices that can lead towards criminal behaviour. This is a free event that requires your response. RSVP here: [Cybersafety](#).

As this is the final Newsletter for Term 2, I would like to express my thanks to all members of our community: students, whānau and staff for their on-going support of all the activities associated with College life. As usual, it has been a very full term. Our staff have provided guidance and assistance to the young women in our care through carefully planned opportunities for learning, in and out of the classroom; they have guided students towards assessment of their learning, provided feedback and reported progress of learning to parents and students. Staff show an exceptional commitment and dedication to their profession, for which I am always grateful. Our students who have responded to the opportunities presented, risen to the challenges and maximised their time at SHGC this term must also be congratulated. Their commitment and dedication to their learning is evident by their participation, engagement and joy of learning. Our Facebook page has lots of examples of this.

Wishing everyone a restful and well-earned break from the routines of school life. Though I appreciate for most of us, it's business as usual, albeit a little quieter on the roads.

Tihei Mauri ora - kia tau te rangimārie!

Age Quod Agis
Ngā mihi

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

- 23rd July - First Day of Term 3
- 23rd July - Board of Trustees Meeting
- 24th July - Mission Trust Board Meeting
- 27th July - Year 11 Retreat
- 1st August - WBOP Duathlon
- 2nd August - ANCQ Chemistry Competition
- 8th August - Maori and Pasifika Hui
- 8 - 9th August - Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Training
- 9th August - Full School Assembly

OUTWARD BOUND

Applications are now open for the SHGC Hamilton & Mission College Trust Board Outward Bound Scholarship. To learn more visit our school website: [Outward Bound Scholarship](#)

NEW ENROLMENT-BASED MEASURE OF NCEA



NZQA and the Ministry of Education have announced some changes to the way NCEA and University Entrance attainment is reported.

The changes provide a more precise picture of how attainment is reported. It will count all domestic students in years 11 to 13 aged less than 19 on 1 January, rather than taking a snapshot of students as at 1 July. It will also count up to three ethnicities students identify with, rather than limiting this to just one.

As a result, NZQA is expecting most schools will see a change in their attainment rates. It is a statistical adjustment that doesn't reflect school performance, teaching practice or an individual student's results.

"The key thing to remember is that whilst percentages for NCEA and University Entrance percentages may change, the amount of improvement in student attainment is similar and positive."

NZQA is consulting with schools in June and July on the way attainment is reported at a school level and will report back in September. The new measure will be used for reporting 2018 NCEA and University Entrance attainment statistics in January 2019. A summary Fact Sheet can be found at: [NCEA Fact Sheet](#)

GATEWAY PLACEMENTS

Thank you to Les Mills Hamilton, and in particular Alistair Richardson, for providing such a wonderful opportunity for 5 of our students (Grace Hawkings, Leilani Gerber, Luisa Restrepo-Cardona, Olive Arlidge and Angela Restrepo-Cardona) to complete their Gateway placement. Students spent time shadowing Alistair and his clients during personal training sessions, learning how to take blood pressure and skin fold readings and getting involved in fitness classes.

This opportunity has given our students valuable insight into working in the fitness industry and helped extended their skill base for which they are very grateful.



LIBRARY TIPS - LEVEL 1 & 2 WIDE READING

I know that a lot of students are aiming to read one, if not two, books over the school holidays in an effort to complete their personal responses for handing in early next term. Here are some tips to help get that reading done.

- If you're not a fan of reading, then try breaking it up into small chunks of time throughout your day. If you can read for 10 mins, 6 times per day, then that's one whole hour and a great daily target to work towards.

- If you are really struggling to start your book, or have dyslexia, then you could try the following: have a parent or other person you trust read the first one or two chapters aloud to you as you follow along. This will help you get to know the characters, setting, and themes, and it should be easier to carry on reading from there.

- While reading, don't forget to write some short notes to help you with your reading response at the end. Copy down any quotes that you found meaningful, what page number they were on, and a bullet point or two about why it struck a chord with you.

I wish you all the best with your reading these school holidays!

Kirsten Elliot
Library Assistant

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DAY TRIP



On 26th of June the International Students went to Auckland. First we went to the aquarium called Kelly Tarlton's. We saw many penguins, rays, sea horses and jelly fish. Also, there was a shark tunnel. It was a little scary but we enjoyed it. After

that we went to Sylvia Park, had lunch and went shopping. We normally can't go to Auckland with everyone, but thanks to the International Department, we had a good time!

Marina, Momoha, Sayuu and Ying Yu
International Students



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

GREEN TEAM / ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

The Green Team has created a plastic ocean art installation in the foyer to create awareness of our plastic use.

Our aim is for people to understand the effects that the amount of plastic we are using is having to our environment and to challenge people with the question: 'Who is responsible for this issue?' Single use plastics are plastics such as straws, glad wrap, packaging or plastic bags, we typically use these plastics once and a huge amount of these plastics end up in our ocean and affect all sea life.

Studies have found that the average plastic bag is only used for about 15 minutes, while an average of one rubbish truck of plastic is dumped into the ocean every minute. If we don't change our habits around single use plastic it is estimated that by 2050 the weight of plastic in the ocean will be more than the weight of fish.

Our aim is for people to be inspired to make one change to their daily habits to reduce the single use plastics in their lives, whether that be swapping glad wrap for reusable alternatives or using reusable bags rather than plastic bags - every change counts. Hopefully this plastic ocean will inspire some people to make this change. All the plastic bags used in this display, approximately 500, will be donated to op shops or other organisations which ask for plastic bags, so don't worry these bags will not go to waste.

The Green Team



FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE - TERM 3

Visit the ear nurse for advice and assessment of glue ear, wax/foreign body removal, grommets and treatment of discharging ears.

Please note that all children must be accompanied by parent or caregiver when attending the Ear Clinic. For further information and local contact details visit the following link: [Free Ear Clinic](#). Please also note that clinics may be cancelled without notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

YEAR 9 RE PROGRAMME



Our Year 9 classes have been learning about the Life and Times of Jesus. Their culminating task was to write a series of diary entries or create a children's book. This week, 9Ruru, 9Kiwi and 9Weka read their books and diaries to students at Marion

Catholic School. All the classes created wonderful diaries and story books and had a lot of fun learning about important events in Jesus' life.

Miss Poortman

HE NGAKAU TAPATAHI: WHĀNAU DINNER

Our daughter has Māori and European heritage, and we have worked to immerse her in both cultures, built around a kiwi way of doing and getting things done. When we looked into SHGC, their cultural response framework was something that struck us as a key point of difference to other schools. Since joining SHGC, my wife and I have found ourselves helping with PTFA and Whānau Hui. It's a good chance to keep in touch with the staff and see what's going on. If you're interested in both or either of these groups, or want to come along, send an email to hearts@shgcham.school.nz

SHGC responds to cultural diversity in many ways and recently we attended the Matariki dinner invitation that was in the school newsletter. The dinner celebrated Matariki and acknowledged the fantastic work being done by our daughters. The night was punctuated with performances by the Pasifika by Nature (PBN) and Kapa Haka groups, and included talks by the student leadership team and members of the wider student body.

Like many parents and daughters we took the time to go over and work through our daughters recent mid term school report. Like any report it's difficult to contextualise what our daughters are doing with and in their school time and at our house, report week spells a short period of concern, negotiating, authoritative measures, agreed and disagreed plans to maintain or improve and is often followed by reflection and hindsight.

The Matariki evening was an opportunity to showcase what they do when the olds (us) are not looking. It was a celebration of school achievement and community, facilitated by our Māori and Pasifika students whose achievements and performances are a sight to behold.

For students, it's a great way for them to get together, away from their pressures of study and other commitments, and for me it was a great reminder that reports indicate many things but don't always show the full picture.

About the night: my daughter asked what I thought, and with a Dad smile followed by a poker face I said "it was a glimpse of the brilliance, that people like you can achieve, when you put your mind to it". And it was.

JP Te Puia



GENAZZANO COLLEGE NETBALL CHALLENGE

On Thursday 28 June our Premier Netball Team traveled to "The Peak" to take on the traveling Genazzano College from Melbourne.

The game was played in good spirits and provided the visitors with not only an insight to our students passion for netball, but also the welcoming nature of our students, coaches and whānau.

The teams exchanged gifts and spent a little time getting to know each other, an open offer was made by the Melbourne School for our school to consider visiting them sometime in the near future.



CYBERSAFETY PARENT INFO EVENING

Cybersafety is the safe and responsible use of information and communication technology. It is about keeping information safe and secure but also about being responsible with that information, being respectful of other people online, and using good 'netiquette' (internet etiquette).

During Term 3-4 the N.Z. Police will deliver their Cyber safety programme to all students in the school. If you are a parent and would like to know or understand more about this and the most current laws, regulations and guidelines we encourage you to attend the N.Z. Police Parent Information Evening.

Venue: St Pauls Collegiate, Hukanui Road.

Date/Time: Wednesday the 26th of Sep from 7 – 8.30/9pm

Guest speakers:

Pauline Spence – Educator from Netsafe NZ

Detective Reece Durston – Hamilton Police CIB

Constable Pete van't Wout – School Community Officer, Hamilton Police Youth Services.

This event is free of charge but spaces are limited. To RSVP on the following link: [Cybersafety](#)

