



From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Welcome to Term 3, and we have hit the ground running as students and staff prepare for assessments, examinations, sports events, professional learning and after school activities. It is a good opportunity to set some goals for the term, make adjustments to routines that may be hindering the achievement of goals and, if necessary, come and talk to someone at school to re-set priorities. At this time also, and if your daughter is in Year 10, 11 or 12, she will be considering her learning programme for next year and beyond. We offer many opportunities for guidance around choices of subject areas and our evening for Parents will provide information and opportunity to talk to advisers and teaching staff. We encourage all parents to attend, even if you are familiar with NCEA, as this is an opportunity to hear more about the future of learning and the high levels of competence and adaptability that are critical to succeed because it's what the world demands. When considering choices around study, there is likely to be uncertainty, and one way to help is to be aware of what sparks your daughter's interest, or what she gravitates to, and encourage her to do more of it.

Speaking of success and achievement, and as we strive to create a culture of deep learning, please look out for a survey that invites all parents and students to tell us more about what you consider to be 'success' and 'achievement'. We also want to know what you believe about learning. It is really important that we have clarity of understanding of these key terms for our learning at SHGC. The most successful schools are really clear about these terms, aligning them to their vision and values and their beliefs about learning. The survey will give you further details. We welcome your insight. This reflective work is taking place not only in our staff room but across the country and there is still time to contribute to the review of 'Tomorrow's Schools' and NCEA. 'Kotahi te hoe, ka ū te waka ki uta - paddling in unison, the waka will reach land'.

Last term, I mentioned that we do our best to assist our students to use technology responsibly that also aligns to our values of respect, honesty and integrity. This is a reminder of 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. This is for parents only, and we encourage you to attend to gain insight and a consistent message about safe, responsible behaviour and the consequences of poor behaviour choices. This is a free event that requires your response. Here is the link again:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/254276345327544>

We say farewell to Whaea Gina Marcum who has been our Sports Co-ordinator for the last 8 years. This has been a significant role that has provided many opportunities for our students to participate and compete in sport. We are grateful to Whaea Gina for her organisation, coaching and managing of a range of codes, in particular her commitment to Netball. Whaea Gina's last day will be August 17 and from here she will take up a role at Tai Wananga Kura and we wish her all the best for the future. At the end of last term, we also said farewell to a long serving member of staff Mrs Ellis. Many students would have been in Mrs Ellis's soft materials classes in recent years. We have been very fortunate that Mrs Ellis contributed widely to the school, from providing morning tea for staff functions, supper for the Board of Trustees, stage costumes and even wedding dress alterations for staff!

During the school holidays, I attended the NZSTA Conference. The line-up of speakers included the Associate Minister of Education, Hon Tracey Martin, Dr Keri Milne-Ihimaere, former school Principal and Head of Student Services at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and Sir Mark Solomon, Chair of the Canterbury District Health Board. The conference theme encapsulated the moral imperative to create more culturally responsive and sustainable schools, especially for our Māori and Pacific Island young people. This is important work and we look forward to progressing it further with our community.

Tihei Mauri ora - kia tau te rangimārie!

Age Quod Agis
Ngā mihi

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.**

WAIKATO CULINARY FARE

The Waikato Culinary Fare is a two day event and an opportunity for our Catering and Hospitality students to experience friendly competition under pressure. It also provides an opportunity for our talented students to develop their skills to a higher level. Most of our students participated in the static competitions but some students spent hours training and preparing for the live competitions.

We had 36 entries and received a total of 28 medals. Seven entries walked away with gold medals, 12 with silver medals and 9 bronze medals. Sacred Heart is truly proud of our student's wonderful achievements.



Above: Just two of the many examples of our students work (pictured L to R Kate Jowsey & Sophie Paul's entries).

GATEWAY PLACEMENTS

We have had further students completing their Gateway placements and as always we are very grateful to the local businesses involved by giving our students the opportunity to grow their skills and gain practical experience.

A very big thank you to the following businesses for welcoming and supporting our students: Grey Gardens, Distinction Hotel Te Rapa, Hamilton Gardens and midwife Rebecca Clewlow.



Above (L to R): Sandra Ratha at Grey Gardens, Aki Fosita at Distinction Hotel, Te Rapa. Below (L to R): Sophia Goulter & Bristol Hall at Hamilton Gardens and Olivia Williamson (pictured with Rebecca Clewlow, midwife).



BON VOYAGE



'Bon Voyage' to Nikita Raman who was selected by the Royal Society Te Apārangi to attend The Asia Science Camp (ASC) in Manado, Indonesia commencing this week. We look forward to hearing from Nikita when she returns to New Zealand.

SHGC'S FRENCH AMBASSADOR



During the last week of Term 2 I visited France with 5 other Year 12 & 13 students from around New Zealand as an ambassador to commemorate 100 years since WWI.

We visited several places in northern France such as Arras, Peronne and Le Quesnoy and also Ypres in

Belgium as the impact of WWI is still significant to these cities.

At the end of our trip we spent four days in Paris and during this time we attended the national Bastille day parade.

Katie Sullivan



SUCCESS AT WAIKATO/BOP CHAMPS



Congratulations to Gemma Horan on winning a bronze medal in the under 18s category at the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Club Champs in Whakatane on Saturday 21st July. A wonderful effort Gemma!

ROWING

'Learn to Row' will start Tuesday 14 August. Training will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays for Term 3 at the Hamilton Rowing Club. Contact Ms Kylee by email kcorboy@shgcham.school.nz or see one of the returning rowers for details.

STUDENT REPRESENTS AT TAEKWON-DO WORLD CUP



Sophie Daborn will be competing in the Taekwon-Do World Cup in Sydney taking place on 25 – 30 September this year. Sophie has considerable skill in Taekwon-Do and in 2017 she was the best overall red belt for girls under 18 in New Zealand. The World Cup is a great opportunity for Sophie and we wish her well.

SUPPORTING ST VINNIES



Well done Sacred Heart! During July we asked students and families to donate toward our food drive in support of Saint Vincent de Paul. We are very pleased to say that your contributions have totalled 4159 items. Thank you to all for your contributions.

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