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From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Term 3 in schools is known as the 'business' end of the year, despite the fact that learning is a constant endeavour, and there is rarely any 'downtime' in schools these days. Nevertheless, we do get times in every term that demand more of us than others and it's those times that I reach for Euphrasie Barbier's extract from the letters she wrote to her sisters across the globe, in the 19th Century. I am especially fond of this one:

"Do not think that because you cannot do all that you would want to do, there is reason to believe that all is lost. No, no, what cannot be done today, do tomorrow; what cannot be done in the first year, do in the second. Only stay calm, maintain union with God" (1868).

By the time you read this newsletter, our Senior Students will have come to the end of their practice exams, in preparation for NCEA externals. Staff will now spend a considerable amount of time marking papers and making judgements, based on specific criteria. A process of moderation ensures the teacher's judgements reflect that criteria, accurately. When your daughter receives feedback from her teacher, please take the opportunity to discuss how improvements can be made and, if necessary, contact your daughter's teacher for further guidance. At this stage in her learning, this is a vital conversation to have. It is never too late to make the necessary adjustments that will maximise long-term success as a learner. This year, due to the construction noise, we have administered exams from the Gym, as we expect to have to use the Gym for NCEA externals.

We are making every effort to minimise disruptive noise and we encourage students to let us know if more needs to be done in that space.

Once again, our students and staff continue to push through these challenging times with minimal fuss and their positive mindset is a credit to them and their families. Resilience grows for those who can persevere in difficult times, overcome setbacks and remain optimistic for a better future and our young women are practising this every day, as they navigate their way through the current disruption from the building programme. I have no doubt that our parents walk that journey too, coaching your daughter through the challenges of the day, and for that I am very thankful. When we work together, supporting each other, our young women will continue to benefit from our wisdom! As Pope Francis reminds us: '... we have a shared responsibility for each other....and that being good and decent are worth it' (Laudato Si').

You may have noticed that we now have the Emmaus Icon at school. It is situated in the main entrance by student services. It is an ideal opportunity for a moment of contemplation to encounter the Risen Christ. Bishop Steve has shared this icon throughout the Diocese and all are welcome to spend some time with it. Icons are traditional art works often referred to as 'windows to God'...think of the click on the 'icon' on a computer that takes us into a vast place (summed up in a picture on the little square). Religious Icons (which existed long before 'Word for Windows') take us to an encounter with God (summed up in a picture). The 'click' in this case is the decision to contemplate (usually accompanied with silence) when we experience the omnipresence of our God.

Finally, please join us at the Miha Māori with Bishop Steve and our whānau community at 10.30am September 9th, Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Details are on our Facebook page. We look forward to hosting our diocesan schools and parishes.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Tihei Mauri ora - kia tau te rangimārie!

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.**

CURRICULUM NEWS

PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS

These have taken place this week. Senior reports will be sent out at the end of the Term. These reports do not include subject teacher comments as teachers provide students with detailed feedback and advice when they go over these assessments.

NCEA

Remember students can keep up to date with their credits for NCEA by visiting the NZQA website and using their NSN and self-generated password. It is here that students obtain their examination results so it pays to become familiar with using the site before the external results arrive.

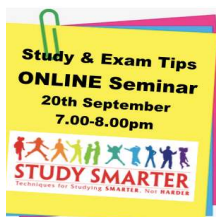
Advance Notice

Senior Prizegiving will be held on Friday 2nd November at 10.30 am.

SUBJECT CHOICES FOR 2019

Student Option Choice forms were due to be submitted by 31 August. The course information and option forms are all available on the school website.

ONLINE SEMINAR - STUDY AND EXAM TIPS



Study and Exam Tips Webinar - Learn from home! In this webinar, international award winning speaker and educator, Karen Boyes, will lead you through 7 study tips and 10 exam tips for you to get yourself ready for exams.

Cost: \$29.00/person

Book here: [Exam tips](#)

For more information contact: Lisa Bowness, Spectrum Education. P: 04 528 9969 - Tues, Wed & Thur, from 9.30am to 2.30pm. E: lisa@spectrumeducation.com

LIBRARY HOURS

Extended Library hours (until mid November)
Monday 8.45am-4pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8.45am-3.30pm

NZQA FEES

The last day for payment of NZQA fees is Friday 31st August, otherwise you will need to pay NZQA directly before Friday 30th November. After this date NZQA will charge a late fee.

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

6th September - Full School Assembly
9th September - Miha Maori (10.30am at The Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
10 - 14th September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
13th September - Kingitanga Day
- Full School Assembly
14th September - BOT Student Election

CHANEL SHIELD

It was a sunny Friday as we piled into the vans and headed off to John Paul College in Rotorua to compete in the annual Chanel Shield competition. Sacred Heart, along with St John's College, Aquinas College (Tauranga), Campion College (Gisborne), and the 2018 host school were ready for a weekend of friendly competition. The events included speeches, debating, drama, poetry reading, bible reading and the bible quiz.

This was a great chance for students to showcase their talents and to socialise with other students in the Diocese. Sacred Heart competed well, placing second overall for the event.



We also brought home the trophy for senior poetry and for the Bible quiz, and came second in the debating, drama, and Maori perspective speech.

The Chanel Shield team was: Bonnie Hansen, Diya Kurien,

Emma White, Alyssa Bautista, Pieta Bouma, Kellie Petrin Taylor Smith, Clare Vincent, Jazmine Fomotor, Aylish Waldron, Bibi Grainer, Tyler Grant, Angel Benny, Caitlin Te Puia, Alisha Jacob and Cristina Baby.

GATEWAY PLACEMENT



A very big thank you to Megan and the team at Joe's Garage for supporting Georgia Rolls on her Gateway placement as she gains practical experience in the hospitality industry.



THE WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY BAND & ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

Friday 24th August saw 71 ensembles converge on the Waikato University Performing Arts Centre - filling three concert chambers from 8:30am - 7:00pm. SHGC's Sacred Sisters of Soul Orchestra performed for the first time - gaining a SILVER medal and prize (generously donated by Shearers Music Works) for "Most Diverse and Inclusive Group". Our combined SHGC/SJC Concert Band and Drum Corps also gained SILVER awards. The combined SHGC/SJC Jazz Band were the final performance of the festival and took out a coveted GOLD AWARD! It was an incredible day and a testament to our fabulous students and their amazing, dedicated tutors. Special thanks to Stewart Stanbridge (Jazz Band/ Concert Band), Peter Skandera (Sacred Sisters of Soul), Brian Vyle & Clive Burnell (Brass), Adrian Hayward (Drums), Martin Griffith (Cello).



MAYOR'S WELCOME

On the 15th August a number of our International students were welcomed to Hamilton by Mayor Andrew King. During the welcome past student Mint Alongkorntaksin (2017) was awarded the Study Waikato Scholarship for 2017/2018. Mint, from Thailand, was a student at SHGC for three years and is now studying Psychology at The University of Waikato. In her speech Mint gave sound advice to new International students and also thanked SHGC for helping her shape the woman she is today.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Nikita Toia for making the New Zealand U17 and Waikato U17 Softball Team. This is a wonderful achievement and SHGC are very proud of you and your achievements in the sport.

ROAD RUNNING

Congratulations to Gemma Horan who has made the Waikato/Bay of Plenty 5km Road Running Team. Gemma will compete this weekend at the New Zealand Nationals 5km Road Race held at St. Peters, Cambridge. Her race is at 9:45am, so if you can, get along and support her.

2018 SHGC SPORTS AWARDS – NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the major trophies for our Annual Sports Awards 2018 recipients, are now open.

Click on the link below to see the criteria for the following awards:

<http://shgcham.school.nz/sports/>

- SHGC Ashby Trophy for Junior Sportswoman of the Year
- SHGC Don Wilson Cup for Services to Sport 2018
- SHGC Ihaia Rosebowl for Outstanding Contribution to Sport 2018
- SHGC Kaverman Family Trophy – Outstanding Sports Person of the Year 2018
- SHGC Team of the Year 2018
- SHGC Wintec Sports and Exercise Science Trophy 2018

Nominations close on the 8th September 2018. If you have any queries in regards to our Sports Awards, please feel free to email: sports@shgcham.school.nz

NEW CALEDONIA TRIP - BY JORJIA TRAVERS

On the 7th of July I left for New Caledonia along with seven other French students from Sacred Heart and some from Nouvata College, as well as the teachers. After a short flight of three hours we arrived in Noumea, the sunny Capital City. During the trip we had French lessons at Creipac Language School most days, and in the afternoon went to the Museum, Cathedral and Aquarium. We stayed with host families who were all very friendly and welcoming. My highlight of the trip was taking a boat out to Amedee Island. The beach is lovely and you can go snorkelling and sometimes see turtles! We had an amazing lunch and watched a cultural performance from the Islanders. There are also little snakes called Tricot Raye that are harmless and scattered around in quiet places. You can walk up the old lighthouse which is 53 metres tall and gives a beautiful view of the ocean and scenery.



It also features the smallest post office in the world. We went on a glass bottom boat to see more turtles in the Coral Reef before going back to Noumea. Everyone had a great time, and it was an incredible experience and opportunity for us to practice our French. I wish we could have stayed longer because the time flew by so fast!



BCITO TRIP (AKA: SACRED HEART TRADIES)

Last week, eight of our Year 12 students were invited by the BCITO, to come and visit three of the businesses they work with to learn more about trades and apprenticeships. It was the same week the "Got a Trade, Got it Made" campaign was launched so it was perfect timing! <https://www.gotatrade.co.nz/>

The students got to see joiners, quantity surveyors, painters, plastics technicians and aluminum joiners at work, speak to their female apprentices to find out what life is like as a tradie and even get into the factories and have a go at some of the work. The take-home message for the girls was the idea of being paid while doing on the job training, and coming out of it with a qualification, a skilled trade and no student loans.



A huge thank you to Greg Kelly of BCITO for his planning and to Fernlea Cabinetry & Joinery, Wilton Contracting and APL for hosting us and sharing an insight into their industry.