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AGE QUOD AGIS



From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

We are quickly arriving at the 'pointy end' of school for seniors and, in particular, Year 13. Those external exams are imminent and they are the final opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning, after many hours of practice. Nobody can do justice to their learning in exams without preparation, practice and perseverance. Learning is a marathon, not a sprint, though we are approaching the home straight, where we all need to dig deep and find those reserves of energy to cross the line, still standing! It takes effort and determination, especially at this time of the year. Please support your daughter in the best way you can, and I encourage you to ask any of her teachers for guidance. There will be lots of learning conversations, coaching, mentoring, tutoring and guidance given at school... this is a key role for your daughter's CCM Companion as well as her subject teachers.

Last week, we have been in solidarity with Caritas for Social Justice Week. We often have dedicated weeks to raise awareness and learning about significant areas of College life. This has been an opportunity for all to consider how we contribute our gifts towards making the world a fairer place for all. In particular, and the theme of Social Justice Week, everyone has a part to play in enabling communities to thrive. Caritas has challenged our assumptions around disability through their parish workshops, emphasising that we are all valuable before God, and we all have the same desire to experience life more abundantly, as Jesus promised us. Disability, therefore, is not about individual impairment, but about society. The New Zealand Disability Strategy says: "Disability is something that happens when people with impairments face barriers in society; it is society that disables us, not our impairments ... It is something that happens when the world we live in has been designed by people who assume that everyone is the same". As we share the Mission of the Church, our ability to respond to the needs of our community is

profoundly Catholic, in that we must use everything in our power to make the world a better place for all. It is the responsibility of each of us to play our own part to the fullest and remove every barrier that stands in the way of our brothers and sisters from doing the same. Education is one of the most powerful tools for self-improvement and ultimately social justice, and as I have said many times before, a Catholic Education for young women delivers concrete, far-reaching economic and social benefits for all: me aro ki te hā o Hineahuone! Of course, we also celebrated 125 years of suffrage!

Many students, parents, staff and volunteers have been involved in Winter Sports, most of which have just played their final games of the season. We certainly appreciate the contribution that parents and volunteers make to this essential part of school life. We all like the feelings that accompany a win, yet there are lessons to be learned from being a gracious runner-up, as losing is possible, and sometimes probable, and the benefit of maintaining this perspective reinforces what can be grown and developed as a member of any team activity: collaboration, the fine-tuning of skills for the benefit of the team and acknowledging the diverse gifts that others bring to the team, whilst chasing a common goal. I am grateful for the many coaches and managers who volunteer their time to support your daughter and I encourage players, parents and onlookers to respect the decisions they make in the context of their team building and game plan. We look forward to saying 'Thank You' to all our volunteers next term (October 17). Look out for the invitation and let us know if you can join us. Thank you to the parents, current and prospective, students and staff who have completed the survey about learning, success, achievement and 'most likely to succeed'. We are asking our community these questions so that we have a common understanding about what we mean when we talk about these things at SHGC. We will continue to engage with the community as we refine our understanding in this area. It is really encouraging to know that there are common understandings emerging already. Please continue to help us shape our culture of learning so that our young women are prepared well for their future and like Euphrasie Barbier, will change the world.

A final Gem from Euphrasie Barbier, as a reminder of the strength we have as a community:

"Where charity and union of hearts reign in community, the Lord is there. Guard this precious treasure well".

Have a well-rested holiday and safe travels to those who will be taking the opportunity to journey beyond Hamilton.

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 took place during week six of this term. Senior reports have been emailed this week. These reports no longer include subject teacher comments as students were provided with detailed feedback and advice when their teachers went 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.

Students can also use the NCEA Student App which can be downloaded from either the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. It is free to download and can be used from any smart device. The App allows students to plan, select and set their NCEA credit goals and targets and to see how they are tracking towards NCEA Level one, two and three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance.

ADVANCE NOTICE

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

NCEA WORKSHOPS

StudyTime NZ is hosting a number of subject-specific workshops to provide students with the knowledge, confidence and strategies to excel in their NCEA externals. The workshops will be held during these school holidays at varying dates between 29th September - 14th October, depending on the subject, at Hamilton Boys' High School, Hamilton. The workshops currently cost \$79.99 per student, per workshop, however, there are also discounted packs if students would like to attend multiple workshops. The workshops are run by experienced tutors who are studying these subjects at a tertiary level.

Head over to www.studytime.co.nz/workshops for more information and to register.

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

It is always wonderful to hear of, and share the successes of past students. Ex-student Christel Yardley is based at the Waikato Times. She won best community portrait, feature or lifestyle photograph in the News Media Awards 2018, held in Sydney last week. The winning photo was from the Stuff series on Huntly - Westside stories. This is a top prize in an Asia-Pacific-wide photography contest.



CONGRATULATIONS TO TYSHA WILLIAMS

Tysha won second place and a prize of \$500 in the National Competition which asked students for their ideas about NCEA. Tysha's entry impressed the judges and her ideas will be included with those of other students in the 'Conversation about NCEA'.



'HEART ATTACK' SING TO 3RD PLACE

Last week, Sacred Heart Barbershop Chorus 'Heart Attack' realised a dream - performing in The Parade of Champions at the Young Singers in Harmony National competitions. Whilst it is an honour to even make it to the National competition (and they always do), for endless years they have sat and watched the champions cross the stage, and looked on longingly. This year, that changed. They were placed THIRD! The group has changed from just 25 singers to a strong group of 56 this year. Coach Lynn Jamieson attributes their success to hard work, dedication from senior members, and an amazing influx of talented Year 9's and international students. Choruses and quartets performed to a capacity audience in Tauranga and the group can't wait to start working on their new songs for next year. To join - come along to the Library 8:15am Tuesday mornings!

INAUGURAL AWARD WINNER

We are very proud to advise that Simone Peers, a current Year 11 Student, received the inaugural GirlBoss New Zealand Enterprise and Business award at a nationwide awards ceremony that was held at the Northern Club in Auckland on 19 September. This event coincided with the commemoration of 125 years of Woman's Suffrage. It was awarded to Simone for being a young lady whose ambition, independence and determination saw her stepping out and making it in the world of business.

Simone started her journey as an entrepreneur when she was in Year 7 when she wanted to become more financially independent but was too young to have a paying job. She started buying and selling mainly on Trade me. When she was 13 she bought her main business - HotNutz - a nut vending machine business. Since then she has grown her nut business, her trading business and her bank account! Simone hopes she can help inspire the next generation of 'changemakeHERS' and that by empowering one woman at a time we can empower all women!



Sacred Heart Girls' College ART EXHIBITION

Tuesday 16th October
5pm - 6:30pm
Art Department

Enjoy the works of our talented artists
Live music and snacks available

Golden koha at entrance



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to both Nikita and Kiara Toia who have made the New Zealand Development Softball U17 & U15 ISA Team. Nikita travelled to Sydney in August to play in the NSW Australian U19 Invitational Tournament. They won the plate division. Kiara will be traveling to Sydney for the U17 NSW Blue Blaze Invitational Tournament. We wish Kiara all the best for her upcoming tournament.

LACROSSE

We would like to congratulate Laura Allison and Kendall Payne who were also selected to represent the Waikato U15 Lacrosse team and took part in the NZ Championships in September.

LET US KNOW ABOUT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

We want to know when your daughter does well but we realise girls don't always shout out about their achievements and sometimes we don't find out. Please tell us if your daughter has achieved to a high level in her sport, or has made a contribution above and beyond.

Examples of achievements are:

- Selected to represent Waikato or higher honours
- Qualified to compete at an elite level
- Wins at a Waikato / regional event (i.e. top ranked at Waikato level)
- Ranks / places top 10 nationally in an event / age group or weight division
- Umpiring/coaching qualifications or contribution at Waikato or higher level

We may use this information to share with staff, celebrate on Facebook and/or the newsletter, acknowledge at an assembly or consider for Sports Awards Honours. At the very least, we'll make sure your daughter is acknowledged in some way here at the College.

Simply complete this form:

<http://shgcham.school.nz/sports/teacher-charge-sport-2-2-4/>
or email us at sports@shgcham.school.nz - we would love to hear from you any time.

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

28th September - Character day: Dress up fun

1st October - School Holidays

15th October - Term 4 begins

16th October - Visual Art Exhibition (Library and Art Rooms)

17th October - Volunteers Evening

18th October - Assembly - Sports Awards

22nd October - Labour Day

23rd October - BOT Meeting

24th - 26th October - Yr 12 Retreat

25th October - Enterprise Evening (6.00pm in the Hall)

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK - BY PIETA BOUMA



From the 9th to the 15th September, Sacred Heart participated in Social Justice week, which had a special focus on disability and participation, as well as on women's rights due to the 125th anniversary of Women's Suffrage in NZ happening on the Wednesday.

A group of students enjoyed making fabric camellia badges to wear for the week in appreciation of the suffrage movement, and classes made paper camellias which formed a new display in a stairwell commemorating 125 years of women having the vote in NZ.

On the Wednesday a group of staff and students dressed up as suffragettes for the day which was an awesome way to have a physical presence in the school reminding us of the significance of that day. It was also a mufti day and the school raised \$1200 for the Mission Sisters work in Ranong. Sacred Hearts Wonder Girl Up Club ran activities making Suffragette sashes and a quiz at lunchtime which got lots of students learning about women's rights and the suffrage movement.

Throughout the week, a few keen eyed students found pegs which had been carefully hidden around school, and had to meet in the hall at morning tea and find a buddy with a matching peg in order to receive a prize. It was great to see students from all different age groups talking and working together, as the students had to introduce me to their buddy to get their prize. A big thank you also to Mr McIntyre's year 10 SRS class who made some amazing posters on social justice issues to put around the school and help raise awareness around some very important issues.

On the Friday lunchtime we had a large group of enthusiastic students ready to take their chances at a treasure hunt around the school, in which many of the teams of treasure hunters received a 'disability' such as having a member of the team blindfolded or on crutches. This really helped girls understand how much



harder things are for people who have disabilities to get around, and taught them how best to help their team members out so they could all continue together and get to the end as a team. It's fair to say by the time they found the treasure they were so out of breath and had been so challenged by the tricky clues that they all deserved their prize!

Social Justice Week was a great time for us all to reflect, learn and take action on some social justice issues and I hope it helped make our school community more compassionate and inclusive.

MIHA MĀORI

On Sunday 9th September Sacred Heart hosted a Miha Māori at the Cathedral and invited all Catholic schools in the Hamilton Diocese to join us. An invitation to Katorika Māori from the Diocese also went out. This event was a learning experience for us all and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to work with other schools, particularly those in our Kāhui Ako. Sacred Heart would like to acknowledge Karen and Peter Moeau



for their generosity in sharing their expertise and knowledge with us, for teaching us the waiata and for their significant help in organising this event. We hope that this will become a regular event on our calendar! We would also like to thank our whānau, students, staff and PTFA for helping us with this significant event.



MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK - TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

This year for Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori, our theme was “Kia Kaha te Reo Māori” which means, “Make the language strong.” ‘Kia Kaha’ is well known in New Zealand with the meaning of ‘be strong.’ We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say ‘Kia Kaha te Reo Māori’ we’re saying – ‘Let’s make the Māori language strong’ and to do this we need to speak it.

HARAKEKE PUTIPUTI - YEAR 12 LEARNING NEW SKILLS



GATEWAY - FLIGHT ATTENDING

Gateway students who are exploring flight attending as a career pathway were very fortunate to be able to complete an assessment at NZ School of Tourism, on hygiene requirements onboard an aircraft. They utilised NZST’s wonderful facilities to practice their skills. A big thank you to assessors Liz Neale and Kelly Donaldson for their training and insights into the industry.



2019 NEW ENROLMENTS INFORMATION EVENING

For Parents, Whānau and New Students

Date: Tuesday 30th October

Time: 7pm-8pm

Location: College Hall

More information to follow.