



From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

I hope the final term has started well for all, and that you are refreshed from a break in the routines of work and school. We are looking forward to a successful term as we approach the end of another year of mission.

Our senior students will prepare for the last few days of school and there will be many bittersweet moments as we come to the realisation that our community will never be the same again and we also wait in anticipation for the arrival of our new families to the Sacred Heart Whānau, next year. Please join us at our liturgies and assemblies that will be part of the farewell rituals over the next few weeks. All are welcome.

There will be many wonderful accounts of courage, persistence and resilience among our young women in Year 13. In fact, there are 157 sacred stories and it has been inspiring to see their respect for each other, their dedication and their positive attitude. So many epitomise our school motto Age Quod Agis.

Their compassion for each other and for their younger companions has been a blessing for our whole community. We could not have hoped for better leaders for our College. Each of these young women will forever be 'a sacred heart.' They will always be a part of the Sacred Heart community. We are proud of all our students; those who may have struggled, those who succeeded, those who overcame adversity, those who were disappointed and those who kept on turning up. Again, fine examples of Age Quod Agis and well on the way to changing the world - 'Me aro koe ki te ha O Hineahuone - take heed the power and dignity of women'.

We are blessed to have generous staff and volunteers in our community who give up their holidays and weekends to support students learning real life experiences and skills through trips, tutorials, sport, the arts and many more. We also appreciate that these staff take on the enormous duty of care required in taking students away from school both locally, nationally and internationally. We took the opportunity to thank our staff and volunteers last week. If you were unable to join us, please collect your gift from us...it will change the world too!

You will notice that our building projects are making some progress. The roof is almost there, the internal demolition is complete and the seismic strengthening, a rather noisy and planned part of the rebuild, is coming along too. Once those aspects are complete, the internal refurbishment will be relatively straightforward (and I hope I don't live to regret that optimism!). We appreciate your patience as parents and especially appreciate the positive attitude of our young women who have taken the disruption and inconvenience in their stride, and not let it hinder their learning.

Whānau, it's that time of year when the bills have to be paid. The Mission College Trust Board appreciates your prompt settlement of the Attendance dues, Special Character and building donations. Please make this a priority and if you need assistance, we can support you with financial assistance or extra time to settle the bills. Please contact the school as soon as possible so we can make arrangements to suit your circumstances.

A message from Euphrasie, in 1868 that once again shows her to be a woman, not only with a compassionate and sacred heart, but also a woman so ahead of her time that she was preaching hauora and well-being in the 17th century:

'Let the most gentle charity reign among you and take great care of the health of each other. Do not feel obliged to work too much, but give body and soul plenty of rest'.

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

NCEA – Starting Wednesday 7 November

All students who have entered for external examinations will receive their examination admission slip after Prizegiving on Friday 2 November. It shows the external standards which your daughter has entered as at 1 September. If your daughter has decided to withdraw from a standard no action is required but should a standard not appear on the list, please contact Mrs Jackson immediately to ensure a late entry has been made.

The slip needs to be checked carefully and kept in a safe place as it is required for students to be able to enter the examination room. With the admission slip is an information sheet regarding the timetable and procedures for applying for a derived grade. If your daughter is ill on the day of the examination she may be eligible for a derived grade. The form to apply for a derived grade is on the NZQA website or a copy can be obtained from Mrs Jackson. A doctor's signature is required on the application form.

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.

Time of exams:

Morning examinations start at 9.30 am

Afternoon examinations start at 2.00 pm

Rules and procedures:

Students need to be at the examination room 30 minutes prior to the starting time as it can take some time to get all the students seated.

If a student arrives late for an exam they may be admitted up to 30 minutes after the examination has started but will not be allowed any extra time.

Students cannot leave the exam room within the first hour or the last 15 minutes of the exam.

Venue for exams:

All examinations are held at Sacred Heart Girls' College, including those studied by correspondence. Most examinations will be held in the school gym. The location of any examination in alternate rooms will be shown on the board outside the gym.

Equipment required for examinations:

Admission slip with the NSN number

Scholarship candidates need photo ID

A clear bag containing pen (make sure you have spare pens), ruler, calculators, protractor, etc.

Students are also permitted to take into the exam, in a clear sealable plastic bag, the following items: cellphone turned off and with alarm deactivated, wallet, keys, money, bus/train ticket.

DO NOT take: ipods, walkmans, watches, correction fluid or any written material.

Examination conditions apply – students cannot communicate with others in any manner and all students must have their own equipment.

Correct school uniform must be worn.

Cushla Jackson, D.P. Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING - FRIDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

All Year 11-13 students are required to be at school at 8.40am. They will be given important information about their NCEA exams.

Prizegiving will be held in the school hall starting at 10.30am. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. All students will be released from school at the end of prizegiving.

Students in Years 9-10 are not required at school as this is a study day in preparation for their exams on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 November.

THE PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

SHGC Barbershop Chorus 'Heart Attack' has realised a dream! Performing in 'The Parade of Champions' Gala Concert. Whilst it is an honour to even make it to the National competitions (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 placed a coveted THIRD in the finals! The group has grown to 56 members 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. Special thanks to Rebecca Clewlow for all her support. The group meets Tuesday mornings at 8:15 am in the library. New members are welcome!



BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Welcome Caitlin Te Puia

Caitlin Te Puia, one of our Year 11 students, has been successfully elected to the Board as the student representative. This is a key role on the Board as our students are the key focus of the school, they're what we're all here for. It is important that they bring the student perspective to the Board when making decisions about policy and process; how will these decisions impact the students.



It is a role that can be quite daunting and comes with a huge responsibility, but also can be very rewarding. It is a great opportunity to gain confidence and learn new skills; planning, reporting, reviewing how an organisation works and the difference between governance and management. The Board are pleased to welcome Caitlin and look forward to actively working with her over the next year. Many thanks to Bibi Grainer, for the contribution she made whilst fulfilling this role in 2018.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Lacrosse

Ashley Karl has made the Waikato U18A Lacrosse team and her team won the New Zealand U18 Lacrosse Nationals. Aimee Pilkington made the Waikato U18 Development team and her team came 3rd in the tournament.

Ashley Karl has also been selected for the NZ U23 Women's Lacrosse team to play in the Southern Cross Tournament in Melbourne during the 1st week of January 2019. Kendall Payne and Laura Allison were selected for the Waikato U15 Lacrosse Rep team.

Water Polo

Junior Water Polo had a great first night at the grading games last week, with draws in the last two games when they were down one player! If you are Year 9 or 10 and would like to join junior Water Polo please see Miss Kylee Corboy in the Sports Department.



Equestrian

We had great success at the North Island Secondary School Show Jumping Championships on 19th October. The photo shows Tylah Lang receiving her rosette and sponsors prize for her first in the 2nd round of the 80-90cm class for horses, from Luke Needham, Fibre Fresh Ltd and Leanne Smith, Event Organiser.



The full individual and team results (classes had up to 50 riders):

Team 1 placed 52 out of 65.

Ava Holah placed 23rd and 5th. Grea Wells-Dally placed 11th and 12th. Kelsie Morgan placed 35th. Sadly her pony jumped out of the ring on her second round resulting in elimination.

Team 2 placed 30 out of 65.

Chelsea Drury placed 7th and 9th. Tylah Lang placed 15th and 1st. Libby Wallace placed 7th and 11th.

Unfortunately Shania Baird had to withdraw due to injury and Jemma Kay had to withdraw due to her horse being lame on the day.

Netball

Anna-Gloria Biladi has been selected to attend a full day camp for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Netball Performance Level 1 Programme.

Rowing

The SHGC Rowing Team have started the 2018/19 season with a BANG! The team of 20 competed at their first regatta. The crew of Quinn Tierney, Brooke Pitchford, Valendra Nicholas, Louise Goodwin and Savannah Freeman convincingly winning the Head of the Waikato River Race Womens U18 Coxed Four by 8 minutes. Congratulations girls!



Powerlifting

Congratulations to Cloie Pigangay and Grace Parquist who competed in the WBOP Secondary Schools Powerlifting Competition last Saturday and placed 1st and 2nd.



Youth Olympics

Kayla Goodwin performed with pride and represented her family, school and country with distinction at the recent Youth Olympics. She was placed 9th in the final standings, well exceeding her ranking of 15th. This was an immense learning experience and Kayla now has the self-belief that she can foot it with the best in the world.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES

We are currently recruiting for Homestay families for our 2019 enrolment of International students. We are expecting record numbers so this is an exciting opportunity for you and your family to be involved in a rewarding experience. We have some students here for a term, and some for a year, so depending on your circumstances we will be able to find the right match for your family. Contact me now to find out more:

Sue Devonshire, Homestay Coordinator, Ph: 021 195 3268
Email: international@shgcham.school.nz

2019 NEW ENROLMENTS INFORMATION EVENING

For Parents, Whānau and New Students

An informal evening to meet with staff, have all your questions answered and learn more about what makes Sacred Heart the special College it is!

Date: Tuesday 30th October

Time: 7pm-8pm

Location: College Hall

See you there!

COMPOSITION WORKSHOP TOUR

An invitation to spend the day with Stan Walker is something that doesn't happen every day! Three lucky students (Hunter-Rose Earl, Brodie Cox and Titietasi Sami) were selected to attend this event along with Miss Gunn. Students heard about Stan's life and writing process and got to sing 'AOTEAROA' with some soloist work. Titietasi received compliments from Stan for her stunning singing voice. Several schools were involved and our students came back inspired.



SAMOA MUSIC TOUR

After several big fundraisers and a lot of rehearsals, 8th October saw 13 of our students join forces with St John's College for a combined Music Tour of Samoa. The strong performance troupe consisted of a Vocal Ensemble, Barbershop, Vocal Quartet, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Drum Corps, Guitar Ensemble and more. Concerts were performed at various schools, resorts and at a White Sunday Church Service. When the group was not performing they were swimming with turtles in the ocean, snorkelling, meeting the locals, exploring the island and immersing themselves in the local culture. A fantastic time was had by all, lifelong friendships made and performers treated like rock stars. There were lots of photos, autographs, and compliments from the public and hotels about the professionalism and high standard of the shows and the impeccable behaviour of the students. We arrived home on 16th October and were at school the next day, a little bleary-eyed but with big smiles still on our faces.



DONATE YOUR UNIFORM

Would you like to donate your daughter's unwanted uniform to the College when she has finished her studies here? If so, please drop the uniform in to Reception between 8am-4pm, Mon-Fri. Your donation would be greatly appreciated. The PTFA will coordinate dates and times in the New Year to offer these uniforms to new families. Dates will be posted soon.

YEAR 13 PRODUCTION

For our final production together, the Year 13's performed the fast moving kaleidoscope that is 'Love & Information' written by the incredible Caryl Churchill. It is filled with many different characters trying to navigate this thing we call life. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole process and of being a part of something that we are all very proud of. Our class weren't too sure about this play when we first laid eyes on it: 32 scenes, all unrelated, no specific characters and an unlabelled script. But, we quickly came to love it and began looking forward to performing it.

This year's group of Year 13 students was such a good one and this allowed us to pull off two awesome nights of shows. It was great being able to see the audience react correctly to certain scenes. Many thanks to the Year 11's who helped with the lighting, we wouldn't have been able to do it without you; the audience, who really created an amazing atmosphere; Mr Jones, for doing some amazing photography of us in the middle of our greatness, and to Twilight, the gorgeous Belgian Shepherd who captured everyone's heart. Finally, a massive thank you to Miss Vaile, who had to put up with us for all this time and who directed the masterpiece.



ENTERPRISE MARKET EVENING

The Sacred Heart Enterprise Studies students would like to thank staff, students, parents and friends who attended the annual Market Evening and Business Presentation on the 25th October. It was a fitting end to the business component of the course, with students from Mrs Jackson and Mrs Bastion's Enterprise Studies classes having spent Term 3 setting up and running their own business. The 16 businesses produced and sold a range of products including handmade luxury soaps, perfume, wheat bags, chocolate chippie baking mixture, herbs in macrame hangers and hair scrunchies. While nervous at first to be speaking in front of such a large audience during the presentations, by the end of the evening, the students were feeling confident in their sales pitch and marketing strategies with many of the groups selling all of their stock. All students now have a better understanding of how challenging it is to be a successful business person.



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VISUAL ART EXHIBITION

On Tuesday, 16th October, the Visual Arts Learning Area were very proud to hold their annual exhibition of student art work. The evening showcased senior students' painting, photography and design folios. Each



junior art student also displayed an art piece which they had developed during 2018. The exhibition highlighted the large talent pool and strong work ethic that we are privileged to work with in the Learning Area. There was a wide range of smart, sophisticated, beautiful and personal artwork that our students should be very proud of. A big thank you goes to the Arts Learning Area teachers as well as the many other members of the staff for their support of the students. A special thanks to Mrs Thorrold and other Library staff for their generous support of the show. The musical accompaniment to the evening provided by students was coordinated by Year 11 student Titietasi Sami. This gave the show a great atmosphere, well done girls!

MISSION DAY 2018

A day of service to our community from our Junior students.

Sacred Heart has an ongoing commitment to being of service to our community and as such, on Friday 7 December, all our Year 9 and 10 students are undertaking Mission Day.

Following the success of Mission Day 2017, the challenge has been given for ALL our Junior Students to get out there and do good for our community on this school day.

Mission Day is a day where our students will provide service to a person or community group of their choice. Students have been given the opportunity to seek service for a person or organisation they feel passionate about and wish to contribute towards. It is our intention that students should be involved with meaningful, helpful and rewarding service for the duration of the school day (9am – 3pm).

Parents: your daughter has a physical copy of the information they require. This has also been emailed to their student email and home. Forms are to be returned by Friday 19 November.

Members of the community: our students may approach you with a letter from us, asking how they can be of service to you or your organisation. We greatly appreciate your support in supervising one or more of our students, should this be helpful to you. Should you receive multiple requests, please do not hesitate to say so.

Questions can be directed to:

Year 9 Dean Mrs Bastion nbastion@shgcham.school.nz

Year 10 Dean Mrs Giles mgiles@shgcham.school.nz

UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

- 30th October - 100% Attendance Pizza Lunch
2019 New Enrolments Information Evening
- 31st October - Māori and Pasifika Hui (6.00pm)
- 1st November - Full School Assembly: Service and Cultural Awards
Thanksgiving Mass (1.30pm)
- 2nd November - SENIORS ONLY DAY
Senior Prizegiving (10.30am - Hall)
- 5th & 6th November - Junior Exams
- 7th November - NCEA Exams begin

WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Pieta Bouma, Bella Perano and Taylah Collinson who have all had their writing selected in the annual Redraft Competition. Their work will now be published in a book which includes writing from students around the country. Ella Watson and Jenny Lewis were also highly commended.



Markets @ Marian!!

Gold Coin Donation for entry!

November 7th 6-8pm

Come and support the local community and buy crafts, baking, toys and gifts!

If interested in selling, please contact marianpta@gmail.com

FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE FOR CHILDREN - TERM 4

Click on the link below for the Waikato District Health Board Ear clinic timetable for Term 4

<https://www.waikatodhb.health.nz>