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From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Our Senior Prizegiving last week was a wonderful celebration of our students' outstanding achievements over the year. Given the additional challenges of learning, in what is basically a construction site, it is heartwarming to honour the courageous, resilient and resourceful learners who continue to push the boundaries of learning at our College with the support of dedicated staff and families. Congratulations to all our students who have shown commitment to their learning and risen to the challenges and opportunities presented to them. I have no doubt they will reap the rewards of their perseverance and tenacity, not only with quality exam results, but also in terms of strong virtues and values that inform, reform and transform their character. These effective learning habits will bode well for their life of learning, beyond the school gates. Photos from the event have been posted on our Facebook page and details of prizewinners will be on our website. Many thanks to the team of staff who ensured the proceedings went well. It is always a pleasure to meet parents and grandparents at this particular event and although it is sometimes our first and last meeting, your generosity of kind words about our school and the positive experience of your daughters is greatly appreciated.

Our Thanksgiving Mass is always a special liturgy: uplifting, contemplative and joyful. We were pleased to share this Mass with Fr Darren, his first for us, and look forward to many more. The message to our community is as always: build community, seek out times in your day to be still and contemplative and make the world a better place for all. In other words: 'Ignite the passion: inspiring young women to change the world - me aro ki te haa o Hineahuone! We are conscious that this is a painful time for students and staff who will leave our school at the end of this year.

For our students venturing onto further education, employment or overseas travel and to staff, who after many years of service, are retiring, resting and travelling too, we wish them every blessing.

If your daughter has NCEA exams, you can support her by ensuring they have had a good night's sleep, a good breakfast and that she is at the exam venue with time to spare! This is the final opportunity for students to demonstrate many years of preparation and learning, creativity, intelligence and thinking! Once again, this can be a stressful time for students and their families. If you are concerned about your daughter's wellbeing at this time, please contact us so we can offer appropriate support. For Junior Students, it's business as usual with the same high standards and expectations, in classrooms, corridors and in the community. Thank you for your support to maintain our high standards.

Also, in this month of November, traditionally, we reflect on the lives of the Saints and the Holy Souls. Throughout the month, we remember and pray for all those who have died. Some of these people may only be known to God and others are people whose love, sacrifice and faithful commitment we have seen for ourselves and who may have inspired us. There have been many students, and their families, as well as staff, who have been touched by the death of loved ones and we continue to hold them in our thoughts and prayers, especially during this time:

'May the choirs of angels come to greet you, may they speed you to Paradise. May the Lord surround you in his merciful love. May you find everlasting life'.

Finally, I was reminded that my first year as Principal in 2014 was Year 13's first day as Year 9. That's about 1,800 days of joyful times, challenging times and everything in between! Remember to take joy into every situation in life because it speaks of hope and openness, of enticing possibility and the deep conviction that what is given to us in life is given to us for our own good... make joy a priority in your life and come back and visit us...all are welcome, all the time.

Waiho i te toipoto, kua i te toiroa
Let us keep close together, not far apart.

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.**

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2018

The following students received special awards at our recent Senior Prize-giving:

Ihaia Rose Bowl for Outstanding Contribution to Sport
Caroline Maggof

Kaverman Trophy for Outstanding Sportsperson of the Year
Kayla Goodwin

Optima Award
For service and leadership as Head Student
Lushomo Thebe

Bernice Mary Hughes Memorial Cup
For Outstanding Contribution to the Arts
Kellie Petrin

Mahuta Family Trophy
For Leadership in Māori Language and Culture
Nikita Toia

Assisi Cup
This award is made to the student who has worked to achieve class unity and harmony and through her actions has shown selflessness and general friendliness.
Lushomo Thebe

Heart to Heart Award
Awarded to the student who cares about others and involves themselves whole heartedly in social action.
Caitlynn O'Toole

Age Quod Agis
This award is made to the senior student who through their leadership within the school, is an example of Faith, Hope and Justice.
Lushomo Thebe

Proxime Accessit
Katie Sullivan

Dux
Aylish Waldron

ADVANCE NOTICE - UNION MEETING

The Post Primary Teachers' Association has notified the Board and the school that they are holding a regional paid union meeting on Thursday 22 November. All staff members who are members of PPTA are required to attend this meeting.

Normal timetabled classes will not be able to take place from 12.30 pm. To minimise disruption, if students wish to remain at school after 12.30 pm, there will be a limited number of non-union staff available to supervise students.

The Cambridge, Huntly, Melville/Pirongia, Ngaruawahia, Te Aroha, Morrinsville and Te Awamutu buses will collect students from school at 1.00 pm. All other buses will run at their normal time.

In order to plan for sufficient supervision, please contact the Student Centre on 8567874 ext 2852 if your daughter requires supervision for this afternoon.

YEAR 12 RETREAT

In Week 2 of this term Year 12 students gathered together at the Waihi Academy for 3 days of retreat. This was different to previous retreats in a number of ways, the timing, the leaders, the focus and it was a huge success. LOGOS, a Marist youth development group from Auckland, ran the retreat with the focus on Servant Leadership. Students learnt skills to take them into Year 13 and into their adult life. Our days were packed and our activities meaningful, we worked with people we didn't know, we challenged ourselves socially, physically, emotionally and most importantly, spiritually. We came home exhausted but excited for 2019, we came home with new friends and we came home as a stronger community. God is good, all the time!



SUMMER-SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Angelique Delpont (Year 11), who has been awarded a Scholarship to attend the Science Summer School at Canterbury University. The camp is running from 2-7th December. During their visit, students will be completely immersed in UC life and stay in the Halls of Residence. They'll get to experience the full scope of science on offer at UC – from lectures and lab work to field trips and the latest technologies. Of course, university life is not all about study. There will also be social activities – including a movie night, Laser Strike, social football, games and pizza evening – and time to hang out and get a feel for the campus. What a great opportunity!

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
Phone: 07 856 7874 ext 2852

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Running

Gemma Horan went to Hamilton City Hawks prize giving on Saturday and received trophy's for Cross Country Champs, Road Champs, Huntly Half Marathon, Most improved runner, Sweeny Cup.

Netball

Attending the Level 1 Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Performance Squad Day Camp on the 28th October was an exciting day for Dhanya King and Zxy Cullen, two of Sacred Heart's Netball Premier Team players. This was by invitation only, reflecting the high performance levels they have achieved.



Basketball

We are always proud to profile the achievements of ex-students from our College. Rhaiah Spooner-Knight graduated from Sacred Heart in 2012. She was a captain for the New Zealand U-19 national team and played for the Waikato U-19 team that won the New Zealand U-19 National Championship in both 2011 and 2012. Rhaiah is now a Senior at Monmouth University in New Jersey, USA and plays guard for the Monmouth Hawks. Find more information on her accomplishments here: Monmouthhawks.com



THANKSGIVING MASS

On Thursday 1st November we gathered as a school community for Mass, not only to celebrate All Souls Day but to give thanks for the school year. Some students are nearing the end of their first year at Sacred Heart, some are about to have their final days here. The same applies to members of our staff and we particularly think of Miss Packer and Mr Kendrick who retire at the end of the year. This was also our first mass with Fr Darren and we would like to extend a big thank you to him for the warm and friendly celebration he led. Year 13 students played a significant part in this mass with the bringing in of candles to represent Christ's light which will stay with them as they leave, our offertory was taken up by Mrs Maree Nobile and Jamie Nobile (Yr 13), Jamie, like a number of our students, is the youngest and last member of her family to be at Sacred Heart. At the conclusion of Mass all Year 13 students passed through a pathway lined by the school community who proudly and loudly called the haka-powhiri to welcome these students into their next stage of life.



ROTARY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FORUM

Samantha Brown has been selected to attend the Rotary Science and Technology Forum for 2019. This is a program for OUTSTANDING all round science, maths and technology students in Year 12. It provides an opportunity for high achieving students to spend time with similar minded people, and the experiences gained invariably result in overall personal growth and renewed motivation to succeed. Samantha will be attending the forum for 2 weeks in Auckland in January, 2019, attending lectures and visiting a number of science and technology organisations.



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: sdevonshire@shgcham.school.nz

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.

HOUSE CUP WINNERS



NOEL LEEMING SPECIAL OFFER - FRIENDS AND FAMILY

The Noel Leeming Friends and Family offer runs from 26th November to 2nd December and is open to anyone associated with Catholic schools. Click on the link below to see the great deals.

Link: [Noel Leeming friends and family deal](#)

NOEL LEEMING BYOL FLYER

To see Noel Leeming's latest BYOL flyer, click on the link below.

Link: [BYOL Flyer](#)

PB Technologies BYOL flyer will be out soon

FREE PARENTING
HELPLINE
0800 568 856

all issues - all ages
9am - 6pm, 7 days a week
www.parenthelp.org.nz



ALTRUSA AWARD

Well done to Ella Watson, recipient of the 2018 Altrusa Youth Award. The award recognizes outstanding all-round Year 12 students from across Hamilton. It was awarded to Ella at a ceremony held at the Hamilton Gardens last Tuesday.

Ella's peers and teachers see her as always positive, empathetic, kind, caring and compassionate and an excellent example of a role model



within the school and for the school.

Ella was humbled and "blown away" by her nomination from her dean and teachers. "I am honored to receive the Altrusa Youth Award for Sacred Heart 2018. I feel so blessed to be surrounded by such a loving, supportive community and would like to thank everyone who has been a part of this journey with me."



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

7th - 30th November - NCEA Examinations

16th November - Scripture Reading Competition
Yr 8 Testing

21st November - Yr 10 Drama Production -
Dress Rehearsal

22nd November - Teachers Union Meeting - Early
finish at 12.30pm

27th November - Yr 10 Drama Production