



## From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua  
He maungārongo ki te whenua  
He whakaaro pai, ki ngā tāngata katoa  
Hangā e te Atua, he ngākau hou  
Ki roto ki tēnā, ki tēnā o mātou. Ake, ake, Āmine  
Honour and glory to God  
Peace on Earth  
Goodwill to all people  
Lord, develop a new heart inside all of us. For ever and ever,  
Amen

We are deep in the season of NCEA external exams and our senior students are showing remarkable perseverance and resilience as they push through the final stages of showcasing their intellect. The vast majority of these students have already crossed the line and this is their opportunity to endorse their performance with excellence. We have every confidence in them as they have consistently demonstrated high quality, goal orientated approach to their learning throughout the year. We are also grateful to the support from whānau especially at this time of year...we can all coach effectively on the sidelines, but we cannot play the game! We are all invested in the formation of our young women and we can be proud of their efforts that contribute to outcomes and results of exams. If you need any advice about NCEA, please contact us and we will connect you with the best person to support you.

Not only does high performance in external exams contribute to a quality endorsed outcome, it also generates opportunity for further scholarship success for students considering tertiary education.

We encourage all our students to strive for personal excellence as well as making every learning opportunity count towards the end goals. This is a habit we want to cultivate at SHGC so no one is surprised by life-long learning that takes effort and a positive mindset. We know, because the evidence tells us, that the most likely to succeed 'beyond the school gates' are those who can learn, unlearn and relearn. We also know, thanks to research and best practice evidence, that effective learning, as a result of effective teaching, provokes thinking by challenging assumptions, initiates and weaves a conversation and when we are deeply connected to the learning, it nudges us to take action. A recent survey to our parents, students and staff confirmed our shared beliefs about learning: learning never stops, we can all learn, learning happens best when we care about the learning and the learner, and, opportunities to learn are not confined to a classroom. From that survey, it became clear that learning happens best when the learning is authentic and engaging and there is a positive relationship with the teacher. Insight from a student who said that learning is the 'growth and change that comes out of challenging circumstances' has also contributed to our shared beliefs about learning at SHGC.

Over the last few years, and particularly this year, we have been reviewing our current curriculum: challenging assumptions, engaging in professional conversation about effective practice that leads to deep, powerful learning, and now we are starting to make some planned changes. These changes are necessary so that we can strengthen the pastoral care for our students and enrich the learning experience for all students in an innovative learning environment. Community consultation showed this to be a priority and the Board of Trustees made it their priority too. As an example of this, the role of the CCM Companion will be developed, along with more time for mentoring/coaching of learning and providing additional curriculum time for Health Education that emphasises Hauora. We believe this will be a key component of teaching our young women to take care of their wellness: physical, spiritual, emotional and intellectual. You can also expect to see more collaboration taking place within learning areas and across learning areas as we explore more opportunities to broadened student choice and personalise pathways for learning.

## 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.**

Consequently, some organisational matters may need to be adjusted from next year, such as a start time of 8.40 every day, 5 minutes earlier than normal, and study time for seniors that will coincide with professional learning for staff, strategically placed for maximum effect. More details will be shared over the next few weeks, when final decisions have been made. In the meantime, we continue to refine our thinking so our decisions are driven by principles of learning. We appreciate your support as we endeavour to provide a high quality Catholic Education for your daughters and the next generation of 'change agents'.

At this time of the year, parents and caregivers are reminded to settle any payments of fees, sports or subject charges before the end of the term. If you require assistance, such as an updated invoice, please contact the school, through Accounts, as soon as possible, or use the My Monitor link to access your account. Please contact the school if financial assistance is needed. We are always willing to find a solution and support our families with financial commitments. Do not hesitate to ask.

Finally, would it be inappropriate to use this platform as a shout out to the Boys in Green who achieved the unimaginable against the Boys in Black? I thought not...COYBIG!

Have a rest-filled weekend.

Tihei Mauri ora - kia tau te rangimārie!

## NEW ENROLMENTS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Check out our Sacred Heart Girls' College website to get all our up-to-date information which will assist your family with your daughters transition into the College next year*

*Click on the link below:  
SHGC Important Information*

## 2019 STATIONERY LIST FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS

*Click on the link below:  
SHGC Stationery list details*

## NEONATAL UNIT TREATS

The focus last term for Year 9 Food Technology students was developing baking and decorating skills. The girls had to design biscuits that would be suitable to donate to the Neonatal unit at the Waikato Hospital. The biscuits were individually packaged and included labels designed by the students.

Instead of using the biscuits in their whanau room at the NICO unit, the staff decided to use the biscuits as part of the discharge packs for the parents. They were very grateful for our contribution as a little kindness can brighten up the difficult days that are felt by the parents of NICO babies.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is the world's leading Youth Achievement Award with more than 1.3 million young people involved in the programme from around 140 countries.

Sacred Heart has been an accredited DOE Award Centre for about 24 years and in 2018 had 54 students working towards their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Each level requires a weekly commitment to learning a skill, involvement in a physical activity and giving service. The outdoor section involves bushcraft training, a practice and qualifying tramp. One of our new Bronze students has said the following about the outdoor tramping experiences:

### A student voice - Lilli-Peach Phillips Year 10

I have made so many new friends from different year levels and from different areas of the school. I don't think I would have talked much to half the girls on this tramp if not for Duke of Ed. My favorite part of DOE was that I didn't bring my phone or really need it while tramping through the forests. I think if I had brought it I would have never made the connections or socialized as much as I did. It also helped me to really focus on the purpose of this trip which was to just enjoy being in nature instead of a classroom. During our tramp up to the Pinnacles my mental, physical and probably emotional state was challenged. Originally I thought tramping was only for sporty or fit people, but going on this tramp made me realize that anyone with a level of basic fitness can achieve incredible things. Standing on top of that mountain made me feel like I could achieve anything if I put my mind to it and I feel like doing Duke of Ed has given me so many more opportunities in life. I would like to thank all the teachers and people that supported not only me, but all the girls doing Duke of Ed at Sacred Heart.





## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

### Rugby

Our U15s Rugby Sevens Team were WINNERS of the Rototuna High School Rugby Sevens Tournament! The team beat Rototuna 24-0, Inglewood 32-0, Dio 29-10 and Inglewood again in the final 49-0!



Elizabeth Palu has been selected in the Tongan U15's Rugby Sevens Squad to play at the World 7's Tournament in December at Pakuranga Rugby Club in Auckland.

### Off-road Running

Gemma Horan won the Female under 20's Tois Challenge which was held in Whakatane last weekend. It is a very gruelling multi-terrain 18km loop of the coastal Nga Tapuwae o Toi track.

### Junior Volleyball

Volleyball this year began with a rocky start for the Juniors. We barely had enough members to make one team. Then suddenly, people started joining and Sacred Heart had enough players for two teams, although only three students had played before. The Junior A team lost their first game, but used that loss to motivate them to work hard to improve and do better in their next games. Their hard work paid off, and they came away with 5th place overall in the Waikato and 1st place in the 2nd Division.

Although the B Team mainly consisted of beginners to Volleyball, they strived to learn and improve on their skills, which was rewarded. The B team also managed to take home the gold medal after winning the 3rd division.

Everyone worked incredibly hard this year, and played their utmost best. We were very fortunate to have Craig Poynter coach the Juniors this season, and Alex Mariano from The Waikato Volleyball Association provided additional training workshops. No one can deny that the work that was put into practices and training paid off, with Sacred Heart teams winning both of their divisions and the Junior A team coming fifth overall.

Volleyball is an incredible sport and you make so many friends, both team mates and students at other schools who we have played or had training camps with. If you would like to get involved in Junior or Senior Volleyball next year, it begins Week 1 of Term 1. Mrs Bastion can answer your questions.

By Tayla Tokerangi



## COME ALONG!

And Support

### The Sacred Heart Girls' College Rowing

#### Quiz Night Fundraiser 2018

Thursday 29th November 2018 at 6.30pm

Speight's Ale House, 30 Liverpool Street, Hamilton

Cost: \$20 per person (Includes 2x Raffle Tickets)

Teams of 2-8 people

To Purchase Tickets And Register your Team Contact [sueetierney@gmail.com](mailto:sueetierney@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

7th - 30th November - NCEA Examinations

26th November - BOT Meeting

27th November - Yr 10 Drama Production

1st December - Yr 13 Leavers Ball

3rd December - Full School Assembly

2019 Senior Council Announced

2018 Magazine Issued

Yr 13 Leavers Liturgy (6.00pm)

7th December - Service Day

12th Decmber - Junior Prizegiving

Last Day for students - Early finish

12.30pm

### 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](mailto: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. 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.

## KEEP THE WORDS FLOWING ...

.... and make it a family thing. Summer is a great time to chill out and catch up with family and friends, but unfortunately it is also a time when students' literacy skills can take a dive. International research shows that some students could lose up to a year, or more, of their academic progress in writing and reading during the six week summer break. Teachers call this 'the summer slump.' However, this can be lessened if students do 10 to 20 minutes reading or writing a day.

You may have seen a clip on Seven Sharp about a programme running in Auckland primary schools, in conjunction with Auckland University, where students were engaged in blogging every day for 10 to 20 minutes. The results were fantastic; at the start of the next school year students not only maintained their literacy levels, but were enthusiastic about their learning and keen to begin school.

This holiday break would be a good time to encourage your daughter into some reading or writing. Blogging is a great way to become absorbed in an area of interest and it provides practice in both reading and writing skills. Along with this, there are a huge variety of blog sites from cooking to surfing that are worth a read. Another suggestion, is to add a novel or biography to the Christmas stocking and make sure it is one that everyone would like to read, that way it becomes a shared family reading experience. If you are travelling think about an e-book or even an audio book.

Lastly, quite simply, reading is good for your brain as this quote from Medical Daily suggests, "But aside from pleasure and practicality, reading strengthens the neural pathways like any muscle in your body." Whilst watching movies is fun, reading gives the brain more of a workout than viewing, which is a more passive activity. The important thing is to have a healthy balance.

## ZEAL CREATIVE PROGRAMMES

Zeal is a non-profit Youth Development Centre in Hamilton's CBD. They offer creative programmes for young people aged 13-18, and are recruiting for their programmes in Term 1 next year. They offer Barista, Live Sound Engineering, Screen Printing, Photography and Event Management through their centre. For more information on Zeal, and the great programmes they offer please view here: [Zeal creative link](#)  
Check out their website here: [Zeal website](#)

## 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

## SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE - FILL THAT SHIP!



Spirit of Adventure have spaces for the following voyages:

- 27 Dec 18 - 6 Jan 19 Nelson - Lyttelton
  - 6 Jan 19 - 16 Jan 19 Lyttelton - Bluff
  - 16 Jan 19 - 26 Jan 19 Bluff - Bluff
  - 16 Feb 19 - 26 Feb 19 Nelson - New Plymouth
  - 26 Feb 19 - 08 Mar 19 New Plymouth - Bay of Islands
- As well as other voyages right up until March 2020.

Please help us make sure these bunks don't go out empty!

There are also a number of full and part scholarships available (in certain areas) for those that might not be able to do a voyage otherwise.

Be part of something amazing these school holidays!

Get in touch with Spirit of Adventure today to discuss the possibilities.

Contact: Julia Bryant, Community Engagement  
Ph 093732060 Ext: 1 M 021 554453  
E [julia.bryant@spiritofadventure.org.nz](mailto:julia.bryant@spiritofadventure.org.nz)

For the latest on the Spirit, click on the links below:

Website - [Spirit of Adventure link](#)

Facebook - [Spirit of Adventure Trust link](#)

## ACCOUNTS

All unpaid accounts are now overdue. Please contact the Accounts Office if a payment plan is required.  
Please email – [accounts@shgcham.school.nz](mailto:accounts@shgcham.school.nz) or phone 856 7874 ext 2829 between 9am and 3pm. Thank you.

## 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](mailto:absences@shgcham.school.nz)

Phone: 07 856 7874 ext 2852

