



## From our Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

This is a final panui and soon it will be time to wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas (but it's still Advent!). Nevertheless, the Christmas story is very simple: it tells of a birth; the birth of a first child to poor parents with an uncertain future. Despite having heard it many times over, I am still captivated by its message: God delights in creating unfathomable wonders to reveal present and eternal love. There is much generous love in the story, and a sense of wonder that God could be so intimately involved with something so simple that shepherds are amazed, wise men are humbled and a young woman treasures all these things in her heart. In the midst of the love, we are all invited, just like the people in the story, to trust that God is here and cares deeply, as each of us deals with the joys and sorrows, the hopes and disappointments of everyday:

Mārie te pō, tapu te pō,  
Marino, marama,  
Ko te Whāea, me te Tama,  
Tama tino, tapu rā,  
Moe mai i te aio,  
Moe mai i te aio.

Peaceful night, holy night,  
calm and bright.  
See the mother and the baby boy  
the Son so holy there  
Sleeping peacefully,  
Sleeping peacefully.

Mārie te pō, tapu te pō,  
Ka kite ngā hēpara,  
Te korōria o te rangi,  
Mē ngā ahera Hareruia,  
Kua whānau te tamaiti,  
E Ihu te Karaiti.

Peaceful night, holy night.  
Shepherds behold  
the glory in the sky  
and angels sing 'Halleluiah.'  
For the child that has been born.

For many of our families, it is the end of an era, though not the end of their association with this wonderful community: they

will always be connected and part of our story. Over the years, and with the support of their whānau, it has become clear that our young women are well attuned to their gifts and talents, they know how to use them and they know how to share them. They know the virtues and values of Sacred Heart Girls' College: Faith, Hope and Justice and they know these are qualities worth developing as they journey through life. They also know that there are infinite possibilities to offer their service, to make a contribution, to develop their joys and passions and to respond to the needs of our world, with their sacred heart! They know that when they make their part of the world a better place, they can change the world. I am immensely proud of the students who have risen to the opportunities throughout the year. In particular, our leaders, Lushomo Thebe, Emily Maree and Nikita Raman, have been outstanding examples and role models of everything Sacred Heart Girls' College stands for: dedicated to their learning, dignified in their relationships and generous with their gifts. I am confident that the leaders in these positions for 2019 will also rise to the challenge: congratulations to Tietie Kaninteang (Head Girl), Alyssa Bautista (Deputy Head Girl Special Character) and Jennifer Kim (Deputy Head Girl Learning).

As we say farewell to students, we also honour the departure of staff who have contributed to the learning and teaching through their dedicated service to our students. If you have received your magazine, you will know that we say farewell to some long serving members of staff who have made the difficult decision to transition into a new chapter of their life...retirement. Collectively, Mr Kendrick, Ms Millin, Ms Packer and Mrs Swart have served our College for many years, influencing and forming many young women. There are many former students who are now parents themselves, who have fond memories of these wonderful members of our community: they have been passionate, inspiring and caring teachers and their impact extends the classrooms and corridors of our College. I know they will be missed and I also know they will continue to be part of our story in the future. We wish them all well and ask God's blessing on this next stage of their life journey. As Euphrasie Barbier said to her Sisters: 'where charity and union of hearts is found, the Lord is there. Guard this precious treasure well'.

## 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.**

As signalled in my previous newsletter, there are some changes for next term to enable us to strengthen our pastoral care of students, with an emphasis on wellbeing and hauora, and to prepare for the transition to an innovative learning environment. Parents will be advised in a separate communication before the end of term.

A final reflection as the season of Advent deepens: the possibility of being messengers of Good News, like the Angels, is not only greatly needed, it is joyful and simple... peace and goodwill to all...not just at Christmas, for all time!

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou.

### END OF AN ERA

After many years teaching at Sacred Heart, four teachers are retiring at the end of the year.

Gail Swart, RE teacher, leaves after 20 years' service; Margaret Millin, Social Sciences teacher, leaves after 26 years' service; Judith Packer, Mathematics teacher, leaves after 29 years' service; and Brian Kendrick is retiring after 38 years at the College.

We held a farewell last Friday to acknowledge their contribution to the College over those many years and to wish them all the best for the future.



### YEAR 13 LEAVERS LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

On Monday 3rd December we gathered together in the Cathedral to bless and send forth our Year 13 students. Each student was called forward to receive their leavers pack and to be anointed with oil. Readings were shared, prayers were said and Ms Watton, Sr Anne rndm and Miss Gunn shared some wise words. Families took many photos and more than a few tears were shed. The liturgy was followed by a celebration in the College hall. Many thanks to our 2019 Year 13 students who served at this event and to our 2018 Year 13 students we say "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord".



### 2019 SENIOR COUNCIL



Tietie Kaninteang  
Head Girl



Jennifer Kim  
Deputy Head Girl  
Learning



Alyssa Bautista  
Deputy Head Girl  
Special Character

Mission Leader	Claudia Fransen
Maori Perspective Leader	Nikita Toia
Pasifika Perspective Leader	Paige Tuioti
Student Well-being Leader	Ella Watson
Student Well-being Leader	Emma Brown
Environmental Leader	Kate Gillespie
Cultural Diversity Leader	Joy Teerite
International Student Leader	Sofia Redondo
Technology Leader	Charlotte McLeod
Publicity/Communications Leader	Ella Graham
Arts Leader	Caitlin Hernandez
Sports Leader	Kayla Goodwin
Sports Leader	Carter Haddon
BOT representative	Caitlin Te Puia (Year 12)
Barbier House leader	Milou Sopers and Shae Stevenson
Aubert House leader	Taylah Collinson and Madison Cruickshank
Avila House leader	Jessica Wara and Caitlin Crossland
Lisieux House leader	Katelyn MacDonald and Angelica Climaco
MacKillop House Leader	Pearl James and Libby Webber
Siena House Leader	Brooke McCaig and Jordan Bolton

### MAORI SPIRITUALITY RETREAT - TYBURN MONASTERY

Four of our students travelled to Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru with Mrs Bastion and Mrs Stobie for our annual Māori Spirituality Retreat, 7 - 9 December. The retreat focused on whakawhanaungatanga, mana wahine and learning more about tikanga and the Catholic connection. The group were especially fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the NZ Rosary Crusade, 8 December, which we recited in Te Reo, and to be part of the Miha Māori (The 2nd Miha in the world at a Tyburn Monastery - the first Miha took place last year at the first SHGC Māori Spirituality Retreat). Tō mātou aroha ki a Whaea Karen rāua ko Matua Peter Moeau for their dedication to the kaupapa and commitment to supporting our students.



## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

### Athletics

Kayla Goodwin will be travelling to Cairns Australia this month as part of the NZSSAA team to compete at the Australian All Schools. She has also been named team captain which is an awesome honour.

In April 2019, she will travel to Dallas Texas as part of the NZSS U19 Football team, again another great honour and achievement.

### Inline Hockey

Last week our two inline hockey teams (Sacred Pucks and Sacred Heart Flames) had their final matches for Term 4. While Sacred Pucks lost their game, they played exceptionally well as their first term as a mixed team with new players from St John's College - overall placing 6th in the term draw. Sacred Heart Flames (left) won their game 5:1, overall placing 3rd in the term draw. The two teams have shown excellent development in their sport over the year and we're thankful to the parents who have supported the two teams throughout the year.



### Condor Sevens Rugby

On 29th - 30th November our school U15's Rugby Sevens Team competed in the national Condors Sevens Tournament in Auckland at Sacred Heart Boys' College. The team were feeling confident heading into the tournament on the back of winning the Rototuna Sevens Tournament two weeks earlier, however, they were also aware that the competition would be fierce. On day one we lost against One Tree Hill and Feilding High School, but finished of the day nicely with a win over Rototuna 29-0. Those results put us in mid pack with the likes of Hamilton Girls, Feilding and Manukura.

Day two we again played Feilding High School losing 24-5 and Manukura 27-0. Those two losses put us out of the tournament. Regardless of the results I am very proud of these young women. Some had never played rugby before and fifteen weeks later they were representing themselves, their families and school at a national tournament.

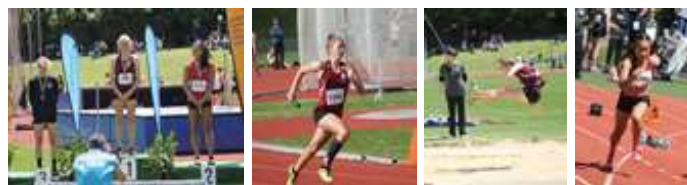
The team is young and many will be able to play U15's again next year, so look at Condors!

Special thanks to Ian Hauraki for all his time and dedication towards the team as a coach.



### NZSS Track Field and Road Race Championships - Dunedin

We had six students represent Sacred Heart at the recent NZSS Track, Field and Road Race championships which were held in Dunedin. All the girls handled themselves in some tough windy conditions which affected the time and distances of some of the events. Kayla Goodwin was once again outstanding - picking up 2 golds, 1 silver and a 4th place. Kiana Pohe-Bright, one of the youngest in her field, knew it was going to be tough. She managed to achieve PB's in the head wind and made both the 100m and 200m finals. Zoe Keenan had an impressive hurdles run to make the semi-finals of the 80m hurdles. Zoe and Kiana then teamed up with Alana Oliver, Sophia Wenceslao and Ruby Sinclair in the junior relay team which they qualified for the finals. Full list of results can be found here: [Result Summary](#)



### Junior Water Polo

The Junior Water Polo team finished 4th in the Waikato Junior Girls Competition. They did very well after being together for a short period of time. Thank you to Holly Stokes and Chloe Pennell for their leadership in coaching the girls. We look forward to Water Polo in 2019! Keep an eye out for details in Term 1 to join!

### FACEBOOK



Please like us on Facebook and keep up to date with important information and regular updates on student activities.

### BUS - EARLY PICK-UP TIMES

#### Huntly & Ngaruawahia Buses

On Tuesday 11th December the bus will run at the normal time, which is St John's last day.

On Wednesday 12th December the bus will depart Sacred Heart at 1pm and Dio at 1.10pm.

#### Te Awamutu Bus

On Wednesday 12th December the bus will depart Sacred Heart at 12.30pm

#### Cambridge Bus

On Wednesday 12th December the bus will depart Sacred Heart at 1.05pm

#### Te Pahu / Pirongia / Melville Bus

On Wednesday 12th December the bus will depart Sacred Heart at 12.30pm

#### Te Aroha and Morrinsville bus

On Wednesday 12th December the bus will depart Sacred Heart at 12.30pm

## 2019 START DATES

**Thursday 24 and Friday 25 January** - Staff Only Days

**Monday 28 January** - Anniversary Day

**Tuesday 29 January**

Welcome for all students new to SHGC This will include all of Year 9, new International students and new students at other year levels.

**Wednesday 30 January**

All students to be in attendance from 8.40 - 3.00pm

8.40: Current students and staff gather in Hall for Powhiri practice

All new Students and staff gather in the Gym.

9.30: Full School Powhiri on front lawn followed by Kai in Hall

1.20: Full School Assembly - Mass Preparation

**Thursday 31 January**

All students to be in attendance from 8.40 - 3.00pm

8.40: CCM

9.00: Students walk over to the Cathedral

9.15: Opening Mass

10.20: Interval

10.50: CCM - Mentoring

12.30: Lunch

1.20: House Meetings - Athletics Day Preparation

**Friday 1 February**

Normal timetabled classes

Staff, CCM, ID and Sibling Photos in Hall

## SENIOR COURSE CONFIRMATION - Years 11 - 13

Deans will send out information soon on how to book a 15 min interview on: Monday 21, Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 January, to discuss subjects.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

**Uniform Return:** Would you like to donate your daughter's unwanted uniform to the College now that she has finished her studies here? If so, please drop the uniform into main reception (between 8.30am-3.30pm Mon-Fri). Your donation would be gratefully received.

**Sale of Items:** We will be having two open days in the new year:

Monday 14th January - 1.00 - 3.00pm

Friday 18th January - 1.00 - 3.00pm

Please come to the main administration building where the second hand uniforms will be on display. The PTFA welcomes koha for any items you require for a student.

## 2019 STATIONERY LIST FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS

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

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Nikita Raman has won the Creative Writing category of "CreateWorld empowering youth artists and activists Competition" run by the School of English and Media Studies at Massey University. As part of the competition Nikita had to read her writing for the judges.

Amber Belle Year 12 has recently won "the most entries" award in the Learncoach "One- Liners" competition with an astounding 97 entries. We also won the school with the most entries (326) - 129 more entries than the next school!

## 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*

## NEW UNIFORMS

### School Uniforms

All school uniforms and PE gear are purchased from

NZ Uniform: 244 Tristram St, Hamilton 3204

NZ Uniform Christmas Closure: Closing Friday 21st December, re-opening at 9am, Thursday 3rd January, 2019.

### Sports Uniforms

Kukri is now our sports apparel supplier. Currently all sports team uniforms can be purchased directly from the school. Students may visit the school Sports office located upstairs in the Gym to place their order (and check sizing if required). On confirmation of order the student account will be charged. Following payment of invoice the uniform will be released to the student. Please direct inquiries to Mr McAlley or Miss Corboy - 07 856 7874 ext 2837.

## WORLD CHALLENGE

The Team have had a busy time over the last two days doing service for an island family. The girls did very well working hard in the heat. This afternoon we also went to visit a family to learn about Vietnamese farming and got to plant some rice. The village photo is the area we are building the house and the flat area is the beginning of the house so far.

We also attended church tonight, it was huge and gorgeous!



## LEAVERS BALL - A STARRY NIGHT IN SANTORINI



## MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The Māori Education Trust 2019 Scholarship Programme is now open and offers scholarships to Māori secondary school and tertiary students who meet the respective scholarship's criteria. The 2019 Secondary Scholarship Programme is made up of the following scholarships:

Year 9

- Tī Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship
- Rose Hellaby Scholarship

Year 9 – 13

- Sister Anne Henry Scholarship

Year 12 – 13

- RJ Graham Scholarship

Year 13

- VW & LM Rosier Scholarship
- Regina Rudland Memorial Scholarship.

Secondary school students can download an application from the website: [www.maorieducation.org.nz](http://www.maorieducation.org.nz). Click here [Heoi anō.](#)

## OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

Please be aware the Sacred Heart office will be closed from Friday 21st December, and will re-open on Monday 14th January 2019.

## UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

12th December - Junior Prizegiving 10.30 am  
Last Day for students  
Early finish 12.30

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### PTFA Second Hand Uniforms Sale

Hours:

Monday, 14th January - 1.00 - 3.00pm

Friday, 18th January - 1.00 - 3.00pm

Will be set up in the Main Administration building reception area.

## EVERYDAY HEROES

On Wednesday the 19th of December we are holding an event at The Base, Hamilton called 'Everyday Heroes' where we collate a large number of agencies and services involved in keeping our communities safe, and bring them together for an interactive day for our youth and their families.

We have the Police Eagle helicopter landing at 10am and Westpac Helicopter landing at 2pm and they will be open to viewing to the public.

As part of the event we are also running a 'Dunk Tank' to fundraise for KidsCan. The community will get an opportunity to dunk a cop/fireman/ambo/famous person for a gold coin donation.

Come dressed up as your favourite everyday hero and you could win a spot prize of one of 80 Police teddy or Police dog soft toys. Each agency will have an interactive display where kids and their families can get their hands on to learn safe summer tips; keep safe on our roads, in our communities and in our homes. There

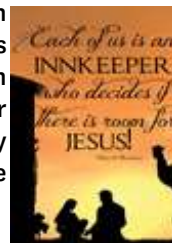
will be loads of giveaway's and things to do for all ages. More information on the event can be found by following this link: [Everyday Heroes](#)



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

This is the time of year we remember the gift of Jesus given to us, God in human form, 'Emmanuel' God is with us. As we spend time with family and friends let us remember those who are away from their family. Let us remember those around our world living in troubled times and places. May we be Emmanuel to all we meet, may we be the welcoming innkeeper.

We send advent blessings to all our families.



“ Set your heart on Sacred Heart ”