

From our Acting Principal Mrs Cat Roberts

Tēnā koutou katoa Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

A warm welcome back to Term 2 – well, not so warm, as we begin to feel and see the effects of autumn! I hope that the break has allowed everyone to return to school refreshed – even our 39 students and 7 staff who have spent their holiday break on an enriching trip to Italy. A special thanks to Mrs Giles, who put a huge amount of time and energy into the preparations required to make this trip happen.

We have a busy term ahead, with a number of important special character events as well as other school activities to look forward to – Cross Country, Haka and Waiata competition and of course, Sacred Heart Day. There will also be a lot of extracurricular events happening that many of our students will be involved in – Mission Cup, The Big Sing, Arts Showcase. What research tells us is that involvement in extracurricular activities has numerous benefits for students. In particular, it is a way to develop “soft skills” such as communication, teamwork, time-management, creative and critical thinking – all of which are necessary skills to thrive in the changing world we live in. Therefore, we encourage our students to get involved and make the most of the extensive opportunities available here at our College.

We do know, however, that workload can cause students to feel under pressure, with internal assessments continuing for senior students, as well as extracurricular and outside of school commitments all demanding time. We encourage students to connect with their CCM companion (who is also their Ako mentor) each week during the allocated Ako time and to seek support if they need it. We have two wonderful guidance counsellors that students can access here at the College, Cherie Brownlee-Clarke and Benita Hedley, and we encourage students to make use of this resource if need be.

If as parents you are concerned about your daughter's wellbeing, then we encourage you to make contact with her CCM companion. Staff email details can be found on our website by accessing the Teaching and Support staff page within 'Our People.'

We have our Open Day coming up on Thursday 9th May and are now taking enrolments for 2020. If you know any potential students who may wish to join our community next year, encourage them to 'like' our Facebook page. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website, or are available at the office.

The triennial elections for the Board of Trustees are coming up this term, and the Board are seeking nominations for parent representatives. Parents, caregivers and people in the wider community can be representatives, and self-nominations are welcome. If you are a parent of a current student or a Year 8 student who will be joining our College in 2020, and you would like to contribute to shaping the future of your daughter's school, please consider putting in a nomination. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of the governance and guiding of our school as we continue to move forward.

Wishing all of our students a positive and productive term, along with good health as the cooler weather sets in.

OPEN DAY

Thursday 9th May

11.00 – 12.30pm

1.30 – 3.00pm

Click on the link below for more info:
New Enrolments

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.**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

I hope that the year has started well for your daughter at Sacred Heart. It is hard to believe that we are already in May and that the elections for the new Board of Trustees is upon us. I encourage you to think about putting in a nomination for the parent representatives on the Board. It is a great opportunity to learn new skills and to share your skills with others and make some great friendships in the process. We have a number of parents stepping down this year as their daughters have moved on, with only two of the six standing for reelection. It is not an onerous role and is a very rewarding one. I have enjoyed being a Board of Trustee and will be standing again. So ... get your nominations in by the 10th of May.

Ngā mihi

Shelley Wilson, Board of Trustees Chairperson

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

ROWING

SHGC Rowing squad finished of the season claiming five awards at the recent Hamilton rowing Club Awards night.

Brooke Pitchford - Best Female/Intermediate Rower

Louise Goodwin - Best Junior Sculler

Both girls then teamed up to win the Pair Oar Trophy

The SHGC U16 Four (Ashlie Turner, Holly Watson, Brooke Pitchford, Sinead Cooper and Emma Ritchie) took home crew of the year.

SHGC Head Coach Kylee Corboy was awarded Coach of the Year. Congratulations!

NETBALL

Townsville Grammar, from Queensland, Australia, travelled to NZ to play two games against SHGC late last term.

Our SHGC Premier Reserves team won 23-11 and our SHGC Premier Team won 35-21 against Townsville Grammar.



FUTSAL

Our very own Shion Hwang, after playing in our school Futsal team in Term 1, has been selected to represent Waikato in the U14 Waikato Girls Futsal Team at the 2019 Youth Futsal Championships to be held in Wellington mid-July.

If you would like to play Futsal for the school, it will be starting again in Term 4. Contact Paul Stokes for more information, pstokes@shgcham.school.nz



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

WATER SKI RACING

Paige Arnott Year 9, was selected to compete in the Trans Tasman Water Ski Race Challenge representing New Zealand in the Under 14 girls in the holidays. She was leading in the first race in Metung, Australia, and had a large fall at high speed. Showing true Kiwi grit and determination she got back up and still placed second! In April, Paige competed at the NZ Water Ski Race Nationals at Lake Maraetai and won the Under 13s (Girls) and Under 16s (Girls) titles, skiing at speeds of up to 80mph. At the North Island Champs Paige was North Island Champion under 13s outright (Boys and Girls) and came 2nd in the under 16s (Boys and Girls).



Cross Country

Tuesday 7th May 8.45 - 11.30am at Days Park.

Keep an eye out for more information to register.

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

FREE

CYBERSAFETY

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 16 MAY - 7PM

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

netsafe



**NEW ZEALAND
POLICE**

GERMAN EXCHANGE



In December last year, students Carter Haddon, Christine Fraser-Jones and Anna Corkery with Miss Cotton (Teacher in Charge) joined 20 other students from around New Zealand, to participate in a 2 month exchange to Germany: We had been learning German here at Sacred Heart for four years and the opportunity to go on an exchange benefited our knowledge and ability to speak German. Throughout our time in Germany we all experienced different aspects of German life, living with a host family and experiencing German culture. To hear more about their trip, click on the link here: [Germany Trip](#)



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hearts@shgcham.school.nz or phone: 856 7874 ext 2801

LOCKDOWN DRILL

In Week 3 (date to be confirmed), we will be undertaking a Lockdown practice. This practice replicates the procedures we would follow should a real lockdown occur. This includes advice to the Primary Caregiver via a text message from the Principal that a Lockdown is taking place. Please note that during a Lockdown students are required to turn off their devices and remain silent and unseen. Please do not try to contact your daughter during this procedure. As part of a national initiative following the Christchurch tragedy there will be a police presence during this practice also. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please contact the school.

PAST SHGC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Katherine Camp is the 2019 National title holder of the 800m & 1500m events at the NZ Athletics Championship.



UPCOMING DATES TO DIARY

Tuesday 7th May	SHGC Cross Country - Days Park
Thursday 9th May	New Enrolments Open Day
Friday 10th May	Wintec Open Day NI Secondary School Swimming Comp
Wednesday 15th May	Central Zones Cross Country Whanau Hui 6.00pm
Friday 17th May	Waikato University Open Day
6th May - 13th June	Dental Diva's at School

