

SHC Heartbeat

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart

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From the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa	Namaste
Talofa lava	Welkom
Fakaalofa lahi atu	Herzlich Willkommen
Kia orana	Witamy
Mālō e lelei	Nǐ hǎo
	Mālō ni

Mana Tangata

A Heart for the People

- ♥ I treat others the way I would like to be treated
- ♥ I actively listen to my teachers and peers
- ♥ I take responsibility for my actions
- ♥ I encourage others

As I write this piece I am being distracted by the buzz and noise of students outside my office celebrating "Galentines" Day. Songs have been played on loop and I can now sing along to Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely", a song written about his love for his daughter.

Over the last two days students have been able to express their love for staff and students alike by writing them a "Galentines" note which, accompanied by a cookie made by our student leaders, is then delivered to them. You can imagine the delight experienced by the receiver of the note and cookie, a joy that is also felt by the person who has given the gift.

But love doesn't need to be shown by the giving and receiving of gifts. Valentine's Day has become very commercialised and an opportunity for companies to profit. Across the world it is estimated that more than 250 million roses are produced for this day and in New Zealand one rose can cost as much as \$40!

What I hope our school community reflects on during this time is how easy it is to show daily that you love someone, without any cost attached. Small gestures such as a smile, a kind word or assistance with a task are easy things to do that can demonstrate love.

Pope Francis says that to love means to put yourself at the service of your brothers and sisters, as Christ did in washing the feet of the disciples. It means making ourselves available, as we are and with what we have. This means to love not in word but in deed.

I hope that you had the opportunity to celebrate love this week, in all the wonderful forms it takes.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Maria Potter, Principal

Kōrero ā Whānau

A reminder of our conferencing with your student's Kaiārahi on Thursday 23 February from 10.00am to 6.00pm or Friday from 8.30am to 3.30pm.

To make a booking:

Go to the school website:

<https://www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz/> and sign in through the portal log-in using Google or Microsoft, or request an access code through the Magic Link feature found here: [Magic link video instructions](#)

NCEA presentations will be held in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) for whānau of Year 11 students at the following times:

Thursday 23 February 4.00pm and Friday 24 February at 12.30pm.

Students will be learning from home on Thursday and Friday. Subject teachers will inform students ahead of time about the work to be covered.

What's On

Check the school calendar at www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Week 4B

Theme: Mana Tangata

20-21 Feb Year 13 Retreat

21-24 Feb Te Matatini Trip

21 Feb Lourdes Feast Day

Shrove Tuesday

22 Feb Ash Wednesday

Board of Trustees Meeting (Library) 7.00pm

23-25 Feb DOE Silver Qualifying Journey

Week 5A

Theme: Mana Tangata

27 Feb School Photos

28 Feb Leadership Mass

Peer Support (2.35-3.20pm)

Pacific Meet and Greet BBQ (6.00-8.00pm) PAC

2-3 Mar Year 9 Camp

Looking Ahead

7 Mar Athletics Day

Whānau Hui and BBQ (6.00-7.00pm) A1

8 Mar Ticket Sales St Pat's Junior Dance

Ash Wednesday

We are holding two Ash Wednesday liturgies in our Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 22 February. You are invited to attend either of our 30-minute liturgy.



Year 11 - 13 liturgy will begin at 9.10am

Year 9 - 10 liturgy will begin at 10.10am

Please come to the PAC and find yourselves seats on the risers. We are looking forward to praying with you.

Ms Paula Davies

Events Disrupted by the Weather

Three of our planned events for this week have been postponed due to the predicted bad weather associated with Cyclone Gabrielle. New dates are as follows;

Pacific Meet and Greet BBQ – Performing Arts Centre
Tuesday 28 February 6.00-8.00pm

Athletics Day
Tuesday 7 March

Whānau Hui and BBQ – Atawhai A1
Tuesday 7 March 6.00-7.00pm

Parents

Contacting Students During the School Day

If parents need to urgently contact students during the school day, please do so via the school office.

We have reminded students that phones are not to be used during class time to receive phone calls or messages.

Class and Individual Photos Day Monday 27 February 8.45am-1.00pm

All students are expected to wear full summer school uniform with blazers and no jerseys or vests.

The link for pre-ordering photos is direct with LC Scott [click here](#) This link can also be found on the school website.

On the day of the photos, all students will be given a shoot key code which allows you to view and order photos online.

Annie Watson – Head Student

Kia ora whānau, my name is Annie Watson, and I am the Head Student for 2023. I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve our school alongside our wonderful leaders, and I cannot wait to journey with you all in the year ahead. I've lived in Lower Hutt all my life with my family of five - including our family dog. My family is my why, and besides our time together and the occasional bit of study, I enjoy reading, dancing, and weightlifting. I am looking forward to the year ahead, and all of the fun events - especially Feast Day - and to exploring new ideas on how to make Sacred Heart a positive place for everyone.



Lydia Sa'u – Deputy Head Student

Talofa lava, my name is Lydia Sa'u and I am your Deputy Head Student for 2023. I am excited to journey with you all and help navigate your way through 2023. I was born in Samoa and moved here when I was 1. I'm in a family of 9 who are the reason I work hard every day and help me strive for my successes. My hobbies are reading and embracing my culture through dance and singing. I can't wait to work with you all this year and have a successful 2023.



Ms Sinapi Taeao

Mälō le soifua maua ma le lagi e mamā!

O lo'u i goa o Sinapi Fa'afetai Taeao.

Sa 'ou fanau i Moto'otua, Apia i Sāmoa, ae na 'ou ola iinei i le Hutt Valley.

O lo'u tamā e sau mai Falevao, Saleaula ma Fagamalo.

O lo'u tinā e sau mai Falealupo, Saipipipi ma Falelatai.

Manuia tele fuafuaga o lenei tausaga!

My main roles in the leadership team are Curriculum, IT, Relief, and I have oversight of the Year 11s. This year I am teaching Year 11 Mathematics and Senior Gagana Sāmoa. I will be supporting Whaea Frost and the Cultural leaders, the Poly group leaders, Miss Lia and Mr Isaacs with Poly Group, and the Pacific Tuakana leaders with Big Sister. I will also be coaching the Barbershop quartets and chorus.



I am a proud Tama'ita'i Sāmoa who loves serving God and her community, travelling, working out in the early hours of the morning with her F45 Upper Hutt fitfam, singing Barbershop with Pacific Connection, and spending quality time with family and friends.

Performing Arts Retreat

The Performing Arts Department had an incredible start to the year with our first ever Performing Arts Leadership Retreat on the 9-10th of February! We spent our time away at Waikawa Beach with SHC's wonderful music, drama, dance club, and Poly Leaders, as well as Mrs Laidler, Miss Lia and Mr Isaacs.

During our stay we focussed on whakawhanaungatanga and planning - looking forward to the year ahead of us. Seeing everyone's enthusiasm and ideas showed me that we have a spectacular group of leaders who will make our school a better place.

Together we developed a combined vision for the department: "Performing Arts at SHC is a place where students are able to grow and thrive in their true self, towards excellence, without fear of failure as they are welcomed into an inclusive, diverse, and collaborative community". I can't wait to work with all the amazing leaders and staff this year. The Performing Arts at Sacred Heart College are bound to thrive in 2023.

Stephanie Portugal, Head of Performing Arts

