

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 Mātauranga

A Heart for Knowledge

- ♥ I am responsible for my learning
- ♥ I have a positive attitude and aim to be my best
- ♥ I persevere even when things are hard
- ♥ I challenge myself to try new things

Aptly, this term we have had a focus on our key value of Mana Mātauranga – respecting knowledge and the pursuit of academic excellence.

Senior students have completed their practice exams and are being given vital feedback from their teachers that will assist them to focus their learning prior to the actual exams.

Holidays are a great time to take a break and get refreshed but these days should also be used to ensure that students are prepared for all the activities in Term 4, and especially their exams. We all know that they will be here before we know it so encourage your student to use their break time wisely and ensure that preparation for NCEA externals is a priority.

Thank you to the many students who have put their names forward for leadership positions next year. It takes courage to put yourself forward and to be scrutinised by your peers and staff. I am impressed and excited by the calibre of student we have at Sacred Heart College and by the skill set they possess. There will inevitably be some, though, who will miss being selected for the role they desire, and they will be disappointed. Students are great at supporting each other at this time and show grace in defeat and humility in selection. We look forward to announcing the 2024 student leadership team to the school community.

Have a blessed break and I look forward to continuing the mahi with you all in Term 4.

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

Maria Potter, Principal

Examinations

Students have been given the opportunity in their school examinations to find the gaps in their learning. We are encouraging students to take notice and act on the feedback received. Together with their subject teachers and support from home, they can devise a plan to achieve success in their NCEA examinations.

Students have 6 weeks until NCEA examinations begin. If students are sitting exams digitally, they must ensure they are able to access the NZQA digital platform.

Summer Uniform

In Term 4, students are expected to be wearing summer uniform. This means wearing summer blouses. Roman sandals (with a back strap) or black lace-up shoes with white ankle socks may be worn. Year 13 students wear the school tie with their summer blouse.

Important School Events

We look forward to you celebrating with us at the following events:

- 11 October – **Sport and DOE Awards** at 6.30pm
- 12 October – **Pō Whakanui Success Evening** at 6.00pm
- 19 October – **Mana Pasifika Success Evening** at 6.00pm
- 30 October – **Senior Prize Giving** at 7.00pm

What's On

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

Week 1A Term 3

Theme: Mana Whenua

Fijian Language Week

- 9 Oct First Day of Term 4
- 10 Oct Pacific Parent Talanoa Feedback (6.00-7.00pm) Library
- 11 Oct Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library
Māori Achieve (3.30-4.30pm) Atawhai
Sport & DOE Prize Giving (6.30-8.00pm) PAC
- 12 Oct Pō Whakanui Success Evening (6.00-8.00pm) PAC

Week 2B

Theme: Mana Whenua

Niuean Language Week

- 16 Oct Yr 10 Drama Production (6.30-8.00pm) PAC
- 17 Oct Yr 10 Drama Production (6.30-8.00pm) PAC
- 18 Oct Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library
Māori Achieve (3.30-4.30pm) Atawhai
- 19 Oct Mana Pasifika Success Evening (6.00-8.00pm) PAC

Looking Ahead ...

- 30 Oct Senior Prize Giving (7.00-8.30pm) PAC
- 6 Nov NZQA Exams Start

Mrs Erin Smith

I recently joined Sacred Heart College as the Homestay Coordinator for International Students. I have a background in Banking Administration/Accounts. I love dining out with family and friends. In my spare time I like to swim and take my young dog for walks along the riverbank, beach, and bush tracks.



Board Student Representative Election

Congratulations to **Michaela Caughley** (12EB) on being elected the 2023/2024 Student Representative on the School Board.



Anisha Pura (13LP) has been a wonderful Student Representative for the past 12 months. Thank you, Anisha.

The Mini Sing

On Wednesday 6 September, Sacred Heart hosted The Mini Sing in the Performing Arts Centre. The schools that came along were St Patrick's College Silverstream, Hutt International Boys' School, Wa Ora Montessori School, and Waiopahu College. It was great to see so many different people and all be together under our love for singing. We started off with some entertaining vocal and physical warm-ups and split off into our choir ranges (bass, tenor, alto, soprano) to quickly go over a song that we had been learning separately as schools. When we were ready, we all formed into a 'mega choir' and sang together. After we had some food and talked to some different people, we performed just in our school choirs to display what we had been working on. It was so refreshing to see how different choirs interacted with each other and to see the techniques of the different choir directors.

Jane Doyle (10MC)



Quiz Night

On Friday the 25th of August, we held our annual SHC and SBC fundraising quiz night in the PAC. It was a fabulous night, full of fun quiz categories, music performances, food, auctions, and raffles. With all the support we were able to raise over \$2,000 for the Little Miracles Trust, which provides a range of free services to whānau of premature and sick babies. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this quiz night a success.

Gabrielle Dominique Cabauatan, Head of Special Character



National YSIH Barbershop convention

On 12 September I, **Angel Wood** (Tenor), alongside my quartet The Four-Ever Yours consisting of **Skyla Cribb** (Lead), **Moala Fifita** (Baritone) and **Emeline Pusa** (Bass), attended the Young Singers in Harmony National Competition in Auckland and placed 5th in the upper voices quartet category and 9th overall across the competition.



Placing top 5 and top 10 at Nationals has been one of the most rewarding parts of our Barbershop journey as we worked incredibly hard to achieve where we are today. We're hoping to continue our Barbershop journey outside of school and keep achieving and dreaming about success within our Barbershop career. Special thanks to Ms Taeao for accompanying us and supporting us throughout our journey to Nationals. We wouldn't be here without her.

Angel Wood



The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award

A huge congratulations to **Mikalalah Hall** and **Bella Penman** (both 13LP) on achieving their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Completing this award will open-up many opportunities for them both in New Zealand and internationally. They will be receiving their gold award at Government House early next year.



Last weekend the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students participated in their Qualifying Journey at Remutaka Forest Park. While the weather was challenging it was a great weekend and everyone had a lot of fun. Congratulations to all the students who completed the tramp.

If your student is 14 years or older and is interested in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, please do not hesitate to contact me at

mcguinnessk@sacredheartcollege.school.nz



Tongan Language Week

Tongan Language week for Sacred Heart this year was full of fun including food, items and much more. On Monday we played the national anthem and raised the Tongan flag. During lunchtime we screened the new movie 'Red White and Brass' in the PAC, where the turnout was a decent number of girls.

We ended the week with a huge celebration on Friday during lunchtime. As I am the Tongan leader for 2023, I wanted to put all my pride and love for my culture into one big event, which was the goal for this celebration. We started the event off with a couple of speeches conveying the importance of our culture and language and ways that we can sustain the Tongan language by using it in church, home and school.

Knowing that the theme was "E tu'ulua 'a e Lea faka-Tongá 'o ka lea'aki 'I 'api, siasí (lotú), mo e nofo-'a-kāingá", which means "the Tongan Language will be sustainable if used at home, church and in the wider community", I wanted the speeches to cover this theme, hoping that everyone took something from them. After the speeches we had a food break, and it was an amazing turnout by everyone who could be present. This was followed by items by a couple of girls from Sacred Heart, boys from St Pat's and me.

I was so happy to see everyone participate in this event. It warmed my heart to see everyone embrace the Tongan culture and share their love for the culture as much as I shared mine. In the end, Tongan language week was a success. It couldn't have happened without the help of all the parents/people/teachers who made it possible.

Malo Aupito, **Moala Fifita**



Pacific Stationery Drive

During Week 3, our Library Week, we ran a stationery drive for Pacific Island Schools. Our Sacred Heart College students were asked to donate new or in good condition stationery items to the cause. These items will be sent by the Rotary Club to schools in Tonga that have been affected by the recent cyclones and the 2022 tsunami, along with books donated from our Library. The class that donated the most useful collection of stationery, 13PH, won a pizza lunch from Mrs Potter.

Thank you to everybody who donated any items; they will make a real difference in the communities to which they are being sent. Also, thanks to our Head Student, **Annie Watson** and Deputy Head Student, **Lydia Sa'u**, for bringing the idea into reality and to our librarian Mrs Asprey for liaising with Chris Crawford from the Rotary Club.

Niamh Sugrue Head Student Librarian 2023



International Programme

As part of our international programme, we have a group of students from Shibuya Makuhari High School in Tokyo, Japan, coming to visit us from 8-20 March 2024. Shibuya Makuhari has been visiting SHC for a number of years now and they love coming to our school.

Homestay – Host Families

We are currently looking for some host families, who have a child attending SHC next year. We would like to place one international student per family.

The Homestay Fee is \$310 per week. You will need to provide the student with their own bedroom (if available), or they can share a bedroom with your own child. They must sleep in their own bed which has adequate linen and bedding. A trundle bed or bunk bed is also suitable. However a mattress placed on the floor will not be acceptable. You will need to provide the student with three meals a day and organise transport to and from school.

If you are interested in hosting an international student from Shibuya Makuhari High School, please contact our Homestay Coordinator as soon as possible and ask for an application pack. Email homestay@sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Please note, all persons 18 years or older who live on your property will need to be police vetted. We cannot offer you a student if anyone in your household has a criminal conviction. Our Homestay Coordinator will also visit your family and view the accommodation.

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Parents/Caregivers please email the school college@sacredheartcollege.school.nz, if your student is NOT returning to Sacred Heart College in 2024.