

SHC Heartbeat

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart

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From the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa
Talofa lava
Fakaalofa lahi atu
Kia orana
Mālō e lelei

Namaste
Welkom
Herzlich Willkommen
Witamy
Nǐ hǎo Mālō ni

Junior Prize Giving

Friday 8 December

11.30am start

All Year 9 and 10 students are to attend in full school formal uniform.

At the conclusion, students will be dismissed.

As the last week of term nears, staff and students are enjoying lots of wonderful learning experiences and successes. As I have observed this, I was reminded of Pope Francis's address to the congregation for Catholic education:

"To educate is an act of love – it is to give life. And love is always demanding, it calls for the best resources, for a reawakened passion to begin this path patiently with young people.

The educator in Catholic schools must be, first and foremost, competent and qualified but, at the same time, someone who is rich in humanity and capable of being with young people in a style of pedagogy that helps promote human and spiritual growth."

Thank you to our wonderful staff, parents and students who show their love by their actions and work, in this newsletter you will see the result of this.

A reminder that Junior Prize Giving is next Friday 8 December at 11.30am in our PAC and we would love to see you all there supporting our students' successes.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa
Maria Potter, Principal

**Wishing you a blessed
Christmas with those
you love**

Stationery and BYOD 2024

Stationery lists can be found on the [SHC website](#) along with [BYOD information](#)

Stationery lists have also been added to OfficeMax's [MySchool](#) website so orders can be made online.



What's On

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

Week 8B

Theme: Mana Whenua

1 Dec Junior Wellbeing Day
3 Dec Combined Parish Mass (9.45am) Walter Nash Stadium

Week 9A

Theme: Mana Whenua

4-5 Dec Peer Support 2024 Training
4-6 Dec Yr 10 Camp
7 Dec Last Day Uniform Shop Open in 2023
8 Dec Last Day for Junior Students
Junior Prize Giving (11.30am-1.00pm) PAC

Looking Ahead:

See our website for [Start of Year Dates 2024](#)

High Ropes

Last week we were given the opportunity to take a group of 30 Year 10 students to Kaitoke YMCA for a day of high ropes. Students were organised into smaller groups and taken through a variety of activities on the high ropes course. The highlight for most students was walking along the log, high in the air. All students found this activity very challenging but everyone overcame their fears and walked the whole way along it. It was great to see the smiling faces and encouragement from their peers when they were finding something difficult. It was a great day out.

Ms Nicola Pollard



Year 9 Speeches

The Year 9 Speech Competition took place this week. Fifteen contestants spoke on a range of topics. The audience enjoyed learning new things and having their opinions challenged.

- 1st - **Olivia Fairfield** who spoke on Beauty Standards
- 2nd - **Te Miharo Tamatea-Turi Rei** who spoke on Racism
- 3rd equal - **Alex Doile** spoke on Women's Rights, and **Maya McLay** on Mental Strength.



Performing Arts Registrations 2024

Registration for the following extracurricular Performing Arts opportunities will open early next year. More information including the dates registration opens is available via the links below.

[Speech and Drama / Public Speaking](#)

[Music](#)

[Cultural Groups](#)

[Dance](#)

Scholarships

Congratulations to **Gabriella Serpa** on gaining the following scholarships in 2024:

University of Canterbury Hiranga Scholarship
University of Canterbury Engineering Top Achievers Scholarship
University of Canterbury Horomata Scholarship

Junior Volleyball

Three of our Junior Volleyball teams played in the NISS Satellite tournament in Porirua last week and enjoyed great success. Being able to field three full teams in a top level tournament is amazing, and they all performed very well against teams from all over the North Island.

Our top team, the SHC Lions, progressed through the tournament unbeaten and didn't lose a single set the entire tournament. They beat New Plymouth Girls High 2-0 in the semis and then went on to win the final 2-0 against Hastings Girls High School.

Four of our students were named in the tournament team: **Meleane Pole'o, Sydney Roma, Prezley Easthope** and **Ashlee Yee**. To top it all, **Ashlee Yee** was named MVP of the tournament.

Well done to all our students who represented Sacred Heart, testament to our great volleyball programme led by Tessa and Nev. We also need to thank our senior players who give up their time to help coach the teams and are part of that success: **Jada Skipper-King, Gibeon Pole'o** and **Violet Fa'asoa**.

Mrs Bridget Penney

