

The beginning of the year as always started with a whole lot of activities outside of the classroom that help to define who we are and what is important to us at SHC. Thank you to whānau who have been part of these activities such as the powhiri, kōrero ā whānau and Pacific meet and greet. It is important that we work in partnership with you and your student so that together we can support them to reach their full potential.

Last week we entered the time of Lent and for our school it began with reflective Ash Wednesday liturgies. When I was young, Lent was always focussed on what we were going to give up for the six weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. As I have aged however, I have come to know that celebrating Lent is not just about giving things up. It can also be about adding good things to our lives, as well as about serving others. It is an opportunity to reflect on who we are and the blessings we have in our lives; an opportunity to help the poor and the needy and be kind to people.

During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.

Pope Francis

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

Winter Sport Registrations			What's On
Close Monday 26 February		Check the school calendar at <u>www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz</u>	
Registrations for the following sports starting in Term 2 will close on Monday 26 February 2024 :		Week 4B - Theme: Mana Tangata 22-23 Feb Performing Arts Workshops 23-25 Feb DOE Silver Qualifying Journey	
Badminton	Basketball		
Cross Country	Football	Week 5A - Theme: Mana Tangata26 FebSchool Photos – Individual and Class26-28 FebPerforming Arts Workshops	
Hockey	Netball		
Rugby	Table tennis	28 Feb	
We encourage students to sign up and play either on a competitive or social basis. If you have any questions, please see us in the sports office (upstairs in the gym).		Māori Achieve (lunchtime) Atawhai Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library Sāili Mālō (4.30-6.30pm) Atawhai A2 Whānau Hui (6.00-7.00pm) Atawhai A1 Board Meeting (7.00-8.30pm) Library	
Sacred Heart Sport - Facebook Page		29 Feb-1 Mar Year 9 Camp	
There is now a Sacred Heart page. If you use Facebook and wish to follow the page, please search SHC Sport and follow. We will be posting information on upcoming events, updates on games and other relevant sport-related information.		29 FebBig Sister (3.30-4.30pm) Library3 MarDragon Boat Nationals Japan Trip Information Meeting (4.00-5.00pm) F	
		Looking Ahead:	
Mrs Simone Naylor, Sport Director			Wellington Pride Week Summer Tournament Week
		25-28 Mar Holy Week 29 Mar-2 Apr Easter - school is closed Fri, Mon, Tues	

Student Council

Congratulations to the following students who will represent the student body on the Student Council.

Isabella Andrews	Riana Bautista	
Arosha Halwai	Kjesten Hermann	
Stella Herrick	Katie Jordan	
Lourd Kako	Japji Kaur	
Bella Kilkelly	Rhian Ladrera	
Cindy Nguyen	Cassidy Papier	
Madision Preston	Josee Procter	
Kelaiah Rahu-Lawton	Ponniha Ramachandran	
Daisy Robinson	Rithanya Rozario	
Bettylicia Sa'u	Grace Simmonds	
Kc Sturm	Coby Wheeler	
Ella Wilby	Xanthe Williamson	

Performing Arts Registration Fair

On Tuesday 13 February we had our group sign-up fair. This was to encourage and show students how to sign up using the school portal. In the foyer there were stations for languages club, drama club, dance club, debating, poly group, kapa haka, dungeons and dragons club, jazz/funk band, concert band, string orchestra, barbershop chorus and quartet, shc singer, te ropu reo manawa, model united nations, and QSA/pride group.

If students haven't signed up and still want to, there is a video tutorial on the @shcperformingarts Instagram page



Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday fell on 14 February, meaning that our students celebrated the love of God and of each other, the whole week. Our students attended their senior or junior reflective and inspirational liturgies on Ash Wednesday. Students were asked to consider God's love for them and how they can reflect that love to others. As a community we are focusing on the weeks leading to Easter and how we can prepare for the important celebration of Christ's resurrection.

A big thank you to all the students who read, led prayers and blessed people with the ashes. May God bless you all this Lenten season. *Ms Paula Davies, DRS*

Year 13 History Out and About in Wellington

Year 13 History spent a day in Wellington exploring how the past is remembered in the present day. We also visited the He Tohu exhibition to understand how and why He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti and the Suffrage Petition are documents of national significance, before learning about how the Turnbull Library can help us with our research.

Mrs Anna Peszynski



Galentines Day

Galentines Day was such a success! A big thank you to everyone who bought, received, organised, delivered, and participated in the festivities. Our Year 13s spent over 12 hours baking and decorating, with many more hours spent organising payments and deliveries. It was so great to see all the smiles and laughs on Monday. We raised over \$450 for the Women's Refuge, so thank you all for supporting such a great cause. *Zara Joe, Head of Special Character*



