

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

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

The events of the last week have made me think about leadership and what it means to be a student leader at Sacred Heart College. Leadership extends beyond titles and badges and all our Year 13s are leaders. Leaders are not necessarily the loudest, the funniest or the most popular students but rather they are the students who build relationships and always model our values. I hope that our student leaders fully embrace the opportunity to lead in 2024 and lead with integrity, empathy, and inclusivity as they strive to create a supportive and welcoming Sacred Heart where every student feels valued, respected, and empowered to thrive.

I share with you the promise they made to the school at their Mass last week:

Lord,

We ask you to help us as leaders to grow in your love and become more like you.

May we accept this challenge of leadership with generosity and joy.

Grant us your wisdom and courage to do what is right, so that the spirit of your love may be in our school community.

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

NCEA for Whānau

If you missed the NCEA information sessions at Kōrero ā Whānau, please find attached the link to the presentation. Be aware that NZQA have not yet updated their NCEA video, so keep checking in on their website following the link on the presentation below.

[Understanding NCEA and all that 2024](#)

Mission Colleges Lower Hutt Trust Board Resignation of Chairman/Trustee

On 26 February 2024 Bill Davies resigned as a Trustee and Chairman of the Mission Colleges Lower Hutt Trust Board – the Proprietor of Sacred Heart College

Bill joined the Board in September 2014 and was elected Chairman in November 2016.

More recently he has energetically and actively led the Board in the rebuilding of Mission House, which is on track for completion in July this year. This is a major achievement, and the gratitude of the whole College community is due to Bill for his enthusiasm and commitment to this project.

The Trust Board acknowledge and appreciate Bill's invaluable contribution to the College and wish him well for the future.

What's On

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

Week 6B - Theme: Mana Tangata

Wellington Pride Week

- 7 Mar Big Sister (3.30-4.30pm) Library
- 8 Mar Shibuya Group Arrives
- 9 Mar Netball Seniors Trial #1 (9.30am-1.30pm) Gym
- 10 Mar Japan Trip Information Meeting (4.00-5.00pm) F1

Week 7A - Theme: Mana Tangata

- 12 Mar Peer Support (2.35-3.20pm)
- 13 Mar Māori Achieve (lunchtime) Atawhai
Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library
Sāili Mālō (4.30-6.30pm) Atawhai A2
- 14 Mar Big Sister (3.30-4.30pm) Library
Netball Seniors Trial #2 (5.30-8.00pm) Taita Courts
- 14-16 Mar RNDM Retreat
- 15 Mar Non-Uniform Day - Heart Kids - Little Heart Day

Looking Ahead:

- 18-24 Mar Summer Tournament Week
- 21 Mar Non-Uniform Day -Foodbank Easter Eggs/Food
- 24-27 Mar DOE Gold Qualifying Journey Tongariro
- 25-28 Mar Holy Week
- 29 Mar-2 Apr Easter - school is closed Fri, Mon, Tues

Year 13 Covenant

In honour of our school's tradition, the Year 13 leavers of 2024 have decided to leave behind a Waiata Pōwhiri as our covenant. "E ngā Manuhiri E" was composed by our Year 13 Māori leaders, **Logan Crawford** and **Harmony Mohi Elliott**, back in 2023 with the intention of it being sung during Year 9 Pōwhiri and other welcoming Masses. The lyrics translate to a warm introduction to our kura for new students, staff, and international students as they first step into our school grounds.

E ngā manuhiri e haere mai, Ki tēnei kura whakatau mai" - "Dear visitors, welcome to this school".

"He kura katorika" - "this is a Catholic school": calls back to our ancestors and the special character of our school. We are reminded to always demonstrate our school values and carry Mana Atua in every action we take.

"He kura kotiro" - "this is a girls' school": highlights SHC's focus on educating girls, and its commitment to empower young women.

"Aue piki mai kake mai ra" - "ascend here": Where there are endless opportunities, those we welcome here at Sacred Heart College are called to reach new heights of success.

We hope our Waiata Pōwhiri is embedded into our school's culture and can unite future generations of SHC wahine to live out these mindsets as a collective.

Mckala Ruaburo, Head Student and Ysabelle Balao Deputy Head Student



Leadership Mass

Our Year 13s were celebrated as our school leaders in our first full school Mass. This was led by Fr Raja, the new Parish Priest for Te Awakairangi. The Year 13s also presented the school with their covenant.

Ms Paula Davies, DRS



Mckayla Ruaburo – Head Student



Kamusta, my name is Mckayla Ruaburo and I am your Head Student for 2024. I am grateful to have been blessed with this opportunity to serve our school and lead the amazing group of people that you all are.

I moved to Lower Hutt from the Philippines when I was two and my family consists of Mum, Dad, my dog and about a dozen birds that Dad randomly started adopting. We are a close-knit family and the main reason for who I am today, all my successes are truly theirs.

Throughout SHC I have joined guitar, Enviro Group, Special Character Council, Duke of Edinburgh and more. Outside of school I love taking open hip hop classes and assistant teaching for a junior competitive crew. I am also very passionate about film, music, fashion, and everything that allows you to express yourself creatively. I value my close relationships and am lucky to lead this year alongside my incredible friends. Looking at this year's plans I cannot contain my excitement as I journey with you all. I look forward to forming friendships and exploring how we can support you to become your very best selves within the 65! Take care x

Model UN

Last week we had some amazing volunteers from UN Youth visit us to run a model United Nations event. We looked at cyber warfare and we all got to learn lots about the political side of this topic. The volunteers ran an awesome interactive problem-solving workshop where we discussed the strait of water between Iran and Oman, and we learned about negotiation skills and conflict resolution. Overall, everyone had an awesome day, and we hope to run another event like this again soon.

Amelia Prebble and Viktoriya Lyubich



Ysabelle Balao – Deputy Head Student



Mabuhay whānau! My name is Ysabelle Balao and this year I have the honour of serving as your Deputy Head Student for 2024. I'm beyond grateful for this opportunity to pay forward what I've received from this community alongside some of my closest friends.

I'm fully Filipino and have been around Wellington since I was three. In 2015, my family and I moved areas and have since called the Hutt our home. At school, I'm keen for a good experience, having dabbled in the Mission Council, debating, netball, guitar, Enviro and many more. While being all over the place, I know I can always rely on my friends to keep me grounded and embrace my antics. When I'm not at school, I enjoy listening to music, watching sports, the occasional read, and taking long naps.

As a Filipina and the youngest and only daughter of three, my family's at the core of who I am. They've taught me to work hard, be ambitious, and most importantly, to be grateful for all the blessings that come my way. Looking at our busy calendar ahead, I'm filled with both excitement and anticipation of what's to come. I can't wait to be a leader and #1 supporter to all 800+ of my sisters this year!

♥ HEART Values Draw ♥

Mana Atua, Mana Mātauranga, Mana Tangata, Mana Whenua, Mana Tipuna

For displaying one of our school HEART values

Year 9: Ruby Campbell and Laila Rodrigues
(both Mana Mātauranga)

Year 10: Aimee Bardell and Lilly Lysaght
(both Mana Mātauranga)

CSW Senior Touch Tournament

On Thursday 28 February the Senior A Touch Team competed in the College Sport Wellington Touch Tournament. We had a brilliant day and ended up winning the final 4-3 against a strong St Oran's side. We reached the final after beating HVHS 5-1 in the semi-final and after three good wins and a draw (against St Oran's) in our pool play.

I was delighted to take such a talented and lovely group of girls, who displayed great sportsmanship and determination, to this competitive tournament. Well done! *Miss Claire Risk*



Sport Trial Dates Winter (Term 2 & 3) Codes

Badminton Weds 10 April	All	3.30-5.00pm	SHC Gym
Basketball	Fri 1 March & Sun 3 March		
Football Fri 22 March Mon TBC	Juniors Seniors All	3.30-4.45pm 4.45-6.00pm	Chilton St James Chilton St James
Hockey Mon 25 March	All	5.30-7.00pm	Chilton StJ Turf
Netball Sat 9 March Thur 14 March Sat 23 March Tues 26 March Thur 28 March	Senior Senior Junior Junior Junior	9.30am-1.30pm 5.30-8.00pm 9.30am-3.00pm 5.30-8.00pm 5.30-8.00pm	SHC Gym HV Courts Taita SHC Gym HV Courts Taita HV Courts Taita
Rugby	Term 2/3		

Please check the Sport noticeboard for any changes.

Youth Service Award

Do you know a young person who has volunteered behind the scenes and carried out outstanding voluntary service? Nominate them for a Youth Services Award.

The Youth Services Award is for young people aged 15-25 who have been actively involved in our diverse communities in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt.

If you want to nominate someone for the Youth Services Award or find out more information, head to hutt.city/civicawards. Nominations open on Friday 1 March and close on Monday 15 April.

Athletics Day

House points	
Lourdes	396
Lisieux	365
Avila	351
Siena	226
Barbier	259
Aubert	217

Athletics Day

