

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
Mälō e lelei	Nǐ hǎo
	Mälō ni

Working from Home

Wednesday 29 May

Thursday 30 May

Staff Only Day

Friday 31 May

As we approach the midpoint of Term 2, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful things happening in our school community. Our rangatahi have impressed us with their talents, passion, and commitment, leading the way in various events and celebrations. We have seen remarkable achievements and community spirit.

Last week, a team of students travelled to Napier to compete in O'Shea Shield. This is a prestigious event introduced 75 years ago by Bishop Thomas O'Shea. The event involves 17 Catholic secondary schools, 10 from the Wellington Catholic Archdiocese and seven from the Palmerston North Diocese. They compete in eight separate divisions: Drama, Religious Questions, Scripture Reading in Te Reo and English, Debating, and three Speech competitions. The theme for O'Shea this year was 'Sparks of Hope'. Thank you to the staff who travelled with the students, and to the staff coaches for preparing our students so well.

Recently, we held a combined production with St Bernard's College, called Legally Blonde. It takes commitment and dedication from students, staff, and whānau to put together a high calibre show like this. The actors were incredibly talented and had the audience engaged from start to finish. I would like to thank all those involved for their support in making this happen.

It was lovely to be able to recognise the amazing work our support staff do for our students, staff, and community during Support Staff Appreciation week. They are the ones who keep the school running behind the scenes, and we are truly grateful for all that they do.

It's hard to believe that enrolments for 2025 have already opened. Last week I visited our contributing Catholic Schools and talked to Year 8 students about the rich education and many opportunities that we offer at Sacred Heart College. We will be show-casing our school during our open mornings on Wednesday 12 June and Thursday 13 June. If you or someone you know is looking at a placement next year, come along and find out more about us.

As always, our teaching staff are working hard and are continually providing feedback to our students about their learning. We encourage whānau to be part of their learning either by sitting down and discussing what they are learning about, what assessments they have coming up, and / or helping them with their homework. If you would like feedback directly, please contact the school.

Thanks for all your support this term. We look forward to seeing you at our Kōrero ā Whānau learning conferences soon.

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

Maria Kerr, Acting Principal

Enrolments

A reminder that 2025 enrolment applications are open and can be made via our [school website](#). They close Thursday 4 July.

Open Morning bookings are filling up fast with only limited spaces left at the times below. If whānau and friends are interested, please remind them to book asap.

Wednesday 12 June 11:00am-12:30pm time slot, or

Thursday 13 June 9:00am-10:30am time slot

To make a booking contact Claire Malaerule at 04-566 1089 opt 4 or enrolments@sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Kōrero ā Whānau for Senior Students

Wednesday 19 June from 11.30am to 7.30pm

Meetings for senior students with their subject teachers.

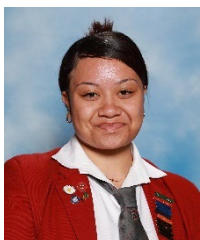
All students will be working from home.

Senior students, Years 11/12/13 will book an interview with subject teachers.

Bookings will open on 7 June at 8.00am. An email will be sent on how to make a booking.

Chyna Ivona – Head of Culture

Talofa Lava family. O lo'u igoa o Chyna Ivona and I have the greatest honour and blessing to be the Head of Culture at Sacred Heart College 2024. I was born and raised in Aotearoa, but my heart also resides in the beautiful island of Sāmoa. From the villages of Vaigaga and Mulifanua in Upolu, I carry the pride and history of my people- specifically my grandparents whom I love immensely. They voyaged to Aotearoa from Sāmoa to provide the best for their children and grandchildren to come. My faith in God and my aiga (family) is what gets me up every day. My aiga push me (maybe a little too much) to become the best version of myself and achieve such great things both in school and at home.



During my spare time, when I'm not around the house doing the feaus (chores), I love to spend time with my Godmother, from helping her serve the residents at work at a rest home together, to going to restaurants with her and spending time dancing in the kitchen whilst she cooks the best foods I've ever had (sorry Dad). I also love to spend time with my siblings and friends, singing and doing carpool karaoke with them, trying to be like Beyoncé, as well as go to the beach, watch Netflix and do theatre and public speaking. We are part way through Term 2 and I have already gained so many connections across many year levels and continue to work to gain more connections with the ākonga in our school community. Fa'amanuia le Atua and I look forward to working with you all.

Ruby Burrell – Head of Sport

Kia ora, my name is Ruby Burrell and I'm blessed to be the Head of Sport this year. I don't take this opportunity lightly and I'm so excited to be the student leader in this department. Born and raised in Aotearoa, I am a proud Māori wahine, belonging to Te Arawa. I come from a big whānau, who are all active and very competitive. Growing up playing sport in the backyard and watching my older siblings play, my love for sport developed. My family is my why, and I strive to make them proud, as the values they gave me are what drive my actions today.



Throughout my journey at SHC, sport has been a strong standout and has helped build genuine connections, confidence, and so much more. I have involved myself with Sport Council, Enviro Group, Dance Club, and many sports teams. I truly believe the sport community at SHC is a supportive and welcoming space where our juniors can learn under the wings of our seniors and work in partnership. Giving back to the community that invested so much in me feels right as I complete my journey at SHC. I'm so excited to strengthen the sisterhood and the mana we hold in our school through sporting opportunities this year. Ngā mihi koutou xx

Geography & Tourism Trip

During Week 2 of Term 2, the Year 13 Geography and Tourism classes travelled to Rotorua for a 4-day excursion. Everybody took part in multiple entertaining activities including the Luge, treetop walk, walk around Blue Lake, gondola ride and the Te Puia Geothermal Park. We stayed at the Keswick Christian camp in Holdens Bay, Rotorua, in separate cabins and with delicious meals every day. Some of the students described it as 'a chance to connect with the natural and cultural aspects of our country', while also making memories that will last a lifetime.

Poppy McClennon and Ava Williamson 13MI

What's On

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

Week 5A - Theme: Mana Tipuna

Samoa Language Week

- 27 May Junior Poly Group Practice (3.30-5.30pm) PAC
- 28 May Non-Uniform Day – Toiletries Drive
Senior Poly Group Practice (2.45-5.00pm) PAC
- 29 May **Students Working from Home**
Kapa Haka Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) St Bernard's
- 30 May **Students Working from Home**
- 31 May **Staff Only Day**
- 31 May-2 Jun Mission Cup & Te Toa Shield (Hamilton)

Week 6B - Theme: Mana Tipuna

- 3 Jun King's Birthday Public Holiday – School Closed
- 4 Jun Principal Katrina Kerr-Bell Starts at SHC
Senior Poly Group Practice (2.45-4.00pm) PAC
- 5 Jun Māori Achieve (1.35-2.15pm) A1
Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library
Kapa Haka Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) PAC
- 6 Jun Big Sing (9.00am-10.00pm) Michael Fowler Centre
Big Sister (3.30-4.30pm) Library
Poly Group Practice (4.30-6.00pm) PAC
- 7 Jun Sacred Heart Feast Day

Looking Ahead

- 19 Jun **Students Work from Home**
Year 11, 12 & 13 Kōrero ā Whānau Meetings
- 28 Jun Matariki Public Holiday

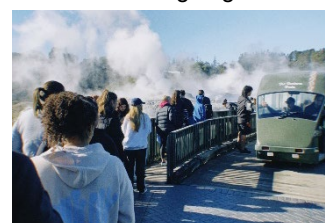
O'Shea Shield

O'Shea Shield had a group of 17 students head up to Napier to compete against the Catholic schools in our Diocese in a series of competitions such as Oratory, Junior Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speaking, Scripture Reading and Debating. Our team spent three days in Napier and left with 35 points and memories to last a lifetime. It was a great opportunity to meet and support students of similar backgrounds from all over the region with a competitive edge. It wasn't our year to win the Shield again, but a huge congrats to St Pat's Town and St Peter's in Palmerston North who are the joint winners of the Shield this year. *Jessica Greaney 12SN*



During this trip the students got to see a new side of New Zealand's beautiful views as well as spot sights such as our maunga and awa. Our activities included visiting Te Puia, a place full of Māori culture, both past and present, as well as a home for our national bird, walking around the Blue Lake, and visiting Lake Tarawera the home of Mt Tarawera which exploded in 1886 and destroyed the famed Pink and White Terraces. We also visited the Luge and the Redwoods Forest, seeing the amazing century old trees as well as going on the board walk.

This trip was amazing, and we learnt more about Rotorua. I loved going outside of Wellington and experiencing Rotorua through the eyes of a tourist. A big thanks to Mr Findlay, Miss McDonald, Miss Blackmore, and Mr Baxter.



Lourdez Peni 13MI

Pink Shirt Day

Being an upstander, being kind and giving compliments should be an everyday occurrence.

Students enjoyed wearing pink, as did some staff. A runway was held at lunchtime to promote antibullying. All students brought a gold coin which will be donated to the cause to help make Aotearoa a place where everyone is educated, equipped, and empowered to take on bullying. We raised \$526.00.

Support Staff Week

We are blessed to have such a hardworking and skilled team of support staff working at our kura. They are a team who support our teachers, support our students, and support our whānau and community in so many ways.

We couldn't run a school without them, and Sacred Heart College wouldn't be the same without such an amazingly kind and calm team of committed people.

Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou, thank you for all that you do.



Te Omanga Hospice Appeal

On Friday 17 May a group of SHC students volunteered their time to represent our school at the Te Omanga Hospice annual street appeal. They collected donations at the entrance of Farmers in Queensgate in shifts. They wore their uniforms with pride, representing Sacred Heart College and Te Omanga Hospice well. The donations collected go towards the care and support for patients and their families across Aotearoa New Zealand.



Sport

We are proud of the SHC students being selected to represent their regions or countries in sport:

Basketball: **Leah Ah-Ken** will be representing Samoa at the world Under 18 Basketball Championships. This event will be held in China in June this year.

Netball: The following students have been selected to represent Hutt Valley at the National Championships to be held over King's Birthday weekend:

Under 16 Gold: **Kayla Little, Paloma King, Yasmin Holsted-Russo**

Under 16 White: **Briarly Kassey, Luse Duff-Tohuni, Megan Henley, Viena Tavite**

Under 18 Gold: **Ruby Burrell**

Under 18 Green: **Amelia Gray, Bri Marshall, Erin Little, Jas Mita**

Ella-Grace Churchward will represent Wellington in the Under 16 Black team at the same event.

Volleyball: The following students have been selected to represent Wellington Region at the National Championships to be held over King's Birthday weekend:

U19 Black: **Mackenzie Boyd, Gibeon Pole'o, Sarah Tiatia, Kiana Uriarau**

U17 Black: **Sueanna William Ah Ken, Ashlee Yee, Prezley Easthope, Meleane Pole'o**

Please remember to let Sport Director Simone Naylor know of any sport achievements outside of school on naylors@sacredheartcollege.school.nz

College Sport Wellington events

Cross Country: Great results from the CSW cross country event held on 13 May with our Under 16 team, **Madison Wos, Koko Imazu, Katie Jordan and Savannah Allen** coming a close second to Wellington Girls in the event. We look forward to the results from our runners from the Individual Cross Country event this month.

