

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 Tīpuna

A Heart for Ancestors

- ♥ I wear my uniform with pride
- ♥ I respect all cultures and different points of view
- ♥ I help others when needed
- ♥ I am a positive role model in building our sisterhood

Tēna koutou katoa e te whānau

I want to give a huge thank you to the Sacred Heart Community for the generous and warm welcome on Tuesday. It is an honour and a privilege to be appointed as Tumuaki of Sacred Heart College. As I am sure many of you are aware I have come from St Catherine's College where I was Principal for three years. Prior to this I was Assistant Principal at Kavanagh College now Trinity Catholic College in Dunedin. I am married to Richard, and we have two children, Ted who is beginning at Otago University this year and Emily who is a new graduate and in her first year working. They are of Ngapuhi, Ngati Kuri and Te Rarawa iwi. I originate from Southland and am the youngest of six siblings. However most of my life has been spent in Dunedin.

In my first two days in the College, I have been impressed by the number of students who have come up to me and introduced themselves, popped past my office to check in or say hello, the calm feeling about the corridors and the staff who are having conversations about how they can better cater for the students in our care. I feel very fortunate to be a part of the Sacred Heart Community.

I love the energy of young people, their willingness to challenge thinking, and their openness to learning. It gives me joy being a part of the formational journey as they transition from childhood to being young people of influence and change. The young people of today, more than ever, have a concern and a passion for the planet and upholding the human dignity of others. It is an honour to work with young people and follow who they become as adults. Young people are full of hope for a better world, and I know it is a gift to be a part of the extended whānau helping them grow and create that better world.

Next week I am looking forward to our Open Days on Wednesday 12 June and Thursday 13 June from 9.00am – 1.00pm. It is always an exciting time sharing what we have to offer to the Year 8 students. I ask that you encourage young people transitioning to College to come and check us out.

Over the next few months, it is my goal to get out and about and meet as many of you as possible.

Kia tau te rangimarie - God's peace and blessing upon you.

Katrina Kerr-Bell, Principal

Kōrero ā Whānau Conferences

When: Wednesday 19 June from 11.30am until 7.30pm

Who: Senior students - Years 11/12/13 conferences with their course teachers

Junior students – Years 9/10 will be working from home

All students will have their prep sheet ready to discuss next steps with their learning.

We are looking forward to meeting with you all.

Bookings open: Monday 10 June at 8.00am.

[Click on this link for instructions on how to make a booking.](#)

Resources/Tips for Parents and Whānau

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<https://realparents.org/>

On-line forums:

Understanding teens and their emotions

<https://events.humanitix.com/teens-and-their-emotions>

Building relationships with your teen

<https://events.humanitix.com/connecting-with-our-teens>

Principal Katrina Kerr-Bell Welcome

On Tuesday 4 June we welcomed Principal Katrina Kerr-Bell, Sacred Heart College's 12th Principal (since it was founded in 1912). St Catherine's College staff, students and her family brought Mrs Kerr-Bell to us. We know that she will love being part of the Sacred Heart College Community and we are grateful to support her as we embark on this new chapter together.



Sport

Volleyball - Sacred Heart students played at the IPC volleyball tournament over King's Birthday weekend. The Under 17s team came 7th (**Ashlee Yee, Sueanna William Ah Ken, Prezley Easthope and Meleane Pole'o**). Congratulations to the Under 19s team (**Gibeon Pole'o, Mackenzie Boyd, Kiana Uriarau and Sarah Tiatia**) coached by past student Jada Skipper-King who won the bronze medal.



Cross Country - Great running from our students at the College Sport Wellington Individual Champs. They did very well with U16 Girls 2nd in the team event and Madison Wos winning the U16 Girls' race. Full results follow:

Yr 9 (3k) - **Koko Imazu** 39th
 U16 (3k) - **Madison Wos** 1st, **Savannah Allen** 8th,
Katie Jordan 14th
 U19 (4k) - **Gwen McGrath** 17th

Madison, Savannah and Gwen are also competing in the National Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs on 15/16 June in Christchurch. Good luck for the event.



What's On

Check the school calendar at

www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Week 6B - Theme: Mana Tipuna

7 Jun Sacred Heart Feast Day

Week 7A - Theme: Mana Tipuna

Library Week Lunchtime Activities

10 Jun Junior Poly Group Practice (3.30-5.30pm) PAC

11 Jun Senior Poly Group Practice (2.45-4.00pm) PAC

12 Jun Open Day (9.00am-1.00pm) Register at Office

Māori Achieve (1.35-2.15pm) A1

Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library

Kapa Haka Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) PAC

13 Jun Open Day (9.00am-1.00pm) Register at Office

Big Sister (3.30-4.30pm) Library

Poly Group Practice (4.30-6.00pm) PAC

15 Jun Poly Group Practice (10.00am-3.00pm) PAC

16 June Japan Trip Information Meeting (4.00-5.00pm) F1

Looking Ahead

18 Jun Aubert Feast Day

19 Jun Students Work from Home

Year 11, 12 & 13 Kōrero ā Whānau Meetings

20 Jun St Mary's Sport Exchange

28 Jun Matariki Public Holiday

Legally Blonde Jr.

In Week 3 this term we performed Legally Blonde Junior with St Bernard's College. Since November last year, the cast and crew have been working hard in preparation for the musical: acting, dancing, and singing our hearts out many hours a week. The hard work and nonstop practice were worth it with such an incredible opening night on the Wednesday. Besides our amazingly talented cast's work, the production was overall immensely successful with all four nights selling out (even with increased seating). We opened our V.I.Pink! night with over 160 people in the audience.

After not doing a whole school musical since 2019 due to covid, this was an amazing experience and opportunity for both staff and students to showcase the incredible range and quality of talent within our student body yet again. This was an amazing way to gain connections across the year levels here at Sacred Heart, and it also developed a stronger connection with our brother school St Bernard's. A Huge thank you to our choreographers Jessica McCarthy (12DH) and Addison Richards (11JG), our director Mrs Laidler (SHC), and teachers Ms Greaney (SHC), Miss McMillan (SHC), Mr Palamo (SBC), Mr Hoyes (SBC), and Mr Isaacs (SHC) – without you this musical wouldn't have been possible. Thank you also to all the staff who did front of house for us in the foyer, and those who helped with costume and set.

Penny Stanfield

