

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	Nĩ hǎo
	Mālō ni

Mana Mātauranga

A Heart for Knowledge

- ♥ I am responsible for my learning
- ♥ I have a positive attitude and aim to be my best
- ♥ I persevere even when things are hard
- ♥ I challenge myself to try new things

Kia ora e te whānau

Last week we celebrated Cook Islands Māori Language Week, it is so important that we encourage our students to maintain or learn their native language. Language is the gift that maintains the stories of our ancestors. A huge thank you to our Year 13 leaders for all their work. This week we have all been recipients of the joy they have spread during 'Spirit Week'. Year 13 have found fun and innovative ways to bring simple joy into our days.

I am sure that most of you have enjoyed watching the Olympic Games and all the success New Zealand athletes have achieved. Here at Manawa Tapu we have much to celebrate. This week we have a number of our winter sports winding up with semifinals and finals for College Sport. In Week 2 we had our 'Roadshow' where students shared their talents with our contributing schools.

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

Leo Buscaglia

Self-confidence is a big part of using our talents to the fullest, and so is commitment. Of course, at this age, young people also need the adults in their lives to be supporting, encouraging, transporting and resourcing their children to fulfil their potential. I realise this is not always possible for families and I hope that you see Sacred Heart as a supporting partner in this. Last Tuesday we hosted our Winter sporting code leaders for a pre-tournament evening. We are so appreciative of all our volunteers who give so generously of their time coaching, managing and coordinating sport in our kura. To be able to attend Tournament Week there is a requirement that students have a 90% attendance rate from now until Tournament Week in Week 8.

This term we are tightening up on our expectations around attendance and uniform. Term 3 is a very important term to cement the learning foundations for the year. Regular attendance is obviously extremely important, but so is commitment and preparation, and these elements are life-long skills. Some whānau might feel it is timely to have a talk at home about these things. Secondary school years go by very quickly and using one's talents and setting up for a life of choice, pathways and financial independence starts at school.

Ngā manaakitaka

Katrina Kerr-Bell, Principal

CAA Exams for Years 10, 11 & 12

Results are now out – students can access their results through the portal or from their NZQA login. Congratulations to all the students who were successful in this round.

Session 2 for the CAA exams will be at the following times:

Year 10	Week 8	Thursday 12 Sept- Reading and Writing
		Friday 13 Sept – Numeracy
Year 11/12	Week 8	Friday 13 Sept – Numeracy
	Week 9	Thursday 19 Sept – Reading
		Friday 20 Sept – Writing

There are no derived grades for these examinations. As yet we do not know when the results will be available for this second session.

The Literacy and Numeracy coordinators will be in touch within the next two weeks with further information about these.

Tournament Week and Mid-Term Break

Tournament week runs from 2-6 September.

The College will be closed on Monday 2 September.

Nominations for 2024/2025 Student Rep

Nominations open Friday 16 August. Make a difference, be Student Rep on the School Board. Collect a nomination form from Mrs Hall or the office before Monday 26 August.

If you have any questions catch-up with the current Student Representative, Michaela Caughley, or speak with Mrs Hall or Mrs Julie Knowles.

Japanese Visitors

On Tuesday we farewelled 20 students from Osaka, Japan. They had been with us for two weeks. A huge thank you to our host students and their families.



International Exchanges

Looking ahead, we are planning to send ten Year 10 students to Nakano, Tokyo, next year as part of the ongoing student exchange program. We are also sending three Year 11 students to Japan in January as part of the Toa Gakuen exchange programme.

Quiz Night

The annual SHC and St 'B's quiz was a fantastic success. We had a large number of teams enter and raised money for the Catholic charity Greenstone Doors, an organisation that supports young Mums with essentials for a new baby and free counselling. Zara Joe, our student Head of Special Character created a strong team of students from SHC and St Bernard's to organise the event. They planned and worked hard for months. The success of the night is due to their hard work and dedication. It was moving to see these young people raising money and awareness for peers that find themselves in challenging circumstances.



All Blacks Performance – Te Huatai Katorika

On 17 August our Kapa Haka team, Te Huatai Katorika, had the honour of performing during the half-time at the All Blacks vs Argentina game. The students were brimming with excitement and a touch of nerves. Overall, it was a fantastic experience and a valuable opportunity for our ākonga.



What's On

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

Week 4B - Theme: Mana Mātauranga

16 Aug Board Student Rep Nominations Open

Week 5A - Theme: Mana Mātauranga

Tonga Language Week

Level 1 School Externals in Class all Week

19-23 Aug 13OED Hilary Outdoor Centre Trip

20 Aug Online Leadership Voting Opens

Sacramental Mass (9.40-10.40am) PAC

21 Aug Māori Achieve (1.35-2.15pm) A1

Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library

Kapa Haka Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) PAC

School Board Meeting (7.00-8.30pm) Mission Mtg 1

22 Aug Course Selection Closes (4.00pm)

23 Aug Tertiary Open Day Year 13 (not at school)

Leadership Voting Closes (3.20pm)

25-28 Aug Yr 12 Ski Trip

Week 6B - Theme: Mana Mātauranga

Level 1 School Externals in Class all Week

26 Aug Board Student Rep Nominations Close (12.00pm)

27 Aug 11MUS Performance Assessment (6.00-7.00pm)

28 Aug Māori Achieve (1.35-2.15pm) A1

Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library

Kapa Haka Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) PAC

29 Aug Cultural Performance Evening (6.30-8.30pm) PAC

Looking Ahead

2 Sep Mid-Term Break – School is Closed

Performing Arts Roadshow

In Week 2 we had our annual SHC Roadshow and this year we combined with our brother school, St Bernard's College. We visited St. Michael's in Taita, St. Bernadette's, and St. Brendan's. We hosted St. Claudine Thevenet School, Our Lady of the Rosary, Ss. Peter & Paul, and the Year 7 and 8 students at SBC in the SHC Performing Arts Centre. Each show was jam-packed with incredible talent from both kura and was a way to continue to strengthen our bond with SBC, as well as form connections with other schools in Te Kāhui Waiako.

Through performances of music, dance, and drama we showcased what it is to be a student in the performing arts at SHC and SBC. These performances also gave our students a chance to develop their performance skills.

Everyone involved in the Roadshow had an incredible time performing and working together consistently throughout the year to produce the pieces. It was amazing to witness all our hard work coming together and creating something that was enjoyed not only by us, but also by the students from our contributing schools. A huge thank you to Mr Isaacs (SHC), Mr Palamo (SBC), Mrs Laidler (SHC), and Mr Hoyes (SBC), along with all the students who performed to make this year's Roadshow possible.

Penny Stanfield

