

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

Mid-Term Break
School is Closed
Monday 2 September
CAA Exams
Thursday 12 September
Friday 13 September

Kia ora e te whānau

Last week I was sitting in the staffroom at morning tea and was casually asked by a staff member about the Catholic view of the Devil. As Catholics the foundational principle we live by is the belief that all people are created by God in the image of God. To encounter God requires us to be in relationship with each other. Matthew 18:20. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them."* We know that even Jesus was tempted by evil when he was alone in the desert. The Devil is widely written about in the Old Testament however the New Testament is the example we follow as it recalls how God in human form lived. As humans we are called to choose Good, to strive for positive relationships.

Last Tuesday we celebrated 10 students and Nikki Payne, a staff member, receiving the sacraments of initiation into the Church. To witness these students and Nikki making a public choice to commit to the church and to a life of choosing a relationship with God was a powerful force of 'Good'. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate this special occasion with whanau. Pope Francis said, *"To celebrate and live the eucharist we, too, are called to live this love ..."*. We thank these members of our community for their witness of faith.

CAA Exams

In Week 8 we have our second round of Literacy and Numeracy exams. These are extremely important assessments as students need to pass these to get NCEA. We know how challenging these have been for students who have had to sit them more than once. Nationwide the results are not favorable, students must pass all three online tests to receive NCEA qualifications. As a college, we are exploring alternative NCEA standards for students to sit to meet the literacy and numeracy requirements. Being at school every day is critical to student success.

May/June CAA Results	Nationally
Numeracy	45.6% Achieved
Reading	58.7% Achieved
Writing	58.7% Achieved

How you can help at home:

- Attendance at school is crucial;
- Those students who read at home are more likely to achieve the assessments;
- Encourage the use of capital letters and writing in sentences;
- Learning times tables eg recite them at the dinner table, test them in the car eg what is 4 x 9?;
- Encourage your student to help you solve math problems at home - measurement, percentages;
- Email your student's teachers to ask them what they need to work on.

Did you Know

(Our School Day is 5 hours, 15 Minutes Long): **each time you are late to school or for class it equals**

Minutes Late	Time Missed in a Week	Time Missed in a Term	Time Missed in a Year
5	25 minutes	almost 1 day	3.1 days
10	50 minutes	almost 2 days	6.3 days
15	75 minutes	almost 3 days	9.5 days
20	100 minutes	almost 4 days	12.7 days

Ngā manaakitaka

Katrina Kerr-Bell, Principal

Candidates for Board Student Rep Election

The following students have been nominated as candidates for the Student Rep Election. Voting takes place in Week 8:

Millie Abbott and **Tahina Andriatovoarisoa**

Candidate's statements will be on noticeboards next week.

Mrs Delaine Hall, Returning Officer, Board Student Rep Election

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the 2024 Aotearoa New Zealand Spelling Bee Wellington Semi-Finals sponsored by The Wright Family Foundation.

Keona Machiko De Leon, KC Sturm, Riana Bautista (all from 9RL), **Jea Duhaylungsod** (9BD), and **Pranavi Nellipudi** (10RH). They are among the top 260 spellers to advance to this next stage. It is a huge achievement. The cut off mark was 34 and two students got 49. This year 76 secondary schools registered for the event.

Sacramental Mass

On Tuesday 20 August Father Raja baptised five people from our school community and five people received the Eucharist for the first time. These nine students and one teacher had journeyed for a term together, developing their faith and understanding of what it means to be a part of the Catholic community.



Sport

We are coming to the end of the winter sports, and we have been so pleased to see the enthusiasm of our students with their games. Many of our teams reached the finals and these are summarised below:

Badminton

Senior A - Winner of the Regional Division 1 Seniors

Junior A - Winner of the Regional Division 2 Juniors

Junior B - Winner of the Hutt Valley Division 4 Juniors



(L) Senior A

(R) Junior A

Hockey

1st XI - Winner of the Premier 3 Grade (*pictured right*)

2nd XI - Finalist in the Reserve Grade



What's On

Check the school calendar at

www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Week 7A - Theme: Mana Mātauranga

Winter Tournament Week

2 Sep Mid-Term Break – School is Closed

3 Sep Liseux Feast Day

4 Sep Māori Achieve (1.35-2.15pm) A1

Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library

Kapa Haka Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) PAC

5 Sep MUS202/303 Solo Performance Evening (6.30-8.30pm) PAC

8 Sep Japan Trip Information Meeting (4.00-5.00pm) F1

Week 8B - Theme: Mana Mātauranga

9 Sep Yr 9 Sport Academy (8.45am-12.30pm) Naenae

Badminton Courts

10 Sep Board Student Rep Voting

11 Sep Yr 10 Business Market Day (lunchtime) Lawson Foyer

Māori Achieve (1.35-2.15pm) A1

Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library

Kapa Haka Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) Gym

12 Sep CAA Exams – Year 10

13 Sep Non-Uniform Day – Onesie/Oodie

CAA Exams – Years 10/11

14-15 Sep DOE Bronze Qualifying Journey

Looking Ahead

16-23 Sep School Exams (Years 11, 12, 13)

18 Sep Whānau Hui (6.00-7.00pm) Atawhai

Football

1st XI - Finalist in the Premier 2 grade

2nd XI - Finalist in the Hutt Valley Division 2 competition

Junior A - Winner of the Regional Division 2 competition



Football
1st XI

Netball

Senior A - Finalist in the Premier Hutt Valley Grade

SHC Junior C - Finalist in Collegiate 2

SHC Purple - Finalist in Collegiate 8

SHC Yellow - Finalist in Collegiate 9

SHC Green - Finalist in Collegiate 10

Rugby – 1st 15 - Finalist in Premier 1

A big thank you to all the coaches, managers and whānau who support our students in sport at Sacred Heart College.

Term 4 Sport Registrations

Registrations for Term 4 sports close on Wednesday 28 August.

To play in Term 4 please register on

<https://www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz/kb/registrations>

Sport Prize Giving - save the date

Our sport prize giving will be in the PAC at 6.00pm on Wednesday 16 October 2024. If you have any out of school achievements,

please email sport on naylors@sacredheartcollege.school.nz

HuttFest

Our Te Huatai Katorika Kapa Haka, Junior and Senior Poly clubs proudly represented their cultures, whānau, and SHC at HuttFest at the end of last term. Ngā mihi nunui to all the student leaders, teachers, tutors, and families who helped the groups with their HuttFest 2024 campaign. All the hard work behind the scenes and long hours of practices have paid off. Fa'afetai tele lava to the HuttFest organising committee for a great festival.

[photo credits *HuttFest adrian_*]



Uniform Shop has Moved

The shop has relocated to P2, the second prefab on your right as you walk through the main gates.