

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

Enrolment for 2026

Enrolments are now open
to Year 9s in 2026

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Nau mai, haere mai, e te whānau,

On Saturday, as a church community, we celebrated the Feast of the Visitation—a moment of profound grace and courage. This feast commemorates the journey of Mary, a young woman newly pregnant and likely overwhelmed, who travelled to visit her older cousin Elizabeth. Despite her fears, Mary was met not with judgment, but with unconditional love and joyful recognition. Elizabeth's words still echo through time:

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (Luke 1:42)

This passage is especially meaningful to the Mission Sisters, whose charism is rooted in hospitality, compassion, and empowering others, especially women and the young, to respond to God's call with courage and joy. Mary's visit to Elizabeth is a model of mutual support, faith in action, and the power of encounter.

That same spirit of encounter and unity was alive and well over the weekend as students, staff, managers, and coaches travelled to Napier to compete in the annual Mission Cup and Te Toa Cup. These tournaments, celebrating netball and hockey respectively, have been a cherished tradition since 1972, bringing together sister schools across Aotearoa. The wind blew, the sun shone, and we returned not only victorious, bringing home the Mission Cup, but also richer for the experience, having deepened our bonds with our fellow Mission Colleges. Although we were not equally victorious in Te Toa Cup we were proud of our third placing against worthy opposition.

Back home, we were honoured to host the regional Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition. It was a true blessing to witness so many young people speak with such confidence, clarity, and mana. Events like these are vital. They nurture young leaders, give voice to diverse perspectives, and affirm the power of language and identity.

We are also excited to announce the official opening of our new Art Rooms and refurbished Science Laboratory on Friday, 6 June at 7.00am. These new spaces will inspire creativity, innovation, and discovery, further supporting our students to thrive in all areas of learning.

As we reflect on these moments, we are reminded of the strength found in connection, courage, and community. A fitting whakataukī that links beautifully to the Visitation and our shared mission is:

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitakhi. Engari, he toa takitini

My strength is not the strength of one it is the strength of many

Just as Mary and Elizabeth supported one another, and just as our schools and communities uplift each other through sport, speech, and spirit, we journey forward—together.

Ngā mihi nui

Katrina Kerr-Bell, Principal

Reader / Writers

We are looking for volunteer reader / writers to help us support students with assessments, tests and school exams.

You will need good handwriting, spelling, and communication skills. Typing ability may also be an advantage. Training would be provided.

For more information, please contact Supported Learning Lead / SENCO Kate Baird via email

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Uber Eats

Uber Eats are not to be brought onto the school grounds. Students either bring their lunch or purchase it from the school canteen.

We would appreciate your support with this.

2025 Wellington Architectural Awards

Congratulations to architect and SHC alumni, Hannah Kelly, for her Mission House design winning in the Education section of the 2025 Wellington Architecture Awards. The judges' citation reads: "Mission House is an inspiring example of how sustainability and innovation can thrive within constraint. Working within the realities of a modest budget, the architects have delivered a high-performing, low-impact building that places student wellbeing at its heart. Every decision - from the use of mass timber construction to thermal modelling, natural ventilation, and carefully selected materials - reflects a commitment to performance without compromise. At its centre, an elevated library acts as a pātaka of knowledge - a serene, light-filled space that brings calm, connection, and a sense of ceremony to the school day. Mission House proves that thoughtful architecture can be both pragmatic and poetic." *Te Kāhui Whaihanga New Zealand Institute of Architects*



Pictured: Principal Katrina Kerr-Bell and Architect Hannah Kelly

Catholic Schools Day

On Wednesday 28 June we celebrated Catholic Schools' Day with the female Year 7 and 8 students of Sacred Heart Petone, Our Lady of the Rosary and St Claudine's. We started with a liturgy run by **Jessica Greaney, Jazarrah Tala, Lucy Wilson, Serah Stanley, Malaya Tadhana Hemady, Jewel Laiju and Teagan Brannigan**. The students were then taken on tours of the school and created bunting that we will display. A big thank you to our senior helpers who really showed manaaki to the visitors.



What's On

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

Week 7A

Theme: Mana Tipuna

- 9 Jun Fundraiser 13HAR Trip (11.00-11.30am) PAC Kitchen
- 10 Jun Aubert Feast Day
Fundraiser 1st XI Football (10.55-11.05am) PAC Kitchen
Poly Club Practice (2.45-4.00pm)
Tokelau Language Project (4.30-6.00pm) Library
Itinerant Music Concert (6.00-7.00pm) PAC
- 11 Jun **Year 8 Open Day** (9.00-10.30 & 11.00am-12.00pm)
Māori Achieve (lunchtime) Atawhai
Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library
Te Hua Tai Katorika Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) SBC
- 12 Jun **Year 8 Open Day** (9.00-10.30 & 11.00am-12.00pm)
Big Sister (3.30-4.30pm)
YAFA (4.00-6.30pm) St Bernard's
Poly Club Practice (4.30-6.00pm)
- 13 Jun Kapa Haka Rehearsal (lunchtime) PAC
Poly Club Rehearsal (3.30-5.30pm) PAC
- 14 Jun Te Hua Tai Katorika Wānanga (5.00-8.00pm) St Pat's
- 15 Jun Te Hua Tai Katorika Wānanga (9.00am-3.00pm) St Pat's

Looking Ahead:

Week 8B

- 17 Jun Siena Feast Day
- 18 Jun St Mary's Exchange - SHC
Lower Hutt Careers Expo (1.30-2.20pm) LH Event Centre
School Board Meeting (7.00-8.30pm) Library
- 19 Jun **Sacred Heart Feast Day**
- 20 Jun Matariki Public Holiday

ShowQuest



On Monday 26 May, SHC's amazing Dance Club took the stage at ShowQuest in Palmerston North. Our theme for ShowQuest was about segregation, and how we are better when we're together. We told a story about a society where groups are not allowed to mingle. However, there were three people who decided that this was the wrong way to live. They broke this "status quo", brought the groups together and protested for unity. We absolutely smashed it, and we also won some incredible awards:

Recognition in: Art, Technology, Dance

Student Leadership: **Addison Richards** (12JG) and **Stella Herrick** (11TC)

Whetū Rangatahi (Star of the Show): **Charli Baxter** (9EM)

Dance Club would like to thank our leaders Addison Richards, Stella Herrick, Keira Churchward and Cassidy Papier for all their mahi with choreography and costumes. We would also like to thank our parent helpers, our school, and Mrs Laidler for their support. **Keira Churchward** (13KF)

Photos can be purchased via this link:

<https://showquest.smugmug.com/2025/MANAWATU/10-SACRED-HEART-COLLEGE>

Sport

Mission Cup / Te Toa

This year's competition was hosted by Sacred Heart Napier, and involved six Mission Sister colleges.

Te Toa

During the recent King's birthday weekend the first X1 Hockey team competed in the Te Toa Cup held in Napier against our other Mission Sister schools. This tournament gives us the opportunity to connect with other students and build new connections whilst having some friendly rivalry.

The hockey team fought against some tough competition and came third equal which was an improvement on last year's result. A massive thanks to the coaches and our manager who took time to support us during this tournament. Finally, a big thanks to the players for the effort and drive you showed playing four games in two days.

Matilda Smith (12JG)

It was a very successful tournament winning two out of our four games and coming third overall. A huge thank you to Hugh Rosemergy, Subs Narrassy and Davina Smith for supporting our team.



Mission Cup

Our netball team had a fantastic tournament winning all five games and then being awarded the Mission Cup for Netball. Our game over the second team (Sacred Heart New Plymouth) was a 30-29 win, scoring the winning goal in the last 20 seconds; a close and great game to watch. Thanks to Claire Risk for your coaching of the team.



Out of School Achievements

Volleyball: Well done to **Lanuola Pedersen, Sueanna William Ah Ken, Yasmin Holsted-Russo** and **Tee-Queeva Ben-Tupuola** for their selection into the Wellington team for IPC Nationals. The team played over King's Birthday weekend doing extremely well, narrowly losing the 3/4 playoff.