

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 for Year 9s in
2026 **close Friday 4 July**

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Nau mai, haere mai, e te whānau,

This past week has been a special time for our Sacred Heart College community, as we marked two significant events: our Feast Day honouring the Mission Sisters, and the celebration of Matariki, the Māori New Year.

Our Feast Day is a time to reflect on the legacy of the Mission Sisters and the values they have instilled in our school, compassion, service, and faith. This year, we focused on the theme of tuakana-teina, the reciprocal relationship between older and younger, teacher and learner, guide and companion. This was beautifully illustrated through the story of Mary and Martha, reminding us of the balance between action and contemplation, service and presence.

At the same time, our students embraced the spirit of Matariki with a celebration of cultures, centred on the theme Empower and Embrace. Matariki invites us to remember those who have passed, to celebrate the present, and to look forward with hope and intention. It is a time of renewal, of coming together, and of setting aspirations for the year ahead.

It is fitting that these two events coincided. Both call us to reflect on our identity, our relationships, and our shared journey. They remind us of the strength found in community, the wisdom of our traditions, and the importance of nurturing one another.

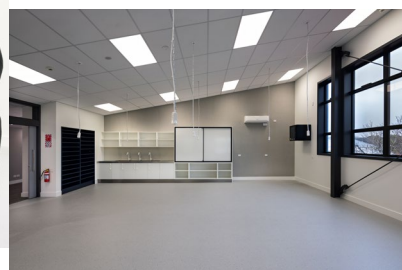
As we move forward, may we continue to empower and embrace each other, living out the values of Sacred Heart with courage and compassion.

Ngā mihi nui

Katrina Kerr-Bell, Principal

Whakamānawa A Celebration of New Beginnings

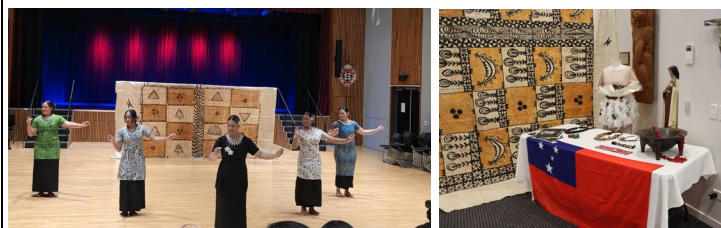
At 7.00am on Friday 6 June, we gathered for a special Whakamānawa ceremony to bless and breathe new life into our learning spaces. The former library has been beautifully transformed into two vibrant Art rooms, accompanied by a new storage room and a staff workroom. We also celebrated the blessing of our newly refurbished Physics laboratory. These revitalised spaces mark an exciting new chapter for creativity and discovery in our school.



Samoan Language Week

From 4 June to 6 June we celebrated Samoan Language Week at Sacred Heart College. The theme for Samoan Language Week this year was "Ia Malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã – A well-grounded self, is a successful self". To open up the week we had the Samoan National Anthem played over the intercom followed by a Samoan breakfast made by the Yr 13, 12 and 9 Samoan students at Interval. On Thursday we had held "Mitamita I lau Gagana" which was a night to display the Samoan Traditions and Dances. We had girls from Yr 10 and Yr 13 doing SulaKoga, Folafofa Koga'i, Folafofa Sua, Folafofa Ava, the Valaau and Yr 12 girls performing cultural dances. We also had an amazing feast to share with families and friends. To end the week we played the Samoan National Anthem during Ako and the Samoan classes held their own shared lunches. Special thanks to Mr Nofoaiga for guiding Samoan Language Week to being a success, as well as Miss Taeao, the Samoan classes and the Pasifika Council who played a major role in the week.

Bettylicia Sa'u, Head of Pacific



The Big Sing

Sacred Heart College gives students an opportunity to perform in an event called the Big Sing. This year for the Big Sing 2025 we had an all-comers choir that started at the beginning of this year for the students who want to, and love to sing. Our Open Heart Symphony got this opportunity to perform for Big Sing 2025. They were accompanied by the Hearts Chor, a smaller form group that which is for more advanced singers.

The Open Heart Symphony performed a few pieces for the Big Sing which were Tongan hymn, *Teu nofo Ho lalo va'e* that was taught to us by some of our choir members; *The Gift to Sing*; and lastly Aretha Franklin's *Say a little Prayer* (arranged by Tom Gentry). Along with the Heart's Chor who performed *One Short Day* by Stephen Schwartz; a ballad called *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* and *May the Road Rise*.

These two fantastic groups gave their all in their performance and everyone found a new experience and created their own individual spark. A big thank you to our amazing choir director for all her positive encouragement and hard mahi leading up to this event. We couldn't have done it without you Ms Jamieson Ems.

Alice Hoerara-Hunt, Deputy Head Student



What's On

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

Term Break

30 June – 11 July

- 4 Jul Senior Kōrero ā Whānau Bookings Open
- 5 Jul Te Huatai Katorika Wānanga (2.00-6.00pm) St Pat's
- 6 Jul Te Huatai Katorika Wānanga (9.00am-3.00pm) PAC
- 9 Jul Junior Production Rehearsal (10.00am-3.00pm) PAC
- 10 Jul Junior Production Rehearsal (10.00am-3.00pm) PAC
- 13 Jul Te Huatai Katorika Wānanga (9.00am-3.00pm) St Pat's

Week 1A Term 3

Mana Mātauranga

- 14 Jul Junior Production Rehearsal (3.00-5.00pm) PAC
- 15 Jul Lisieux Feast Day
Junior Production (4.00-8.00pm) PAC
- 16 Jul Māori Achieve (lunchtime) Atawhai
Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library
Junior Production (4.00-8.00pm) PAC
Te Hua Tai Katorika Rehearsal (5.00-7.00pm) St Pat's
- 17 Jul **Students Work From Home**
Senior Kōrero ā Whānau Meetings (11.30am-7.30pm)
- 18 Jul Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser – Student & Wellbeing Councils
Kapa Haka Rehearsals (lunchtime) PAC
Performing Arts Roadshow Auditions (4.30-6.00pm) PAC
- 18-19 Jul Caritas Overnight Challenge (7.00pm)

Kōrero ā Whānau for Senior Students

Kōrero ā Whānau for senior students with their subject teachers take place on Thursday Week 1 of Term 3.

Bookings will open at 9.00am on Friday 4 July.

This is a really good opportunity for students and whānau to discuss their programme with subject teachers, and talk about next steps / their pathways moving forward with their learning. Please look at for the email that has course fair information for our 2026 courses.

Winter Uniform

Term 3 is still a winter uniform term. We are asking students to ensure they are prepared with the correct uniform for the beginning of term. Correct ties and correct footwear must be worn. A reminder that our trousers are our regulation grey, available from the Uniform Shop. Students are allowed to wear plain small studs or sleepers. Two only are allowed in each ear lobe. Thank you for your continued support.

Open Days

On Wednesday 11 June and Thursday 12 June we welcomed the prospective Year 9 students. It was great that for the first time we could give them a tour of the site due to there being no building. Just a reminder, enrolments for Year 9 in 2026 are open and close on Friday 4 July 2025



Sport

School Events

We have had some great success recently.

Swimming

Well done **Madeleine Wilson** (11LP) for receiving the Pru Young Memorial Cup and winning the 50 metre freestyle at the CSW Swimming event recently – a great achievement.

Netballjor

Our Senior A netball team played in the Hutt Valley final at Walter Nash on 14 June. It was a great final against St Orans with our team winning 31-24. The team now looks forward to the RSSL Wellington competition and Lower North Island tournament over the next 3 months.

NZ Secondary School Cross Country Champs

The results from the Whangārei NZ Secondary School Cross Country Races are:

Lily Jordan (9BE) 73rd in Year 9 girls

Madison Wos (11LP) 29th Senior girls and 6th in U18 grade

Gwen McGrath (12AW) 33rd senior girls

Both Gwen and Madison represented Wellington in the relays on the Sunday. Gwen was in the Senior Girls B team and her team came in 8th, Madison was in the Mixed Senior Relay team and placed 3rd. It was a great course with hills and mud; the girls all did well.

St Mary's Exchange

On Wednesday 18 June the annual exchange against St Mary's was hosted by Sacred Heart. Games were played at Sacred Heart other than the Football, Hockey and Rugby that were played at Fraser Park. It was a great day with lovely weather and great sportsmanship. Our teams were supported by a great group of coaches and managers, and we are very thankful for all their support. Sacred Heart won the exchange 5-4; the results and Most Valuable Players (MVP) (awarded by the St Mary's teams that each team plays) are shown below:

Badminton: Sacred Heart 6-0 – MVP **Alycia Chong**

Netball: Jnr A St Mary's 37-20 – MVP **Awhina Moananu**

Basketball Snr A: St Mary's 71-32 – MVP **Kayla Little**

Netball Snr B: Sacred Heart 23-18 – MVP **Rylee-Callayan Roper**

Hockey: Sacred Heart 9-0 – MVP **Olivia McIntyre**

Football: Sacred Heart 4-0 – MVP **Olivia Fairfield**

Basketball Jnr A: Sacred Heart 45-23 – MVP **Athena Papalii**

Rugby: St Mary's 47-17 – MVP **Tee-Queeva Ben-Tupuola**

Netball Snr A: St Mary's 28-17 – MVP **Isabel To'ia**



Sacred Heart Feast Day



All welcome!!



Come Along!

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church

175th Jubilee 1850 – 2025

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June 2025

Saturday 28th

10am:

- **Jubilee Mass** with Archbishop Paul Martin
- Shared memories and performances

12.00: Shared lunch and cake cutting

5.30pm: Regular Mass

6.30pm – Jubilee Dinner

Good World Restaurant,
98 High Street, Lower Hutt

Tickets available after Masses from Ss Peter and Paul Church \$40pp

Sunday 29th

9am:

- Family Mass
- Celebration following for children

5.30pm

- Mass led by our Youth
- Followed by Wine and Cheese for Adults and Pizza for Youth

Saturday 5th July

2.30pm - Bonus Celebration

Jubilee High Tea for Senior Parishioners
at Ss Peter and Paul Church Hall

Jubilee Novena:

For details see Parish website www.teawakairangi.nz