

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

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

Nau mai, haere mai, e te whānau,

Celebrating Identity, Achievement, and Community

As the year draws to a close, we are reminded of the importance of finishing well. Not just in our academic efforts, but in how we honour each other, our stories, and the journey we've shared.

On Tuesday evening of Week 1, we held the first of our end-of-year celebrations, our Sport Awards. A stunning evening that highlighted the significant number of students involved in sport: playing, coaching, and umpiring. A heartfelt thank you to our community, those who get our students to games and practices, and to everyone who helps with coordination and coaching. We could not do it without you.

This was followed up on Thursday evening with Pō Whakanui. This beautiful event was a tribute to our Māori students. It was a time to acknowledge their achievements, their identity, and the legacy they carry with pride.

This week, we look forward to Mana Pasifika, another opportunity for our Pacific students to celebrate who they are as learners. These events are powerful reminders of the richness of our school community and the importance of identity in education.

It is pleasing for us to learn how many of our Year 13s have already received University Academic Scholarships. We look forward to sharing these with you at Prize Giving.

In Week 5, we welcome ERO (Education Review Office) to our kura for a school review. We look forward to sharing our journey, our strengths, and our aspirations with them.

I want to acknowledge your patience during the current industrial action. Please know that our staff are working hard to ensure your students are not missing out. It is important that those who work in schools take action; our staff are the most vital resource in learning. Without great staff who are valued, we will be in serious trouble. I will continue to keep you updated.

Sadly, this is also the time of year when some staff make decisions about their futures. We are proud, but also saddened, to farewell several valued colleagues:

- Miss Nicola Pollard will be leaving us to take up the role of Deputy Principal at St Catherine's College in 2026.
- Mrs Judith Bergman, our Head of Mathematics, has chosen to step away from teaching to spend more time with her grandchildren and family.
- Mr Seteuati Nofoaiga is moving to Auckland with his mother so she can be closer to family.
- Ms Ceri Jenkins is leaving her role as Assistant HoD Social Sciences.

We thank them for their service, their dedication, and the impact they've had on our students and school community. They leave with our love, respect, and best wishes for the journey ahead.

As we close the year, may we all take a moment to reflect, to celebrate, and to finish well. It is a wonderful term full of celebrations for our rangatahi who walk forward with courage, curiosity, and commitment.

Let us remember the whakataukī:

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei
Pursue that which is precious, and if you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.

Principal's Reflection continued

This is a call to aim high, to strive for excellence, and to embrace the challenges that come with growth. You are capable. You are worthy. You belong.

Whether your passion lies in academics, kapa haka, sport, leadership, or the Arts, know this:

You are enough

You have been nurtured by your whānau, your kaiako, and your community

You are ready

And you carry within you the strength of generations.

Let us be inspired by the words of Euphrasie Barbier, founder of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions:

“Let us serve God with faith, love and fidelity.”

Simplicity is interior peace and joy. There, in the sanctuary of His Heart, He will keep you gathered together.

Ngā mihi mahana, Katrina Kerr-Bell, Principal

CAA Results

The results are in for the CAA Reading. Students and whānau can access these results through the portal or on the NZQA website through the learner's login. Numeracy and Writing results are expected on Monday 20 October.

NCEA Examinations

All students should be aware when they are expected at school for their NCEA examinations. These start on 4 November for Years 12 and 13. For Year 11, examinations start on 10 November. Year 11 will be in school until Friday 31 October. Please go over the examination timetable with your student [exam timetable](#)

NCEA Examinations on 5 November

Level 3 English is scheduled from 9.30am to 12.30pm on 5 November. The planned industrial action is set to occur between 1.15pm and 3.15pm, so the exam itself will not be affected.

Level 2 Geography is scheduled in the afternoon of 5 November: The NCEA staff (not school staff) will continue to support students for this afternoon exam.

Picnic Tables

Our new Picnic Tables have arrived. The Student Council and the Wellbeing Council collaborated to fundraise for the tables so that we could enhance our outdoor spaces. Through non-uniform days, icecream sales, a Teddy Bears picnic and helping out at a regional Patchwork event, we were able to purchase two tables. A special thank you to the School Board for helping us in our venture and to Dan and Vaughan for preparing them for student use.



What's On

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

Week 3A Term 4

Mana Whenua

Niue Language Week

- 21 Oct Whole School Celebration
Year 13 Leavers' Mass and Celebration
- 22 Oct Year 11 in School
Year 12 Liturgy (students leave after liturgy)
Māori Achieve (lunchtime) Atawhai
Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library
- 23 Oct PPTA & NZEI Industrial Action – Students Home
- 24 Oct Year 11 in School

Week 4B

Mana Whenua

Tokelau Language Week

Year 11s in School

- 27 Oct Labour Day – Public Holiday
- 29 Oct Māori Achieve (lunchtime) Atawhai
Homework Club (3.30-4.30pm) Library
School Board Meeting (7.00-8.30pm) Library
- 30 Oct Senior Prize Giving Rehearsal (Yr 13 9.00-11.00am)
(Yr 11/12 Prize Winners 10.00-11.30am) LH Town Hall
Senior Prize Giving (6.00-8.00pm) LH Town Hall
- 31 Oct Year 11 Liturgy (students leave after liturgy)

Important Notice for Year 13 Students

Capital Dental

Capital Dental are behind on their scheduled visits and will not be here this term.

Students turning 18 years old this year will need to visit one of their private clinics for their final free dental check-up.

If not enrolled with Capital Dental, follow link for clinic locations and booking information:

<https://www.dentistwellington.co.nz/locations>

Senior Prize Giving Thursday 30 October Lower Hutt Town Hall

All Year 11, 12 and 13 students to be seated by 5.45pm for 6.00pm start

Pō Whakanui

Māori Success Evening

Pō Whakanui was held on 9 October 2025 celebrating and acknowledging the successes of our Māori students. The theme was Matariki with the awards connected to and named after individual stars in the Matariki cluster. The awards were presented by past pupil Deborah Broughton. Thank you to Whaea Frost and the team for a wonderful celebration.

Tracey Tupuivao
Tupuārangi Award



A star representing gratitude and appreciation. Awarded to a student in recognition of her mahi towards sharing of herself in the work of our tupuna. This student has shared her skills and her time with others.

Meah Brown
Waipunarangi Award



Waipunarangi reminds us that what you give to others comes back to you. Awarded to a student for her extraordinary commitment to her te reo Māori me ona tikanga, who shares her knowledge of Mātauranga Māori to make connections with other students.

Mollie Mato
Tupuānuku Award



Tupuānuku is linked to Papatūānuku and the produce from the land. Awarded to a student who has demonstrated kindness and humility and demonstrates, school values.

Haylen Clark
Hiwa-i-te-rangi Award



This star is connected to growth and shows promise for the future.

Hiwa-i-te-rangi is the youngest of all the stars in the cluster so it is fitting this award will go to a young achiever. Someone who has shown great potential in her schoolwork and in everything that she does for her education.

Ella-Grace Churchward
Ururangi Award



Ururangi is described as a star that represents the hard work that impacts the community health and wellbeing. This award is a recognition of the student's contribution to school Hakinakina and Hau ora.

This award goes to a student who has represented her kura, whānau, hapu and iwi.

Alyssa Aoina
Waitī Award

Kelaiah Rahui-Lawton
Waitā Award



These stars are both connected to water.

Waitī is the star connected to fresh water that is essential for health and wellbeing and used for all manner of Māori ceremonies.

Waitā represents the ocean and sea creatures.

These awards are for students who show manaakitanga. They show kindness, are generous, and hospitable. These students demonstrate the ability to uplift and support others.

Alice Hoerara-Hunt
Pōhutukawa Award



This star serves as a reminder to reflect on the individuals who have enriched our lives and contributed to our journey.

This award goes to a student who carries the mana of past pupils into the present, embodying the legacy of those who have walked the school before them. She upholds our school values in every aspect of her school life, exemplifying the essence of service, always giving back to the school community and nurturing an atmosphere of unity. She carries the torch of those who came before, lighting the way for generations to come.

Aiymani Taueki
Matariki Award



Matariki is our Tuakana Award.

This award goes to a student who has demonstrated courage, passion, perseverance and leadership, in all things Māori. She is the guiding star, giving her time to lead others with aroha, patience, and strength.

Sport Awards

Thank you to everyone who attended the Sport Awards last week. Most importantly thanks to our guest speaker Lavinia Lea, current Hurricanes Poua and Wellington Pride Rugby player.

The top award winners were:

Student Coach of the Year - Brennan Cup	Alyssa Aoina Isabel To'ia
Netball Umpire of the Year - Stechman Cup	Kayla Little
Coach of the Year	Nevo Siolo-Tuiletufuga
Team of the Year	Volleyball Senior A Lions
NZ Representatives	Jayde Ashton
	Ella-Grace Churchward
	Rangitiare Graham
	Sophia Heagren
	Maya McLay
	Leah-Ray Roil
	Maddie Sharkey
Sporting and Academic Excellence - Lara Andrews Cup	Zoe Byrne
Outstanding Contribution to Junior Sport - VHS Cup	Sueanna William Ah Ken
Outstanding Contribution to Senior Sport - Sport's Department Cup	Harriet Rosemergy
Team Spirit and Sportsmanship - Leifi Netball Cup	First XI Football Team
Best All-Rounder - Keeting Trophy	Isabel To'ia
Junior Sportswoman of the Year - Clare Duggan Cup	Leah-Ray Roil
Senior Sportswoman of the Year - Keelty Trophy	Maddie Sharkey

A full list of sport awards recipients is on the school website [link from here](#)

