

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 Whenua

A Heart for the Land

- ♥ I care for God's world
- ♥ I leave classrooms clean and tidy
- ♥ I help keep the school litter free
- ♥ I respect all school property

Nau mai, haere mai, e te whānau,

Over the past four weeks, Sacred Heart College has been alive with celebration and recognition. From our **Sport Awards**, **Pō Whakanui**, **Mana Pasifika**, and **Final Full Assembly**, to the **Year 13, 12, and 11 Liturgies**, **High Team acknowledgements**, culminating in last night's **Senior Prize Giving**, each event has been a powerful testament to the dedication, growth, and spirit of our students.

These occasions are more than just ceremonies, they are moments that honour the work that has been done and the outcomes achieved. They reflect the values that underpin our school community:

- **Mana Whenua** – a heart for the land
- **Mana Atua** – a heart for God
- **Mana Mātauranga** – a heart for knowledge and learning
- **Mana Tīpuna** – a heart for the sisterhood and the Mission Sisters
- **Mana Tangata** – a heart for people

Together, these values shape our identity and guide our mission.

At Sacred Heart College, our mission is to inspire students to reach their full potential through an education grounded in Gospel values, while providing opportunities for leadership and excellence. This mission is deeply connected to the legacy of the **Mission Sisters**, women with a heart for the world. Their foundress, **Euphrasie Barbier**, received the gift of profound insight into the Divine Mission of the Trinity. Inspired by **Mary**, the first missionary who carried the Good News to her cousin Elizabeth, Euphrasie's vision continues to call us today to reach out, to serve, and to make a difference.

As our senior students prepare to leave Sacred Heart College, we are proud of who they are and all they have become. We know they carry with them the values, the spirit, and the mission of this place. They are young people who will continue to make a difference in the world guided by faith, compassion, and a commitment to justice.

Attendance Matters

While our achievement data is strong, we know that **attendance is crucial** to sustaining and improving outcomes. In **Term 3**, only **54% of students** attended school **90% or more** of the time. This is well below our goal of **80%**.

On a positive note, once students are at school, **96% are arriving on time regularly** (i.e. over 90% of the time). This shows that our students are engaged once they're here, but we need to do more to ensure they are here consistently.

Please don't fall into the trap of thinking, *"There's not much happening today,"* or *"Can I stay home?"* Every day at school makes a difference. When we look at our top academic achievers and high-performing athletes, they are consistently attending school more than 90% of the time.

As teachers and whānau, our shared role is to do whatever we can to support regular attendance. If there are barriers preventing your student from attending, please reach out to their **Dean** or a **Senior Leader**, we are here to help. **No better time than now to start great habits.**

Principal's Reflection cont.

Looking Ahead: Pastoral System Changes in 2026

In 2026, we are making a significant change to our pastoral care system by moving to **House Deans**. This shift is designed to strengthen engagement and relationships across the school community.

- Families with more than one daughter at Sacred Heart College will now have **one House Dean** supporting them throughout their time at school.
- One of our Senior Leadership Team; **Ngaira Sewell, Sinapi Taeao, or Maria Kerr**, will follow each year group through their journey at college.

We believe this change will help build stronger, more consistent relationships between home and school, and ensure every student is known, supported, and encouraged throughout their time with us.

We wish all our students starting their NCEA exams the best of luck and our prayers.

Ngā manaakitaka

Katrina Kerr-Bell, Principal

What's On

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

Week 5A

Theme: Mana Whenua

NCEA Exams Start 4 November

3-7 Nov Yr 10 Exams

Week 6B

Theme: Mana Whenua

NCEA Exams

Library Stocktake

10 Nov Sport Academy (9.00am-1.00pm)

13 Nov Te Omanga Performance (4.15-6.30pm)

14 Nov No NCEA Exams due to Canterbury Anniversary

CSW Touch Junior Tournament (Fraser Park)

Year 8 Transition Day (9.30am-2.00pm)

Junior Choir Performance (12.30-2.20pm) Enliven

Looking ahead:

17-28 Nov NCEA Exams

25 Nov Yr 10 Tournament Day

26-27 Nov Yr 9 Marae & DOE Days

1-3 Dec Yr 10 Camp

4 Dec Junior Prize Giving and Mass (last day)

CAA Results

We are pleased with the number of students who have passed the CAAs in the second round.

We are especially encouraged by the high levels of achievement in senior years and the progress made by students receiving additional support.

In addition, we will continue working closely with students in Years 11 and 12 to explore alternative pathways and provide additional support tailored to their needs. It is important to remember that students have until they leave school to achieve these standards, and our commitment is to walk alongside them every step of the way.

For those who have not been as successful, please find below resources that are available to help parents and whānau understand the feedback reports.

These resources will also help to support your students learning at home:

[Understanding the Numeracy Common Assessment Activity publish.pdf](#)

[Understanding the Reading Common Assessment Activity Publish.pdf](#)

[Understanding the Writing Common Assessment Activity publish.pdf](#)

Dux and Proxime Accessit to the Dux

On Thursday 30 October at our senior prize giving we celebrated our students' academic awards.

Charlotte Prebble was announced as Sacred Heart Dux for 2025, and **Vienna Serpa** as Proxime Accessit to the Dux.

This recognition reflects Charlotte and Vienna's excellent academic achievements this year.

Both students have excelled in all of their subjects and have modelled Mana Mātauranga at all times. We are very proud of them.

A special prize giving newsletter celebrating our academic awards will be distributed soon.



Head and Deputy Head Students 2026

At our Whole School Celebration on 21 October, our student leaders for 2026 were announced.

Congratulations to **Sueanna William Ah Ken** on being appointed Head Student in 2026, and **Emily Molenaar** Deputy Head Student. We look forward to their leadership.



Advance notice of strike action by PPTA members

Next week PPTA members covered by the Area and Secondary Teachers' Collective will be taking strike action on 5 November.

The strike is for two hours on 5 November starting at 1.15pm and ending at 3.15pm

The nature of the strike is a ban on all work by covered employees between 1.15pm and 3.15pm

Students will be released from school at 1.15pm on Wednesday. If your student requires supervision please contact the school office.

Mana Pasifika Pacific Success Evening - A Celebration of Culture, Community and Excellence

Sacred Heart College was alive with Pacific colour, rhythm, and pride as we gathered for Mana Pasifika on Thursday 16 October. The evening was a heartfelt celebration of our Pasifika students, staff, and wider community, honouring the richness of our Pacific cultures and the strength of our connections.

A highlight of the night was the emotional farewell to our Year 13 leavers, who were acknowledged for their leadership and contributions as they prepare to embark on new journeys. We also celebrated our dedicated staff through the Tautua mo ā Taeao – Pacific Heart Award, donated by Ms Taeao, recognising those who serve with heart and purpose for the future of our Pacific learners.

We were deeply inspired by our guest speaker, Cheri Hoffman, former Head Girl (2005), now a qualified nurse and Team Leader at Vibe. Her story of service, leadership and identity resonated with many and reminded us of the power of perseverance and purpose.

The evening was elevated by the breathtaking harmonies of the Pacific Connection choir, international barbershop bronze medalist champions, featuring our very own Ms Taeao and Ms Tueese. Their performance was a powerful reminder of the talent and passion within our teaching team.

Congratulations to all nominees and award recipients, your achievements shine brightly and reflect the spirit of Mana Pasifika. Fa'afetai tele lava to everyone who made this event unforgettable.

Louise Cocker
Mateaki Li'oa Diligence
Premier Award



Koe pale ki he fanauako, ngaue malohi, ma'u ako, maau ē teunga ako. Pacific students who have applied themselves consistently to their studies, including punctuality, attendance, uniform, and effort.

Trophy donated by Failoa Famili Trust. Cash prize \$300 from ACE Aotearoa.

Bettylicia Sa'u
Tautua Fa'amaoni Service
Premier Award



O i latou nei ua fa'amanuiaina i le tautua fa'amaoni e ala i 'au'aunaga 'ese'ese i totonu o le a'oga.

Pacific students who have served with humility and integrity to the various areas of the school.

Trophy donated by Hutt City Council. Cash prize \$300 from ACE Aotearoa.

Shekinah Sa'u
Arataki'anga Leadership
Premier Award



E 'akairo teia tei akaāri i te tūranga teitei o te tamaiti no runga i te Arataki. Pacific students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership.

Trophy donated by Jess Andrew (past student). Cash prize \$300 from ACE Aotearoa.

Jaylaleiana Leleisiuao
Tau Fakaveaga He
Fakaakoaga Students'
Choice Premier Award



Tau fanau ne fakatumu ke fakakite e tau mahani mo e tau fakaveaga he aoga. Students who have consistently demonstrated our school values - Mana Atua, Mana Tipuna, Mana Tangata, Mana Whenua, Mana Mātauranga.

Trophy donated by Pacific All Stars Initiative and Vibe. Cash prize \$300 from ACE Aotearoa.

Pacy Wilson
Cocovi Ni Lewa Matau
Pasifika Navigator Premier
Award



E soli vua na gonevuli lewa matau nona bula ena gauna e sotava kina na dredre kei na vei bolebole eso. Pacific students who have navigated their way through significant challenges.

Trophy donated by Ministry of Social Development. Cash prize \$300 from ACE Aotearoa.

Ruru Lupi
Te Kanava Premier Award



This award recognises Pacific cultural leadership and excellence through Poly club. Te Kanava therefore symbolises a student anchored in mana, strength and service to others from the heart.

Trophy donated by Tylah Lui-Pelasio (the inaugural Mana Pasifika Supreme Award recipient). Cash prize \$300 from ACE Aotearoa.

Isabel To'ia
Kaukumete Excellence
Premier Award



Fanau akoga nae tumau te manaia a na hatalaga i vaega uma o te akoga. Pacific students who have consistently achieved excellent results in their chosen fields (eg: Academic, Sports, Performing Arts etc).

Trophy donated by SHC Tokelau families. Cash prize \$300 from ACE Aotearoa.

Bettylicia Sa'u
Mana Pasifika Supreme
Award



This student isn't defined by the smallness of their island but by their greatness of their identity. They are proud of who they are, they display great strength, when faced with challenges and they continue to flourish in their leadership. This student consistently shows resilience, nobility and social solidarity.

Trophies donated by SHC School Board, Hon Ginny Andersen MP. Cash prize \$1,000 from ACE Aotearoa.

Mana Pasifika cont.

Mike Isaacs

Tautua mo ā Taeao – Pacific Heart Award



This award recognises staff who uplift Pacific values and walk alongside our students with genuine care, cultural understanding, and unwavering support. Students and our wider community were invited to nominate staff who embody this spirit.

Year 10 Trip to Nakano City, Tokyo, Japan

During the school holidays, Ms. Taeao and ten Year 10 Japanese students joined Wellington College on a two-week exchange to Nakano City, Tokyo, through the Wellington Nakano Education Society programme. Students stayed with host families and were split amongst six junior high schools around Nakano City, where they experienced school life and cultural activities such as Ikebana (flower-arranging), kendo (Japanese martial art), shodō (calligraphy), sadō (tea ceremony), and kimono wearing.

The second week included visits to Tokyo Disneyland, Oya Stone History Museum, DiverCity Tokyo's Unicorn Gundam, and a Noh theatre performance.

It was a life-changing experience for the students, and we look forward to hosting the Nakano students in July next year.

Ms Sinapi Taeao



Following the Japan trip, students from Wellington College and SHC were invited to write an essay reflecting on their experiences. The essays were judged by a representative from the Wellington Nakano Education Society, and we are delighted to announce that two of our students achieved outstanding results: **First place to Ocean Feakin (10RL)** and **third equal place to Bree Mano (10EG)**. Both receive cash prizes for their achievements, which will hopefully be presented by the Mayor in an upcoming ceremony. Congratulations to our talented writers for representing our school with excellence and creativity.

Mrs Sarah Knowles

Measles is in Wellington

There have been measles cases confirmed in Wellington

- Check the published [Locations of Interest](#) in case you may have come into contact with the measles case.
- Watch out for [Measles Symptoms](#) - fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash.
- Keep students home from school if they have any measles symptoms and ring a doctor or **Healthline for advice on 0800-611-116**.
- Check if your whānau are immune to measles and find medical records, such as immunisation records or test results, to confirm this. For more information on checking your immunity visit <https://info.health.nz/measles-immunity>. It is safe to have additional doses if they don't have proof. For more information: <https://info.health.nz/MeaslesVaccine>

Leaders 2026

On Tuesday 21 October, Sacred Heart's student leaders for 2026 were announced. Congratulations to you all.

School Board Representative

Xanthe Williamson

Head Librarian

Angelina Stanley

Poly Leaders (announced at Mana Pasifika)

Alei Aholelei-Sione
Fa'asipa Kasiano

Marisah Perez
Nate Warwick Smith

Pacific Tuakana

Odette Brown
Davania Chadwick
Briseis Hopoi
Meleana Latu
Tekafa Lui-Pelasio

Jaja Maulolo
Blessing Peniata
Aneriueta Peni Niulevaea
Luana Pohiva
Christine Sa'u

Kapa Haka Leaders (announced at Pō Whakanui)

Prezley Easthope

Hinetai Porter-Samuels

House Captains and Leaders

Aubert House Captain House Leaders	Pippa Hookham Cassidy Papier Te Ana Waiariki
Avila House Captain House Leaders	Acacia Hemera Bella Kilkelly Eden Roewen
Barbier House Captain House Leaders	Yasmin Holsted-Russo Lucy Cowley Marisah Perez
Lisieux House Captain House Leaders	Sari Willis Jaja Maulolo Danika Ross
Lourdes House Captain House Leaders	Addison Richards Isabella Andrews Tiana Betham
Siena House Captain House Leaders	Christine Sa'u Georgia Byrne Daisy Robinson

Leaders 2026 cont

Heads:

Head Student	Sueanna William Ah Ken
Deputy Head Student	Emily Molenaar
Head of Māori	Tracey Tupuivao
Head of Pacific	Ana Vaka
Head of Academic	Katie Jordan
Head of Culture	Mia Tutagalevao
Head of Performing Arts	Kelaiah Rahui-Lawton
Head of Service	Emma Joe
Head of Special Character	Liana Bond
Head of Sport	Kayla Little
Head of Wellbeing	Matilda Smith

Peer Support Leaders

Jayde Ashton	Charlotte Philpott
Brylee Burn	Abigail Pietersz
Luse Duff-Touhuni	Arly Poinga
Jasmine Eastergaard	Khloe Sophia Ramos
Olivia Fairfield	Lyla Richards
Anna Forbes	Charlotte Roberts
Peighton Galuva'a	Sydney Roma
Sophia Heagren	Mamele Salesa
Lily Herdman	Lily Simmons
Pia Holmes	Anuva Singh
Jorja Hutchison	Kataliya Tamihana
Jasmine Li	Anya Trinidad
Alofagia Lilomaiva	Hana Tuia
Lola Marsden	Bella Webber
Paris Matenga Pender	Olivia Whiteman
Krishna Padhi	

Special Awards

SHC Service to Dance Cup: **Cassidy Papier**
 PTFA Jubilee Cup for Excellence in Debating **Vienna Serpa**
 SHC Halligan Cup for Speech and Drama: **Rose Hambidge**
 Sister Mary Lockhart Memorial Trophy: **Sienna Judd**
 Sister Moira Cup for Peer Support: **Jaja Maulolo**
 Lisl the Lion Trophy: **Kc Sturm**
 SHC School Service Cup for Head Student: **Isabel To'ia**
 Year 13 Sisterhood Cup: **Isabel To'ia**
 The Van Dillen Interhouse Cup for House Spirit: **Lourdes**
 The Inter-house Shield: **Siena**
 Lisl the Lion Shield for Sport (Staff v Students) **Students**
 The Shackleton Challenge Cup for Debating (Staff v Students) **Staff**

Sport

College Sport Competitions

Junior Ki-o-Rahi

Last week Sacred Heart entered three girls' teams and one combined mixed team with St Pat's Silverstream in this tournament held at Porirua College. It was great to see nearly 50 of our students compete at this event. Our Whero team reached the semi-final and the Combined Mixed team lost narrowly by one point in the finals.



National Science and Technology Forum

Rochelle Ngu (12MC) has been selected to attend the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum for 2026.



This highly regarded programme has a 35-year history of providing high achieving, well-rounded Year 12 Science, Mathematics and Technology students with one of the best experiences of their lives.

For 14 days 168 like-minded students will explore tertiary-level Science, Mathematics and Technology. They will participate in lectures, laboratories and field stations, meeting industry leaders and visiting organisations across a range of sectors.

Sport cont

Outside School Success

Football

Congratulations to Year 11 student **Maddie Sharkey** who made her debut for the Phoenix Women's Reserves against Wellington United in the National League on Friday. A great achievement to play in this football competition.



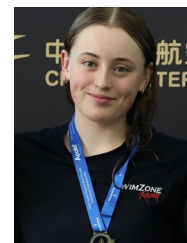
Swimming

Some amazing results from **Madeleine Wilson** at the NZ Short Course Swimming Championships on the 21-25 September. Madeleine swam in five individual events at the New Zealand Short Course Champs: 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 50 Butterfly, and 50 Backstroke.

In her 15-year-old age group she won gold in four events (during the morning sessions): 1st in 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, and 50 Butterfly, and 4th in 50 Backstroke.

In the evening sessions (Women Open Finals) she raced the 50 Freestyle A-Final and placed 6th in New Zealand, the 100 Freestyle A-Final and the 50 Butterfly A-Final, both placing 10th.

Madeleine broke three individual Wellington records in the events: 50 Freestyle, 50 Butterfly, and 50 Backstroke.



Touch Rugby

Congratulations to Year 10 student **Jada Tetevano** selected to the Te Ohu Ikaroa Touch Emerging People Programme to compete at the Touch Rugby Regional Home-Grown Series in April 2026.

Water Polo Congratulations to **Maya McLay's** NZ U17 Women's Water Polo team for receiving bronze at the 2025 Australian National State Champs. What a great achievement.

Maya has also been named in the NZ U18 Water Polo Team heading to the 2025 Australian Cup and Nations Series in December. We hope it goes well.



CSW Sportsperson of the Year

SHC finalists are: **Madeleine Wilson** (Swimming), **Sueanna William Ah Ken** (Volleyball), and **Maya McLay** (Water Polo). We wish you all the best for Sunday evening's Awards.

You're invited to



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Te Awa Kairangi

Come and share an evening with people from diverse backgrounds.
There will be conversation, stories, music, fun and kai.
Everyone is welcome.

A contribution of food for shared kai is appreciated.

Please Note that no peanuts are allowed at the venue

Tea, coffee and juice supplied. The bar will be selling drinks.

Musicians are invited to bring an instrument!

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

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5 PM

2025

Hutt Valley Irish Society, 12 Raroa Road

*Aroha Afternoons bring people in communities together,
building connections across the spaces between us.*

