Kia ora whanau, welcome to our July newsletter and the end of Term 2.

Full written mid year reports were emailed home last Friday, and I hope that students and caregivers have had an opportunity to sit together and have a look at the comments that classroom teachers have carefully constructed for the benefit of every learner. I am sure that there were positives, and I am also quite sure that there will be some suggestions for improvement that could be taken on board. The GEMS teacher comments are important, as these comments have been structured around how well each learner is progressing in achieving their Ako, Manaakitanga and Wāhine Toa goals. If necessary, the school holiday break will give the time and space required for each student to consider how they’re progressing towards achieving their goals, and perhaps make a plan to ensure that they remain on track in achieving those goals in the latter part of the year.

We will begin Term 3 with a number of staffing changes. Mr Jeremy Taylor returns from his Science Teaching Leadership Programme. Mr Clarke now finishes with Manawa Tapu with Mr Taylor returning to teach Year 12 and Year 13 Chemistry, and also to two Year 9 Science classes which have been taught by Mrs Megan Hitchcock and Mrs Russy Graham. Mr Taylor will be concentrating on becoming re-acquainted with the Science faculty, therefore it has been decided that Mrs Amanda Brown will continue in the role of Year 12 Dean. Thank you Mrs Brown for this commitment, and also thank you to Mrs Linda Lawley who has been a very dedicated Head of Faculty Science in Mr Taylor’s absence.

Mrs Anne McSweeney also returns to work at the beginning of Term 3. Thank you very much to Mrs Margaret Crawford who has taught all of Mrs McSweeney’s classes in her absence, along with one class of her own. Thank you also to Mrs Pauline Koorey who managed to fit in the time to be an excellent Head of Faculty English for the first half of the year.

You may recall that Ms Tamati has resigned and is heading to Beijing, China to work in an international school. Ms Tamati is going to be with us for the first three weeks of Term 3, before she and her two sons head off on their big adventure. To provide the senior Physical Education students with continuity of learning heading into the second half of the year, Mrs Morressey will teach Year 11 Physical Education and Mrs Russy Graham will teach Year 12 Physical Education from the...
beginning of Term 3 right through until the seniors take study leave in November.

We have employed a new Head of Faculty Physical Education and Health, Miss Narelle O’Byrne. Miss O’Byrne is originally from New Plymouth, but has been overseas for some time, and is presently the Assistant Director of Physical Education at St Paul’s School for Girls’ in London. Miss O’Byrne is a very well respected teacher, is responsible for netball and coaches athletics. We look forward to welcoming Miss O’Byrne to Manawa Tapu on her return to her hometown in October, early in Term 4.

And last, but most certainly not least, we farewell our Elizabeth House Manager, Mrs Baker this week. There won’t be any big staffing changes at Elizabeth House in Term 3, with Mrs Schoemark looking after things for a while. The Sacred Heart Girls’ College Community joins me in wishing Mrs Baker all the very best as she finishes her time with us and looks forward to her newfound leisure time.

There have been many, many highlights in Term 2. Thank you one and all for actively involving yourselves in Living the Mission here at Manawa Tapu. We have been to O’Shea Shield, hosted Mission Cup and Te Toa tournaments, held the college Ball, celebrated Sacred Heart Feast Day with Mass and House Singing, held Academic week, participated in numerous sporting and musical events and last week participated in Ngā Manu Kōrero in Whanganui, with Whakairitaua Stanyon speaking in the Senior Prepared Speech, and our kapa haka performance troupe participating for the first time in many years. I am both pleased and proud that we are again involved. Congratulations also to those students who have been involved in recent sacramental programmes, including baptism, reconciliation and confirmation in response to the calling of the holy spirit. I hope that being a part of the Manawa Tapu faith community has contributed to your spiritual growth, along with your connection to your local parishes with your families.

The greatest highlight of the term for me personally was having had the privilege of being invited by the Attorney General to represent Sacred Heart in taking two students to He Puanga Haeata, the Parihaka- Crown reconciliation ceremony that was held at Parihaka. It was an incredible experience, a once in a lifetime opportunity to see history in the making. It was a powerful and moving ceremony, throughout which I was able to draw many parallels with our Catholic faith, and also the charm that has been gifted to us by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. Like the Mission sisters, the people of Parihaka were strong and determined in maintaining their wish for peace, even in the most unimaginable difficult circumstances. They were resolute, and resilient beyond measure. Never has our theme for the year been as poignant to me as it was on that day.

Paula Wells
Principal

Waiho māte toipoto, kaua i te toiroa
Let us keep close together, not far apart

Hope Excellence Acceptance Respect Together
“Be at peace with one another.”

On Sunday June 4 we celebrated the great feast of Pentecost when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. The name Pentecost (in Greek, ‘fiftieth day’) originally referred to the Jewish Feast of Weeks which fell fifty days after the Passover. This feast celebrated the first fruits of the harvest offered to God and also the giving of the Law to Moses. The early Church gave it Christian significance, rejoicing in the ‘first fruits’ and the ‘new law’ heralded by Christ’s resurrection. During these weeks fasting and kneeling were forbidden because of the joyful experience of the resurrection. Today we celebrate Pentecost as the conclusion of Easter. The colours of the vestments and decorations in the church is red, symbolising the intense love and fire of the Holy Spirit. Other symbols of Pentecost are the dove (see Luke 3:21-22), the tongues of flame (see Acts 2:1-4) and the wind (see Acts 2:2). Conscious of the missionary zeal which galvanised the apostles into a united body, we often think of Pentecost as the birth of the Church.

After Pentecost Sunday the liturgical calendar of the Church goes back to ‘Ordinary Time.’ During Ordinary Time, the Church’s prayers and selections of readings from Scripture follow Jesus in his public ministry. The Church selects teachings from the life of Jesus so that followers can be reminded of how to live a Christian life – to forgive, accept others generously, be healed and serve as instruments of healing, seek peace, live humbly, pray and trust in God’s care.

“Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel, which calls you to recognise and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable.”

Pope Francis: Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2017

The New Zealand Catholic Bishop’s Conference marks a special Day for Prayer for Refugees and Migrants on a Sunday close to World Refugee Day (June 20).

In the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, we celebrated this day on June 25. We remember that we are one body in Christ and one human family.

Over this last year, we have seen no end to the crisis in Syria which has affected more than 13.5 million people. We have witnessed the devastating impact of drought and civil war in South Sudan, which has led to the displacement of more than 1.5 million people. In the midst of great challenge and devastation, Pope Francis, in his annual message to the Church for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, draws our attention to child migrants and the most vulnerable and voiceless in these situations. We are called to maintain hope and courageously work for the protection and welcome of the most vulnerable migrants and refugees. We pray for all refugees forced to leave their homeland and turned away by others. Bring them to a place of safety where they may find warm and welcoming hearts.
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Academic Week

During Week 7 of Term 2 Academic Week was held. Academic Week this year involved the annual house quiz where the best of the best faced off to win house points for their house. The teams faced five rounds of questions with each round being a different topic. The topics were, Maths and Science, Geography, Who am I, Sport and General Knowledge.

A ‘Family Feud’ between the Year 13’s and the teachers was a new addition to Academic Week and proved to be a huge success. Three groups of teachers and Year 13’s went head to head with the teachers coming out victorious winning 3-0!

We also held the annual fun quiz. Just as always, this event attracted lots of girls wanting to test their general knowledge with their friends. During Vertical Form each day, the girls were also challenged by a brain teasers.

Congratulations to all girls who got involved with the week and had some fun.

Massey Leaders’ Symposium

On the 9th of July we had the privilege of attending Massey University’s Young Leaders’ Symposium held in New Plymouth at the Auto Lodge on Devon Street. Numerous other schools from the region attended including Boys’ High, Girls’ High, Opunake High School and Inglewood High School. The symposium was centered around working in groups in order to develop and showcase leadership qualities and ultimately to redefine what it means to be a leader. As the day progressed we split into groups and were given one major social or political challenge the youth of today face and were to both discuss this issue and propose a potential solution. To end the day we presented to PVC Professor Paul Splooney, Local Councillor Stacey Hitchcock and Head of the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce Sophie Braggins. As the day came to an end we left having developed our leadership skills, met new acquaintances and had discussed solutions to the numerous issues facing our youth that we will use in the future.

By Louise Ternouth

Pictured from left: Louise Ternouth, Zoe Honeyfield, Kate Dawkins, Natalie Walsh, Emma Crewe
Huge congratulations to the five girls who were Confirmed at St Joseph’s Catholic Church on Sunday, 18th June by Bishop Charles.

This special event was the culmination of a number of weeks working with Parish Youth Minister, Victor, as well as Vui from Auckland. Part of the preparation was attendance at a weekend camp, which from all accounts, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The girls who took this opportunity of cementing their relationship with God were Jessie Hau, Lucy Fastier, Anika Harrison, Emma Kingi and Marryn Wallace.

It was inspiring to witness these young people standing and publicly stating “My parents gave me the gift of faith at my Baptism. Now I want to make my faith my own.”

God bless and keep you all.

Volunteering in our community: The Cancer Society, Red Cross, Sport Taranaki, Literacy, Chalmers Rest Home, Animal Rescue, Time Bank, St. Vincent de Paul, Lions to name a few, gave two hours of their time to speak and foster the art of giving and volunteering to our Year 11’s. Students came away from the day more aware of their ability to help, support and volunteer in the community. One student said it gave her a sense of how she can do something good for others, another said she wasn’t aware of all the volunteers here in Taranaki. As part of the Religious Studies Programme and for five years running, the Year 11 students have made a commitment to help out/volunteer for one of the organisations they saw this day or another organisation they know of. As a year group, they will be selling red roses for the Red Cross later on next term and from the success in selling these last year as Y10’s, the Daffodil Society has already requested for some Year 11 volunteers. Thanks to the wonderful Year 11 students, all the organisations represented, Liz Goch, Liz Churches, Carole Tipler, Chris Moffit and Mary Mustchin for an action packed and well received day.
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Grease

27 August - 2nd September
$30 adults  $15 child/student/senior

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Congratulations to Former Students

Congratulations to the following former students who have graduated from the University of Waikato:

- **Jessica Marshall**  Master of Teaching and Learning
- **Ayla Adlam**  Graduate Diploma of Teaching (GradDipT)
- **Shantelle Bromell**  Bachelor of Science (Technology)
- **Tegan Ireland**  Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours (First Class)

New Plymouth Operatic Society

New Plymouth Operatic Society’s Mary Poppins season begins on the 6th of July and will run till the 22nd of July 2017. Four of our fellow Sacred Heart girls, **Sophie George**, **Kate Dawkins**, **Alex Spurdle** and **Hannah Liggett**, are involved in this production. **Hannah** is a year 9 student and is sharing the principal role of Jane Banks. **Kate Dawkins** and **Alex Spurdle** are in the ensemble and **Sophie George** is in backing vocals. Former Sacred Heart student, Bryony Williams, is playing the lead role of Mary Poppins. Don’t miss out on supporting our community in this practically perfect play.

![Pictured from left: Hannah Liggett, Sophie George, Kate Dawkins, Alex Spurdle](image)

Accelerator Programme

Throughout Term 2 we participated in Accelerator, a work experience and leadership programme run through Taranaki Futures. This meant we were placed at a business related to what we thought we might like to do after leaving school. The accelerator programme involved going to this business for one hour every Monday to look around and see what it would be like to work there. After this we would all meet together to listen to guest speakers such as Jonathan Young talk about different qualities and attributes needed in the work force which also enabled us to learn how to be positive leaders in our society.
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**NCEA**

The NCEA fees are set at $76.70. These need to be paid to the school by the end of August. You can pay via internet banking or at the school office. Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees for National Secondary Schools Qualifications (i.e. NCEA). A reminder scholarship entry is extra.

Who can apply for financial assistance? To be eligible to apply you must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be currently receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit, or have a current Community Services Card (benefit-based applications)
- Are not currently receiving a benefit, or do not have a current Community Services Card, but do have a joint family income that would entitle you to receive a Community Services Card (income based applications)
- Have two or more children who are candidates, irrespective of family income, and the total fees you would have to pay would otherwise be more than the $200 multiple candidate maximum (multiple candidate applications).

You cannot claim financial assistance for international fee-paying students.

Go to the NZQA website to find out more.

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**Pathways**

Pathways Week runs from Sunday 13th August through to Friday 18th August. It begins with Taranaki Careers Expo Sunday 13th and Monday 14th. The Careers Expo is open to the public and the College will be taking groups of students on Monday.

Pathways Evening starts at 6.00pm on Thursday 17 August. There will be an updated Pathways Booklet available on our website before this date.

Pathways conferences will take place at the college on 28th and 29th September.

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**Progress Reports**

Progress reports were emailed out on Friday 30th June. If you have not received your daughter’s please contact the school office.
2017 Attendance Dues Reminder

Attendance Dues statements will be sent out in the first week of July, requesting payment of the 3rd instalment for this year, plus any arrears from the 1st two instalments and/or previous years, by 31st July 2017, unless a payment arrangement is already in place.

The instalment amounts are:

- $111.75 for each Primary student (Year 0 – 8)
- $223.50 for each Secondary Student (Year 9 – 13).

One off payments by credit card or debit card (Visa or Mastercard only) can be made using our website: www.pndiocese.org.nz/education/dues.

If you have any questions or concerns about payment or would like to set up a regular payment plan, please contact Marcy, Susan or Mark at Attendance Dues on 0800 200 208 or by email: dues@pndiocese.org.nz.

GEMS

Well-done to all the GEMS classes for working hard this term. There has been some quality study time and wonderful Random Acts of Kindness happening throughout the school.

June has been a busy month for GEMS. During the GEMS lessons girls have had the opportunity to be entertained by the Excel Performance group, listen to visiting speakers from AUT and Fulton-Hogan. Some of the girls have also extended themselves by sitting ICAS tests. Well-done for participating in these opportunities.

Next term the focus will be on future pathways. This is a very important time to consider options.

Have a wonderful holiday. Keep safe, keep well and be kind.

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**Soundscape**
This was a Taranaki Youth Event run by Zeal – a group supporting Youth events with a focus on creativity. It was held at Escape coffee, and featured live music, fun and food! **Ruby Hosking** performed a set of songs, and was a credit to herself and to SHGC. The Altys – **Ellie Dixon, Rebecca Wells** and **Justine De Guzman** – also performed. They have become regulars on the local music scene. Well done to all of you.

**Regional Chamber Music Competition**
This is now in its 52nd year, and was held at St Andrews church on Friday 16th June.
There were 2 sessions. In the first session at 4pm we had the SHGC ‘Oro’, made up of **Fiona Glennie, Cornelia Chan** and **Ellen Crowley**. They played four movements of the Kleine Suite by Jan van Beekum. This was their debut as a group and they played beautifully, earning lovely comments from the adjudicator.
In the second session at 7.30pm we had students involved in two entries.
**Frances Chow** played violin as part of ‘Opus’, alongside two senior students from NPGHS. They played Movement 1 of the Piano Trio by Hermann Goetz, and I was amazed by the difficulty of the piece and the high level of musicianship on display.

**Brianna Breeze**, alto saxophone, played as part of a Saxophone quartet – ‘Take Four’ coached by Stewart Maunder. The other students were from NPGHS and NPBHS. The piece was an exciting Tango styled piece, by Astor Piazzolla. Again I was amazed by the high level of playing on display.
Take Four and Opus both achieved Highly Commended awards, effectively second equal, and all the SHGC competitors can be very proud of their fantastic achievements.

The adjudicator made special mention of the lovely sound the girls achieved. Well done Trebles – you can be proud of the way you represented Sacred Heart Girls’ College.

**Raewyn Hunter**
**TiC Music**
Congratulations
To Connie Jones Year 12
Connie attended, with her family, the Te Puke Country Music Festival, on the weekend of the 24th and 25th of June.
She achieved some outstanding results.
She was awarded 1st place in the Intermediate Age Group solo.
She was awarded 1st place in the under 18yrs Gospel Solo.
And she was also awarded 1st place in the Overall Under 18 years category.
Well done Connie!

The TREBLES at ‘Kids Sing’
Kids Sing is a Regional event, held once a year, for Primary and Intermediate choirs. It is set up as a Festival, but there is an adjudicator to give helpful feedback to all the participants.
This year the Trebles sang, under their new director, ex-SHG student, Philippa Drinkwater.

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Pathways students setting up colourful socks for making Sock Monkeys as part of a Random Act of Kindness for Starlit Hope.

Year 13 Barista students busy baking and decorating cakes to go with their coffee.

Ngā Manu Kōrero & Pae Rangatahi

It was an exciting trip away at the Ngā Manu Kōrero and Pae Rangatahi regional competitions held in Whanganui. Whakairitaua Stanyon portrayed true Wāhine Toa values when she represented Sacred Heart in the senior English section ‘Korimako’ of Ngā Manu Kōrero, her first year as a senior in the competition. Well done Whakairitaua, you have made the school, your whānau and your tūpuna proud. Pae Rangatahi saw the school’s first representation on the regional Kapa Haka stage in about eight years where we stood proudly alongside our brother school Francis Douglas under the name of ‘Te Piringa Wairua’ which translates to The Joint Spirit. The core value of the group was to represent the Catholic character of both schools whilst celebrating being Māori in mainstream schools.

SingOut4Justice

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS!
7N, under the expert guidance of Mrs Nicola Hill, composed a song based on the theme ‘Better Together.’ This was entered in the National SingOut4Justice song writing competition. They made the finals, the top 5 in the Year 7 – 10 category – an awesome achievement. Their song is called Waiho ma te toipoto. Check out the video on the school Facebook page. Well done on a fantastic collaboration.
The school office hours for the Term 2 holidays are as follows:

**Week 1**

Monday 10th – Tuesday 12th July – OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th July Open 9am to 4pm

**Week 2**

Monday 17th – Tuesday 18th July – OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st July Open 9am to 4pm

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**Sacred Heart Feast Day**

On the 23rd of June we had our annual Sacred Heart Feast Day, to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We reflected on the physical heart of Jesus, which is a symbol for his love and hope for all mankind.

The day consisted of school Mass in the morning, led by Father Sanjay and assisted by Monsignor Bell. It was a great service with help from the Special Character Council and an informative historical speech by Sister Margaret.

The afternoon consisted of the annual house singing event which included the four houses competing with the overall theme of being at peace with one another. This resulted in Barbier taking it out with a beautiful moving performance.

The day had a successful response from the student body and was enjoyed overall by everyone involved.

*Written by Sophia Wells, Anna Crowley and Lauren O’Sullivan.*
Sports News

There are many girls from our school who achieve some fantastic results in their chosen sports however these results are not always relayed to the Sports Department. We want to be able to acknowledge these achievements in the school newsletter, social media or in assemblies and need everyone’s help to ensure we don’t miss anyone out. Please let Miss Nicola Watson, the Sports Co-ordinator, know by emailing her at nwa@shgcnp.school.nz, leaving a note with the details on it at the sports office or messaging through the Facebook page SHGC Manawa New Plymouth.

Year 7/8 Rippa Rugby Tournament

This tournament was held at Yarrow Stadium with the girls’ grade being lucky enough to play on the number 1 field. We had five teams entered with 46 girls taking part which is awesome. Our top Year 8 team came away with winning the girls’ grade in a tough final against Stratford Primary.

Hillary Challenge Qualifier 2017

We had four girls join with four boys from FDMC to take part in this event and try to qualify for the Hillary Challenge in 2018. The team raced hard all day and were unlucky to have received a time penalty of 20 minutes at the end as they strived to accumulate as many points as possible and missed the final cut off time. Unfortunately this means the team missed out on qualifying. Great effort team.

Rugby

Our SHGC rugby team made the Taranaki Secondary Schools Girls’ final against NPGHS. It was a tough battle in some very muddy conditions with each team sharing the lead throughout the game. Our girls played out of their skins and showed great determination and sportsmanship. Unfortunately we fell short in the end with the final score 27-21 to NPGHS. 7 aside Rugby is up next so if you are keen to get amongst it listen out in the notices next term for trainings. We will be looking for an U15 team and an U19 team.

We have set up specific Facebook page for the PE/SPORTS Department called SHGC Manawa New Plymouth. Please add us as a friend so we can keep you in the loop on what’s happening in this area of the school.
Congratulations to Caitlin O’Connell being named captain of the NZ U16 team which is travelling to Australia to compete in July. Great privilege Caitlin.

Well done to the following students who received a rose for their achievements:

**Aaliyah Kere-Rako**  
Selected for U15 NZ Maori Rugby League Team

**Hannah O’Connor**  
Winner NZSS Girls’ Cross Country

The team of 8 had an awesome weekend away down in Christchurch for this annual competition.

**Hannah O’Connor** was victorious once again. Awesome results from the rest of the team. They all did Sacred Heart proud. There were over 100 competitors in each race. **Yannika Harrop** placed 28th in the Junior Girls’ race. The Senior Girls’ 3 man team of **Hannah O’Connor, Casey Vink** and **Tessa Honeyfield** managed a 6th place against many other schools from NZ.

6 out of the 8 travelling from SHGC were the selected to represent Taranaki in the regional relays on the Sunday.

Massive thank you to Annie O’Connor and Leonie Honeyfield for travelling away with the team.

Basketball was held at the TSB stadium on Wednesday 5th July. We had 3 girls take part **Jordyn Ridings, Emily Crummey-Hills** and **Zara Barrett**. The girls joined in with a team from Spotswood where they finished 4th. Awesome work girls.
**TSSSA Events**

**TSSSA Trail Run**

Congratulations to the girls who took place in this event on Sunday 18th June running an impressive 6km.

Placings were
- **Becky Kowalewski** 1st Junior Girls
- **Anna Waayer** 3rd Senior Girls
- **Aleisha Sadler** 6th Senior Girls

*Pictured from left: Becky Kowalewski, Anna Waayer, Aleisha Sadler*

**TSSSA Cross Country**

Correction to last months write up about cross country, it was **Yannika Harrop** who was 1st in the Junior Girls Section. Apologies for the mistake.

**TSSSA Badminton**

We had 7 girls take part in this event last Friday and it was an awesome day with everyone playing well.

**Jessie So** made it through to the semi finals for the Junior Girls’ Singles.

**Hefenua Suveinakama** and **Indira Clarke** made it through to the finals for the Junior Girls’ Doubles finishing up 2nd. Awesome work girls.

*Pictured from left: Jessie So, Hefenua Suveinakama, Indira Clarke*