



Sacred Heart Girls' College

Manawa Tapu

New Plymouth

*Excellent Education
That Embraces
Gospel Values*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 3—Fri 7 Sept:
Winter Tournament Week

Thurs 6 Sept:
Musical Showcase

Fri 7 Sept:
Study Day Year 12-13
Year 8 Retreat

Mon 10—Fri 14 Sept:
AIMS Games

Thurs 13—Thurs 20 Sept:
Mock Exams

Mon 24 Sept:
Year 12 Retreat

Wed 26 Sept:
Founder's Day Mass at
St Joseph's 10am

Thurs 27—Fri 28 Sept:
◆ Year 7 & 8 GEMS
Conferences
◆ Year 9-13 GEMS
Pathways Interviews
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Fri 28 Sept:
Last Day of Term 3

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Term 3
Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sept

Term 4
Mon 15 Oct—Wed 12 Dec

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NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018



Principal's Peace



Kia ora whanau

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. The milder weather in recent days has lured our spring bulbs into revealing their hopeful faces, and the show outside our chapel is magnificent. We have been making some improvements to our grounds, not only to physically enhance the environment, but also in response to safety concerns. As such, visibility at the front entrance of the college has been improved, and we are working on making the walkway behind the school, along the railway tracks, much safer to traverse. Thank you for your patience whilst these works are underway. Caregivers, please assist us in keeping our site safe for pedestrians before and after school by not driving onto the school grounds. Drop-off and collection on Paynters Ave and Waiwaka Terrace only please.

You may be aware that the filters on our school network have changed because of a security upgrade this Wednesday afternoon. Because of this, many students chose to download free VPNs in order to bypass these filters. This presents massive risk to the users. We put the following notice on the school Facebook page to bring your attention to the dangers of these, and communicated directly with students:

"Our school network provider, N4L, made changes to our network security and filter systems and this has caused many social media sites to be blocked at school. As a result, students have been downloading free VPNs onto their phones to bypass the new filters and access these sites. VPN stands for Virtual Private Network. It is used to connect your device to another company's network via the internet. There are a lot of risks when passing your data through someone else's network including third party access to your data, stolen bandwidth, browser hijacking and fraud. If a VPN is used, the school can no longer guarantee the safety of your internet searches or your data".

Further to this, both students and parents signed Student Responsible Use Agreements at the beginning of the year in order to gain permission to access to the school Wi-Fi. In signing this, you agreed "that the schools network filters will be applied to my connection to the internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them" and said that "I understand that if I breach this Responsible Use Agreement, I may lose access to school ICT services including the use of the internet, on school owned devices or any personally owned device used at school." You can find the agreement in full [here](#). We are currently reviewing access to some sites, particularly those lacking in educational benefit.



Network for Learning

Principal's Peace continued over page

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Principal's Peace Cont.

We are planning an exciting new collaborate teaching and learning approach mid-way through Term 4 for students in Years 7-10. This curriculum trial will see teachers from different curriculum areas co-design new and engaging units of work around authentic and interesting topics. Students will choose three collaborations to engage with for two weeks, and then move to three more collaborations for the following two weeks. Further detail will be provided later in the term, including a list of the collaborations for students to make their selections from. Every student will need to have a least one choice with a Literacy focus, one with a Numeracy focus and one with a Special Catholic Character focus in order to meet minimum curriculum requirements. Please note, this is a collaborative teaching trial phase only and will not impact on curriculum nor subject selection in 2019. Further future changes to curriculum will not be considered until we have adequately reviewed the trial, and we will seek student and caregiver voice in such.

All the very best to students, staff and volunteers who are representing Sacred Heart Girls' College at Tournament Week next week and AIMS Games the week after. I have spoken to all competitors, wishing them well, encouraging them to play hard and to play fair, and reminded them that they remain 'Sacred Heart Girls' in their demeanour and actions both on and off the sports fields, courts and pitches. Remembering and acknowledging the time, effort and expense that others' have invested in providing our students with such opportunities is important. Thank you, and good luck!

Senior students, supported by our teachers, are preparing for practice examinations to be held throughout weeks 8 and 9. Students must take these examinations seriously. Too often students are relying on grades from practice examinations should circumstances out of their control affect their abilities come externals; it does happen. Fully preparing oneself for practice examinations will also allow for students and teachers to gain a clear picture around where learning is at. This is an opportunity to benchmark performance so you can properly gauge where further consolidation of learning needs to occur.

Thank you to our hardworking and dedicated PTFA who hosted the hugely successful Year of the Korowai Dinner Dance. It certainly was an opportunity to weave people together and celebrate the strength of this Sacred Heart community. Whiria te Tanagata.

Paula Wells
Principal



Board of Trustees

Any full time student in Year 9 and above and aged under 20 years is entitled to stand for election and vote. Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a copy of this notice has been distributed to all eligible voters on the student roll.

Nominations close at noon on **Friday 7 September 2018** and should be accompanied by a **signed candidate's statement**.

The poll closes at noon on **Friday 21 September 2018**.

**SCHOOL
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PTFA



Our Year of the Korowai Dinner and Dance at the Devon Hotel was a winner - and we want to thank everyone for their support.

Organising the August 11 event to support the creation of the Korowai was a big undertaking. But the buzz and aroha surrounding the event made the hard work worthwhile. We raised about \$12,500 which exceeded our expectations and means this project to honour Diane Kawana is well on the way to beginning.

Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors and to everyone who bought tickets, as well as those who took part in the auction.

We had great support on the night from a huge range of people such as MC Haydn Jones, auctioneer Colin Morrison, the band Bald Eagles, the Kawana and Tamati whānau, the students of SHGC who performed or ushered, and the wider school community.

We will be taking a breather before considering what's next on the PTFA calendar.

Our major sponsors for the evening were: **Cat and Mouse TV, Civil Quarries, McDonald Real Estate, Z Energy, TEL Electrical and Electronic Services and Repairs, The Devon Hotel and the Mission College New Plymouth Trust Board.**

Auction items were provided by the **All Blacks, Carpet Cleaning Services, Eftpos Specialists, the Kawana whānau, Learn to surf with Daisy Day, New Era, NZ Blackcaps, Office Furniture First, Paul Rangiwahia Art, Port Taranaki, the Virtue, Wai-iti Beach Retreat.**

Come along to our next meeting on Monday September 10 at 7pm to hear more about what the school is up to - and have some fun. New members are always welcome.



Property / Health & Safety

The walkway students use to enter the school from the Paynters Ave bridge is closed next week Monday 3rd to Friday 7th September due to an upgrade at the school end of the pathway. This area will be fenced off so students will not be able to enter the school from this walkway.

We are also having an upgrade of the front entrance garden and this area will also be cordoned off from Thursday 30th August and the side path will not be able available for use for a few days.

Thank you for your patience.

For health and safety reasons we continue to appreciate parents dropping and collecting students before and after school from Paynters Ave and not driving into the school grounds.

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Catholic Chapter



“Sometimes we know what we have to do but we lack the courage to do it. Let us learn from Mary how to make decisions, trusting in the Lord.”

Pope Francis

On Wednesday 15 August, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption, one of only two remaining Holy Days of Obligation in the Catholic Church (the other one is Christmas Day). It is also the patronal feast of the Catholic people in Aotearoa. At Sacred Heart, we gathered as a school community to celebrate the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Our student-led liturgy honoured Mary as someone who trusted completely in God and his plan for her. “Every time you are loving, kind, compassionate, faithful, trusting and courageous, you are like Mary. You help others to see Jesus in our world.”

Our chaplain, Ms Carole Tipler, is busy preparing students to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. Sessions are held during GEMS time on Tuesdays and a group of students will receive their First Holy Communion at Founders’ Day Mass on September 26th. Let us pray for these students and their families as they prepare to take this next step on their spiritual journey.

Miha (Mass) in Te Reo continues at St Joseph’s Church, New Plymouth on the fifth Sunday of the month at 10.30am.

“Our church has made a commitment to uphold and promote the treasure of the tangata whenua of Aotearoa, New Zealand. Let’s all make an effort to learn how to participate in the Mass through Te Reo, the Māori language. This will be a slow but gradual process over the years. Please embrace this pastoral initiative, it will be enriching for us as Church – as the body of Christ – our participation will help fulfil the commitment our Church has made through the teaching and witness of our bishops.”

Catholic Bishops of New Zealand

We are practising the “Lord have Mercy” prayers at weekly Sunday Mass so that we are better prepared for the Mass in Te Reo.

The next Miha in Te Reo will be on September 30 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Welcome to Hika Perez, recently appointed Youth Minister for the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. Hika comes from Auckland and is of Tokeluan descent. We look forward to welcoming her to Sacred Heart Girls’ College.

Catherine Landrigan
Director of Religious Studies



Year 13 Retreat

Annual Whole Parish Mass

On Sunday September 16, we will gather to celebrate Mass as one parish community. The venue this year will be St Joseph’s Church at 10am. This will be the only Vigil or Sunday Mass celebrated in the parish on that day.

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NZQA



NZQA

NCEA Fees and Financial Assistance for 2018. There are no changes to fees for 2018. Fee Entry for all NCEA standards is \$76.70. Entry for each New Zealand Scholarship subject is \$30.00 per subject.

Note from Mr Murray

Practice exams for NCEA candidates will be held in Week 8 and 9 (Thursday 13th September—Wednesday 19th September). These exams should be treated with the utmost importance as the results from the exams can be used for Derived Grades and practice for the use of Special Assessment Conditions.

A Derived Grade is a grade reported by a school based on preexisting evidence.

Students can apply for a derived grade if:

- they believe their preparation for, or performance in, an external exam was impaired,
- they were unable to sit an exam for reasons beyond their control.

Please take the time to talk to your daughter about preparing for the exams. Feel free to contact myself or your daughter's teachers for further support. Support her to prepare a study timetable with allocated slots for study each day.

Watches in examinations

There has been a change to the external examination rules in 2018. Candidates' watches brought into an NZQA administered examination must be placed in an emergency evacuation pack under the candidate's chair. Situations in which candidates fail to do this will be treated as a possible breach of the external examination rules. The decision not to allow candidates to have watches in examination rooms has arisen because of the difficulties faced by examination supervisors in determining whether a candidate's watch is digital or analogue. Many digital watches resemble traditional analogue watches, and supervisors do not have time at the start of an examination to determine what type of watch it is.

NZQA is concerned that some digital watches have transmitting functions and may send and receive emails. They can also be used to store information and can be linked to hearing devices. As outlined in the Candidate Information Sheet for the NZQA examinations, you are not allowed to bring the following into the examination room:

- any electronic device not required for a digital examination unless it is switched off and inside the emergency evacuation pack;
- an electronic device is anything that can store, communicate and/or retrieve information. Candidates will not be disadvantaged by this rule as clocks are displayed in all our examination rooms and supervisors indicate on a whiteboard how much time is left in an examination, in 15-minute segments.

Candidates who have SAC entitlement using computers in examinations have a clock available on the screen. To familiarize students with this new examination rule, NZQA has suggested schools apply the same procedure to practice examinations.

We will be applying this rule to the practice examinations scheduled this term.

Watches brought into the examination room must be placed in a pack (a clear ziplock bag) under the candidate's chair. This is the responsibility of the student. If you have further questions regarding this issue please see Mr Murray or Ms Goodey.

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Elizabeth House Hostel

It is with pleasure that I introduce myself to the Sacred Heart Girls' College community as the new manager of Elizabeth House. My husband Rob Evans is currently teaching Year 10 Science part time for the remainder of the term. We have spent the last three years living in South Korea working at a British International Boarding School, I managed one of the boarding houses and Rob was the Director of Science. New Plymouth and Taranaki are both new to us but as lovers of the outdoors we are excited to explore all the region has to offer and being part of the school and wider community.



Rob and Susan Evans

Susan Evans

Elizabeth House Hostel Manager

GEMS

In the GEMS programme we continue to provide opportunities for students to get a broad view of the range of career and study opportunities available. This term the focus has been on future pathways. Connecting with some of our former students is an excellent way to bring this about. Caitlin Finnerty spoke about her journey from school to a career in Graphic Design. Caitlin is currently working as a Graphic Designer at Puke Ariki.



Caitlin Finnerty

In GEMS time students are spending time having conversations with their GEMS teacher about their plans for 2019. The PATHWAYS book can be accessed on the school website, click [here](#), to help them in making choices for next year.

Pathways Conferences are being held at the end of this term:

- **GEMS Conferences for Year 7 and Year 8:** (booking code - 3ft9v)
Thursday 27 September, 9.00am—8.00pm
Friday 28 September, 8.30am—3.30pm (no school on these two days for Years 7-8).
- **GEMS Pathways Interviews for Years 9-13:** (booking code - h3fhd)
Thursday 27 September, 4.00pm—8.00pm
Friday 28 September, 8.30am —3.30pm (no timetabled classes on Friday for Years 9-13).

Bookings for interviews **open on Monday 10 September**, 9am click [here](#) to book. Bookings close 12 noon Wednesday 26 September.

Year 7 and 8 GEMS Conferences

We have made the last two days of Term 3 available for 3-way conferences involving the student, their caregivers and their homeroom teacher. This is an important opportunity to make an appointment with your daughter's homeroom teacher to discuss ongoing learning goals. Bookings for interviews can be made online and an email detailing how this can be done will be sent to caregivers of Year 7 and 8 within the next week. As teachers will be involved with interviews during these two days, normal classes will be cancelled. If possible, we ask that you make alternative care arrangements for your daughter for these two days. If you find this difficult, please communicate with your daughter's homeroom teacher so that we can ensure that suitable care can be arranged for her at school.

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Processes/Pastoral/Wellbeing

Planned Leave Process

Planned student leave is generally known well in advance of the absence and usually lasts for 3 or more days. This usually involves sporting commitments or family holidays during term time.

Thank you for contacting your daughter's Dean via email if you know that your daughter will be absent in this planned way.

All other absences such as sickness, appointments, dance exams etc should use our normal absence phone line. Thank you for your help with this.

Pastoral Care Survey

We are currently reviewing our pastoral system. We have a very quick survey for caregivers and for students. The link to these surveys will be emailed to both caregivers and to students within the next week. We would appreciate your feedback and look forward to improving our pastoral care systems.

Wellbeing at School

We have collected information from our students using the Wellbeing at School survey for the last four years. It explores how different layers of school life contribute to creating a safe and caring climate which helps deter bullying. To find out a bit more about the survey please click [here](#).

This year, we will be emailing a survey link to each of our students so that they can answer the questions online at their convenience. Please encourage your daughter to complete the survey; their answers remain anonymous and it provides a useful insight into how we can better support our students' wellbeing at school.

Gifted and Talented Education

Many students have been involved in varied activities recently which challenge or extend their thinking and skills. Sacred Heart had great participation in both the Science & Maths Fairs & quizzes, ICAS competitions, Robotics, writing extension programmes & workshops, Spelling Bee, 123 Tech Challenge, Lit Challenge, Talent Quest and Intermediate Debates and Chess tournaments.

Debating

Our intermediate debating teams have been amazing audiences with their polished deliveries and rebuttal. The Year 8 team: **Emily Shelver, Jessica Yates, Lola Potter** and **Charlotte Seddon** lost in the semi-final against Oakura Primary School. Our Year 7 team: **Katrina Casey, Gabrielle Carthew, Olivia Penington** and **Lily Fergus** are competing in the final next week against Mangorei School. They are ably assisted by a research team consisting of **Abigail Churches, Erika Guthrie** and **Livia Murray**. Good luck girls.



Chess

Two mixed year level intermediate teams represented SHGC at the Taranaki Regional Chess Tournament last week. Eighteen teams from schools around the region battled for supremacy to win and qualify to attend the Nationals in Mount Maunganui.

Although unplaced the girls showed they'd learnt plenty of strategies throughout the year and acquitted themselves well. The A team was placed 13th and included: **Sophie Dixon, Florence Parker, Yashitha Murugaiyen** and **Abby Rios**. The B team included **Thea Irys Lacanaria, Sofia Seddon** and **Shelby Joe-West**.

Florence and Sophie

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Maths Spectacular

[Maths Spectacular 2018](#)

Congratulations to all our students who entered Maths Spectacular this year and especially to all of the students in our quiz teams. The Methanex Maths Spectacular was held on Wednesday 14th August at The Plymouth Hotel for the first time and was in a streamlined format. It was really exciting to have our Year 8 team of **Emilia Brown, Lucy Howarth, Heidi Johns** and **Bethanie Luke**, win their Quiz and one of our Year 9 teams (**Sophie Gower, Lisa Niedermayr, Hannah Hitchcock** and **Eibhlin Lynch**) come 3rd in the Year 9 Quiz.

Our other winners were **Bayly Carter** (1st place in the Year 9 poster competition) and **Stella Normanton** (3rd place in the Year 8 Statistics projects). A big thank you to Kim Goodey and the team who organised this year's event.



Year 8 winners; **Lucy Howarth, Emilia Brown, Bethanie Luke** and **Heidi Johns**



Year 9—3rd place, *from left*; **Sophie Gower, Lisa Niedermayr, Mrs Leger, Hannah Hitchcock** and **Eibhlin Lynch**

With twenty-one teams participating in both the Year 7 and Year 8 quizzes, it was a significant achievement that our Year 8 team won. They were proud to complete all 20 questions in 30 minutes which demonstrated both great problem solving and strategy. The girls were very delighted to receive not only the fine trophy, but a new watch and \$100 each.

The teams were:

Year 7 A: **Alison Greenfield, Cinnamon Danger, Gabrielle Carthew, Hannah Lobb**

Year 7 B: **Ana Luisa Passmore, Edie Birnie, Shelby Joe-West, Lily Fergus**

Year 8 A: **Heidi Johns, Emilia Brown, Lucy Howarth, Bethanie Luke**

Year 8 B: **Jessica Yates, Rilee Spooner, Bridie Chapman, Sydney Burnett**

Year 10 Team, *from left*; **Ellesha Taylor, Eve Hagenson, Mrs Costelloe, Nell Brown** and **Sophie James**.



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Literary Challenge

Once again, Sacred Heart brought home the Taranaki Secondary Literary Challenge Trophy this year. A Year 10 team of **Nell Brown, Eve Hagenson, Ana Graham** and **Reese Churstain** were the winners of this Taranaki wide secondary school competition. In addition, a Year 9 team of **Hannah Hitchcock, Natalie Shaw, Ella Clement, Tara Stevens** and **Claudia Chan** were very creditably placed fourth. The contest was challenging, requiring teams to have an in-depth knowledge of five teenage fiction titles and five nonfiction books, all contenders for the New Zealand Book of the Year Awards. They showed their ability to read widely and retain the information gained, and represented Sacred Heart Girls' College very well. Super-fit readers indeed!



Year 9 team; *back:* Hannah Hitchcock and Ella Clement.
Front: Natalie Shaw, Claudia Chan and Tara Stevens.

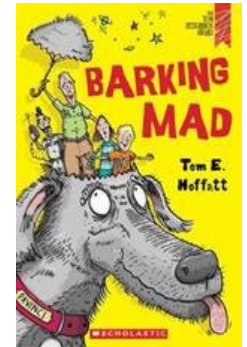
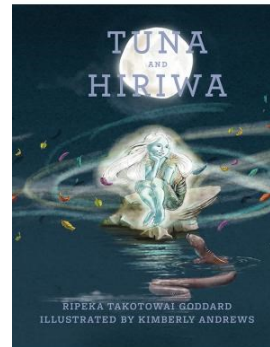


Year 10 team; *back:* Ana Graham and Reese Churstain.
Front: Nell Brown and Eve Hagenson.

Author Visit

Ripeka Goddard, author of *Tuna and Hirewa*, a picture book about how the eel got a silver belly and Tom E Moffat, author of *Barking Mad*, a crazy story about a boy's dog and his grandfather, are both NZ children's authors who visited SHGC on August 10th and spoke to Year 7 and 8 students. Ripeka inspired some Year 8 writing students with her experience of being a writer and Tom E entertained Year 7 students with reading some of his book, telling jokes and answering questions.

They visited as part of a Storylines Trust tour of Taranaki schools and we were so fortunate to be included.



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Science Fair

The major Science event of Term Three is the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair. This year we had a record number of entries, with a large increase in entries from our Year 7 students. We also entered a team in the inaugural robotics competition. Congratulations to all the girls who put in the effort to submit an entry and a big thanks to parents and the staff of the Science Department who had a hand in helping the girls prepare their entries. A special thanks to Jane Sanfelieu and the Science Fair Committee for the work they put in to ensuring that a successful event took place.

The following entries won prizes in the WITT Taranaki Science and Technology Fair:

Photographic section

Claire Fleming	Third Prize, Year 7
Tabitha George	First Prize, Year 7
Erika Guthrie	Second Prize, Year 7
Ava Hale	Merit, Year 7
Abbie Wood	First Prize, Year 9



Observational Drawing

Charley Butler	Merit, Year 7
Katrina Casey	Merit, Year 7
Madison Neale	Merit, Year 9



Advertising Poster

Sophie Campbell	Third Prize, Year 7
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Scientific Investigation

Sophia Bolton	Merit Year 8 Special Prize, Independent Petroleum Laboratories prizes for Outstanding Experimental Technique
Bridie Chapman & Brooklyn Burton	Merit Year 8
Taylah Dagg & Hannah O'Connor	Corteva AgroSciences, Agriculture Division of DowDupont Tertiary Scholarship First Prize 11-13 Entry Second Prize, Years 11-13
Paige Gunson & Charlotte Seddon	Special Prize Taranaki MedLab prizes for the best projects in human biology/health, Year 8
Eibhlin Lynch	Special Prize DairyNZ prizes for Agricultural projects, Year 9
Marianne Lynch	Third Prize Scientific Investigation, Years 11-13 Armatec Environmental Ltd Prize for the best scientific or technological project investigating ways to protect and/or clean our water or air. University of Otago "Hands On Science" Prize for the "Best Application of Scientific Method" from Years 11 or 12. DairyNZ prizes for Agricultural projects. Massey University Years 11 - 13 Special Award for demonstrating the best solution to a significant global issue. Major Prize Mason Charitable Trust Prize

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Science Fair

Olivia Pennington	Third Prize, Year 7 NZ Baking Industry Research Trust prize for the best entry that encompasses bread or other products.
Claudia Read	Merit, Year 8 DairyNZ prize for Agricultural projects
Tara Stevens	Special Prize Taranaki MedLab prizes for the best projects in human biology/health
Jessica Yates	Merit, Year 8 Taranaki MedLab prizes for the best projects in human biology/health

Robotics

Sofia Seddon	Merit Robotics Maze, Years 7-8
Emily Shelver	Merit Robotics Sumo, Years 7-8
Olivia Williams & Olivia Perry	First Prize Robotics Sumo, Years 7-8

Year 7/8 entrants for Robotics; Emerson Martin, Sofia Seddon, Emily Shelver, Astyn Douglas, Olivia Williams and Olivia Perry



Student work will be on display in the student foyer during GEMS Pathways interviews in Week 10 later this Term.

ICAS and The Big Science Competition

The following girls did extremely well in the international Science competitions held in Term 2:

ICAS Science

Ana Luisa Passmore (Year 7)	Distinction
Heidi Johns (Year 8)	Distinction
Iris Pease (Year 8)	Merit
Emily Shelver (Year 8)	Credit
Claudia Chan (Year 9)	Merit
Hannah Hitchcock (Year 9)	Distinction
Maria Christina Passmore (Year 9)	Credit
Sophie Steenson (Year 9)	Merit
Tara Stevens (Year 9)	Distinction
Nell Brown (Year 10)	Credit
Ellesha Taylor (Year 10)	Merit
Frances Chow (Year 11)	Credit
Jorja Rosser (Year 11)	Merit

The Big Science Competition

Abigail Churches (Year 7)	Distinction
Alison Greenfield (Year 7)	Credit
Olivia Hagenson (Year 8)	Credit
Imogen Hodge (Year 7)	Credit
Heidi Johns (Year 8)	Distinction
Brooke Jorgensen (Year 8)	Distinction
Inês Palma (Year 8)	Credit
Iris Pease (Year 8)	Distinction
Lola Potter (Year 8)	Credit
Claudia Chan (Year 9)	Credit
Hannah Hitchcock (Year 9)	Credit
Lilly Steele (Year 9)	Credit
Sophie Steenson (Year 9)	Credit
Tara Stevens (Year 9)	Credit
Nikayla Barnard (Year 10)	Credit
Nell Brown (Year 10)	Distinction
Reese Churstain (Year 10)	Credit
Anya Darling (Year 10)	Credit
Sophie James (Year 10)	Credit

Congratulations to these girls and all of the girls who participated in the competition.

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International

New International students from all over New Plymouth attended Mayoral Welcome recently.

This was a chance to learn about New Plymouth from the Mayor and to also have a question and answer time.

The SHGC girls from Hong Kong, China, Japan, Germany and Thailand enjoyed catching up with others they knew and making new acquaintances.



Exchange to Argentina

Congratulations to **Emily Hutching-Gough**, who has been awarded an MOE Scholarship for language emersion. **Emily** will attend a local high school in Argentina and live with a host family for 5 months.

This scholarship is awarded to 15 students throughout New Zealand for languages.

Emily will celebrate her 18th birthday and Christmas overseas, and will have to get used to very hot weather!



Library



Our school library ebook platform [Sacred Heart Library Ebooks](#) is working well providing a range of ebooks for reading on laptops and devices. Access is by student or teacher ID and password (as used on school devices)



In addition, till the end of September as a trial, we have access to their range of audio books. These are listed on the main library page under “**Listening Favourites**” and will have speaker icons to distinguish them from the eBooks.

Pop into the library for help with accessing these ebooks and audio books. *Clare Lyon, Librarian*



Year 12 History

Year 12 History class were encouraged to dress up as an historic figure.

Pictured from left; Miss Amber Cripps, student Teacher, and Mrs Forbes dressed as Frida Kahlo.

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Drama

The Drama department is excited to announce that **Georgia Jones** and **Samantha Lusty** have each been offered a place on the Short List for Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand's National Shakespeare Schools Production.

Chosen for their outstanding performance at the 2018 National University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, **Georgia** and **Samantha** have been selected to be on the Short List for the prestigious week-long residential course. We are so proud of these girls. What an achievement to have made it this far!



Photo by **Fiona Glennie**

Rose Ceremony



Congratulations to **Laura Griffiths** who won the national 'Play it Strange' competition. **Laura** wrote and performed her song LA Baby at assembly on Monday 27 August. As part of the prize, **Laura** has her song recorded and a music video produced.

Talent Quest



Pictured with Mrs Wells, is **Imogen Hodge**—winner of the annual talent quest. Imogen's performance was musical theatre, based on Charlie Brown.

Music

Waikato Band and Orchestra festival: On Friday 24th August this annual event was held at the Performing Arts Centre at Waikato University. This year we took the FDMC/SHGC combined Fusion Concert Band. Our Jazz band – 'The Fitz' also performed. Under the leadership of Robert Greenfield the improvement amongst our young musicians has been great to see. We came home with two bronze awards, and are looking forward to 2019.

Coming up: Our Jazz band will be performing at the Jazz Club, at the Mayfair, starting at 4.30pm this Sunday. Both bands, along with the FDMC Jazz band and our two choirs will be performing next Thursday, 6th Sept, in a Musical Showcase, in our Events Centre. Come along and enjoy some great music!



Sports News

Sports Contact

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 Ms Aroha Lynch, the Sports Co-ordinator, know by emailing her at sport@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.



Aroha Lynch
Sports
Co-ordinator

TSSSA Yo-Row

On Wednesday August 8th, two teams of 10 girls competed for Sacred Heart in the annual indoor Rowing Challenge. Numbers of kilometres rowed in 15 minutes were accumulated to give an overall distance which was then "the target to beat" when the roadshow visited all the other Taranaki schools. Final girls results saw the 'hockey team' finish second behind NPGHS with a final distance rowed of 3837m; and **Keighley Simpson** finished 3rd in the individual challenge, rowing 1km in just over 4mins. Congratulations girls! And well done also to all the girls who came to cheer on their friends at this lunchtime event.



TSSSA GymFunk

Isabel Witts, Rosie Hau, Derryn Fleming and Bella Moodie competed in this event on Thursday August 23rd. The girls performed a very polished and professional cheerleading/gymnastics routine finishing with a Silver medal!

In the individual Tumbling event, SHGC took out all three placings - **Bella** got Gold, **Rosie** - Silver and **Isabel** – Bronze. In the Individual Mini - Tramp event, **Derryn** took out 3rd place for a bronze medal.

These fantastic results all combined for SHGC to be awarded third overall - Well done girls!

*Pictured with the trophy; **Bella Moodie***
*From left; **Isabel Witts, Derryn Fleming and Rosie Hau***



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.



Sports News

World Inline Hockey Championships

The NZ 18 & Under Junior Women's Inline Hockey Team has battled it out on the World Skate stage to finish 6th at the World Championships in Italy.

A huge congratulations to **Danelle Sadler** and **Jorja Rosser** - you girls were awesome!



Danelle Sadler



Jorja Rosser

Archery

Charlotte Askin participated in the World Archery Youth Games, Oceania in Noumea, during the July school holidays. **Charlotte** was placed 4th in Oceania, and was the highest placed New Zealander in her age group.



Charlotte Askin

Dancing

Maia McGrath spent the 2nd week of her July holidays in Christchurch at the British Ballet Organisation (BBO) Winter School attended by 220 students from across NZ in junior, intermediate and senior sections. During the week they had their grade ballet classes plus daily classes in Tap, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, Jazz and Ballet repertoire. **Maia** was awarded the Senior "all rounder" excellence award in recognition of her ability across all dance genres.



Maia McGrath



Sarah Mead competed at dance competitions in the last holidays and received a nomination in Tap dancing for PACANZ (Dancing Nationals).

Sarah Mead pictured with the judge who awarded her the nomination

Basketball

Congratulations to our SHGC Junior Red basketball team who have recently won the Secondary School Junior A final 78-66 against NPGHS. An amazing game to watch!

And it's a double in secondary school Basketball!

Congratulations to our Senior A team winning the Taranaki Basketball Secondary School Senior Girls' League. A great win over NPGHS 66 -50.



Sports News

National Artistic Roller Skating



Updates from the Artistic Roller Skating National Championships which happened in the second week of the school holidays:

Sophie Quickfall (Year 7) - placed 3rd in Primary Ladies Solo Dance.

Niamh Quinn (Year 12) - placed 3rd in Youth Ladies Solo Dance and 2nd in Preliminary Ladies Figures.

Niamh has also been selected to represent New Zealand at the 2018 Oceania Champs which will be held in Rotorua in September.

Olivia Bernet also participated in this event.

Well done ladies and good luck **Niamh Quinn!**

National Champions

Congratulations to our latest group of National Champions, **Taranaki Basketball U17 Girls** team. They competed at the National Basketball Championships during the middle weekend of the holidays and came away winners after a close fought final with Waikato. Well done to all team members, especially **Alix Blyde, Caitlin O'Connell, Tiaan Owen, Emily Poole, Raquel Sampson** and **Gemma Walsh**. **Raquel** and **Caitlin** were also named in the Tournament team and **Caitlin** was the Girls' Most Valuable Player for the whole tournament.



Another lot of National Champions in our mix is the **Central Districts U18 Hockey** team. Congratulations to **India Ralph** who was part of this winning team, playing alongside three of our past students, sister Hope Ralph, Anna Crowley and Saffron Cribb. Awesome work ladies.



Basketball Representatives

Congratulations to the following girls who have been named in Basketball Pacific NZ Koru Development Tour squads to travel to Australia in January and compete in the Australian Junior Basketball Country Tournaments. Keep up the training and good luck.

U14 Girls **Libby Francis**

U16 Girls **Lisa Niedermayr**

U18 Girls **Madeline Shearman**



Libby Francis



Lisa Niedermayr



Madeline Shearman

NZSS Rogaine Championships

A great day was had at the NZSS Rogaine Championships in the Whakarewarewa Forest at the end of July with 3 podium finishes.

Congratulations to the following students:

Nell Brown and **Oscar Heath** - Junior Mixed three hour race 1st

Emma Shotter and **Keighley Simpson** - Junior Girls' three hour race 2nd

Anna Waayer and **Tessa Honeyfield** - Senior Girls' six hour race 2nd



Sports News

Netball

Congratulations to the Taranaki U15 Development Netball team who came 2nd (of 16) in C Grade at the U15 North Island Netball Championships held in New Plymouth during the July school holidays. It was a great hard fought result with five Sacred Heart students in side - **Tahlia Smithson, Molly Stephens, Madeleine Hall, Maia McGrath** and **Charlee Broadhead**, all of whom played so well and with a great attitude and team spirit.



A big congratulations also to **Stevie Broughton** and **Maddy Hopkirk** who have achieved their Netball Centre Badge for umpiring recently. This is a great achievement, which has a rewarding pathway within the Netball community.

Congratulations also to all our students who were Taranaki Netball age group representatives this season and were awarded their pins at the Junior Prizegiving today out at the amazing new venue in Waitara at Clifton Park. A big congratulations to our SHGC students who received MVP awards including **Tayla Macleod, Bronte Hill** and **Charlee Broadhead** and a huge thanks to our very own Joan Hodson who coached the Under 15 As to a very successful season. A massive congratulations to **Lillian Syrus** who was awarded Junior Player of the Year!

Surf Life Saving

Sasha Reid has been added to the Junior Black Fins team for the LWC in Adelaide later this year. Awesome work **Sasha** and good luck.



Sasha Reid

Athletics

Hannah O'Connor has been named in the New Zealand team to compete in the World Youth Olympics in Argentina during October.

Congratulations **Hannah** and good luck.



Hannah O'Connor

Football

Three of our SHGC girls have been selected to play in the National Women's Football League (Senior 20+) for Central Football. Congratulations to **Sophie Crewe, Jana Niedermayr** and **Carina Flannagan**.



Sophie Crewe



Jana Niedermayr



Carina Flannagan

Hockey

Congratulations to the SHGC 1st XI hockey girls won the Taranaki Premier Secondary School Championships (winning against NPGHS 3-1).



Sports News

Highlands Intermediate Sports Exchange

Well done to all the intermediate sports teams that participated in the annual Highlands Sports Exchange on Friday August 17th. It was great preparation for the Aims Games teams, and a great exchange visit for all our other intermediate netball, hockey, football and basketball teams.

Results: Football - playing against their Aims Games team lost 0-7 and 1-4.
 Hockey playing against a boys/girls mixed team lost 4-6 and 1-5
 Basketball – Aims team won 30-12; Int B lost 16-42.
 Netball – Aims team 21-21; 8B won 20-6; 8 Red won 19-10; 8 White lost 2-17;
 7A lost 13-16; 7B won 14-10; 7 Red won 23-7; 7 White lost 1-8; 7 Gold lost 1-20



Good Luck

To all of our students competing in tournaments over the later part of this term.

AIMS Games: Basketball, Football, Netball, Gymnastics, Cross country and Swimming

Winter Tournaments: Senior A Basketball, Junior A Basketball, 1st X1 Football, 1st X1 Hockey and Senior A Netball

Sports Prizegiving

This is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 23rd October at 6.00pm**. Please put this date in your diary now. Coaches and Managers have been asked to submit their nomination forms for most improved and most outstanding team member.

Individual and team nominations are now also being called for. These need to be returned to the Sports Office by **Friday 21st September**.

All forms can be found outside the Sports Office in the Events Centre.

Sports News

Adventure Racing

WHANGAMATA ADVENTURE RACE, 11 August 2018

“Won’t cutty grass be just like using a razor to shave my legs” mused one adventure racer last weekend.

Adventure racing is possibly an activity you don’t want to attend just prior to the school ball as invariably you come back scratched, muddied, bloodied and bruised.

Sacred Heart Girls’ were in three adventure racing teams last weekend as they navigated, scrambled, ran, biked and bush bashed around the Whangamata region. You will spot them around school by the multiple scratches on their legs! **Tayla Simpson**, sadly competing her last adventure race for the school, and **Fionnghuala Lynch** competed in the 12hr challenge along with William Hadley & Geordie Vink. They started and ended in the dark, swung down bluffs holding only onto cutty grass, mountain biked up and down huge hills with no fear, were spot on with navigation (thanks **Tayla**), battled fatigue and still ended with a smile.

In the 6 hour challenge, **Frances Chow** joined up with Oscar Hadley, Ethan Langton & Rhys Price to enter the senior division while **Jorja Simpson** grabbed Dad to enter the ‘family’ section. Somehow these teams made the challenge look easy as they also bashed their way through the bush, found breath to accomplish the mystery challenge and mountain biked until their legs screamed. And again, there was always a smile to be seen and a laugh to be had.

The smiles were still there at prize giving with **Tayla & Fionnghuala** coming 2nd in the mixed team category; **Frances** coming 2nd in the senior mixed team; and **Jorja** winning the ‘family’ section and posted the highest points overall for the 6hr event. An impressive effort from everyone.

Jorja & Dad (Brent) looking very happy after winning the 6hr event (highest points across all categories – awesome effort).



Frances tackling the mystery challenge on the 6hr event – trying to find some much needed puff!



Tayla & Fionnghuala heading off for the next check point during the 12hr challenge.



School News



Attendance Dues—Catholic Schools Board



We thank all the families who have already paid or have a payment arrangement in place for their Attendance Dues.

Attendance Dues statements will be posted in the first week of September, requesting payment of the 4th and final instalment for 2018, plus any arrears from the first three instalments and/or previous years, by the **28th September 2018**, if a payment arrangement is not already in place.

The instalment amounts are:

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

If a regular payment plan would be the best option for you please contact the Attendance Dues team – Marcy, Susan and Mark – **before** the final instalment date to discuss payment options. Our contact details are: **0800 200 208** or by email: dues@pndiocese.org.nz

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

Campus Clothing

Campus Clothing is all about making things simple and manageable for parents when it comes to school uniforms. We offer an automatic payment system, whereby parents can pay a weekly amount into our account and we'll keep track of the total as it accumulates. It's a great way to build up a balance prior to purchasing school uniforms, similar to Christmas Club at New World or The Warehouse.

If you would like to set this up, give us a call on 769 5504 or email: sales@campusclothing.co.nz

We are also able to provide WINZ quotes for families who qualify for this. Every little bit helps and we're all about helping.

NB: All items must be fully paid for prior to collection.

