



# Sacred Heart Girls' College

Manawa Tapu

New Plymouth

*Excellent Education  
That Embraces  
Gospel Values*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Tues 29 Jan:

Year 13 Camp  
Year 7 Mass at St Joseph's  
Parish, 5.30pm

### Thurs 31 Jan

School begins for all  
8.40am Powhiri in the  
Events Centre

### Fri 1 Feb:

Year 7 Retreat

### Tues 5 Feb:

Opening Mass, 10am in  
the Events Centre

### Wed 6 Feb:

Waitangi Day



## 2019 TERMS

### Term 1

Thurs 31 January —  
Fri 12 April

### Term 2

Mon 29 April —  
Fri 5 July

### Term 3

Mon 22 July —  
Fri 27 September

### Term 4

Mon 14 October —  
Wed 11 December

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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018



## Principal's Peace



Kia ora whanau

Welcome to our December newsletter. It was appropriate to mark the closing of our academic year with our annual carol service, and our Junior Prizegiving celebrating excellence. It must be said that the musical performances of the Junior Concert Band and The Trebles choir, under the directorship of Robert Greenfield and Philippa Drinkwater respectively, were delightful. Congratulations! The talent and capabilities of every single one of our Wāhine Toa never fails to amaze me, and it is wonderful to gather as community in recognition of each individual's God-given gifts and talents.

The contributions of a number of faithful Manawa Tapu servants were acknowledged at prizegiving, with departing staff farewelled. Our dedicated Executive Officer, Maree Sutton, resigned in November, Anne McSweeney, much-loved and revered English teacher and highly efficient Head of Faculty, finished with us at the end of the year, and both Mary Mustchin and Ann Logan, have now retired. Mary began working at Manawa Tapu 28 years' ago, and Anne, 27. We wish Mary and Ann well as they look forward to enjoying life in 'the slow lane'. Thank you also to Claire Wigley who has worked with us for the past two years in a maternity leave position.



From left; Ann Logan, Mary Mustchin, Anne McSweeney, Claire Wigley, Andrea Baird and Karen Taylor.

We have been blessed to have engaged with a number of fixed term employees throughout the course of the year, including Jasmine Novak, Andrea Baird, Elizabeth Poole, Elizabeth Gooch, Rob Evans and Bernadette Forsyth, all of whom have contributed significantly in their time with us. Recently, in news just to hand, Karen Taylor has accepted a part time Mathematics teaching position at FDMC. Karen's teaching load of three classes will be distributed amongst other highly capable part time Mathematics teachers here at the college. We wish Karen well as she undertakes her professional responsibilities at our brother school.

Mr John Middleton has selflessly contributed 24 years of governance at Sacred Heart Girls' College, and has indicated that he will be stepping down at the AGM of our Proprietor's Board early next year. This year's Junior Prizegiving may well have been the last official duty for John, and it was appropriate that recognition of his enormous contribution to two Boards be acknowledged by community.

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# School News

## Principal's Peace Cont.

I am pleased to announce that we look to be beginning the 2019 school year fully-staffed with the following appointments having been made: **Warwick Foy** of Taranaki Futures, and current President of CATE (Careers and Transition Education NZ), is our newly appointed Leader of Learning Pathways, **Emily Scott**, current Head of Department English, Opunake High School, joins us as our new Leader of Learning English, former employee, **Wendy Mulligan**, joins us as a Religious Studies teacher, **Preeta Menon** will continue as Dean of International Students and will teach English, whilst **Bernadette Forsyth** has been re-engaged as a Teacher Aide. We look forward to welcoming our new, and returning, members of staff, in the new year.

Our Leader of Learning-led inquiry into student-centred, innovative pedagogical practices culminated in a four-week Y7-10 curriculum trial, which concluded at the end of last week. Review of the trial will contribute to further consideration of what a future-focussed curriculum will look like in 2020 and beyond, and it has been excellent to have received a very high number of responses from caregivers, staff and students alike thus far in order to best gauge experience. Thank you for helping us better understand how well we did in trialling a number of aspects of innovative curriculum delivery, with the sampling coming from best-practice examples nation-wide. I wish to reiterate that there will be no immediate changes to curriculum with 2019 beginning with the highly familiar, traditional Sacred-Heart curriculum of old.

We are a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school and it is time that every learner brings their own digital device with them to school every day. A device with a keyboard, or keyboard capability, is preferred. Data collected tells us that almost all of our students have devices that they could be bringing to school for their learning and students have been reminded that it is their responsibility to bring their devices with them to school, fully charged and ready for learning, every day. Caregivers, please don't hesitate to speak with us if there are barriers to bringing a device to school so that we can prepare for your child not to be disadvantaged. However, we do need to get the digital technologies balance right, and I encourage all young women of the college to hit the metaphorical refresh button this summer, and use the break to recharge their wellness batteries through enjoying our great outdoors and getting plenty of quality rest and rejuvenation with device-free time.

In really exciting news, both our astro-turf and korowai projects look to have come to fruition. With a generous contribution from TSB Community Trust, we are set to undertake the turfing of the court area surrounding the Events Centre, in Term 1 next year. Also, all of the preparatory work has been completed on our Manawa Tapu korowai, with the sacred first line of weaving having occurred last week, and it was symbolic and appropriate that Eve Kawana and Pauline Koorey crafted these initial stitches under the guidance of our master-weaver, Jo Ngaia. We look forward to seeing both of these projects complete in the very near future. Thank you to all who have contributed, in some small or large way, in the advancement of these two distinct and exciting projects.

It was with sweet sorrow that we acknowledged and farewelled **Father Sanjay** at liturgy last Friday, and thanked him for his contribution at Manawa Tapu in his time here. We hope that he remembers us with great fondness, as he takes our thoughts and prayers with him to his home country of India. Our Thursday morning Masses won't be quite the same...although we might have a few more chocolate biscuits in the cookie jar!

Thank you for an excellent year. Be safe, be happy, enjoy the presence of those you love, and celebrate the joy of the birth of Jesus this Christmas.

Whiria te Tangata

**Paula Wells**  
Principal





# School News

## Catholic Chapter



**“A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight...”**

**Mark1:3**

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas. The word *advent* comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning coming: we wait and watch for the arrival of Christ.

The season of Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to November 30 and lasts four weeks. The first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the Church's liturgical year.

Today Advent is not a penitential season, as it was in the past, although the official colour for vestments for this season is purple, like Lent. An atmosphere of hopeful expectation permeates the readings and the prayers at Mass as we watch and wait for the coming of Christ. The readings for the season focus on the two advents of Christ: first, the birth of the Messiah, Jesus, in Bethlehem (past); and the second coming of Christ at the end of time (future). The readings also provide us with guidelines about how we can live in the light of Christ (present) as we wait in hopeful expectation for the end times when: God's kingdom will become a reality; all God's promises will be fulfilled; all creation will be completed and renewed; there will be no more poverty, sickness or unhappiness; and we will see God face to face.

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, amid all the busyness and preparation, let us all take some time to wait and watch as we consider how we can better live the Kingdom of God here and now in our everyday lives.



**“We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love.”**

**Pope Francis: Gaudete et Exsultate**

## Korowai update



Various staff members helped with the process of pounding (patu) the harakeke to soften it for weaving.



The first sacred line of weaving is started— pictured from left is **Pauline Koorey**, **Eve Kawana** and **Whaea Jo**, our master-weaver.



The Sacred Line



# School News

## Pastoral System 2019



### Some Changes to the Pastoral System 2019

The recent pastoral care survey indicated that there were some areas we could improve upon. A significant improvement will be to clarify and strengthen communication between home and school.

The surveys helped us to confirm that the Homeroom teacher is the lead pastoral carer in Years 7 and 8. The lead pastoral carer was less clear at Years 9-13. To improve this we intend to:

- Keep Year 7 and 8 with their homeroom teacher for the first 10 minutes at the beginning of each day. This is different to the Vertical Form that they experience at the moment. We will also plan careful and regular ways in which the Year 7 and 8 can interact with the Year 9-13 students in their Houses to help keep this special opportunity alive.
- For Years 9-13 we will have the same beginning of the day (Vertical Form) and GEMS teacher for the sake of consistency. Some students have had a different teacher for Homeroom, Vertical Form and GEMS. This has not helped clear communication lines. The appointed teacher will be the student's lead pastoral carer, and will meet their students at the start of each day and for an extended time at GEMS on Tuesday Period 2. This same teacher will also be your "first point of call" for pastoral matters as your daughter travels through from Year 9 to Year 13. Students in Years 9-13 will notice no change in their Vertical Form class next year, but some groups may have a change of teacher in order to allow us to align teaching staff to the roles.

We hope that this small change will help clarify roles and strengthen relationships between home and school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cath Leger at the school. [cle@shgcnps.school.nz](mailto:cle@shgcnps.school.nz)

**Cath Leger**

Deputy Principal

## Big Sister Little Sister Programme

As with the pastoral system data, evidence has indicated that the Big Sister/Little Sister programme be re-evaluated.

These days, our Year 13 students are more future-focussed than ever before, and many are off-site enjoying pathways opportunities which hinders their ability to form the relationships we are most seeking with their Year 7 Little Sisters. This has meant that often our Year 13's have been unavailable to participate in the Big Sister/Little Sister events. Additionally, in 2019 our Year 7 cohort will be significantly larger than our Year 13 cohort, which creates an imbalance of numbers. This has meant that 2019 looks to be the appropriate time for the re-organisation of the Big Sister/ Little Sister programme.

We have decided that Year 12 students will take up the Big Sister role from 2019. This will give Year 12 an opportunity to form and maintain relationships with their Little Sisters over the course of two years, and will give them an authentic leadership responsibility to be involved with. Year 13 students will continue to hold the responsibility of being Vertical Form Leaders, and Year 13 students of Elizabeth House will also hold the responsibility of being Big Sisters to new Year 9's, not only at the hostel, but at school also.

With Year 7 being in Homeroom at the start of the day, rather than Vertical Form, we look strengthen events and opportunities for the Big Sister/Little Sister relationships to form and flourish.

Ngā mihi

**Andrew Murray**

Deputy Principal/Principal's Nominee



# School News

## Christmas message from the Boards

### MISSION COLLEGE NEW PLYMOUTH TRUST BOARD

The Mission College New Plymouth Trust Board wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Each year confronts us with new challenges to overcome and 2018 is no exception.

Our most pressing challenge at present is pressure on our school roll which means that as early as 2020 we may be faced with having to decline entry to Catholic girls who hold preference qualification and who should be entitled to be able to enrol with us. We will try to avoid being in that position. Our founding Sisters, the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, established our school with the purpose of being able to provide a Catholic education to every Catholic girl in Taranaki who desires that. We are currently attempting to navigate a slow and bureaucratic process to increase the maximum roll that we are currently permitted by law. Success is not a foregone conclusion. Watch this space!

On the school campus front plans are afoot for various developments which will see the end of sub-standard facilities such as the current maths block and a campus reorganisation which will give us not only improved facilities but a better and more convenient grouping of facilities in their own hubs. We would expect works to commence on these improvements as early as the Summer of 2019/2020.

The Trust Board has been pleased with the new arrangements relating to Elizabeth House with the School Principal, Mrs Wells, as Chief Executive Officer, to support and provide consistency between school and hostel. We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Susan Evans as our new Hostel Manager and observe positive impact she has made in the short time since her appointment.

With best wishes

**John Middleton**  
MCNPTB Chairperson



### SHGC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Sacred Heart Girls' College/Manawa Tapu New Plymouth, nga manaaki Kirihimete/Christmas blessings.

It is time to reflect on a busy year, but a year in which as Sacred Heart whanau/community we have much to celebrate in the tremendous achievements of our akonga/students. It is also a time of great change within our education system. Mrs Wells, her team, your Board of Trustees are committed to ensuring that we play an important part in helping shape an educational framework that aspires to provide greater inclusion and engagement for our students, giving them the best tool kits to live meaningful and rewarding lives beyond our school gates.

I would also like to thank my Board of Trustee colleagues, Mrs Wells and her team, the Mission College New Plymouth Trust Board, our hard-working PTFA and all who give generously of their time to support our akonga and enrich life here at Manawa Tapu. As they say – "It takes a village to raise a child" and we are truly blessed to have community that are committed to this. Finally we wish you have a safe, relaxing time with whanau, may the peace of Christ be with you".

**Stephen Hill**  
BOT Chairperson





# School News

## Junior Prizegiving

### Performing Arts Awards

Amene-ia Jury	<b>Junior Drama Medal</b> For performance & contribution
Isabella Moffitt	<b>Yarrow Trophy</b> For prepared speech Years 7 and 8
Eve Hagenson	<b>McSweeney-Novak Trophy</b> For Junior speech

### Music Awards

Bethanie Luke	<b>Intermediate Music Medal</b> Classroom attitude and achievement, and co-curricular involvement
Eve Hagenson	<b>Junior Music Medal</b> Classroom attitude and achievement, and co-curricular involvement
Presented at Senior Prizegiving — Fiona Glennie	<b>Orchestra/Band Cup</b> for enthusiasm and participation in the school band
Tara Stevens	<b>Judy Field Cup</b> for the most dedicated and improved musician
Molly Powell	<b>Trebles Cup</b> for enthusiasm and participation in the Junior Choir

### Art and Technology Award

Maia McGrath	<b>Jean Tempero Memorial Cup</b> for Diligence in Year 10 Computing
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### Special Character Award

Eve Hagenson	<b>Wendy Mulligan Special Character—Junior</b>
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### Special Award

Eve Hagenson	<b>Age Quod Agis</b> For the student who consistently gives her best effort in a range of cultural, arts, sporting, service and academic activities, and who always lives the school motto.
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**AGE QUOD AGIS**  
*Whatever you do, do to the best of your ability*  
*I o Mahi Katoa, Mahia*



# School News

## Junior Prizegiving

### Major Awards

Florence Parker	<b>Kohine Hiranga Cup</b> For General Achievement in year 7
Bethanie Luke	<b>Glass Trophy</b> For General Achievement Year 8
Claudia Chan	<b>Taranaki Mathematics Association Award</b> For excellence, interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics in Year 9
Hannah Hitchcock	<b>Kohine Autaia Cup</b> Award for Academic Excellence in Year 9
Eve Hagenson	<b>Taranaki Mathematics Association Award</b> For excellence, interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics in Year 10
Anya Darling	<b>Te Taumata</b> For Junior Māori Achievement
Ann-Mariya Tomy	<b>Smiley Family Cup</b> Award for Academic Excellence in Year 10



**Eve Hagenson**  
Age Quod Agis Award



**123 Tech Challenge**  
From left; Anya Darling, Nell Brown, Ellesha Taylor and Eve Hagenson





# School News

## Music

### SHGC Trebles

The Trebles have had an outstanding year, participating in a variety of concerts, competitions and community events. To finish off the year they were invited to perform on the stage at the Bowl of Brooklands as part of CHRISTMAS AT THE BOWL.

This is a huge opportunity and well-deserved!



### Music Awards

This year we have introduced Music Awards as part of the end of year Music Concert.

The students who won awards this year were chosen by their tutors for their enthusiasm, reliability and progress. Congratulations to all our performers.

Taranaki Academy of Brass Cup:

**Gemma Jones**

Musicworks Guitar Trophy:

**Patricia Malapit**

Hunter Instrumental Trophy  
for Group Performance:

**Cornelia Chan, Ellen Crowley and Emma Prendergast** for their Chamber Music Performance

Drum Award:

**Bella Moodie and Isabel Witts**

Flute Award:

**Emma Prendergast**

Woodwind Award:

**Bridie Chapman**

Strings Award:

**Nicole Kowalewski**



**Patricia Malapit**



**Maria Christina Passmore and Claudia Chan**



**Flute Trio**



# School News

## Music

### Musical Opportunities 2019

Now is the time to start thinking about what you would like to be involved in or achieve next year. Students who want to start or continue Itinerant lessons should contact Mrs Hunter.



We offer a variety of groups for students to be involved in, including Rock Bands, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choirs, Mass Musicians, Small Instrumental Groups, Songwriting workshops. If there is something you would like to do and we don't offer it – please ask! I am always looking for new ways for us to enjoy music together. What about a Barbershop Quartet? Or a Saxophone group!

Enjoy a refreshing break and I look forward to seeing you as we explore all the opportunities available in 2019.

### Raewyn Hunter

Teacher in Charge Music

## 123 Tech Challenge

On December 5th, a team of Year 10's, **Eve, Nell** and **Ellesha** along with Mrs Quigan attended the National Finals of the 123Tech Challenge at Te Papa. The day was filled with amazing women role models, from the pilot who skillfully managed the Wellington Wind, to Nanogirl who presented the awards.

The girls did a fantastic job presenting their NP Walk Me App to the judges and have already started thinking about next years' project.



### Cathy Quigan

Teacher in Charge Digital Technologies

*From left; Eve Hagenson, Nell Brown and Ellesha Taylor*

## Robotics

**Tara Stevens** went to Palmerston North on the weekend and competed in the Vex IQ Robotics New Zealand Championship.

**Tara** competed in robotics skills challenges with her teammate Riley Pollard from Rahotu School.

They won the teamwork challenge and have been invited to attend the World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky in April. They were up against some very tough competition and they performed exceptionally well under pressure.

Congratulations!





# School News

## Staff Retreat

At our staff retreat on Friday 16 November, a group of staff went to Taranaki Retreat work in their garden. We were able to build and donate a raised garden bed for the Retreat.

We would like to thank **Revital Fertilizer**, **Naki Garage Doors** and **Herbies Plants** for their kind donates towards this.

thanks  
SO MUCH!



## Plant to Plate

"Plant to Plate" Collaboration Group

We are pleased with our school garden, which is newly planted with herbs and veges to be ready for the beginning of 2019.

**Helen Manning**  
Food Technology Teacher



Thank you to Organic Waste Solutions for your support with the Plant to Plate project.



**Russell How**

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# School News

## Foodbank

**Gina Fraser** and **Ruby Newton** kindly gave some time to help sort food at the food bank collection after their last touch game of the season.

Great Manaakitanga girls.



## Restore Strandon Project

Photos below show Sacred Heart's efforts to enhance biodiversity within the Restore Strandon Project to become predator free.



Enviro group's litter collection



**Andrew McAllister** bolting traps in readiness to set the line.



Gus the cat very interested in how **Lee Blanks** clears trap 8 of our first rat kill



**Magdalene Herlihy** clearing her station's tracking tunnel



# School News

## Pathways

A small thank you gift was given in appreciation to the following businesses who supported placements for our Pathway students in 2018:

- Bell Block Florist
- Careerforce
- Francis Douglas Memorial College
- Gymnastica
- Hairs the Secret
- Jumpstart
- Kidszone Early Childhood Centre
- Kinderen
- Lepperton School
- Lollipops
- Marfell School
- Marinoto Rest Home
- Meraki Hair Salon
- Merrilands School
- Merrilands New World Supermarket
- MusicWorks
- New Plymouth School of Swimming
- Office Furniture First
- Porse Early Childhood Education & Training
- Riding for the Disabled
- Robertsons Pharmacy
- Rumpus Room
- Sheer Bliss Hair & Body
- Sport Taranaki
- Spotlight
- St Joseph's School Waitara
- Stratford Community Centre
- Streamline Swim Academy
- Taranaki Newspapers
- Taranaki Young Peoples Trust
- Telford Rest Home
- The Dept Café
- The Warehouse Bell Block
- Todd Energy Aquatic Centre
- Topkids
- Vospers Funeral Home
- Warehouse Stationery



**Kaylee Uhlenberg** and **Nadia Coward** gained their National Certificate for Floristry this year. They are the only students in New Zealand to do so through Primary ITO. Congratulations on a grand effort.



**Kaylee Uhlenberg**



**Nadia Coward**



2018 sees the departure of **Mary Mustchin** and **Ann Logan** from Pathways. They will be sorely missed and we wish them well in their retirement. They specialised in thinking outside the square.

**Jillian Deluca**  
Pathways Administrator



**Ann Logan and Mary Mustchin**



# School News

## Year 7—Agricultural Science

On 8 November, 7M class took a bus out to Jarred and Sarah Coogan's farm in Tarata as a culmination of their unit on Agricultural Science. They had an amazing experience which included feeding lambs, watching a puppy have it's vet check up, seeing the dogs working with the sheep and hearing all about sheep and beef farming from Sarah and Jarred who were amazing hosts.

Thank you to the Coogans and Hockens for letting us see some of your farm and sharing your experience with us. The girls absolutely loved it.

**Megan Hitchcock**



## Honey

**Yummy honey** from Eltham Apiaries is available from the school office or by contacting Ross Howarth [rho@shgcnp.school.nz](mailto:rho@shgcnp.school.nz).

This is a fundraiser for Year 7 camp. 1kg pot is \$19.





# School 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](mailto: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 Showjumping

**Elysse Kerr, Harriet Healion and Samantha Megchelse** represented Sacred Heart at the TSSSA Show jumping event on Wednesday 28 November. The girls (and horses) jumped really well, and achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Teams event (combined with a Stratford HS student) and the following results:

**Elysse Kerr** (Cheyenne) - Table C – 60cm – 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Harriet Healion** (Ash) - TAM5 – 75cm – 5<sup>th</sup>; Table C – 75cm – 5<sup>th</sup>

**Samantha Megchelse** (Tuesday) - TAM5 – 1m - 2<sup>nd</sup>; Table C – 1m – 4<sup>th</sup>



**Harriet Healion, Elysse Kerr and Samantha Megchelse** pictured with a Stratford High School student.



**Harriet Healion**

## Tough Kids Challenge

On Friday 30 November the entire Year 7 and 8 girls participated in the annual Tough Kid Challenge, hosted by Sport Taranaki.

It was a full on day with plenty of sun, water and action. Congratulations also to Ross Howarth for participating in the teacher's race.





# Sports News

## Intermediate Schools Track & Field Champs

On Tuesday 27 November the following Year 7/8 athletes represented Sacred Heart at the Intermediate Athletics Championships: **Heidi Johns, Nicole Kowalewski, Florence Parker, Bella McEwan, Magdalene Herlihy, Anika Jensen, Sarah Wells** and **Maddie Curd**. The girls ran, jumped and threw very well, and achieved a fantastic result of 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Girls Year 7 4x100m Relay and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Girls Year 8 4x100m Relay. The following girls were placed in the top 6 in their events:

Event		Placing	Time/Distance
Girls Y7 100m	<b>Bella McEwan</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	14.26
	<b>Florence Parker</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	14.47
Girls Y7 200m	<b>Florence Parker</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	30.41
Girls Y7 Long Jump	<b>Bella McEwan</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	4.16m
Girls Y7 High Jump	<b>Bella McEwan</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1.19m
Girls Y8 800m	<b>Heidi Johns</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	3:08:06
Girls Y8 1500m	<b>Heidi Johns</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	5:55:89



The Team



Maddie Curd

## NZSS Athletic Championships

**Hannah O'Connor** finished representing Sacred Heart Girls' College on a high with 3 Gold Medal races at the above event at the beginning of December. **Hannah** finished 1<sup>st</sup> in 1500m and 3000m and the Steeplechase for Senior Girls. She was also named in the New Zealand Secondary Schools 2018 Championships Girls Team - the only Taranaki athlete named - and was awarded the "Senior Girls Athlete of the Meet Award"

Congratulations **Hannah** and all the best for your future running and life as a student athlete in America.





# Sports News

## Year 7/8 Cricket

The Sacred Heart Year 7/8 Cricket team won the Central Districts Primary Shield Championship in April and therefore qualified to represent CD at The Primary Shield Nationals in Christchurch from November 21st to 25th. This was an amazing opportunity to play against the best school teams from Auckland, Northern Districts, Wellington, Canterbury and Otago. We learnt so much on and off the field. The facilities were outstanding. We stayed at Lincoln University and played our games right next door at the NZ Cricket High Performance Centre with 3 beautiful grounds. This included 2 games on the Bert Sutcliffe Oval, which is a first class ground where International games are played. We had a ground announcer, music and a huge electronic scoreboard just like the big games. The whole team played superbly over the 3 days. We had one win, 2 close losses and 2 losses where we were well and truly second. Congratulations to our team MVPs.

**Sophia Bolton** - Batting MVP and Overall Team MVP

**Lucy Howarth** - Bowling MVP

**Emily Shelver** - Fielding MVP

One of the neat parts was mixing with the other teams after our games, as we were all staying and dining in the same area. We played games in the evening and hung out together. Another awesome part was being filmed by NZ Cricket to appear on their skills videos to be released next year. On the last day we went shopping, swimming and had a meal out which was a nice reward after 5 matches in 3 days.

A special thanks to **Ross Howarth** (Coach and Organiser) and **Rachel Campbell** (Manager), as well as the many parents, family and friends who made the trip down south to support us. We had the best supporters and the best time!

By **Lucy Howarth** (Co Captain)



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

## NZSS Condor Rugby 7s

After having qualified in April, the SHGC Condor Rugby 7s travelled to Auckland over the weekend of 1st—2nd December to play in the NZSS Rugby 7s tournament (Condors). Team members were: **Alix Blyde, Lucy Blyde, Tiana Davison, Tyla Henderson, Danielle Muggeridge, Aleida Muller, Amelita Peters, Jorja Simpson, Keighley Simpson, Tayla Simpson, Rongomaiheanga Waera-Hohaia, Finn Whalen.**

Results were as follows:

Game 1: v Massey High 29 – 7 WIN

Game 2: v Wesley College 19 – 17 WIN

Game 3: v Motueka HS 26 – 10 WIN

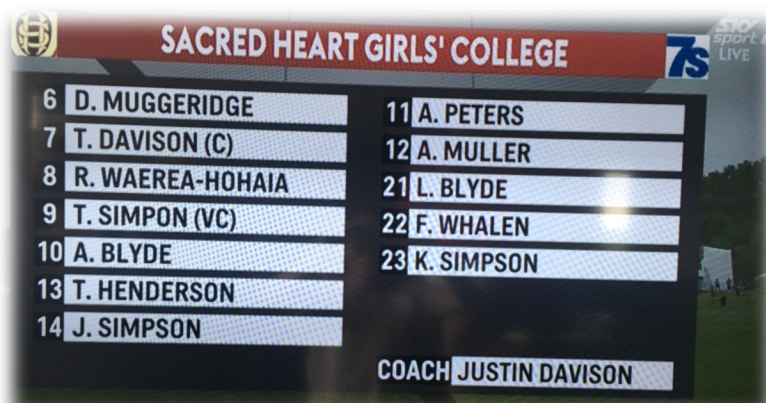
Top of pool play so qualified for top 8

Game 4: v Manukura High 7 – 29 Loss

Game 5: v Gisborne Girls 14 all at full time, golden point led to us losing 15 – 19.

The girls played really well and had some tough games on the Sunday. Final placing 7<sup>th</sup>.

Big thanks to Justin and Brenda Davison and all the other parents who have supported the girls along their Condors journey.



## Surf Life Saving

**Sasha Reid** has recently been away representing New Zealand in Surf Life Saving as the Junior Black Fins. She managed to get a GOLD in the beach sprint relay, SILVER in the tube rescue, SILVER in the taplin relay, SILVER in the ocean person relay, SILVER in the medley relay, SILVER in the obstacle relay, BRONZE in the line throw, BRONZE in the 200m obstacle and a New Zealand record, a fourth in the run swim run and our team managed to win the overall championship, becoming the top overall team and the first team to ever beat Australia in History!



Awesome **Sasha!**

## Taranaki Cricket

Congratulations to the following girls who have been named in Taranaki Cricket U13 Representative Squad for 2018/19:



**Charlotte  
Hoeta**



**Emily  
Shelver**



**Sophia  
Bolton**



**Sophie  
Campbell**



**Zoe  
Ellerton-Kelly**



# Sports News

## City Touch Module



Congratulations to the “Can’t Touch This” team who won the Secondary School Girls’ touch competition; 12-3 vs NPGHS Fab Maoris – a fantastic win girls – well done!

Members of the team were: **Ava Hill, Lahni Kuklinski, Keighley Simpson, Lillian Syrus, Emma Shotter, Lucy Blyde, Tait Whalen, Angel Ladbrook, Lisa Niedermayr** and **Zoe Hall**. Well done especially to **Keighley Simpson**, who was named the MVP for the Final.

## Taranaki Touch



Congratulations to the following girls who have been named in Taranaki Touch squads to compete at the Inter-Provincial Series in Palmerston North, December 15-16<sup>th</sup> and at the Junior Nationals in Rotorua, January 2019.

**Finn Whalen, Alix Blyde** and **Tyla Henderson** – U18 Mixed

**Lucy Blyde** – U16 Mixed

**Aaliyah Kere-Rako** – U16 Girls

**Louise Blyde, Keighley Simpson, Tait Whalen** – U14 Girls Mixed

**Eva Martin** – U12 Mixed

## Tennis



Congratulations to **Nikayla Barnard**. She has been selected to play for the Tennis Central Under 16 team at the New Zealand U16 Teams Event being held in Auckland in January 2019.



**Nikayla Barnard**

## Former student success

### HOCKEY

New Plymouth girls **Holly Pearson**, 20, and **Hope Ralph**, 18, had been representing the New Zealand Under-21 Women Hockey when they were selected for the national development team.

### CRICKET

Congratulations to our past student **Taila Hurley** on being selected in the Central Districts U21 Women's Cricket team. The National U21 Women's tournament is the 15th to 21st December at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Auckland.



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## Adventure Racing

### SHGC/FDMC Adventure Racing Team

On the weekend of the 1-2 December, the Senior Adventure Racing team (**Stella Webby, Anna Waayer, Ariana van Lith and Fionnghuala Lynch**) joined FDMC boys and travelled to Tongariro National Park for training for the Hillary Challenge, which will be in May next year.

The aim of the weekend was to familiarise ourselves with the Park surrounds, significant landmarks and good camp spots. A huge thank you to Nick Brown for enabling us to achieve this aim.

We began with a team challenge requiring getting 10 people across water to a wooden platform, using posts in the ground and four planks – it sounds simple on paper but somewhat more challenging in reality! Saturday saw us walking from Mangatapopo to Waihoonu, effectively crossing the whole National Park. All this was off trail, up rivers and over passes. The weather was marginal, high wind, rain and low cloud. We were assured by Nick that it was good to experience bad weather in training, in case we get similar conditions on race day, but that knowledge didn't make it any more pleasant!! Reaching our camp site, we set up tents and consumed a delicious chili con carne dinner – thanks Tom. We woke to rain so struggled a little to clamber out of our sleeping bags, however Nick soon had us out on the final rogaine. A valuable and worthwhile weekend.

If you are interested in Adventure Racing for 2019 join the Facebook page or email Ms Payne.

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## Characters around the school

