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Sacred Heart Girls' College

Manawa Tapu

New Plymouth

TERM TWO

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 22 July:

First day Term 3

Mon 22—Fri 26 July:

Academic Week

Tues 30 July:

Vianney Feast Day

Mon 29 July—Fri 2 Aug:

Cultural & Arts Week

Mon 5—Wed 7 Aug:

Science Fair

Mon 12—Fri 16 Aug:

Maths Week

Thurs 15 Aug:

Assumption Liturgy

Fri 16 Aug:

Year 13 Retreat

Mon 19—Fri 23 Aug:

Pathways Week

Fri 30 Aug:

Study Day Y12 & Y 13

Mon 2—Fri 6 Sept:

Winter Tournament Week

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Term Two

Mon 29 April — Fri 5 July

Term Three

Mon 22 July — Fri 27 Sept

Term Four

Mon 14 Oct— Wed 11 Dec



Principal's Peace

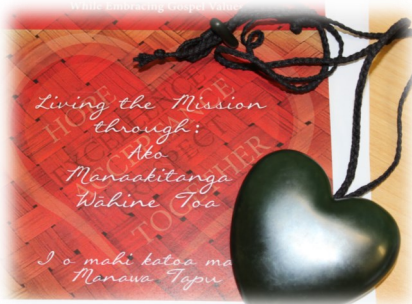


Kia ora whanau

Welcome to our July newsletter, and the last day of Term 2.

Last week was a spectacular week for a number of affirming and uplifting reasons, made all the more special with the gift of a glorious run of weather with clear skies, cold nights, and bright sunlight that warmed our hearts. The night sky was ablaze with starlight, which was perfect for celebrating the Māori New Year. Here in Taranaki, we celebrate Puanga. As a school we've been doing a little bit of learning about Puanga. We know that it is a time that we remember those who have passed away in the last year. We also know that it's a time to welcome and celebrate the next generation, those who have just been born, and we think of Whaea Kerena, her partner Charles, and their brand new baby girl, and the future they will have as a new family. During Puanga, we have also learned that it is a time to treasure precious taonga, such as our pounamu, that was gifted to us by the Kawana whanau of Ngāi Tahu. Our taonga has been busy lately, attending all sorts of significant events, in order that it be filled with the Mauri, the spirit, of Manawa Tapu, just as Hinepau with the sunset hair and pounamu eyes, threw out her mauri all over the land and her nimble weaver's fingers unfurled in the shoots of new green growth. Today we celebrate the harvest that comes at Puanga, and the end of term, with a hāngi at lunchtime.

In the past couple of weeks we have had a wonderful run of outstanding performances across our Sacred Heart community. This has been a precious taonga, an affirming, uplifting celebration of God-given gifts and talents. Congratulations to all involved in Production, Show Quest and Kapa Haka. These three performances by a vast number of our students were incredible. I'd like to acknowledge your hard work, your dedication and commitment, and to congratulate you all on wonderful expressions of your Art, a precious taonga to us all. Thank you to your teachers and mentors who enabled you to have these experiences; people on my team who give of themselves in order that you have your time to shine. Kia ora.



Thank you all for Sacred Heart Feast Day, which was a gift. Our Masses are always very special, however, there was a little something extra in the air last Friday, and we entered into the spirit of the Eucharist in an uplifting and affirming way. Equally, House Singing was spectacular. Well done to the House Leaders, and those who have supported you so well in gifting us the best-ever House Singing performances in my time here. I was proud, and brought to tears, by the way in which they captured our theme, Manaaki Tangata, through our Kiwi-Anthems, and did so embracing the three official languages of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Openly Engage with Community

Thank you to our Hauora Leaders, and to their team for bringing us WellBeing Week. Thank you for all of the events and activities that were provided for us; and thank you for taking such good care of us! You looked after our wairua, you looked after our physical and emotional needs, and you filled our puku's too. Let's take the learnings of wellbeing week and apply them to the holiday break. There have been a lot of germs around, and we have been super-busy, so it is definitely timely that we should plan for some rest and rejuvenation.

Today we have said haere rā to Mr Zwanniken and Mrs Luff, two special members of our Manawa Tapu community who will be missed. At the beginning of next term we will welcome our new Leader of learning Y7 and Y8, Miss Yandle. Miss Yandle has been a Syndicate Leader at Highlands Intermediate, and she is very excited to be joining us here at Sacred Heart, as is our new Leader of Learning, Technology, Miss Kim Greig, who will be with us at the beginning of Week 2. Earlier in the term we welcomed our new Te Reo Māori teacher, Matua Hemi Haddon, and our new permanent Science teacher, Mr Rob Evans. Both have settled quickly into our Manawa Tapu community.

Thank you students, staff and caregivers for your participation in recent surveys regarding NCEA and principal performance; it was great that so many of you took time to respond. Both sets of data will be useful as we continually embrace an improvement-focussed culture, and will definitely feed into future decision-making. As previously indicated, our Leaders of Learning are continuing with their inquiry into future-focussed curriculum, and we will be ready to present our findings and direction for 2020 and beyond later in Term 3. It's an exciting and interesting time, and we are committed to developing a learning environment that is engaging, student-centric, educationally powerful and in alignment with the aspirations of our community.

Have a wonderful school holiday break whanau. Thank you for gifting so much of your beautiful selves this term. Rest, rejuvenate, be safe and happy, and to the two international tour groups who are heading away; enjoy, be the epitome of a Sacred Heart girl, and give thanks and show due respect to those who have provided you with the opportunity of a lifetime!



Manaaki Tangata

Paula Wells
Principal



Office Holiday Hours

Monday-Wednesday:
Thursday-Friday:

the office will be open both weeks between 9am and 3pm
the office is closed both weeks

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Show Quest 2019

On 21st June, bright and early, the ShowQuest team boarded the bus for Palmerston North to take part in the regional competition. This is a performing arts event that involves dancing, music and drama and showcases the students' many talents. The girls had been building up to this day since the beginning of the year, under the guidance of four amazing Year 13 leaders, **Keeley Luckin, Paige Mackay, Millie Askin** and **Olivia Stewart**. Every Sunday, the dedicated crew of 38 students had met together in the Events Centre to rehearse in preparation for this exciting event.

Our performance was dedicated to Gabby Devine, a former student of SHGC, who passed away due to cancer, but who has inspired so many with her positivity and her legacy, Starlit Hope, a charity that delivers thousands of random acts of kindness to children in hospitals around New Zealand.

We spent the day in Palmerston North at the Regent Theatre, rehearsing and preparing for the night time show.

We were one of 6 schools who performed that night and our girls were exceptional, winning the overall event, as well as 4 major awards. We won Best Choreography, Best Costume, Best Soundtrack and Best Performance of an individual student, which was awarded to the very talented **Gabrielle Carthew**.

The whole process, from planning through to practicing and eventually performing was hugely rewarding. The girls worked incredibly hard and deserved their accolades. A huge thanks must go to the teacher support crew of **Cath Leger, Emma Cronin, Wendy Mulligan, Taryn Gadsby** and **Deborah Jordan**, who helped with the planning, preparation and administration of the event.

Thanks to the many parents who showed their support by travelling to Palmerston for the show. It was well worth the trip!

Thanks also to our wonderful sponsors:

CoreGroup

Beck Helicopters

Poolside Taranaki

Dance Highway 45

Worley

Duncan Murray Painter & Decorator

Mitre 10



Show Quest crew



Show Quest leaders

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Turf Opening



The Turf was officially blessed by Matua Hemi on Friday 28 June. The PTFA organised food stalls and the PE Department arranged fun and games to celebrate the new facilities.



Stephen Hill, Board of Trustees Chairperson, and one of the driving forces behind the project, was unable to attend in person. However he managed to make an appearance of sorts, pictured here with his eldest daughter and former student, Madeleine.



See page 13 for the PTFA reusable jute bags – only \$10 each – very handy!

Nourish Catholic Character

Pentecost—On June 9th, Pentecost Sunday, the Church commemorated the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples as tongues of fire.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:4



The name Pentecost (Greek pentecoste, "fiftieth") originally referred to the Jewish Feast of Weeks which fell fifty days after 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. Today we celebrate Pentecost as the conclusion of the Easter season, fifty days after Easter Sunday. Conscious of the missionary zeal which galvanised the apostles into a united body, we often think of Pentecost as the birth of the Church.

"Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation"

Mark 16:15

Since Pentecost Sunday the liturgical calendar of the Church has returned to 'Ordinary Time.' During Ordinary Time, the Church's prayers and selections of readings from Scripture follow Jesus in his public ministry. This year is Year C in the liturgical calendar, so we are following the Gospel of Luke.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees—In his message for the 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis says fear and a throw-away culture lead to the rejection and exclusion of people seeking a better life. He says we can all build the "city of God" if we welcome, protect, promote and integrate those seeking a better life.

"It is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone, in taking care of them will grow."

The Church in New Zealand celebrated the diversity that migrants and refugees bring to our community on Sunday June 23rd.

"I was a stranger and you received me in your homes."

Matthew 25:35

There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a solution to the challenges they face.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Following a period of preparation with our College Chaplain, seventeen students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on July 4 in Mary's Chapel. This sacrament celebrates God's gift of reconciliation and peace. We examine our present relationships in the light of the Gospel's message of love.

"Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us."

Pope Francis



Sacred Heart attended the funeral Mass of Father Bill Casey, a much-loved Priest and resident of communities right around our Maunga, including the Mission Rest Home here at Sacred Heart.

From left; Mrs Wells, Ella McDonald, Mackenzie Gardner, Emily Poole and Cherry Symonds

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Amen



Nourish Catholic Character

Sacred Heart Feast Day

Sacred Heart Feast Day was held on Friday 28 June and celebrated by Father Simon Story.

Thank you to parents who supported the Special Character Council SHGC Feast Day food appeal, your support is very much appreciated.



Vui's Ordination

The Ordination of Vui Hoang took place at the Palmerston North Cathedral on Saturday 29 June 2019.



Pictured below, from left who attended this special occasion are: **Mrs Wells, Frances Chow, Marianne Lynch, Emily Forsyth, Emily Poole, Anna Waayer, Madeleine Hall, Eve Hagenson, Cornelia Chan, Carole Tipler (Chaplain) and Sister Mary Wyss.**



Nurture Hauora

A poem for Gabby

Gabby's gone
 She was the perfect girl, *Taken way to soon.*
 She loved, cared, and nurtured us, *Taken far away.*
 She had the purest heart, *Taken where all suffering dies.*
 She gave more than any of us, *Taken where God reigns.*
 She suffered like many, *taken where she can't come back.*
 She gave what no one deserves to give, *taken where she looks upon us.*
 She grew the tallest and most fruitful tree, *taken when we need her most.*
 We can't live without her,
 God please give her back.

By Isabella Bromell



If we all do
 one random act of
 kindness daily,
 we just might set
 the world in the
 right direction.

Gabby Devine: Founder of
 Gabby's Starlit Hope

House Singing

Beautiful singing poured out from the Events Centre in the afternoon with the energizing voices of students partaking in House Singing.



Boredom Boxes

Students from the Special Character Council put together boredom boxes for children who are admitted to the Children's Hospital Ward.

This is Gabby Devine's Starlit Hope Charity, which is run by her parents and helpers.

This is an ongoing Special Character Council random act of kindness.



Nurture Hauora

International and Exchange Students

We farewell our exchange student from Italy, and some international students from Brazil and Japan the end of this term. Blessings and safe travels home.



Pictured with Mrs Wells:
Laenny Ramos Albuquerque and
Maria Vidal De Assis from Brazil.



Pictured with Mrs Wells:
Haruka Nishida, Mayuko Mori
and **Ayaka Ogake** from Japan.



Camilla Cattini, our exchange student from Italy, is pictured with Mrs Wells and Mr Murray who are dressed as Where's Wally for fun for the last day of Term.

School Transport Assistance

Applications for School Transport Assistance

The Ministry of Education has revised the application form for transport assistance and advise that the only acceptable form is the one provided in the [link](#).

What is School Transport Assistance?

Caregivers are responsible for transporting students to and from school each day. However, the Ministry may provide assistance where the Ministry deems that distance and/or accessibility may be a barrier for students attending the closest school they can enrol at. School Transport Assistance is provided in the form of a conveyance allowance. A conveyance allowance is a payment made directly to a caregiver's nominated bank account to subsidise the cost of transporting a student to a school, or in some instances a bus stop. Caregivers may be eligible for transport assistance to assist them getting to their closest bus route if they live more than 2.4km from the bus route.

Who is eligible for school transport?

To be eligible for school transport assistance students must meet each of the following criteria: A. Be attending the closest school they can enrol at AND B. Be living over 3.2km (years 1-8) or 4.8km (years 9+) from this school, AND C. Have no access to suitable public transport. Applicants should ensure that they meet each of the above criteria before submitting an application. For further information about how the eligibility of applicants is determined, please refer to the Ministry of Education's website.

Andrew Murray
Deputy Principal

Strengthen Learning and Teaching

Production

The SHGC Production, **War of the Worlds—the Panic Broadcast** was a very successful production that was held from Thursday 20 June to Saturday 22 June. Thank you to Ross Hunter, Jesse Armstrong, Jane Sanfelieu, Leigh Sanfelieu, Helen Manning and Kim Goodey for your help and support to the production team. Thank you to our sponsors and the 4th Wall Theatre where the production was held. Well done to everyone involved; students, staff, volunteers and thank you to friends and families who supported in various ways, from taxiing students to rehearsals, to attending the production.

Loren Armstrong
TIC Drama



Pathways



Megan Corbett is placed with the Fire Service in New Plymouth where, within obvious health and safety considerations, she is experiencing every facet of the job. Megan is not the first woman in the fire service but it is still a male dominated role.

Women are needed - responses inevitably involve women and girls and it is great for them to receive the assistance of a female professional.

Megan is loving the role and we think this is going to be the start of a great career for her.

Megan Corbett

Former student, **Gemma Hughes** called in to visit. Gemma had a Pathways placement at Hairs the Secret in Hawera in 2018 and is continuing her passion for hairdressing at WITT in 2019. Well done Gemma.

Gemma Hughes



Sports News

Whilst we enjoy sharing in our students' successes, we are currently streamlining our newsletter in response to community feedback. We will not be replicating the sharing of some sports results and achievements if they have already been published in other medium, such as Facebook.

If you have any queries regarding sport at the college, please contact Ms Aroha Lynch, our Sports Co-ordinator, by emailing her at: sport@shgcnps.school.nz

AEROBICS

Congratulations to **Ashlee Newman** who qualified for the NZ International Aerobics team. She travelled with the New Zealand team to Melbourne to compete at the Australian Nationals earlier this term. An awesome experience at her first competition as an international athlete Ashlee placed 11th overall in the Age group 2 international category. She gained the qualifying score and received a bronze medal at an Auckland competition in the middle of May.



BASKETBALL

Several of our students participated in tournaments at Queen's Birthday weekend, both here and in Dunedin. Both Taranaki A u15 and u17 were grade winners here and will now represent Taranaki at the Nationals in July. Taranaki u19 finished 3rd at their Nationals. **Caitlin O'Connell** was named in the U19 Tournament team. We also had some students in Taranaki u15B team participate in the local tournament.

U17 Girls': **Gemma Walsh (Captain), Emilie Back, Lillian Syrus, Madeline Shearman, Lucy Blyde, and Teghan Omelvena-Ngatai.**

U15 Girls' A: **Louise Blyde, Georgia Meads, Jorja Shearman and Nina Syrus.**

Congratulations also to **Caitlin O'Connell** who has been named in a NZ U17 team to participate in FIBA Oceania U17 Championships. The competition takes place in Noumea, New Caledonia from the 19 - 24 August, where a top-two finish secures a place in the FIBA-Asia Under 18 Championships in 2020. Good luck Caitlin.

ROSE RECIPIENTS

A number of roses were given out over the months of May and June:



Caitlin O'Connell—NZ U17 FIBA Oceania Basketball Team

Te Toa Hockey Team—winners of the tournament pictured on the next page.

Ashlee Newman—NZ International Aerobics Team

Francesca Carthew—NZ School of Dance Scholars Programme

Imogen Hodge—NZ School of Dance Scholars Programme

Katrina Casey—NZ School of Dance Scholars Programme

Ms Deborah Jordan—awarded Massey Top Scholar for tertiary study in Spanish and was given an award by the Argentinian Ambassador in Wellington.



Sports News

MISSION CUP AND TE TOA

Both our Senior A Netball and 1st X1 Hockey team travelled to Lower Hutt for the above tournaments at Queen's Birthday weekend and were very successful.

Hockey were overall winners and the netballers came a close second, losing their final game by 2 goals.

Congratulations to all of our players and a big thank you to the coaches and managers, supporters, Mrs Wells and Ms O'Byrne who gave up their weekend to travel with the team.



ADVENTURE RACING: HILARY CHALLENGE 2020

Twenty six teams competed in the 6 hour Hillary Challenge North Island event in Rotorua on Sunday 23rd June. Our combined FDMC/SHGC Adventure Race Team put in a strong performance in spite of the heavy rain and cold conditions to come 2nd overall. This means the team qualifies to take part in the 5 day National final in Tongariro next year. Great work to our own **Jorja Simpson, Frances Chow, Fionnghuala Lynch** and **Nell Brown**, as well as the FDMC boys: Geordie Vink, Rhys Price, Heath Waayer and Oscar Hadley.

RIPPA RUGBY—Year 7 & 8

On Wednesday June 26th, 46 Sacred Heart girls joined 75 other teams at the New Plymouth Racecourse, at the annual TRFU organised Year 7-8 Rippa Rugby Tournament. The 5 Sacred Heart teams were split across 4 pools of four teams all playing each other, with the winners advancing to the semi-finals. It was a fantastic spectacle in the sun, and all teams had some easier and tougher games across the day. SHGC White comprising **Sienna Asi, Mila Berentson, Louise Blyde, Ellie Edgcombe, Hannah Lobb, Eva Martin, Libby Neilson, Eva Niedermayr**, and **Chloe Roylance** were the only team to make the semi-finals. They in fact progressed to the final of the girls competition against a team from Manukorihi Intermediate. After being tied 11-all at the end of regulation time, they had to play the 'golden try' rule, and with having the starting kick-off Manukorihi unfortunately managed to score straight away. All teams showed true Manawa spirit during the day, and played with great sportsmanship and fair play. Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped on the day.



PE/SPORTS Facebook page

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.

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TSSSA EVENTS

On Friday June 21st, a group of year 10 girls represented Sacred Heart at the TSSSA Badminton event, held at NPGHS. All girls were entered into the competitive section, and after some initial trepidation as to whether they'd be up to the standard, performed well during the day. First up highly skilled international student **Haruka Nishida**, played exceptionally well and made the Junior Girls' Singles Final. She faced a tough competitor from NPGHS, playing out the full 3 sets before being closely beaten into 2nd place. Then it was the doubles competition, where all 7 SHGC teams were divided into two pools and played some close matches against the other teams. The highest finishing pair was **Angel Ladbrook** and **Haruka Nishida** who finished 3rd in the Junior Girls' Doubles.



Haruka Nishida

On Thursday 13th June (Senior) and Wednesday 26th June (Junior), Sacred Heart had 3 teams entered into the TSSSA 3x3 Basketball events. Firstly, defending champions from the 2018 event **Raquel Sampson, Emily Poole, Caitlin O'Connell, and Alix Blyde** were determined to play well in Hawera and defend their crown. And so they did, beating all teams on the night, and even giving a boys team a good run for their money! Well done girls!

Last week it was the turn of the two Junior Girls teams, who in addition to 'keeping the Sacred Heart winning' tradition alive, were also playing to win the McKean Shield.

Congratulations to SHGC White comprising of **Lillian Syrus, Nina Syrus, Millie Wisnewski** and **Georgia Meads** who won all their games on the night and were thus the Junior Girls Champions.

And also congratulations to SHGC Red - **Charlotte Seddon, Charlotte Stokes, Libby Francis** and **Jorja Shearman**, who managed to win all the games that mattered and took the McKean Shield off Stratford High School. The pressure will now be on the next group of girls who attend a TSSSA event to hold onto the shield in their games.



From left; **Emily Poole, Caitlin O'Connell, Alix Blyde** and **Raquel Sampson**

TAEKWON-DO

Year 9 students, **Iris Pease** and **Lola Potter** have achieved their black belt in Taekwon-Do. The two girls have been going to TKD since they were around 7-8 years of age and have shown a lot of determination and hard work to reach the level of black belt at such a young age. They officially received their black belts on Thursday 4 July.

Lola Potter and **Iris Pease** pictured in their red belts before receiving their black belts.



Sports News



Introducing Our Latest Fundraiser

Reusable Jute Bags

Featuring our new PTFA Logo
from the heart

Great for a variety of things **sports gear, grocery shopping, school books** and much more! Plus **all proceeds** will be used to help fund the purchase of the **shade cover** for **The Sacred Space**

ONLY \$10.00 EACH

We need your support, so we ask that every family sell at least 1 bag and there will be a prize offered to the student who sells the most! **GIRLS ORDER THROUGH AND PAY YOUR MANAAKI TEACHER!** Bags can also be purchased at the School Office (cash sales only)

