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through:
Ako
Manaakitanga
Wāhine Toa*

**Sacred Heart Girls' College
Manawa Tapu
New Plymouth**

TERM ONE

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Fri 6 March:**
SHGC Athletics Day
TET Stadium, Inglewood
 - Mon 9 March:**
Taranaki Anniversary
 - Tues 17 March:**
Excellence Assembly
 - Thurs 19 March:**
Airbands
 - Thurs 26 March:**
GEMS Conferences;
Years 7-8, 9am-8pm
Years 9-13, 4-8pm
 - Fri 27 March:**
GEMS Conferences;
Years 7-13, 8.30am—3pm
 - Tues 31 March:**
Speech Final Night
 - Mon 30 March—Fri 3 Apr:**
NZSS Summer Tournament
 - Wed 1—Fri 3 Apr:**
Year 8 Camp
 - Fri 3 Apr:**
Taranaki Orchestra Day
 - Wed 8 Apr:**
Sheilah Winn
 - Thurs 9 Apr:**
Last day of Term 1
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- Term One**
Thurs 30 Jan — Thurs 9 April
 - Term Two**
Tues 28 April — Fri 3 July
 - Term Three**
Mon 20 July — Fri 25 Sept
 - Term Four**
Mon 12 Oct— Tues 8 Dec



Principal's Peace



Kia ora whanau

We have had an excellent start to the school year, welcoming newcomers and returning members of our college community through a range of events and activities from Year 13 camp to Year 7 Welcome Mass, Elizabeth House Welcome Mass, whole school powhiri, Year 7 Manaaki Day, Year 9 Retreat and Opening Mass. It was our absolute intention to put our time and energies into welcoming each and every member of our community, and ensuring that we did so in a way that is appropriate, both culturally and spiritually, so that every person feels valued and has a knowing that they belong here. To recover from that rampant start, we gifted a long Waitangi weekend; students returned rejuvenated and renewed and ready for the routine of connecting with learning and establishing strong work habits that will serve our students well across the course of the year.

Our strong tradition of every learner achieving to the best of their abilities has continued with stellar NCEA achievement rates. Whilst academic achievement isn't the only measure of success at this college where we celebrate each person's individual gifts and talents in a myriad of ways, the results speak of the commitment and efforts of the learner, my staff and the support networks in homes. Closely tracking student achievement continually and measuring progress against goals set in our GEMS (Goals Encourage Mana and Success) Programme, ensures that we place each learner in the best possible position to achieve to their full potential, which is our absolute mission. NCEA data is presently unconfirmed, therefore I will delay sharing detailed analysis. However, I can tell you that our achievement rates are looking to read in the vicinity of: NCEA Level 1 - 95.6%, NCEA Level 2 - 92.2% and NCEA Level 3 - 84.3%.



Mrs Wells pictured with Year 7 students at the Year 7 Mass, held on Tuesday 28 January at St Joseph's Church

All learners are included in the data and our results sit proudly ahead of those of Decile 8-10 schools nationally, at all levels, with a developing trend of increasing numbers of students earning Excellence Endorsements at Level 2 and Level 3. Congratulations to **Brianna Breeze** (Chemistry and Classics) and **Fiona Glennie** (Photography) who were awarded NCEA Scholarship passes in their external examinations.

Photo by **Abbie Wood, Y11**

Openly Engage with Community

Principal's Peace continued

Curriculum change in Years 7-9 Technology, and Arts and Languages, has been implemented and is beginning to bed down. Allowing for longer blocks of time in Technology has been a priority, along with providing an element of choice at Year 9 in both Technology (one full year course in either: Design, Digital, Food, STEM or Textiles), and Arts and Languages (two semester courses in: Art, Drama, Māori Culture, Music or Spanish). All students across Year 7-9 continue to learn Te Reo Māori. Wherever possible, we have provided timetable consistency across subject areas to allow for teacher collaboration and creativity within programmes, such as Year 9 English occurring simultaneously. Initial feedback is positive, and we will continue to monitor and review outcomes. Another change implemented, that we consulted with you on last year, was the incorporation of the sexuality component of the Health curriculum into Religious Studies.

In building news, we were delighted to have our five new English classrooms ready, blessed and opened for the start of the school year. They have been named for the five Mission Sisters who currently connect with the college community: Margaret, Mary, Martha, Constance and Veronica. We are eagerly awaiting delivery of an RNDM stained glass window to be installed at the end of the corridor, adding to the tradition of the Mission Sisters as the foundation and cornerstone of Sacred Heart. You will notice that external groundworks continue, with the build team now shifting their energies to Stage 2, which is the building of new Science Laboratories on the ground floor of the main block. Please remember that space remains at a premium with the additional vehicles and workers on site, and that is always best, and safest, not to drive into the school grounds when dropping and collecting our precious cargo.

We have begun the year fully staffed, with some adjustments, including Barbara Costelloe fulfilling the role of Acting DP for Term 1, whilst we undertake Deputy Principal recruitment, with experienced Mathematics teacher Barbara Gall joining us for the term. Also in Mathematics, we are pleased to welcome Jeanne Gagnon as a permanent, full time member of our team due to Hayley Kim resigning and relocating to Auckland at the end of last year. Lee Blanks has not returned to school due to poor health, however we are blessed that Helen Basile was available to step into our Year 7 and 8 faculty with Nicola Hill returning from Study Leave. Our Science Technician, Leigh Sanfelieu has resigned due to his poor health and will finish with us at the end of February. Both Leigh and Lee are treasured members of our Manawa Tapu community, and that will remain to be the case regardless of whether they are physically with us at school or not. They have impacted positively on the lives of countless students and staff, and will be greatly missed. Taryn Gadsby is Acting Leader of Learning Social Sciences due to Alison Slater reducing to part time to undertake study and Melissa Seddon continues in the role of Acting Leader of Learning Health and Physical Education whilst Narelle O'Byrne is on Maternity Leave. Matua Hemi Haddon continues in the role of Teacher in Charge of Māori whilst Whaea Kerena Wano is on Maternity Leave. Cathy Quigan is on Refreshment Leave for the year, and her teaching has been distributed across existing staff Kim Greig and Felicity Paterson, who has also joined our Science faculty this year. Kim Goodey has taken responsibility for Teacher in Charge of e-Learning. Our Dean of Year 8, Andrea Taylor, will be taking Maternity Leave from the end of Term 1.

Departing Deputy Principal, Cath Leger, gifted to the college a quilt, hand-made by her, as a memory of her time at the college. You can find a photograph of the beautifully crafted quilt, and an explanation of all it represents, at the end of this newsletter.

I am beyond proud of our exceptional start to the year and look forward to wonderful things to come.

Te whakahou i te taha wairua

Paula Wells
Principal



Nourish Catholic Character

Renewed by the Spirit



Our College theme for 2020 is “Renewed by the Spirit,” taken from Pope Francis’ 2018 apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate – Rejoice and Exult*. This theme challenges us all to be transformed and renewed by the Spirit so that we can follow the path of love. “To be renewed by the Spirit is to encounter God and allow him to guide us, giving us the strength to live out our journey of faith and invite others to join us on our way. God’s grace shines through us in our renewal and enables us to reach out with hope and love to those in need.”

“May you come to realise what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens.”

Gaudete et Exsultate – para 24

Ash Wednesday, on February 26, marks the beginning of the season of Lent – a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our student-led Ash Wednesday liturgy begins: “Lent is traditionally a time to repair and renew our relationship with God, our neighbour and ourselves. It is a time to change our hearts in order to be open to God’s invitation of personal transformation.” After listening to the Word of God, an opportunity for quiet contemplation and receiving the ashes, staff and students will make this Lenten promise together:



Our Lenten Promise

At Sacred Heart Girls’ College, during this season of Lent, we will try to follow Pope Francis’ call to find the Jesus in the face of others, in their voices and in their pleas. We will try to remember that when we encounter our sisters and brothers, wherever they may live, we encounter the face of Christ.

The Lenten appeal on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference enables Caritas to continue working to heal and support those overcome by poverty and injustice around the world. At school, we will be highlighting the ways in which Caritas works in solidarity with vulnerable people to bring transformation, renewal, hope and peace. Funds raised at our popular Airbands event on March 19 will be forwarded to Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.

As we journey through the six weeks of Lent let us remember the words of Mother Teresa:

*It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing.
It is not how much we give, but how much love is put in the giving.*



Catherine Landrigan
Director of Religious Studies

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New Staff and Staff Update



Jeanne Gagnon
Permanent Full-time
Mathematics Teacher

Melissa Seddon
Acting Leader of Learning
Physical Education & Health



Barbara Gall
Fixed Term (Term 1)
Mathematics Teacher

Taryn Gadsby
Acting Leader of Learning
Social Sciences



School APP

We have a Mobile App for important school messages. To download the App click this link. <http://shgcnpp.apps.school.nz/share/>

Free and easy to use, download our school App now.

You will be able to access:

Daily Notices, Upcoming Events, Alerts, Links, Important contacts and more.



Donations

A big thank you to the parents that have paid their daughter's school donation and to those parents paying theirs via AP or DD. It is not too late to start paying; even small amounts are greatly appreciated.

Being a Decile 8 State Integrated School, Sacred Heart Girls' College receives less funding from the Ministry of Education than the other state high schools in Taranaki. Sacred Heart is reliant on parents paying their daughter's school donation to account for the shortfall in our funding to ensure we provide high quality education in a high-quality, modern environment for your daughter.

The Proprietor's portion of the school donation goes to funding upgrades to the school property such as the turfing of the school courts last year and the building upgrade project that started last September.

All donations paid to Sacred Heart qualify for a 33.33% tax rebate from the IRD, the school sends out these donation receipts after 31 March each year. If you have not received yours for 2020 please contact the school office and we will arrange for this to be sent to you.



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Safety



If you need to visit your daughter at the school – please ensure that you report to the school office first. We need to ensure that we know who is on site at any time.

Beginning of and end of school day—please do not drop off or pick up your daughter inside the school grounds at the start of the day, or collecting at the end of the day. We do not have adequate parking nor room to easily turn around. Ask her to walk across the road at the crossing to Paynters Avenue where it is much safer to park. You can use the parking ramps near the bridge. Please note we currently have builders on site, so Health & Safety of our students is paramount.

Medication—we do not hand out panadol (or any other medication) at school, unless we have permission noted on our system from a parent/caregiver. If your daughter is unwell, our policy is to contact you to pick her up as soon as possible.

Leaving school grounds—if your daughter needs to leave the school grounds she will need a signed note from home. If she does not bring one, we will contact you before giving permission.

Administration



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- **School Break Times**—We begin the day at 8.40am. Thank you for ensuring your daughter arrives on time. Interval has been extended by 5 minutes to help ensure an adequate break. It is important that your daughter takes the opportunity to eat something at this time. Lunchtime is 1.15pm—2.00pm. School finishes every day at 3.20pm, and 3pm on Wednesdays.
- **Student appointments/illness – Admin office first contact**—We are finding that because a large percentage of our students have phones they are not following correct procedure for sickness/appointments. If a student is unwell or they wish to leave school due to an appointment, please tell them to come to the front office so staff can make contact with parents/caregivers if necessary. If the office staff are not made aware of these situations it becomes difficult to locate the student or more importantly assist the student if they are unwell.
- **Update contact details**—It is important that we have correct contact information for families and caregivers of our students. Please can you let us know if you change any details such as email, address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts.
- **Student accounts**—Individual student accounts will soon be emailed to families. You are most welcome to pay these off during the year by making smaller, more manageable payments via internet banking. The school's fees bank account is shown on the statement and we ask that you use the student number (also shown on your statement) as a reference. Any queries please contact the main office or email accounts@shgcnp.school.nz
- **Student Printing**—All students receive a \$10 printing credit at the start of Term 1 of each year. Once spent, students can top up their printing account with any amount at the main office with cash or via eftpos.
- **Signing in and out - Vistab**—All visitors to the school are required to report to the main office on arrival. If staying on site you need to sign in and out on our Vistab system that will print out an ID sticker to wear while on site. Please remember to sign out at the end of your visit. A reminder that students also need to sign in for lateness and out via the student counter.
- **Work and Income help**—Click [here](#) to see if you are eligible for some help with school uniforms and stationery from Work and Income if you are on a low income or benefit.

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Who to contact at school

My daughter is sick and cannot come to school today	Ring the school office 758 5023 and leave a message on the absentee line.
My daughter is doing NCEA: she is sick and she will be missing an internal NCEA Assessment My daughter has an issue with an NZQA assessment (internal or external)	Contact Andrew Murray (Principal's Nominee for NZQA) on amu@shgcnp.school.nz or phone 758 5023 ext 144. A medical certificate might be required to cover absence from an NCEA assessment.
My daughter is having an issue with a particular subject	Please email the subject teacher on: (teachercode)@shgcnp.school.nz You can then arrange a time for a phone call or a visit if required. Note: the teacher codes are 3 letter codes, eg bco for Barb Costelloe. A full staff list is found on our website accessed from the "Contact Us" page or this link: http://www.shgcnp.school.nz/our-school/staff/
My daughter is having an issue with more than one subject or other aspects of school, or she has a home or health situation that the school needs to know about	Please contact your daughter's Manaaki teacher: (teachercode)@shgcnp.school.nz <i>The first port of call for most concerns should be your daughter's manaaki teacher</i>
There is something more serious happening with my daughter. She might be being bullied (online or in person), she might be struggling with a mental health issue or there might be something going on in her personal or family life that is a bit more confidential.	For more serious pastoral care needs please contact your daughter's Dean or our guidance counsellor Year 7: Ross Howarth rho@shgcnp.school.nz Year 8: Andrea Taylor ata@shgcnp.school.nz Year 9: Carly Avery cav@shgcnp.school.nz Year 10: Joan Hodson jho@shgcnp.school.nz Year 11: Emily Scott esc@shgcnp.school.nz Year 12: Claire Tate cta@shgcnp.school.nz Year 13: Amanda Brown abr@shgcnp.school.nz Guidance counsellor: Wendy Payne wpa@shgcnp.school.nz
For any other issues not covered here, or if you are unsure of who to contact.	Please ring the school on 758 5023 and our office staff will help you out.



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Beginning of 2020



Year 7 Mass— Tuesday 28 January 2020
Photos by Abbie Wood, Y11



Powhiri— Thursday 30 January 2020



Year 7 Manaaki Day— Friday 31 January 2020



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Opening Mass



Opening Mass — Tuesday 4 February 2020
 Photos by Lisa Niedermayr, Y11

PTFA

The Sacred Heart PTFA (Parents Teachers Friends Association) would like to invite you its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Monday 16 March at 7.15pm** in the school staffroom.

*Please
Join Us*

The AGM will be preceded by a Special General Meeting to approve a new constitution. Click [Here](#) for constitution. This can also be found on our website under Our School—PTFA tab.

Committee members have been working on improving the existing constitution so it better reflects the school community and clarifies some aspects of the way the association works. The special meeting to approve this new document starts at 7pm, also in the staffroom.

All are welcome. We would love to see new faces and build our PTFA community!

For further information contact chairperson Mary-Elizabeth Hagenson maryelizabeth@hagenson.com or secretary Sarah Foy sfoy@xtra.co.nz

Nurture Hauora

Leaders 2020

Head Girl Team



Cornelia Chan (Deputy), **Jorja Murray** (Head Girl), **Caitlin O'Connell** (Deputy)

Head Boarder Team



Fionnghuala Lynch (Deputy), **Emma Delehanty** (Head Boarder), **Annabelle Bradley** (Deputy)

Liturgy Leader



Frances Chow

Māori Leader



Kristin Normanton

BOT Student Rep



Ann-Mariya Tomy

Hauora Leaders



Madeleine Hall and **Kadie Smith**

Academic Leaders



Samantha Glenny and **Jana Niedermayr**

Nurture Hauora

Leaders 2020

Cultural & Arts Leaders



Samantha Lusty and Petra Harris

Sports Leaders



Jorja Simpson and Carina Flannagan

Barbier Leaders



Kylie Aylward and Charlotte Bish

Chanel Leaders



Charly Burnett and Ruby Hosking

Lourdes Leaders



Alix Blyde and Tiaan Owen

Vianney Leaders



Anna Conley and Yannika Harrop

Strengthen Learning & Teaching

International Students

This term is a busy one in the International department, with eighteen Internationals in total. We have four returning students and five of the girls will be long term boarders. Five girls from Kyoritsu in Japan and two girls from Otsuma Girls' School, also from Japan, will be here for one term.

Aoi and Mei will also finish this term in Year 11, completing their one year here. We also welcome two Intermediate girls, sisters from Hong Kong. Elvina Kwong is in Year 8 and Isabella Kwong is in in Year 7. Once again, SHGC girls have been welcoming and friendly.

Margie Smith

International Student Co-ordinator



International boarder students pictured with Margie Smith, our International Student Co-ordinator.



On Tuesday 11th February we welcomed with Powhiri, 5 students from Kyoritsu Girls' High School in Tokyo, Japan as well as a student from Shanghai, China, two students from Buenos Aires, Argentina and our new Mathematics teacher, Ms Jeanne Gagnon who has relocated from Christchurch and originates from Canada.



Strengthen Learning & Teaching

Pathways

Kaiserina Sofeni has achieved the NZ Certificate of Youth Work L3. Below are the details regarding qualification for this.

Certificate level 3

Purpose

A certificate at Level 3 qualifies individuals with knowledge and skills for a specific role(s) within fields/areas of work and/or preparation for further study.

Outcomes

A graduate of a Level 3 certificate is able to:

- demonstrate some operational and theoretical knowledge in a field of work or study
- select from and apply a range of known solutions to familiar problems
- apply a range of standard processes relevant to the field of work or study
- apply a range of communication skills relevant to the role in the field of work or study
- apply literacy and numeracy skills relevant to the role in the field of work or study
- work under limited supervision and demonstrate major responsibility for own learning and performance



Kaiserina Sofeni being presented with her certificate by Mr Foy

Advertising in the Newsletter

We are now offering advertising in the SHGC newsletter and end of year school magazine as a combo deal to the SHGC community.

In the newsletter it is \$200 a year for a business card sized ad and then you can pick from three sizes for the magazine advertising.

1. 1/8 page \$150 black and white or \$175 colour
2. 1/2 page \$500 for black and white or \$550 for colour
3. Full page \$700 for black and white and \$775 for colour

The school magazine advertising can also be purchased on its own.

Please contact the school office if you are interested in purchasing advertising space.



Nurture Hauora

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

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.



Basketball

Libby Francis, Jorja Shearman, Madeline Shearman and Teghan Omelvena-Ngatai represented New Zealand in the Hoops Nationals Koru tour to Australia in January.



Football

Holly Kleinsman was selected in the Central Football U15 Girls regional team to contest the National tournament in Wellington in December. The team came 2nd and **Holly** was named in the Tournament team. Congratulations **Holly**.



Touch

Our team travelled to Rotorua for the NZSS Touch Nationals when school finished in December. After winning 2 out of 4 games in pool play, the team went on to compete in the top half of the tournament. Tough games against some well-rehearsed and experienced schools. Finals Day saw our girls up against Rotorua Girls' unfortunately losing 2-9. Their final game was against Palmerston North Girls' which ended in a 3 all draw after an exciting comeback being down 0-2. Considering we only had a squad of 11 compared to some teams with 16 and a make-up of only 4 seniors, 6 Year 10s and a Year 9, this result was extremely promising looking forward. Big thanks to our only Year 13, **Finn Whalen**, for captaining the team, she will definitely be missed this year. It is pleasing to hear from the coach and manager that the girls were a credit to Sacred Heart both on and off the field. Congratulations ladies and bring on the tournament this year.



Congratulations to the following students who represented Taranaki at the Bunnings Junior Touch Nationals held in Auckland from 13 – 16 February.

U16 girls	Georgia Meads, Keighley Simpson, Lucy Blyde, Bethany Cook and Tait Whalen
U16 mixed	Tiani Kensington
U18 mixed	Jorja Simpson

Nurture Hauora

Indoor Netball

Congratulations to **Lillian Syrus, Tayla Macleod, Zoe Hall** and **Hannah Hitchcock** who were part of the Taranaki 15 and under mixed team who won the Junior Nationals Indoor Netball 7 aside and 6 aside competitions played in Auckland at the end of the holidays.

Lillian, Tayla and **Zoe** have also been named in the New Zealand U15 squad to participate in the World Indoor Netball Champs in Auckland in July.



Tori Hudson and **Alyssa Seed** also participated in the Indoor Netball Nationals for Taranaki U13 team. Their team placed 3rd in the 7 aside and 3rd in the 6 aside competition. As a result of their efforts, they have also been named in the New Zealand U13 Squad to participate in the World Indoor Netball Champs in Auckland in July.

Congratulations also to **Tiaan Owen** who represented Auckland U17 team. Gold medal 7 aside, Silver medal 6 aside. **Tiaan** also was named in the New Zealand Squad for the World Indoor Netball Champs.



Congratulations to everyone and good luck with your training and camps.

Sailing

Congratulations to **Miriam Waayer** the sole SHGC representative at the Taranaki Primary/Intermediate Schools Sailing Champs, on Friday 14 February. **Miriam** finished a very creditable 2nd in the Intermediate Optimist race, sailing against Year 7/8 boys and girls from Taranaki schools. **Miriam** then also sailed on Saturday winning the Optimist Green Fleet in the 2019-2020 Club Championship Series, coming top of 17 sailors and after 11 races. Well done **Miriam**!



NZ Pony Club

Congratulations to **Mikey Wildermoth** and her horse Thumbelina II, on their recent success at the NZ Pony Club Assn (NZPCA) Dressage Championships, held in January. **Mikey** competed at the North island leg of the event in Taupo, and waited a week until the South Island leg in Waimate was completed. **Mikey** achieved high success at this combined NZ event, winning the following National awards, and becoming the National Junior Champion:

- "The Pony Trophy" – awarded to the highest place pony in the Teams Championship
- "Overall Junior Secondary School Rider"
- "NZPCA Plaque" - Overall Highest Placed First Time Junior Rider
- "Barbara Harvey Rosebowl" – Individual Junior Rider with the highest aggregate score



Through this outstanding success, **Mikey** helped the combined Taranaki/BOP/Waikato/Thames Valley team to 2nd place in the North Island event. This culminated in a bronze medal for overall 3rd place in NZ, behind the much larger areas of Canterbury and Auckland.

Nurture Hauora

Aroha atu, Aroha mai

Gifted by Catherine Leger in 2019 at the end of 25 years of service to the school. Catherine was a maths teacher and also Deputy Principal.



This quilt took over three years to construct. Each piece needed to be cut out individually, placed then applied by machine and hand embroidered.

I have called it “Aroha Atu, Aroha mai” – Love given, love received. It references the school theme in 2019: *“Living our Lives with Love—Manaaki Tangata”*

It also references my love of mathematics, the transformations and symmetries demanded a mathematical application in a creative manner. I enjoyed creating it and I feel that it is an appropriate gift to make to the school in recognition of the love and support I received through my time at the school.

It is made up of all sorts of carefully constructed hearts that by themselves are beautiful but together look better – a symbol of community, of the importance of manaakitanga and **partnership**.

There are mistakes and crude attempts at embroidery and applique – a skill I got better at, as I practised more. The mistakes are still there. A symbol of Ako, of learning, of making mistakes and developing a skill. A symbol of **protection** – of learning an ancient craft and expressing it with a modern twist.

The project was daunting at first glance and one that I took on with excited trepidation, not knowing that I would be able to complete it. A symbol of wāhine toa, of feeling the fear and doing it anyway. Of getting the job done no matter how long it takes. A symbol of **participation** in something bigger than you think possible.

I gift this to Manawa Tapu as a sign of my respect for you all and so you don't forget me too soon. It needs to hang somewhere in the shadows brightening up a dark corner, otherwise it will fade.

And so, in conclusion, I offer you one of my favourite quotes from the poet Maya Angelou:

*“People will forget what you said
and what you did,
but they will never forget how
you made them feel”.*

I left Manawa Tapu with a feeling of love and of gratitude. Thank you. I will miss you. It has been a very great pleasure.

Aroha atu, Aroha mai.
Manaaki tangata.

Cath Leger

