



*Living the Mission
through:
Ako
Manaakitanga
Wāhine Toa*

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

TERM TWO

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020



Principal's Peace



Kia ora whanau

Welcome to our May newsletter. There has been a hiatus in the delivery of our monthly written newsletters of late with recent communications focussing on the unexpected ongoing encounter with Covid-19, and in managing our responsiveness as a college community.

Our experience in moving into lockdown will have been one mirrored around the country, with the rapid acceleration through the alert-levels that saw New Zealanders in isolation sooner than anyone might have expected. From the outset, Manawa Tapu's approach was one of wellbeing first for its community. It is becoming cliché, however the fact remains that we were, and are, in unprecedented times. A Microsoft school that had established TEAMS as its platform for learning and teaching materials over time, along with BYOD, meant that Manawa Tapu were agile in change and able to adapt quickly. Our experiences of Ako@Home and Hauora@Home are highlighted and reflected upon by our Deputy Principals later in this newsletter.

On a personal note, I would like to congratulate and thank learners, whānau and staff for supporting our approach to digital learning and digital wellbeing, by embracing our programmes and supporting our mahi. Whilst the experience won't have been perfect for all, the experience that was foisted upon us was largely a successful and positive one, with a myriad of unexpected learning occurring for all. We have surveyed students to seek their voice in order that we capture the experience from their perspective, and in this newsletter you will find a link to a survey designed to capture caregiver opinion too. We are committed to taking learnings from life in isolation, in order that we grow into a better Sacred Heart as a result.

At Alert level 2, transitions back to school for students and staff were also managed with wellbeing first. Adapting to a new school, with new routines and protocols, and lifting the tapu on what was a speedy departure under duress, took time. Prioritising being culturally and spiritually safe, and restoring connections and confidence enabled smooth transition. A totally cleaned down curriculum has allowed for this, and together we will continue to consolidate and give careful consideration to protocol adjustments when the timing is right to do so. Thank you for your ongoing support of our decision-making. Every decision we make is made with the health, safety and wellness of our rangitahi first and foremost. Our revised Alert Level 2 Health and Safety Protocols (effective 2-22 June) can be found on Page 5 of this newsletter.



2020 TERM DATES:

Term Two: Tues 28 April-Fri 3 July

Term Three: Mon 20 July-Fri 25 Sept

Term Four: Mon 12 Oct-Tues 8 Dec

"Te whakahou i te taha wairua"

"Renewed by the Spirit"

Openly Engage with Community

Principal's Peace continued

In staffing news, we welcome back Whaea Kerena Wano from maternity leave, and give thanks and acknowledge the contribution of Matua Hemi Haddon. Matua Hemi was able to contribute to our ever-growing bi-cultural commitment and capacity, and we are grateful for his advice and guidance.



Whaea Kerena



Sheree Rangiwhahia

Andrea Taylor is now on Maternity Leave, and we congratulate Andrea and her family on the arrival of their bonny boy, Will. Sheree Rangiwhahia is the new teacher of 8T and she has been enjoying getting to know the students in her homeroom. Sheree is an experienced teacher who comes to us from St Pius X School, therefore is known by many.



Mrs Meera Kakaraliya

We also welcome Science Technician, Meera Kakaraliya to our Manawa Tapu family.

Each year, the Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring the Principal undergoes Performance Appraisal. A year ago, the Board engaged with an external appraiser who has worked alongside me across areas of focus and development. In order to close out this task, we are interested in seeking caregiver comment around aspects of Principal performance. Within this newsletter, please find a link to a survey which covers both a caregiver's perspective of Ako@Home and Hauora@Home and an opportunity to comment upon my leadership. Thank you for taking the time to contribute, and for assisting me in growing in leadership and in being increasingly responsive to the needs of our learners and our community.

Please find the link to the survey [here](#). Or use this QR Code:



Later in 2020 I will be taking Principal Sabbatical, a 10 week leave of absence to complete an educational inquiry. During my absence, which begins in Week 5 of Term 3, Mr Murray will be Acting Principal. The PPTA collective agreement allows for Principal Sabbatical every five years, and now that I am in my sixth year as Principal at Sacred Heart it is timely to plan for a time of reflection and rejuvenation. I am also eagerly anticipating the arrival of my first grandchild, therefore the timing has proven to be perfect.

Te whakahou i te taha wairua

Paula Wells
Principal



Nourish Catholic Character

Renewed by the Spirit



What a strange time it has been for us as a Catholic community, unable to gather for Sunday Mass or receive the Sacraments.

Our Easter, lived and celebrated in lockdown, was one like we have never experienced before. Lockdown Level 4 has tested our resilience and demonstrated that we should expect the unexpected on our life journey. As Easter people, people of hope, it is important to remember the good things as we work towards our “new normal.”

This Sunday, 31 May, is Pentecost Sunday.

Masses will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church only, as we transition out of Covid-19 restrictions.

Only 100 people are permitted at each Mass.

Please book online through the Parish website www.catholicparishnp.nz



Sunday Mass times are:

5.30pm Saturday vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 5.30pm, 7.00pm

Laudato Si' Week 16-24 May

This special week in the Church calendar marked the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical aimed at encouraging global citizens to adapt more sustainable practices. We are living through history. The Covid-19 emergency has shown us how interdependent and inter-connected humanity is, and the need for solidarity in order to create a new world. Laudato Si' teaches us how to build a better world together.

"In these times of pandemic, in which we are more aware of the importance of care for our common home, I hope that all the common reflection and commitment may help to create and strengthen constructive attitudes for the care of creation."

Pope Francis

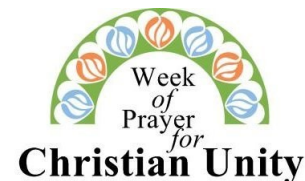
The Vatican has announced the celebration of a special "Laudato Si'" Anniversary Year which runs from May 24, 2020 to May 24, 2021.



Nourish Catholic Character

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

During the week between Ascension and Pentecost Sundays, May 25-31, the Christian churches make a special effort to pray for Christian unity. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian unity is "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28.2), which refers to the reception given to Paul and his companions when they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta.



There is much to reflect upon in this theme in the light of our experience of the last few weeks with COVID-19. We have been urged to "Be kind" and to "Stay united". The pandemic has been the equivalent of a shipwreck for many people, and "unusual kindness" is needed as never before. Kindness can unite us as Christians. We have already seen how it can unite us as Kiwis.

Archbishop John Dew

Sacramental Programmes

Opportunities for students to continue their growth in faith will still be available at the College. If your daughter is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion), she should contact our Chaplain, Carole Tipler or her Religious Studies teacher. The Parish-based Confirmation programme is due to start in August. Information will be available soon.

Sacramental Preparation



Catherine Landrigan

Director of Religious Studies



Washing of the Feet during Lockdown



Thank you!

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the support, prayers, calls, cards, flowers, emails and love my colleagues, our students and their parents have sent me over the last few weeks. It has been really tough losing my best mate, but you have made it easier. Thank you so much.

A friend has suggested that a suitable memorial for Leigh would be for us to each plant a native plant. As a botanist, Leigh would appreciate that thought and he would be delighted by the subsequent biodiversity that could only be beneficial for our environment and fauna.

Jane Sanfelieu



RIP Leigh Sanfelieu

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.



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Sacred Heart Girls' College
Manawa Tapu

Unite
against
COVID-19

Manawa Tapu - Play it Safe! 2-22 June 2020

Unwell?

1. If you're sick, stay at home
2. If you become sick at school, we'll arrange for you to be isolated, and then to go home
3. If you develop flu-like symptoms, caregivers are to contact GP or Healthline 0800 611 116
4. If you're home sick, access your schoolwork on TEAMS



Safe Distancing and Hygiene

1. Sensibly social distance from one another
2. Wash your hands regularly with soapy water for at least 20 seconds and then dry them
3. Use hand sanitiser provided when you enter and leave classrooms and shared spaces
4. Often touched surfaces will be disinfected daily
5. Canteen open with safe social distancing and food-handling measures; EFTPOS only
6. Bring your own filled water bottle daily; drinking fountains closed
7. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) daily, fully charged; including those on loan from school



Routines

1. Monday Manaaki 8.40am- 9am
2. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8.40am - Straight to Period 1 for Prayers and Notices
3. Friday Manaaki 8.40-9am
4. Inside spaces for breaks; next period class (e.g. Interval – P 3 class, Lunch – P5 class)
5. No 2pm meetings or assemblies
6. Every day finishes at 3pm
7. All students remain on site 8.40am – 3pm



Activities

1. On-site intra-school co-curricular and extra-curricular activities permitted (SHGC only)
2. 'Prepare to Play' protocols introduced by Director of Sport in preparation for return to sport

Especially for Caregivers

1. The school site is for essential visitors only
2. Essential visitors will sign in and out at our school office
3. Please keep Pukaka Street traffic-free
4. If your child is sick, please keep them at home
5. If your child is sick, please contact your GP or phone Healthline 0800 611 116
6. If your child is sick, please contact the school office
7. The first point of contact for all other matters is your child's GEMS/Homeroom Teacher
8. All essential information will be emailed to caregivers, with an APP Alert



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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.



Attendance Dues

Attendance Dues are invoiced directly from the Diocese of Palmerston North. Should your financial circumstances have changed as a result of Covid-19, and your income be adversely affected, you might consider applying for financial assistance, either by contacting the Diocese of Palmerston North directly, or by emailing the Principal's PA – Denise Stachurski, dst@shgcnpp.school.nz



Please find [here](#) a link to a letter previously emailed to caregivers, from the Diocese of Palmerston North, regarding Attendance Dues.

School 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 regular 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 as much as they are able, to account for the shortfall in our funding to ensure we provide high quality education in a high-quality, modern environment for your daughter. These expenses are not diminished as a result of Covid-19.

The Proprietor's portion of the school donation goes to funding upgrades to the school property.

All donations paid to Sacred Heart qualify for a 33.33% tax rebate from the IRD annually.

Thank you for your support.

Enrolments for 2021

Sacred Heart Girls' College is a Catholic Integrated school for students from Years 7 – 13, which celebrates the charism gifted to us by our founding order, the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.



To be considered for enrolment and entry to the boarding hostel, Elizabeth House, in 2021, applications must be submitted by 4pm Friday 29 May 2020.

To be considered for day student enrolment in 2021, applications must be submitted by 4pm Friday 3 July 2020.

Our Priority in Enrolment Procedure can be found on our website (www.shgcnpp.school.nz) and will be rigorously applied in discerning enrolment.

If you have any enrolment queries, please address them to the Principal's PA, Denise Stachurski; ph 758 5023 ext 142 or Email: dst@shgcnpp.school.nz

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Property



Stage one landscaping was completed during Alert Level 3 lockdown and the garden looks fantastic.



Stage two asbestos removal was completed along with demolition of a classroom on the side of A Block also during Alert Level 3 of the lockdown. Stage two building work is on schedule which includes two new Art classrooms and two new Science classrooms, including new laboratory spaces due to be completed by the end of Term 3.



Bernie Lawn, Board of Proprietors Member, worked with Paul Burgham (pictured with Mrs Wells) to design, create and install an RNDM window at the end of the newly renovated Centennial Block.

Honey for sale — in stock now!

There is plenty of yummy honey from Eltham Apiaries available from the school office, or by contacting Ross Howarth rho@shgcnp.school.nz

Honey sales help to contribute with expenses from the wonderful Year 7 camp that students experienced at the beginning of this year.

**1kg pot
\$19.00**

Winter is just around the corner - honey and lemon drinks, honey on crumpets... it's always good to have honey in your cupboard!



Nurture Hauora



Barbara Costelloe
Acting Deputy Principal

Hauora@Home



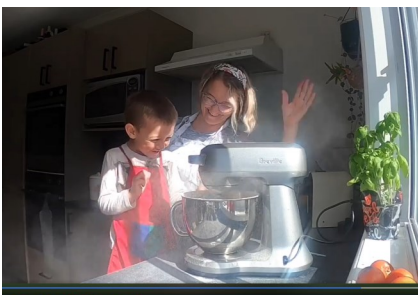
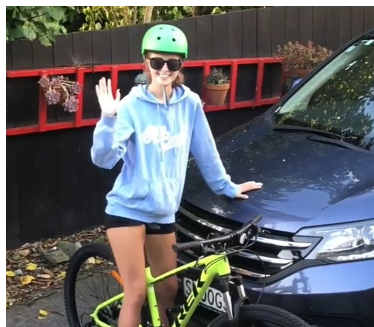
Wendy Payne
Guidance Counsellor

As part of our response to Alert Level 4 and then 3 we initiated Hauora@home. This has seen a co-ordinated approach to managing student wellbeing and hauora during their time at home in lockdown. Our Hauora@home programme has been rolled out to students through their year level Teams using the Microsoft office tools and shared with our wider community using our website. This has seen a raft of initiatives from weekly tips on managing hauora from our school counsellor, direction to useful websites, suggestions for wellbeing apps and messages from the year level Deans. Special thanks go to Wendy Payne, our counsellor for all her mahi in this area and for keeping us so well resourced.

Students have also been cared for individually by their Manaaki teachers including homeroom teachers at Year 7 and Year 8 and GEMS teachers in Years 9 to Year 13. Teachers have had video calls, sent emails, communicated in individual chats and posts in the class Teams. Some of our students have engaged individually or in small groups with Teacher Aides and our wider learning support team such as our specialist Literacy teacher and many have still managed to “see” our counsellor.

We are proud of how well our students have risen to the challenge of managing their hauora through this time. They have shown resilience and been proactive in finding the support they needed to adapt to their changed situation. We have been excited about how well we have all managed to use technology to get to know each other better and to care for our collective wellbeing. Thank you for having us in your homes.

Ngā mihi nui
Barb Costelloe



Strengthen Learning & Teaching

Ako@Home

Our platform for delivering digital learning during Covid-19 Alert Levels 3 and 4, Ako@Home, proved to be a successful model.

Andrew Murray
Deputy Principal/
Principal's Nominee



Microsoft Teams provided consistency of delivery and flexibility in its capacity and proved to be an appropriate place for both the sharing of resources and virtual face to face engagement.

The key to the success of Ako@Home were some key habits generated through our Manawa Mission dispositions of Ako, Manaakitanga and Wāhine Toa. These habits were:

1. Students checking their email every morning
2. Staff and students following the daily timetable
3. Finding a quiet place to work
4. Embedding the relationship with lead pastoral carers, Manaaki teachers



The key support person at school was the Manaaki Teacher, who contacted students every week. Through this process, I'm proud that our staff were constantly looking at ways to move forward and offer our students a better educational experience, instead of defaulting to a compliant "it worked before" mentality. I was excited about seeing positive energy from our staff in preparing our students for their futures, as a result of this unusual experience. As we reflect on Ako@Home, we must continue to move forward by re-considering our structures and reflecting on our teaching.

I saw many things in our students during Ako@Home. Our students have engaged in the learning at times that suited them. They have self-managed; driven their own learning and behaviour, such as making the effort to contact staff themselves one on one when they had questions. Students made choices, problem solved such as solving technical problems and discovered how to use digital tools themselves. Learners felt empowered and a sense of accomplishment, and they developed skills that will one day truly assist them moving from education to employment. At home, our rangitahi noticed real-life and reconnected with whānau in their homes and genuinely applied our Manawa Mission dispositions.

Some students struggled. In saying this, we need to remember that it is OK to be stuck or to have a hard day. In fact, this should be welcomed as I would suggest that if we can find ways to get past difficulties or hard days, we can find our way forward towards real learning. As teachers and caregivers, we need to try to avoid finding solutions for our young people straight away. While it might be frustrating when our young people don't follow our instructions, or we feel understandably worried for them when they are not managing their learning, we need to resist rescuing. These challenges lead to enhanced learning. By helping our young people develop these key life skills we are also helping them to experience that sense of achievement that can only be truly experienced after a struggle. This builds determination, resilience and a growth mind-set.

NZQA Assessment

Teachers are working towards all learning and assessment dates being flexible.

External NCEA examinations and New Zealand Scholarship examinations will be delayed so they start on 16 November instead of 6 November, allowing further time for teaching, learning and internal assessment in Term Four. Examinations will now end on 9 December instead of 2 December, and an updated examination timetable is available on the NZQA website— see [here](#) for details.

Transport

While we ask all our students to be at school on time, we will be understanding of the difficulties which may exist as a result of the reduction in capacity on public and school buses.

Students will need to register with the school on a Monday and Tuesday which bus they caught. This will be done in the morning in class time.

If parents are dropping students at school, please do this in Pukaka Street (or nearby) rather than driving onto our school campus.

Nurture Hauora

Pre-Covid Sports News

Although there hasn't been any sport happening during April and May, we have had a number of girls who achieved fantastic success before we all moved into lockdown.

Cricket

On March 10th, the Year 7/8 cricket team left New Plymouth at 7am to travel to Huntley School in Marton, to contest the CD Girls' Primary Shield play-offs. After a delayed start because of wet conditions, they played Huntley School and convincingly chased down their total to win by 4 wickets. Next up was Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School (PNINS) who were a tougher opponent and ended up beating our girls. Lastly, they played St Matthew's Collegiate from Masterton. This was a very even game with both teams at different times looking like they would storm away with the win. However, for our girls it wasn't to be this year, as St Matthew's played strongly all day to walk away with 3 wins and the coveted Nationals spot, in Christchurch in December. However, after a long day of travel and cricket, the Sacred Heart team was rewarded by gaining the silver medal, just pipping PNINS on accumulated run-rate. Well done girls!



Dancing



Greer Sawtell

Greer Sawtell auditioned for National Young Performers, held in Palmerston North on February 23rd. It is held every 2nd year for Tap Dancing, and she received a nomination, which is very hard to get especially this early in the year.

There were 16 girls and boys in her class and they only handed out 4 nominations.

Isabella Vollmer also received a nomination at the Ballet event on Saturday March 14th in Palmerston North.



Isabella Vollmer

Both **Greer** and **Isabella** will compete at the annual National Young Performer Awards in Palmerston North in October 2020.

Touch

Congratulations to **Keighley Simpson** who has been named in New Zealand U16 Girls' Development Touch team to compete in a development tour to Australia in September.

Congratulations also to **Lucy Blyde** for being selected to attend the 2020 New Zealand U16 TID camp to be held in Auckland in September.

Well done and good luck girls!



Keighley Simpson



Lucy Blyde

Nurture Hauora

Surf Life Saving

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the Oceans' Surf Life Saving Championships at Mount Maunganui, at the end of February. A special mention to the following:



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND



Tara Shotter won a silver medal in the U14 surf race and the U14 run swim run. **Tara** teamed up with **Arnika Watson** and they won a gold medal in the U14 tube rescue.



Tara Shotter and **Arnika Watson**

Jordan Grylls attended the TSB Nationals Surf Life Saving Championships in Gisborne, in the middle of March. She won the Bronze Medal for U19 Sprints.

Tiani Kensington won a bronze medal in U14 beach flags, silver in U14 beach sprints and teamed up with **Ruby Newton** and two boys for a silver in U14 mixed beach sprint relay.

Bella McEwan also won bronze in U13 female beach sprint.



Tiani Kensington



Ruby Newton



Bella McEwan

Surfing

Year 7 students, **Isla Fabish**, **Charlotte Yates** and **Luci Strachan** represented Sacred Heart in early March at the Taranaki Year 7/8 Surfing Champs at Fitzroy Beach.

Congratulations to **Charlotte** who is the Year 7 Girls' Champion.



Charlotte Yates



From left; **Isla Fabish**, **Charlotte Yates** and **Luci Strachan**

Nurture Hauora

Sport in 2020

The PE and Sports Department are working hard to condense all the information they are receiving, to enable winter sport to re-commence in some form within the current health and safety requirements. Students and whanau will be emailed within the next week, outlining some of the changes and asking them to confirm if they are still able to participate in sport for 2020, as we understand families' circumstances may have changed.

As everyone keeps saying 'these are unprecedented times' and 'this is our new normal', and sport in 2020 will definitely look different, but we are committed to getting all sport up and running as soon as we can. So please be patient as we get all the procedures in place to keep everyone safe.

Basketball

Congratulations to **Caitlin O'Connell** and **Raquel Sampson** who were recently named in the NZ Junior Tall Ferns Basketball team. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 they do not get to play anywhere soon. The JTFs were set to play in the Four Nations International in China.



Caitlin O'Connell



Raquel Sampson

Swimming

Congratulations to the following students who qualified to attend nationals swimming meets this year. Unfortunately, their meets were cancelled, also due to Covid-19.

- ◆ Division 2: **Jayda Hancock**, **Sabine Ireland** and **Arnika Watson**
- ◆ NAG's: **Tara Shotter** and past pupil **Sasha Reid**
- ◆ Open Champs & Olympic Trials: **Sasha Reid**



Jayda Hancock



Sabine Ireland



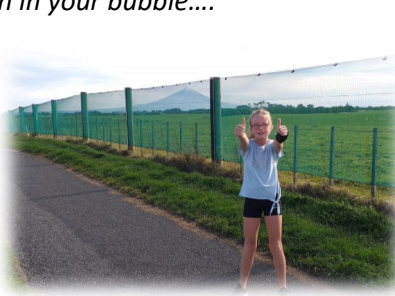
Arnika Watson



Tara Shotter

Remote SHGC Cross Country

A challenge was issued by the Sports Department for students to time themselves on a 3.3km circuit near their house and to submit their time to Mrs Seddon. *"Don't forget to be local, stay safe and remain in your bubble...."*



For sports news, please contact Ms Aroha Lynch, the Sports Co-ordinator, 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.

