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

TERM THREE

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020



Principal's Peace



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 7—Fri 11 Sept:
Social Justice Week

Thurs 10—Wed 16 Sept:
Practice Exams

Mon 21 Sept:
Y12 Leadership Retreat

Thurs 24—Fri 25 Sept:
Pathways Interviews
Years 9-13

2020 TERM DATES:

Term Three
Mon 26 July—Fri 25 Sept

Term Four
Mon 12 Oct —Tues 8 Dec

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Kia ora whanau

Our Prime Minister has led us in 2020 with the catch cry, “be strong; be kind”. It is at times like these that I am reminded of the words from scripture, “have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.”

Together we are experiencing a strange ever-changing new normal; our individual experiences of this reality are however different. Inequality and inequity can be amplified, but amidst shared hardship and vulnerability, togetherness and our common humanity endure as threads that bind our world together.

In 2020 where our children have been learning and our teachers teaching from their own kitchens, living rooms, and backyards, our wonderful staff have worked hard to pivot from in-person instruction to an online approach, attempting to continue to serve the individual needs of their students using web chats, email, phone calls, and screen sharing applications.

This was not the learning and teaching experience that we were expecting in the 2020 school year. However, during this time of distance learning and school closures, we learnt what worked from a distance learning perspective and what needs to be re-examined. We all reinvented ourselves as teachers and school communities.

More recently, life has been complicated by the re-emergence of COVID-19 in the community and the ensuing Alert Level change. This necessitated the cancellation of a number of activities and events. Thank you to all those involved in sport at the college, that we have managed to get sport up and running in Alert Level 2 is a testament to their hard work, persistence and diligence. I think we should all take a moment this weekend as we enjoy our recreation to reflect on the great mahi they do.

Congratulations also to those who were baptised and made their confirmation recently. A special mention must be made of those who took the time and energy to make it happen under difficult conditions. As Mrs Landrigan writes “Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation”.

I would also like to thank all staff involved in putting together our updated [website](#). The focus of this project has been on creating an immersive experience for students and parents to bring Pathways to life in a real and tangible way. I hope you are informed and entertained!

We have postponed the Pathways evening for Years 9-12 and we will be in touch when we can safely hold this. Please visit our [Pathways](#) section of the website for information.

“Te whakahou i te taha wairua”

“Renewed by the Spirit”

Openly Engage with Community

Principal's Peace continued

More than ever, wellbeing needs to be front and centre. Our pastoral teams are the key to our schools. If a student has their wellbeing sorted, then learning and teaching is easy. If we have a calm school, learning and teaching can be creative and innovative. Above all, this will be my key take away from 2020. While I spent years training to create an innovative curriculum COVID-19 created the flash point which brought this all to life.

One of the most important things that 2020 has taught us is that it's ok to try something different. If it doesn't work that's ok, we can try again. We talk about building resilient students, perhaps that is something we can all work on...together. As we do this we make 2020 a year where we are truly renewed by the spirit; te whakahou i te taha wairua.

Ngā mihi nui

Andrew Murray
Acting Principal



Principal Sabbatical

I was very pleased to receive notification that our Maximum Roll Increase application has been approved by the Ministry of Education, with our Maximum Roll increased by 25, from 710 to 735. The additional 25 places will alleviate some of the pressure on our roll, however it will not change things greatly. We will continue to be enrolling Preference students only, with no guarantee of entry. Our Priority in Enrolment Procedures will continue to be rigorously applied in discerning enrolment. We are grateful for the easement that the approval brings in order that we can continue the Mission Sisters intent of providing excellent education, whilst embracing the gospel values. *Age Quod Agis, i o mahi katoa mahia.*

Secondary school principals in Aotearoa are privileged in that they can apply to Teach NZ for a sabbatical following every five years of service. It is expected that the sabbatical will be a time of learning and a time of refreshment. In assembly last week, I shared with the students that it would be my time for Ako@Home and Hauora@Home. It is also an opportunity to reflect upon nearly six years as the Principal of Sacred Heart, and what we have collectively achieved.

I love my job and am privileged to be working with the Manawa Tapu community in providing our students with an excellent education that embraces the values of the gospel. I have every confidence that the college is in strong shape, and my experienced leadership team, with Mr Murray at the helm, will be more than capable of steering the ship in my absence. I am due to return on Monday 9 November, renewed "te whakahou i te taha wairua".

Thank you for your ongoing support, most especially in what has been the most unusual of times. Have every faith in my team and know that the college is in safe hands and good heart. God Bless.

Ngā mihi nui

Paula Wells
Principal



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BOT

Strategic Plan Consultation

The Board of Trustees has recently undertaken a workshop around our current Strategic Plan, which is due to run its course at the conclusion of 2020. The Board agreed that the current Strategic Plan has many positive aspects to it, and rather than completely re-invent our strategic direction, they have chosen to review it and begin an analysis of areas of enhancement and improvement.

The Board’s initial review of the strategic plan was based upon the synthesis of current community voice, as sought through such things as curriculum change initiatives, caregiver voice in response to our digital learning experience in lockdown and the principal’s appraisal information. Additionally, recommendations from external reviews by both ERO and the Catholic Character review and development findings provided strong direction for next steps.

A first draft of the Board’s findings is emerging, and it has been tested in its rudimentary state by staff and by members of the PTFA at its most recent hui. The draft will continue to be refined, and the Board expect that it will be ready to share more widely with community for wider consultation later in the year, coinciding with the principal’s return from sabbatical. We look forward to working with you in the development of our next Strategic Plan.

Stephen Hill
BOT Chairperson



BOT Student Elections



ELIGIBILITY- Any full time student in Year 9 and above and aged under 20 years is entitled to stand for election and vote.

NOMINATIONS - A nomination form and a copy of this notice is being distributed to all eligible voters on the student roll.

Nominations close at **noon on Friday 4 September 2020**

The poll closes at noon on **Friday 18 September 2020.**

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“Mary’s life ... shows that God accomplishes great deeds through those who are the most humble.”

Pope Francis

On Saturday 15 August, we the universal Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption, one of only two remaining Holy Days of Obligation in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa (the other one is Christmas Day). The Feast of the Assumption is the patronal feast of the Catholic people of Aotearoa. On this day we recall the origins of the Catholic Church in New Zealand. Bishop Jean Baptist Pompallier arrived from France to the Hokianga in 1838 with a group of Marist priests and brothers. He learned Te Reo Māori on his way to New Zealand and became fluent in the language. This enabled him to write Mō Maria. When we celebrate the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly life, we honoured her as someone who trusted completely in God and his plan for her. “Every time you are loving, kind, compassionate, faithful, trusting and courageous, you are like Mary. You help others to see Jesus in our world.”

Receiving the Sacraments:

Our chaplain, Ms Carole Tipler, is preparing eighteen students who wish to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. Sessions are being held during GEMS time on Tuesdays. Let us pray for these students and their families as they prepare to take this next step on their faith journey.

Congratulations to the thirty young women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday August 16th.



Monsignor Brian Walsh anointed them with the oil of chrism and sealed them with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. This sacrament completes their initiation into the Catholic faith community/ whakapono and the mission of the Church. Due to Level 2 restrictions, the students and their families were divided into two groups at two different Masses.

“Go into the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation”

Mark 16:15

Catherine Landrigan
Director of Religious Studies

Nourish Catholic Character

First Reconciliation

Pictured are students who made their First Reconciliation in the Mary Phelan Chapel.

Left back row; Fr Vui, Isla Robinson, Isabella Vollmer, Annaliese Hurley and Fr Simon.

Left front row; Kayla Malone, Amy Lilley, Macy D'Arth and Rory Emmett.



Baptism

Pictured right are students who were baptised in August at Our Lady Help of Christians.

From left (pictured with Fr Simon); Holly Ford, Maddy Bevan, Isabel Witts, Nicole Taylor, Ellesha Taylor and Kaia Elliot.

Pictured below, **Bayly Carter** was also baptised at Our Lady Help of Christians this term.



Openly Engage with Community



Sacred Heart Girls' College
Manawa Tapu



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Manawa Tapu – Play it Safe! - Level 2

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



Hygiene and Safe Distancing

1. Sensibly social distance from one another; no touch; no shared breath
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 disinfected daily
5. The canteen will be open with safe social distancing and food-handling measures
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 and Friday 8.40am Manaaki
2. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8.40am - straight to Period 1 Prayers and Notices
3. No 2pm meetings or assemblies
4. Every day finished at 3.00pm
5. All students remain on site 8.40am—3.00pm



Especially for Caregivers

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



Openly Engage with Community

Drama

Petra Harris and **Sophie James** participated in the University of Otago National Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. **Petra** student-directed a scene from *Julius Caesar*, and **Sophie** was the performer.

Sophie was awarded the national title for “Outstanding Movement/Dance Award”, directed by **Petra**.

Congratulations to these two students on this considerable achievement, they were up against over 50 other scenes from across the nation.



GirlBOSS.NZ

I really enjoyed the Girlboss Edge Law, Policy and Government programme. I was so thankful that I was one of the 600 participants chosen to take part. It was very informative and also a great confidence boost in my own abilities.



My favourite speakers were Tiana Epati (who I have since connected with through LinkedIn!!) and Rez Gardi. Tiana inspired me as she is the youngest person to be appointed president of the NZ Law society, the 2019 top lawyer in NZ and also the inspiration behind the film “The Appeal”.

Rez Gardi inspired me with her story as she was a Kurdish refugee and her whole back story of trying to hide her identity and also not even being allowed to identify as Kurdish in her home country.

I also had the amazing opportunity to have a 1:1 video mentor session with Harriet Blue a solicitor from Chapman Tripp (NZ’s number one law firm for 4 consecutive years) and Jasmine Wadham from the Ministry of Justice NZ. They were both so lovely and supportive of my future aspirations.

We learnt many new important life skills which I am very excited to bring into my life. All the girls were so lovely and came from a variety of backgrounds.

I worked out that there was 8 girls from Taranaki. 2 from Sacred Heart, 1 from Stratford High, 3 from NPGHS and 2 from Spotswood.

Hayley Lichtwark, Year 13

Well done to **Hayley** and thanks [GirlBoss New Zealand](#) Education to Employment.

Pathways



Zara Barrett cooking Spaghetti Bolognese at WITT—it looks delicious!

Baileigh Collins attended a forklift course.

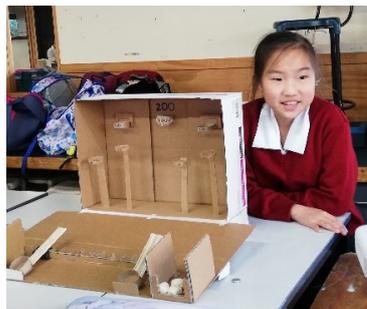


Strengthen Learning and Teaching

Junior Technology

Our new adventurous junior Technology programmes are well underway! Students are encouraged to tinker, problem solve, and discover their passions. Through following the design process in DVC, STEM, Digital, Food and Textiles Technology, photos below show their wonderful inventions.

- Launching their rockets in Year 9 STEM.
- Making a hair accessory and photographing it in a flat-lay fashion style in Year 7.
- Decorating and making a cake for the pandemic pantry in Year 9 Food Technology.
- Creating a digital pet in Year 7 and project planning a pizza lunch in Year 9 Digital Technology.
- Tinkering to design a machine in Year 7 and a bridge in Year 8 DVC.



Honey for sale – in stock now!

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

**1kg pot
\$19.00**

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

Winter has arrived - honey and lemon drinks, honey on crumpets... it's always good to have honey in your cupboard!



Strengthen Learning and Teaching

Literary Challenge

The Literary Challenge is an annual contest for Taranaki Secondary schools and is a quiz based on teenage fiction and nonfiction books nominated for this year's NZ Book Awards.

The teams were:

Year 9 - **Abigail Churches, Ana Luisa Passmore, Frankie Blackburn, Florence Parker and Thea Irys Lacanaria**

Year 10 - **Ella Butterworth, Bethanie Luke, Jada Gillespie, Sophia Bolton and Rilee Spooner.**

It was very much a team effort to read all the books over the last few weeks and answer questions about them on the day.

Their efforts were rewarded with book vouchers and also with the Challenge trophy as Sacred Heart was placed first (Year 9 Team) and second (Year 10 team).



Year 9 Team



Year 10 Team

Reading is a great source of information and interest and, very importantly, key to learning and to having fun. Well done to all the students who took part!

Geography

Researching sediment build up on Oakura beach.



Nurture Hauora

Sports News

Basketball

Congratulations to our Senior A Basketball team who comfortably beat NPGHS to earn the sole Taranaki-wide girls' spot for the NZSS Basketball Nationals to be held in the September holidays. As with many other sports in 2020, Covid-19 has affected the hosting, organisation and qualification criteria for a large number of NZSS tournaments that our teams would normally have attended. Fingers crossed that the girls will still be able to attend this event, where we have had a lot of success over the years.



Rugby

Rugby at Sacred Heart has steadily grown over the past few years. This is mostly thanks to the dedicated coaches and mentors like Justin & Brenda Davidson, Murray & Sarah Blyde, John Passmore, Brent & Heleena Simpson, Jay Millar, and Chris Moffitt, who we sincerely thank for all their work.

This year the 1st XV team has a regular squad of 27 girls from Years 9-13, who are enjoying playing together, learning the game, and seemingly 'smashing' their opposition - the two opening games produced scores of 82-5 and 72-7!



Recently, the team had an awesome opportunity of having a training session with Taranaki Black Fern, Gayle Broughton. The girls were inspired and learnt a lot from someone who had already 'made it' to the top.

TSSSA Squash

Arnika Watson was the sole Sacred Heart representative in the TSSSA Squash event held on Sunday August 2nd, at the Kawaroa Squash Club. **Arnika** finished 4th in the Girls Division 1 event playing against girls graded higher than her. She was also received the "TSSSA Good Sport of the Day" Award. Well done **Arnika**.





TSSSA Champion of the day...

Congratulations to Arnika. Our TSSSA Good Sport of the Day at Squash on Sunday.



Arnika Watson
Sacred Heart Girls College



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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.



Nurture Hauora



Rose Ceremony

Pictured from left; Sophie James, Keighley Simpson, Mrs Wells, Raquel Sampson, Jana Niedermayr and Caitlin O'Connell.

Absent: Petra Harris



Rose Recipient information

Jana Niedermayr—selected for NZ U16 Football Team

Caitlin O'Connell—selected for NZ Junior Tall Ferns

Raquel Sampson—selected for NZ Junior Tall Ferns

Sophie James—“Outstanding Movement/Dance Award” National Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival

Petra Harris—director for above National Award to Sophie

TSSSA Indoor Bowls

Term 3 saw the resumption of Taranaki Secondary School events for 2020. Although there were several virtual activities held during the various alert levels, it was great to finally take a group to the TSB Stadium for an event. Twenty Year 10 girls participated in Pairs in the social section of the Indoor Bowls event.

Congratulations to team “Big Bowls” of **Solai Ehrhorn and Lucy Midgley** winning their four games; and team “Usain Bowl” of **Jorja Shearman and Libby Francis** who won three of their four games.

Well done to all the girls who would have won the ‘Best Team Names’ category (if there had been one!) with names like “The Bowling Stones”, “Unbelievabowls”, “They See Me Bowling”, and “The Ballbarians”.



Libby Francis



Jorja Shearman



Solai Ehrhorn

Nurture Hauora

Hip Hop

1st Place – Open Mixed Mega Crew
 Congratulations to SHGC dancers
Isabella Guerra Medina, Nadiana Nicol Velarde, Kate Beckett, Sarah Wells, Keira Taylor and **Bella Millar**.
 These girls joined 19 other Intermediate/high school students to represent the Taranaki Hip Hop Community.

They travelled to Wellington for the NZ Schools Hip Hop Regionals & Nationals and won 1st place in the Open Mixed Mega Crew!



Good luck for nationals in September!

Equestrian

Congratulations to **Chloe Roylance** Year 8, who was recently awarded the Show Hunter Rider of the Year award at the Taranaki Equestrian Jumping awards. This is a Taranaki wide award that you had to be nominated for and then a panel chose the winner.

This caps off an amazing year which included a 5th at Horse of the Year in March - a national event. Well done **Chloe**!



Touch



Congratulations to **Keighley Simpson** who has been named in the NZ touch U16 Girls' team.

