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

TERM TWO

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Queen's Birthday weekend:**

Sheilah Winn Nationals  
Mission Cup & Te Toa

**Monday 7 June:**

School closed; Queen's Birthday

**Friday 11 June:**

Sacred Heart Feast Day  
Mass, 10am Events Centre  
House Singing, 2pm in the  
Events Centre

**Wednesday 16 June:**

Ako@Home for Y13 starts,  
each Wednesday until the  
end of Term 3

**Mon 14—Fri 18 June:**

Cultural & Arts Week

**Fri 9 July:**

Last day Term 2

**Term Two**

Mon 3 May — Fri 9 July

**Term Three**

Mon 26 July — Fri 1 Oct

**Term Four**

Mon 18 Oct— Wed 15 Dec

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# Principal's Peace



Kia ora whānau, welcome to our May newsletter

Traditionally May is a very busy month in the school calendar with a number of events and activities of significance and importance vying for room on the college's calendar of events. We also remember May as being the month of Mary, and we remember her great strength and sacrifice in saying yes to God's plan. We have also learned from the Mission Sisters the importance of the Feast of the Visitation to their charism, witnessed by the Head Girl Team in leading the college in better understanding the roles of both Mary and Elizabeth, and how we can emulate their communion with one another in our everyday lives. Thank you for the generous contributions to Women's Refuge that will contribute to meeting needs of these vulnerable members of our community. Thank you also to students who continue to honour the legacy of our angel, Gabby Devine, in support of the charity Starlit Hope. Encountering others in their moment of need, and generously giving of oneself in the doing of good works, quietly, is an example of being extraordinary, everyday missionaries.

We have held our annual Open Afternoon and have begun enrolment interviews for 2022. This term, we welcome to interview preference students who wish to join us in our boarding hostel, Elizabeth House, and throughout Term 3 we will interview prospective preference day students. We continue to experience significant roll pressure, despite our recent Maximum Roll Increase from the Ministry of Education. Our Priority in Enrolment procedures are rigorously applied in discerning enrolment. Please direct enrolment queries to the Tumuaki PA, Denise Stachurski at [dst@shgcnp.school.nz](mailto:dst@shgcnp.school.nz)

Thank you for your support in understanding that the Ministry of Education has determined NCEA Accord Teacher Only Days, the first of which we held last Friday. There were two areas for staff to focus on; Mātauranga Māori and changes to Literacy and Numeracy as co-requisites to NCEA. Thank you to college supporter, Maata Wharehoka, for joining us in support of our burgeoning understanding of equitable access to education. There are further MoE-mandated Teacher Only Days on the horizon as the NCEA change package is rolled out. There is a link to parent/caregiver survey on page 3 of this newsletter should you wish to provide MoE feedback on NCEA.

Following a review of our Ako@Home practices in lockdown last year, and our continuation of learning from home for Year 13, we have decided to re-institute a day's independent learning a week for Year 13 students from the 16<sup>th</sup> of June until the end of Term 3. Year 12's will also be granted the occasional Ako@Home day. We value the opportunity for our students to be more autonomous in their learning and to practice skills that will be valuable to them in life beyond the school gates. Our on-line learning platform continues to be Microsoft Teams and teachers will be available to students for conferencing during timetabled periods. We also welcome students to be on-site should they proactively arrange to meet with their teachers or negotiate a suitable time to work in a practical subject. Please also note earlier school finish times four days a week from the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**"He Ara Whakamua, he Ara Hou"**

**"A new way forward"**

# Openly Engage with Community

## Principal's Peace continued

Also under review has been the place of a school ball, given that the Covid-interrupted year that was, took the annual school ball off the agenda last year. School balls are constantly a source of concern with the risks associated often out-weighting the benefits. Whilst young people and their families look forward to a formal event that marks a coming of age, the annual school ball has morphed into a rite of passage that hasn't necessarily sat well in recent times, especially given our ethos as a Mission college. A group of Year 13 students has been nominated the task of re-visioning what an appropriate event might look like moving forward and have determined the following:

*"The Class of 2021 propose a cultural shift in holding a year-level formal that reflects the spirit of Mission and that represents a coming of age. A sophisticated event is envisioned that is fun, giving and is an inclusive expression of individuality".*

We wish the committee well, and look forward to supporting them in re-shaping a renewed event.

Congratulations to our O'Shea Shield team who performed with great aplomb to take second-equal place in this year's event, with special bouquets to Ann-Mariya Tomy and Florence Parker bringing home the silverware in their respective categories. This coming Queen's Birthday weekend brings opportunity for our sports teams to be friends in Mission at Mission Cup (netball) and Te Toa (hockey) tournaments hosted by Sacred Heart Hamilton in Cambridge. We also wish our Sheilah Winn Drama Team well as they travel to Wellington for national finals. Go well, do Manawa Tapu proud and be sure to thank those who have helped prepare your way and enabled you to participate.

It has been wonderful to welcome Heather Ashton to our staff this term as our Drama Teacher, and we congratulate Loren Armstrong and her husband Jessie on the arrival of their son, Nikau. We have also welcomed back from maternity leave, Andrea Taylor, who is enjoying being back in the classroom with her Year 8 class.



Heather Ashton



Andrea Taylor

Please be reminded that the college is both a Smokefree and a Vapefree environment.

Smoking or Vaping at school contravenes policy.

- See [here](#) for the amended Act.
- See [here](#) for our Health & Safety Policy, page 4— Smoke-free and Vape-free Policy at SHGC.

Thank you.

He Ara Whakamua, he Ara Hou

**Paula Wells**  
Tumuaki



# Openly Engage with Community

See [here](#) for our Covid-19 Alert Level 1 protocols

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

## A reminder, if you are 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



## School finish times

From the week beginning Monday 14 June, the following will be finishing times:

**Monday:** finish at 3.20pm

**Tuesday through to Friday:** finish at 3.00pm



## For Parents and Whānau—NCEA feedback for Ministry of Education

As a parent or whānau member, tell us what you think about NCEA. Our school has been asked by the Ministry of Education to take part in a nationwide programme to provide feedback about NCEA.

Please click on the link below to tell them what you think, as the parent of a child currently/about to complete NCEA. A similar survey has been sent to students, teachers and employers in the local community.

Providing your feedback is voluntary, but if you do, it's completely confidential. It'll only take 1-2 minutes.

A link for parents and whanau - <https://survey.researchnz.com/SE/1/W5225P/?urlimport=1&questlist=SCHOOL&SCHOOL=11>

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# Nourish Catholic Character

## Pentecost

The season of Easter concluded with the celebration of the feast of Pentecost on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world. This same Holy Spirit is still with us. In the Gospel reading on Pentecost Sunday, we heard Jesus saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We are called to bear witness to our faith by being the hands, the feet, the face and the voice of Jesus in our world.



May 24 was the sixth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' document *Laudato 'Si* and marked the conclusion of the special anniversary year to celebrate its release in 2015. In this document, "On Care for our Common Home", Pope Francis addresses issues on environmentalism, poverty, science and other topics such as urban planning, agricultural economics and biodiversity. He talks about our responsibility and need to care for our common home. Exercising "Stewardship" is caring for the gifts that God has given to us, including the environment, our own personal talents and other resources. We are *kaitiaki* – guardians of the earth. The integrity of the ecosystems which make up the earth is vital for our survival and for the wellbeing of future generations. Everything in creation is given for all people. Understanding our interdependence with all living creatures, we must use God's gifts responsibly to meet the needs of everyone, now and in the future.

"All of us can co-operate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to *his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.*" Pope Francis. *Laudato Si* 14.

## Sacramental Programmes

Congratulations to **Ava Dyett, Rebekah Hitchcock** and **Madie Parker** who were baptised at Our Lady Help of Christians on Tuesday 24 May. At his general audience on 25 April 2018 at St Peter's in the Vatican, Pope Francis spoke about Baptism. He said: "*In our catechesis on the sacrament of Baptism, we have seen that it is the door by which we enter, through faith, into the mystery of Christ's passover from death to life. Guided by the light of God's word, and accompanied by the prayers of the saints in heaven and our brothers and sisters here on earth, we begin a journey of growth in faith.*"

We pray that these young people will continue to grow in faith with the ongoing support of their whānau, friends and the wider community.

A number of other students will continue their growth in faith this term as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Sacrament of Confirmation. If your daughter is interested in receiving the sacraments she should contact our Chaplain, Carole Tipler.

### Catherine Landrigan

Director of Religious Studies

**Te Reo Mass St Joseph's Church, Powderham Street, New Plymouth**

held whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a Month.

**Te Reo Mass—9am, Sunday 30th May**

Practice for singing, 5.30pm Friday 28th May in the church for those who would like to assist with waiata.

# Nourish Catholic Character

## O'Shea Shield

O'Shea Shield is a public speaking event held annually between Catholic Secondary schools in the Palmerston North and Wellington dioceses. In 2021 this event was co-hosted by both Bishop Viard and Chanel colleges in Porirua. Our school sent down 15 representatives to compete in the various events and all our Sacred Heart girls performed incredibly. The theme for this year's event was 'Life creates history' and what followed was a fun filled celebration of arts and languages, young people and the Catholic Faith.



Highlights of the weekend included watching the drama, of which the Sacred Heart Drama team gave a moving performance, supporting teammates at their events and singing and socializing with students from the other schools. From the first few events we were tracking well within in the top placings on the leader board and morale was high.

The combined scores and efforts of the girls involved earned us 2<sup>nd</sup> place alongside St John's College Hastings and St Patrick's College Wellington. Two of our girls did incredibly well within their chosen disciplines, **Florence Parker**, the team's youngest member in Year 10 was awarded the George Family cup for junior prepared speaker, and **Ann-Mariya Tomy** was presented with the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee cup for impromptu speaking. Both were recognized with a Rose ceremony when back at school. The camaraderie of the event will forever be remembered by the girls that went and everyone came away with new and strengthened friendships, looking forward to next year's event.

By **Nell Brown**, Y13

## Rose Recipients



*Pictured with Mrs Wells are, from left;*

**Ann-Mariya Tomy**—winner of impromptu speech, O'Shea Shield

**Florence Parker**—winner of junior prepared speech, O'Shea Shield

**Abbie Wood**—winner of National YES Challenge



# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Young Enterprise Scheme

**Abbie Wood** has won the first of the national YES challenges. This challenge is about validating their business idea; confirming their target market and likely demand for their product. **Abbie** did an outstanding job and her presentation of this won first place in the regional challenge, and now has taken out the national award too.

*From Abbie;*

The Together Collective is a clothing brand that works together with young artists to showcase their work in a new form! I am all about empowering and creating opportunities for talented creatives. A percentage of each sale goes directly back to the young artist to support them on their journey. **Zoe Paynter** and **Hannah Hitchcock**, both in Year 12 at SHGC, are the first young artists involved and I can't wait to involve more SHGC students and others from around Taranaki.



All about celebrating the work of young artists through turning their designs into wearable art!



Hannah Hitchcock  
Year 12 Sacred Heart



Zoe Paynter  
Year 12 Sacred Heart



Abbie Wood  
Founder of  
The Together Collective



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## EPro8 Challenge

### Engineering In Action

8S students working on their EPro8 challenge to create a crane capable of lifting a school bag.



# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to **Abbie Wood** for completing her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award, that recognises the time, skill, and effort she has spent outside the classroom and in the community. Abbie is the first student to receive a silver award since the commencement of the Duke of Edinburgh awards at our school in 2018.

If anyone would like more information about getting involved in this, please contact Mr Evans ([rev@shgcnps.school.nz](mailto:rev@shgcnps.school.nz)) for more details.



**Abbie Wood**

## 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@shgcnps.school.nz](mailto:rho@shgcnps.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  
new price of  
\$14.00**

## Sheilah Winn

13 students journey to Wellington over the upcoming Queen's Birthday long weekend to participate in the regional finals of the Otago University Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition.

Sacred Heart's 5 minute extract from Midsummer Night's Dream and their 15 minute piece from Titus Andronicus will compete in two full days' worth of scenes from other regional finalists.



With a choice of 20 different workshops to attend and the camaraderie of sharing a love of Drama with students from around North Island – it promises to be a fantastic experience.

# Nurture Hauora

For sports news, please contact Ms Aroha Lynch, the Sports Co-ordinator, by emailing her at [sport@shgcnp.school.nz](mailto:sport@shgcnp.school.nz), leaving a note with the details on it at the sports office or messaging through the Facebook page SHGC Manawa New Plymouth.



## School Sport

After netball started at the end of Term 1, Sacred Heart hockey, basketball, football, volleyball, and rugby teams all commenced their winter seasons during the first week of Term 2. We have 49 teams, which means well over 500 girls playing weekly winter sport for our school this year.

Thank you very much to all the volunteer coaches, managers, parent 'taxi drivers', and staff who facilitate these opportunities for our Wāhine Toa to participate in college life outside the classroom. You are all contributing to the hauora and mental well-being of our girls, and no doubt yourselves.

## Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who completed the school Cross Country last Thursday. The sun was shining, and the sprinkling of pink shirts amongst the house colours was a great addition. A special well done to the following girls who finished in the top 3 in their age group:

- Year 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> **Gracey Edgcombe**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ruby Stenning**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Ariane Tauwhare-George**
- Year 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> **Cassie Colbourne**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Kiahn Smithson**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Nayeli Pelletier-Morales**
- Year 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> **Paige Scannell**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Erina Gilchrist**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Freya Wano**
- Juniors – 1<sup>st</sup> **Jayda Hancock**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Libby Francis**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Kate Larkin**
- Seniors – 1<sup>st</sup> **Heidi Johns**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Holly Kleinsman**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Isla Robinson**



*Photo credit: Lisa Niedermayr*





# Nurture Hauora

## TSSSA Netball

TSSSA events will continue to regularly pop up on the school calendar for Term 2. The first one was the TSSSA Netball tournament, held on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Waiwhakaiho courts. Once again thank you to the coaches, managers, umpires and players, who fronted up for a whole extra day of sport on a Sunday. There were eight Sacred Heart teams participating in the various A, B and social grades on the day.

We also featured strongly in the 'winners list':

- Senior A Grade — SHGC
- Mixed Grade — Hdub Dominators
- Junior A Grade —SHGC



## TSSSA Cross Country

Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> saw 7 hardy souls travel to Hawera to compete in the **TSSSA Cross Country** event. This was held at the Hawera A&P Showgrounds, where the NZSS Cross Country event will be held later in June. Battling strong head winds around most of the course, well done to Year 9 Girls: Erina Gilchrist (6<sup>th</sup>), Miriam Waayer(8<sup>th</sup>), & Frankie Lawn (18<sup>th</sup>); Junior Girls: Jayda Hancock (8<sup>th</sup>) & Bella Neale( 17<sup>th</sup>); and Senior Girl Heidi Johns (5<sup>th</sup>).



Year 9 Girls' start



Frankie Lawn

# Nurture Hauora

## Hillary Challenge Qualifier

Tau kē (well done) to our Senior Adventure Racing team who competed together with FDMC in the North Island Hillary Challenge Qualifier near Taupo on May 8th. The winning of the event by 400 points was a fantastic result after many weeks in pre-race training together.

They will now represent the Taranaki region at the national finals at the Tongariro Outdoor Centre in October 2021.



## PCT Challenge

Every year a few Sacred Heart Year 7/8 girls get the chance to test themselves over the NZ Police PCT (Physical Competency Test) Challenge. This is one of the most sort after events to attend for all schools with Year 7/8 students, so there is a limit of four mixed teams per school. A course is set up to mirror the actual physical test that police recruits must complete under a certain time to gain their accreditation. For example, climbing over a fence, diving into a ditch, scaling a wall, running around obstacles, and getting through a window. Our eight girls – **Madison Breman, Macy Fothergill, Zoe Gardner, Belle Hay-Vega, Kassia Rolfe, Jaimee Seddon, Luci Strachan, Addison Tyrrell** - joined with FDMC to make mixed teams. Although we only had one team make it through to the top 20 'run-off', it was a great day for the girls to meet up with their old classmates from primary school.



# Nurture Hauora

## Touch

A huge congratulations to **Lucy Blyde** on her selection to trial for the 2022 Youth Trans Tasman (YTT) NZ18 team. Trial camps will be held in July and the successful players will be chosen to represent New Zealand in either the Girls' or Mixed teams at the 2022 YTT to be held in Christchurch, January 2022.



#1 Lucy Blyde

## Basketball

Congratulations to **Emilie Back, Teghan Omelvena-Ngatai, Gemma Walsh, Lillian Syrus** (and 2020 old girls Tiaan Owen and Raquel Sampson), who were selected into the Taranaki U19 Girls' basketball team for 2021. They will compete at the national tournament in North Harbour, Auckland June 5-7<sup>th</sup>.



Well done also to **Louise Blyde, Libby Francis** and **Charlotte Seddon** who were selected into the Taranaki U15 Girls' basketball team to compete at a national qualifying tournament during Queen's Birthday in Palmerston North.

## Netball

Congratulations to the following for being selected into Taranaki Representative teams this year:

- U14 – **Nevaeh Christensen-Johnston, Tori Hudson, Stella Rae, Alyssa Seed, Freya Stolte, Sienna Watson**
- U14 Development – **Haidee Christie, Lilah Allardice, Rosie Moffitt, Niamh Moriarty**
- U16 – **Hannah Hitchcock, Charlotte Stokes, Elizabeth Vea**
- U16 Mixed – **Demi Hudson, Georgia Meads, Florence Parker**
- U18 – **Sophia Hodson, Angel Ladbrook, Tayla Macleod, Madison Neale, Amelita Peters, Lillian Syrus, Gemma Walsh**



They will compete at various weekend tournaments throughout winter, and the national age group tournaments in July.

## Queen's Birthday Weekend

Good luck to our girls competing at the following events during Queen's Birthday weekend in Cambridge:

- ◆ **Te Toa—Hockey**
- ◆ **Mission Cup—Netball**
- ◆ **North Island School Show Jumping Event—Equestrian**



## Nurture Hauora

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