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Wāhine Toa*

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

TERM FOUR

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**2022**

**TERM ONE**

**Mon 31 January—**

- School open.
- Student leaders session, 1-3pm.
- Course Confirmation for seniors as required.
- 3pm optional tour of school for new students. Leaders will greet you on arrival.

**Tues 1 February—**

- Mass at St Joseph's for new Year 7 students, 5.30pm.

**Tues 1- Wed 2 February—**

- Year 13 Camp.

**Thurs 3 February—**

- 8.40am Pōwhiri for whole school.
- Classes begin.

**Thurs 14 April—**last day of Term One.

**TERM TWO**

**Mon 2 May—Fri 8 July**

**TERM THREE**

**Mon 25 July—Fri 30 Sept**

**TERM FOUR**

**Mon 17 Oct—Fri 9 Dec**

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# Principal's Peace



Kia ora whānau, welcome to our end of year newsletter.

This week brings the end of a seven-year tenure as Principal/Tumuaki at Manawa Tapu. It has been a privilege and an honour to work alongside passionate members of this community in providing our learners a first-class Catholic education with an unapologetic wellbeing first approach that is steeped in the tradition of Mission.

Together we have re-built our College. We have literally rebuilt the school with almost every part of the campus having been renovated. Our learners and teachers are incredibly fortunate to have access to modern facilities, and it is equally delightful that aspects of our special character have been woven into design elements, speaking of our charm and history.

We have worked together in the consultation, implementation and delivery of two strategic plans. Meeting the aspirations of this community in the delivery of quality, Catholic, inclusive, holistic education has been our collective mahi. We have applied for two Maximum Roll Increases with the MoE and continue to be at maximum roll, both at the College and at Elizabeth House. One of the most challenging aspects of leading this college community through a period of roll growth has been managing the disappointment of families when enrolments have been declined, simply because there is no room in the inn. We are currently consulting on an Enrolment Scheme that will strengthen our discernment process, and place us in a stronger position when we need to grow our roll further.

We have deliberately reignited our charism, bringing the intent of the Mission Sisters to life in a way that is contextually relevant to rangitahi today. Thank you to the Sisters for their accompaniment and spiritual guidance, and for continually connecting with the College in small and big ways, and for providing the foundation from which our Mission has been reborn through Ako, Manaakitanga and Wāhine Toa.



**Principal, Paula Wells cloaked with Te Aho ō Ruahine**

# Openly Engage with Community

## Principal's Peace continued

We have formed and forged relationship with iwi and embraced and woven culturally inclusive and sustaining practices. Highlights have been: engaging with Rangikotuku and Ngariti Rukuwai, who are now keeping an eye on us from above, and strengthening links with iwi, including better understanding our own history. I was incredibly privileged to be invited to the Crown reconciliation ceremony at Parihaka; an incredibly moving and poignant experience. I particularly thank and acknowledge the ongoing advice and guidance of Rita Rukuwai and Wharehoka Wano. Kia ora.

This year, we welcomed to our kura at powhiri, Te Aho o Ruahine, woven in memory of former Principal, Diane Kawana. Thank you to Diane's whanau for walking this journey of cultural awakening with us. Our korowai is symbolic on many levels, but none more so than the spiritual weaving of Manawa Tapu mauri into an artefact of cultural significance. Woven for us and by us, in acknowledgement of proud a Wāhine Toa, on whose shoulders future generations of ground-breaking women will stand.

We continue to offer quality education where the individual gifts and talents of every individual are acknowledged and celebrated with learners aspiring to their personal excellence, whatever their God-given gifts, talents and individual future pathways may be. Our unapologetic wellbeing-first philosophy takes care of the individual and their hauora in the first instance. Only then can the young person flourish and thrive. Young people are remarkable and they are immensely capable, and they fill me with pride and wonder on a daily basis.

Our children can be our greatest teachers, especially when we provide an environment in which they can shine; exemplified in our angel and guiding light, Gabby Devine, who through her charity Starlit Hope, continues to keep us prioritising and remembering the important stuff: kindness, charity, hope and love.

As I step towards change and challenge, and new horizons, I reflect on my time at Sacred Heart with great pride and happiness. The College has been very good to me and I remain eternally grateful for the opportunity and the experience. I will always carry Manawa Tapu in my heart.

May your festive season be filled with peace, love, hope and joy.

He ara whakamua, he ara hou.

**Paula Wells**  
**Tumuaki**



**The office will not be open during the  
Christmas School Holidays**

**Office closed Wednesday 15 December 2021, 12 noon**  
**Office re-opens Monday 24 January 2022**

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Property queries, email: [businessmanager@shgcnp.school.nz](mailto:businessmanager@shgcnp.school.nz)  
All other queries, please email: [admin@shgcnp.school.nz](mailto:admin@shgcnp.school.nz)



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## Christmas message from the Boards

As our Covid impacted world changes and searches for a guiding light - it is comforting to know that the values and charism of our founding sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are a beacon that shines within each of us and unites us as Manawa Tapu whānau. A time to embrace the teachings of Christ in that, we should love one another as He has loved us. A time for manaaki/respect, tumanako/hope, compassion and kindness. Remember that at the Heart of the matter our focus must always remain centred on ensuring that our mission is to provide each of our rangatahi with the best possible education to enable them to unlock their full potential and become the best selves they can be!



As our beloved principal, Paula Wells' waka takes sail for new shores, she leaves with our blessings and the taonga of our aroha. Haere haumarua/safe journeying, Wāhine toa!

The Sacred Heart Girls' College Board of Trustees and the Mission College New Plymouth Trust Board wish the peace and hope of Christ be with you all this festive Christmas season.

We hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday and enjoy some quality whānau time.

Best wishes for 2022.



*Stephen Hill*  
BOT Presiding Member



*Mark Butterworth*  
MCNPTB Chair



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## Christmas



**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”**

Luke 3:4

Advent heralds in the church’s new year. This year it began on Sunday November 28. It is a season of waiting, of hope and expectation. We wait as the days get warmer and as the school year draws to a close. We look forward to the summer holidays and time spent with family and friends. This “waiting” can help us to celebrate Advent well.

Today Advent is not a penitential season, as it was in the past, although the official colour for vestments for this season is purple, like Lent. An atmosphere of hopeful expectation permeates the readings and the prayers at Mass as we watch and wait for the coming of Christ. The readings for the season focus on the two advents of Christ: first, the birth of the Messiah, Jesus, in Bethlehem (past); and the second coming of Christ at the end of time (future). The readings also provide us with guidelines about how we can live in the light of Christ (present) as we wait in hopeful expectation for the end times when: God’s kingdom will become a reality; all God’s promises will be fulfilled; all creation will be completed and renewed; there will be no more poverty, sickness or unhappiness; and we will see God face to face.

During the season of Advent, in our Catholic tradition, we make do with less and give generously to those who are less fortunate. At Sacred Heart Girls’ College, we have been collecting goods for Foodbank and Women’s Refuge. Sadly, this is not a season of joy for many in our community and we have been encouraging students to think about how they can help those less fortunate.

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, amid all the busyness and preparation, let us all take some time to wait and watch as we consider how we can better live the Kingdom of God here and now in our everyday lives.

**He wā o te manaaki  
Peace and Goodwill**

**Catherine Landrigan**

Director of Religious Studies

### The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth Christmas Mass Timetable



#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

VIGIL MASS	7.00 pm, Carols at 6.45pm	St Patrick’s Okato
VIGIL MASS	8.00 pm, Carols at 7.30pm	St Joseph’s New Plymouth
VIGIL MASS	7.00 pm, Carols at 6.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians
MIDNIGHT MASS	12.00am, Carols at 11.30pm	St Joseph’s New Plymouth

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Day Mass 8.30am	St Joseph’s New Plymouth
Christmas Day Mass 9.00 am	Our Lady Help of Christians
Christmas Day Mass 10.30 am	St Joseph’s New Plymouth
Christmas Day Mass 10.30 am	Carols at 10.15am Bell Block Catholic Centre





# Openly Engage with Community

## 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION

On 4th November at Our Lady Help of Christians, the following students (pictured right with Fr Simon, Ms Mulligan and family members) received their First Holy Communion:

**Milla Croy, Libby Francis, Michelle Hurley, Kate McQuaig, Isla Robinson**



## 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION

On 2nd December at Our Lady Help of Christians, the following students (pictured left with Fr Vui, and family members) received their First Holy Communion:

**Megan Benetito-Iotia, Daisy Byelich, Quin Douglas, Ava Dyett, Rory Emett, Lucia Erb, Lily Greenwood, Rebekah Hitchcock, Tayla Jane, Bella Millar, Carys Read**

Absent: **Anastasia Goodey Robinson**



**FROM THE HEART  
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**Pre-Loved Uniform Shop  
Opening January 2022!**

Thanks to generous donations, Pre-loved SHGC School and Sports Uniforms are now available to purchase at a well-reduced price – all proceeds will go towards supporting future school fundraising projects.

Shop hours @ the School Events Centre for January 2022:

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3pm-6pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am-12pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	12pm-3pm

For enquiries email [shgcptfa@gmail.com](mailto:shgcptfa@gmail.com)

Uniform donations during the holidays may be dropped off at the St Joseph's Parish Office, 106 Powderham Street, New Plymouth

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## Junior Prizegiving



### Performing Arts Awards

Katie Duggan	<b>Junior Drama Medal</b> For performance & contribution
Martha-Rose Hagenson	<b>Yarrow Trophy</b> For prepared speech Years 7 and 8
Florence Parker	<b>McSweeney-Novak Trophy</b> For Junior Speech

### Music Awards

Martha-Rose Hagenson	<b>Intermediate Music Medal</b> Classroom attitude and achievement, and co-curricular involvement
Alison Greenfield Thea Irys Lacanaria	<b>Junior Music Medal</b> Classroom attitude and achievement, and co-curricular involvement
Alison Greenfield	<b>Orchestra/Band Cup</b> for enthusiasm and participation in the school band
Martha-Rose Hagenson	<b>Judy Field Cup</b> for the most dedicated and improved musician
Rebecca Greenfield	<b>Trebles Cup</b> for enthusiasm and participation in the Junior Choir

### Art and Technology Award

Florence Parker	<b>Jean Tempero Memorial Cup</b> for Diligence in Year 10 Computing
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### Special Character Award

Martha-Rose Hagenson	<b>Blanks Cup</b> for Ako, Manaakitanga and Wāhine Toa
Thea Irys Lacanaria	<b>Wendy Mulligan Special Character Award—Junior</b>
Florence Parker	<b>Age Quod Agis</b> For the student who consistently gives her best effort in a range of cultural, arts, sporting, service and academic activities, and who always lives the school motto.
Lucy Forsyth	<b>Gabby Devine Trophy</b> For the student in any year level who demonstrates the following attributes authentically, in a natural expression of selflessness; Kind, Inclusive, Altruistic, Giving to those most in need.

**AGE QUOD AGIS**  
*Whatever you do, do to the best of your ability*  
*I o Mahi Katoa, Mahia*

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## Junior Prizegiving

Major Awards	
<b>Catriona Thomson</b>	<b>Kohine Hiranga Cup</b> For General Achievement in Year 7
<b>Cassie Colbourne</b>	<b>Glass Trophy</b> For General Achievement Year 8
<b>Cassie Colbourne</b>	<b>Taranaki Mathematics Association Award</b> For excellence, interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics in Year 8
<b>Sahara Cameron</b>	<b>Kohine Autaia Cup</b> Award for Academic Excellence in Year 9
<b>Abigail Churches</b>	<b>Taranaki Mathematics Association Award</b> For excellence, interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics in Year 10
<b>Tapeka Ruakere-Papuni</b>	<b>Te Taumata</b> For Junior Māori Achievement
<b>Carys Simmonds</b>	<b>Smiley Family Cup</b> Award for Academic Excellence in Year 10



**Martha-Rose Hagenson** — recipient of the Blanks Cup for Ako, Manaakitanga and Wāhine Toa



**Thea Irys Lacanaria** — recipient of the Wendy Mulligan Special Character Award



**Florence Parker** — recipient of the *Age Quod Agis* Special Award



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## Ebooks

Read on your phone, tablet or laptop.

Download the app now or follow the link, using school login and password

<https://shgcnplibrary.wheelers.co/>



**Ruby Sarsfield**, Year 9, pictured with her wonderful drawing of Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

*Great work!*



## 2022 Attendance Dues Information



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The compulsory **Attendance Dues charges for 2022** have been confirmed and are as follows:

**Primary** charge (Year 0 – 8) per child: **\$465.00**

**Secondary** charge (Year 9 – 13) per child: **\$930.00**

If you would like to make regular payments to spread payment of the total charge over the whole calendar year the amounts **per child** made from the **start of the year** are as follows:

Weekly Payment	
Primary	\$8.95
Secondary	\$17.89

Fortnightly Payment	
Primary	\$17.89
Secondary	\$35.77

Monthly Payment	
Primary	\$38.75
Secondary	\$77.50

For assistance with payment options or to set up a regular deduction, please contact the Attendance Dues team.

We can be contacted on **0800 200 208** or by email: [dues@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:dues@pndiocese.org.nz).



# Openly Engage with Community

## Music

### Itinerant Music Concert and Prize Giving

This was held in the Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Like a lot of things this year, it looked a little different as we held it without an audience, instead, making a video available to families. But our music students shone once again.

A huge thanks to our dedicated team of Itinerant Music Teachers: **Jocelyn Beath, Stewart Maunder, Julian Raphael, Beth Haveswood, Phil Cook, Robert Greenfield** and **Philippa Drinkwater**.

The music prizes for 2021 are:

Keyboard Award:	<b>Phoebe Lay</b>
Flute Award:	<b>Martha-Rose Hagenson</b>
Woodwind Award:	<b>Alex Stuck</b>
Strings Award:	<b>Cassie Colbourne</b>
Drums Award:	<b>Lily Whaley</b>
Guitar Award, plus the Musicworks Guitar Trophy:	<b>Caitlyn Hobin</b>



All these students received \$40 Rockshop vouchers – kindly donated by the NP Rockshop.

Hunter Instrumental Trophy –  
for an Instrumental Group: Our Year 8 Chamber Music Group: **Cassie Colbourne, Martha-Rose Hagenson** and **Isabella Kwong**

Hunter Vocal Trophy: **Georgia Jeffrey** (Member of The Trebles, plus vocalist for the Year 8 Rock Band and the Junior Jazz Band.)

Taranaki Academy of Brass Cup: **Frankie Lamb** and **Maeve Quinn**

### Raewyn Hunter

TIC Music

## NZ Spelling Bee



Year 9 student **Sahara Cameron** competed in the New Zealand Spelling Bee Final in Wellington on Saturday the 27th of November.

This date was pushed out several weeks due to Covid restrictions around gathering size. Entrants were from all over the maunga.

Sahara qualified for the NZ Final after finishing in the top 3 in the regionals in Hamilton way back in early August.

Whilst Sahara didn't place, she enjoyed the experience. We are very proud of her achievements making it all the way to the hotly contested final.

As Sahara is Year 10 in 2022, we encourage her, and all junior students, to consider entering next year!

### Emily Scott

Leader of Learning English



**Sahara Cameron**

# Nurture Hauora

## Hockey

Congratulations to **Alex Shearman** and old girls Kaleigh Morris, Holly Pearson, Georgia Goonan, Annika Roodbeen, Laura Fleming, and Anna Crowley who played for the Taranaki Women's team at the recent Lower North Island Championships in Palmerston North, mid-November. Due to Covid, this was another revised regional tournament to compensate for Nationals.



*Team report – “The women came up against Wellington, Manawatu, and Hawkes Bay. With a very similar set up to the men's competition there were both Olympians and New Zealand representatives scattered throughout the teams. The women held their own and played some amazing games against great competition. With some huge shifts from key players the girls came away holding their heads high. At the back Anna Crowley was a standout, with Annika Roodbeen and Laura Fleming strong through the midfield. Up front Kaleigh Morris and Teea Francis also had great tournaments.”*

## TSSSA Events—Modified Sports Week –Covid style

Traditionally at this time of the year, the entire group of Year 9 and 10 students usually get the chance to spend 2 full days trying new sports, making new friends, and designing zany costumes.

2021's challenges meant this year, the sports came to the school, instead of us going to the sports. The girls were still able to select their own teams, create their own team names and costumes, and participate in fun modified sports activities for the day.

Thanks to TSSSA staff Ryan and Rebecca, and TSSSA sponsor First Gas for organising great weather, and for coming in for two days of FUN!



## Duke of Edinburgh

On Monday December 6th, three groups of Year 10 students headed off in the pouring rain to complete their Bronze level Adventurous Journeys for the world-renown Duke of Edinburgh programme. As part of the requirements, the girls had to design the trip, plan the meals, and complete all elements of the 2 day / 1 night adventure. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, the kayaking group (**Kaitlyn Haigh, Michelle Hurley, Ellie Sole, and Carys Simmonds**) and equestrian group (**Florence Parker, Amelia Howatson, Abigail Churches, Sophie Kuriger, Olivia Perry, and Olivia Williams**) had to revert to plan B and stay within Taranaki, so set out on a hike to Pouakai Hut. The wet and slippery track conditions made their going slow, but the warm hut was a welcome relief, and provided a dry haven to rest their weary legs. Thank you to accompanying staff – Ms Payne, Ms Goodey and Mr Evans.



The third group (**Sophia Thompson, Kendal Mulligan, Charley Butler and Mckenna Ridings**) completed an Exploration Journey at Pukeiti, researching and analysing the “Towards Predator-Free Taranaki” project being lead by the Taranaki Regional Council. Due to the 24 hour heavy rainfall conditions around the maunga that day, the normally small stream morphed into a significant river crossing, where the girls were able to put into practice the skills they had learnt at TOPEC. Thank you to Ms Lynch who accompanied them.

The girls were all buzzing after their adventures, and were looking forward to a longer trip in 2022.



# Nurture Hauora

## Football

Congratulations to **Eva Niedermayr** (15 Girls) and **Holly Kleinsman** (17 Girls) who were selected in the Central Football National Age Group teams. Although the national tournament had to be cancelled due to Covid, this is an outstanding achievement to be selected to represent the entire Federation from Taranaki to Gisborne.



## TSB TOPEC—final Y10 Camp for this year

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> saw 25 of our Y10s make the most of the very hot weather near Burgess Hill. Three groups as opposed to four, provided a very close, relaxed and more hands-on opportunities at activities than our two previous camps.

Water was lower than usual, so the Waitara River rafting was swapped with body surfing and kayaks at Fitzroy Beach. Rafting was done at the Meeting of the Waters 100m from camp. Sunscreen was a definite part of our morning personal care routine and constant reminders throughout the day, as well as hydration levels were given due to the 'summer' weather.



Tuesday Quiz night with a large Toblerone up for grabs was won by Manaakitanga 2 Frankie's group and Weds night's cabin visit/inspection Toblerone went to Wāhine Toa 1 Abi Churches' group with, Ako 2 Cary's group winning the runner up Family pack Natural Party mix sweets.

A highlight for all Topec 3 campers was the overnight tramp and camp experiences on our Maunga- Rahiri and Stoney.

A huge thank you to our Topec instructors: Director Grover, Josh Kirby, former SHGC student Zoe, Titch and Jodi. Their calm, positive approach and challenge by choice attitude have helped immensely with those tentative to test/encounter their fears. Admin Claire, Raewyn Hunter's sister organises all the food, admin and daily comms to ensure everyone has an enjoyable stay at Camp. I'd also like to thank all our Tau Tekau students for keeping an open mind, extending themselves and their boundaries of discomfort, facing their fears and making this year's camps, a lifetime of wonderful memories.

## Joan Hodson

TIC TSB Topec [Toi Foundation]

**Novice Rowers** — Clifton Rowing Club and SHGCNP Rowing team are keen to have new rowers as soon as possible. No previous experience needed as we have excellent coaches who will teach you all you need to know.

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on [jho@shgcnp.school.nz](mailto:jho@shgcnp.school.nz)





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