



*Living the Mission  
through:  
Ako  
Manaakitanga  
Wāhine Toa*

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

TERM THREE

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM FOUR**

**Tues 7 Oct:**

Awards Assembly

**Thurs 16 Oct:**

Mission Market Day,  
1.00—2.30pm

**Tues 21 Oct:**

Year 13 Retreat

**Mon 27 Oct:**

Labour Day

**Wed 22 Oct:**

Whānau hui—Māori/  
Pasifika Leavers, 5.30pm  
in the staffroom

**Wed 29 Oct:**

Senior Awards Assembly,  
9.00am  
Senior Prizegiving, 1.00pm

**Thurs 30 Oct:**

Thanksgiving Mass, Events  
Centre, 10.00am  
Y13 Graduation Dinner

**Sat 1 Nov:**

Alumni Liturgy, morning  
tea and tours

**Tues 4 Nov:**

NZQA exams start

**Mon 1 Dec:**

Ministry Accord TOD

**Tues 2 Dec:**

Orientation Afternoon,  
1.00pm

**Wed 10 Dec:**

Junior Prizegiving, Events  
Centre, 9.30am

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Te Hunga Hikoi i roto i te Tūmanako



## Principal's Peace



Kia ora e te whānau

Tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou katoa i te wiki o Te Reo Māori, ake ake ake, te wiki Reo Māori rima tekau! Kei te pirangi ahau kia kōrero Māori tātou ia rā ia rā. Ka ora te Reo – karawhuia e hoa mā! Greetings to you all in this 50<sup>th</sup> year of Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, ake ake ake (a forever language). Let's all go for it to keep Te Reo Māori alive every day! Here at school our Komiti Māori organised lots of exciting activities to encourage us to kōrero Māori.

This second half of Term 3 has been as busy as ever. We have had teams competing at Tournament week competitions in Week 7 and Aims Games for Year 7 and 8 in Week 8. In Week 9 our senior students have had their practice examinations, and our seniors are now very busy completing course work in their practical subjects. We have had our inaugural evening Inter-house Performing Arts competition in Week 6, and a feast of musical events.

A large contingent of our students performed at the Waikato Jazz and Concert bands competition and our **Senior Jazz band** won a Silver award and commendation for vocals. Following this two of our choirs performed at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall theatre and our jazz bands have performed at the Taranaki Jazz Club schools' day. We have also had success again with the Caritas Sing out for Justice competition. Congratulations to **Georgia Jeffrey** who won the Sing Out 4 Justice Senior Covers competition (Y 11-13). She sang Imagine by John Lennon. This is the third year Georgia has placed in the Caritas competition. **Mrs Hill's Year 8 group** were Highly Commended for their Cover of Lighthouse, and **Ruth Hagenson** was awarded Highly Commended for her original song. Finally, the Taranaki Young Musician competition was held last Saturday evening. Congratulations to **Nancy Chen** for winning this event and to **Sophia Guo** who placed 2nd on Flute and placed 3rd on the Piano! See page 11 and 12 for further details.



Georgia Jeffrey, with Nancy Chen on piano

Thank you to all our parents and supporters who have been coaches, managers or umpires this winter sports season. We are blessed to have a huge number of teams and sports codes that our students are involved with. We couldn't provide this rich offering without our volunteers. Thank you too to our Sports Department: **Kerry Yates** and **Kat Greeney** for all you do to make so much sport happen for our students.

**"Te Hunga Hikoi i roto i te Tūmanako"**

**"Pilgrims of Hope"**

# Openly Engage with Community

In Special Character news some highlights this half term have been the Year 12 Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday 31 August and our Combined House Feast day last Friday, including Liturgy, service opportunities and a chance for a shared lunch and whanaungatanga in the Manaaki classes.

In staffing news, **Jan Finnigan** has resigned her part-time counselling position. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jan for her service to our school community over the past five years. Jan has had a long association with Manawa Tapu as a former student, a parent and a member of our Catholic parish. We wish Jan all the best in her new position.



Year 12 Mass at St Joseph's

Looking forward to Term 4, please note that this year our school magazine will again be available for everyone as a digital copy. If you would like a printed copy of the magazine, please pay \$25 per magazine through your school account by Friday 31 October.

On Saturday 1 November we will have our annual Alumni Day. This year we are celebrating the re-launch of the Alumni Association that was formed as a legal entity in 2011. Special thanks to past students Cassandra Crowley, Katherine Webb (nee Koberstein) and Rachel Broadmore for all your assistance with this. Thank you to our PTFA for providing the morning tea. Please see page 7 for all the information.

As term comes to an end, I would like to draw attention to our uniform expectations. In recent years, we have noticed that our school skirts are becoming shorter and shorter and now frequently causing us embarrassment in the community. We understand that the fit of the senior student's skirt has not suited all students and so we have worked with Campus Clothing to modify the design to be more comfortable to wear. It is our expectation that skirts (both senior and junior) sit just above the knee (no more than about 3cm above the knee). From 2026, we will be expecting all students to comply with this expectation and we will be holding a firm line with this. We would very much appreciate your support with this.

Finally, we wish you all a restful and refreshing holiday break. Please note that we have substantial building works happening at school these holidays. We are beginning a project to upgrade and fully refurbish the Technology classrooms as well as a refurbishment of Rooms 205 and 206 and some additional roofing work. Everyone is encouraged to stay away from school during the holidays.

Kororia ki te Atua ki runga rawa, Maungarongo ki runga i te mata o te whenua, Whakaaro pai ki ngā tangata katoa ahakoa kō wai, Pai mārire. (*Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth and goodwill to all people.*)

**Barb Costelloe**  
Tumuaki—Principal



**The office will be closed during the September/October School Holidays**

# Openly Engage with Community

## School Board Elections Results



### Parent and Staff Elections Results Declaration

#### Parent Representative votes:

COLLINS, Edward	130
DHANJEE, Caroline	154
ELLIOTT, John	237
GROGAN, Catherine	261
MCCORMACK, Nikki-Lee	38
PELLICER, Eric	207
QUIGAN, Cathy	224
SMITH, Brian	113

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**DHANJEE, Caroline**  
**ELLIOTT, John**  
**GROGAN, Catherine**  
**PELLICER, Eric**  
**QUIGAN, Cathy**

*Schooled Election Limited*  
 Returning Officer

#### Staff Representative votes:

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

#### FOY, Warwick

*Denise Stachurski*  
 Returning Officer

#### Student Representative candidates:

JOYCE, Holly  
 KERR, Sophie  
 MACLEAN, Tula

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

#### MACLEAN, Tula

*Denise Stachurski*  
 Returning Officer

*Pictured right;*  
 Mark Butterworth  
 and  
 Bella Millar



**Thank you to Bella Millar**, our outgoing student rep, pictured with Mark Butterworth, Deputy Presiding Member (Proprietor's Rep on the School Board).

## Rose Awards

Our final Rose Assembly for 2025 will take place at the Awards Assembly on the first Tuesday back in Term 4 (October 7th). If you believe your child has earned a Rose Award, **please encourage her to complete the Rose Form on SchoolBridge** by Thursday, October 2nd. Submissions received after this date will be included in the first Rose Assembly of 2026.



A reminder of the criteria:

To earn a rose at one of these ceremonies, students will have earned something at a national level:

- Student has won a National Event, and/or a category of a National Event
- Student is a New Zealand Representative in an Arts, Sports, or a Cultural International Event
- Student has won a Mission College Event, such as O'Shea Shield

# Nourish Catholic Character

## Youth Alpha

### Youth Alpha Inspires Year 12 Students

This term, our Year 12 students had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the *Youth Alpha* programme—an engaging series of sessions designed to help young people explore life's big questions around faith, purpose, and identity in a safe and welcoming environment.

We are deeply grateful to **Susilo**, Youth Minister from St Joseph's, for generously leading these sessions and creating a space where students could reflect, share, and grow. His warmth and wisdom made a lasting impact on our students.

Here's what some of them had to say:

- "I liked Alpha because I was still learning – but it was about my faith."
- "Susilo was and fun and patient, with our responses."
- "Taking part in youth alpha at school was a great experience. It allowed my whole Religious studies class to explore their faith in an open environment through fun and easy to relate to videos. I really enjoyed youth alpha as it was not only a break from my other classes, but a time to understand more about my faith, and God. This programme helped me realise that faith is not about what you feel, but about what you do to serve."



### Commissioning of Our New Eucharistic Ministers

We are delighted to share that **19 students** have recently been commissioned as **Eucharistic Ministers**—a sacred and meaningful role within our faith community. Their willingness to serve reflects a deep commitment to living out the values of compassion, reverence, and leadership.

Under the guidance of our School Chaplain, **Amelia Luke**, these students have undergone thoughtful training to prepare them for this special ministry. Throughout the coming year, they will assist in liturgical celebrations and help nurture the spiritual life of our kura.



**Blessings to our newly commissioned ministers—thank you for walking this faith-filled path with us.**

Congratulations to the following students were commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers this term:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| • <b>Aeriz Alay-Ay</b>      | • <b>Marth-Rose Hagenson</b> |
| • <b>Sofia Asi</b>          | • <b>Rebekah Hitchcock</b>   |
| • <b>Lucy Cameron</b>       | • <b>Holly Joyce</b>         |
| • <b>Iris Cayetano</b>      | • <b>Elliana Luke</b>        |
| • <b>Cassie Colbourne</b>   | • <b>Millie Macdonald</b>    |
| • <b>Jane Doyle</b>         | • <b>Tula Maclean</b>        |
| • <b>Shannon Doyle</b>      | • <b>Francie O'Sullivan</b>  |
| • <b>Liane Edquila</b>      | • <b>Pieta Smith</b>         |
| • <b>Mheriel Espinosa</b>   | • <b>Alex Stuck</b>          |
| • <b>Meila Gwiazdzinski</b> |                              |





# Nourish Catholic Character

## Year 12 Retreat

### Year 12 Retreat: Walking Together in Solidarity

This week, our Year 12 students came together for a powerful retreat centred on the theme of *Solidarity – Walking Together*. The retreat invited students to reflect on what it means to stand united as sisters and to actively contribute to the wellbeing of our kura, *Manawa Tapu*.

Throughout the day, students engaged in meaningful experiences including the *Stations of the Cross*, the *Rosary*, and the uplifting act of *Volunteering*. These moments offered space for spiritual reflection, connection, and service.

We thank our inspiring Year 13 students, **Sinead O’Sullivan** and **Tiana Hokopaura**, who generously shared their personal volunteering journeys. Their stories encouraged others to consider how small acts of kindness can make a big impact.

We also extend our heartfelt thank you to **Roly and Sarah Devine** from *Gabby’s Starlit HOPE*, who shared the moving story behind their charity and the incredible work they do to support children facing serious illness. Their presence was a true gift to our retreat, reminding us of the power of compassion, community and kindness. The retreat was a beautiful reminder that solidarity is not just a theme—it’s a way of life.



*“The Retreat was eye opening and empowering.”*

*“Starlight hope was inspiring!”*

*“The Mass brought us closer together – as sisters.”*

**Wendy Mulligan** – Director of Religious Studies - DRS



**Alex Stuck**



**Ruva Kwangwari**



**Tula MacLean**

# Openly Engage with Community

## Paper4trees Programme

As part of the Paper4trees Programme, the school received some native trees to plant.

Our Year 11 students, on our combined House Feast Day, did some native tree planting on the bottom field.



Kia ora rawa atu! -

Thank you to our sponsor and nursery; OMV and Te Kahuri Nurseries



## E Pro 8 Challenge

After the interclass qualifying rounds held at school a few weeks ago, we entered two E Pro 8 teams into the North Taranaki Finals held at Manukorihi Intermediate on Tuesday evening.

Each of the teams had 3 hours to construct their chosen project.

Team A chose the electronic shopping trolley, Team B chose the mobile, movable Laser Strike target.

Both teams competed with enthusiasm and displayed excellent teamwork. After leading for most of the competition Team A slipped up at the end with the sensor pad electronics and dropped to finish fifth. Team 2 had a tough project to complete but persevered to finish in 7<sup>th</sup> place.



E Pro 8 is a wonderful example of STEM in action, and it was fabulous to see some of our Year 8 students excelling in yet another challenging opportunity.

Former SHGC student Chloe Hartley, who is now an engineer for principal sponsor BDT, was on hand to see our future engineers hard at work and to lead the prizegiving.

**Ross Howarth**

Team 1: **Lennon Taylor, Indi O'Callaghan, Clare Icaro, Christa Binoy**



Team 2: **Honor Zhao, Pippa Randall, Amelia White, Abi Davies**



# Openly Engage with Community



*Your invitation to*

## Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth Alumni Association Event 10am – 12pm Saturday 1 November

To celebrate the launch of the College's new Alumni Association, we are delighted to welcome former students and staff members on **Saturday 1 November** for a liturgy, tour of the school and Elizabeth House, morning tea plus the chance to learn more about the Alumni Association from its leaders.

**When:** 10am – midday, Saturday 1 November 2025 (All Saints' Day)

**What:** A liturgy will be held in the Mary Phelan Chapel, followed by school tours with current students and manaakitanga with a delicious morning tea provided by the PTFA. It will be a great chance to catch-up with former classmates and enjoy a special walk down-memory-lane!

**How:** RSVP at your **earliest convenience** please and **by Wednesday 22 October** at the latest.

- Simply email: [alumnishgc@gmail.com](mailto:alumnishgc@gmail.com)
- Attendance is \$20 per person with funds going to the SHGC PTFA
- Upon receipt of your RSVP, you will be sent bank account details for your payment. Thank you in advance.

Anyone who is a former student or staff member from Sacred Heart Girls' College, Manawa Tapu, is very welcome to attend and are automatically Alumni. Please spread the word, and we look forward to seeing you there!

# Openly Engage with Community

## Attendance



Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day. If your daughter is going to be absent for any reason it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. It is important that you contact the school office via phone, email or a message on the SchoolBridge app to confirm the absence and provide us with the reason. You should contact the Manaaki teacher or Dean in advance if you have a planned absence during school time.

A new initiative from the Ministry of Education this year is the **Stepped Attendance Response process** – STAR. The STAR sets expectations for school, student, parent/guardian, Ministry of Education and broader system responses to student absence. It provides a series of activities that should be considered when students meet absence thresholds. In summary:

- Less than **5 days absence** in a school term = **Good**
- Up to **10 days absence** in a school term = **Worrying**, contact parents to discuss reasons for absence
- Up to 15 days absence in a school term = **Concerning**, send escalated formal notification to parents and hold a meeting
- 15 days or more absence in a school term = **Serious Concern**, send warning notice, arrange meeting with parents and escalate to multi agency response

We acknowledge that there are genuine reasons why students may occasionally be absent, however, without regular attendance your child will struggle to make progress. We will be in touch if your daughter develops a pattern of worrying attendance.

Before we know it, final exams will be upon us.

To support our seniors with their exam preparation, we wanted you to know about **Innervate Education's on-line learning programme, *Passing Exams***.

<http://howtopassexams.com/>

Study Skills expert, Patrick Sherratt, from Innervate Education, presents ten video units as a 5-step "how to study" approach – everything a teen needs to know to help optimise their exam preparation and ultimately results.

Within these steps, Patrick presents solutions to common challenges students face in the lead-up to their exams. Included are essential tips, tricks and techniques for how to:

- improve motivation,
- reduce distractions,
- optimise memory retention, and
- reduce exam nerves.

To view an overview of the programme, please visit: <http://howtopassexams.com/>  
To purchase the programme, just follow the website link provided.

We hope this programme will give you an opportunity to support your child from home, as they start to prepare for their end-of-year exams.

Thank you.

# Study for Exams

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# Openly Engage with Community

## PTFA



The PTFA will be hosting the morning tea for the Alumni Association Event on Saturday 1 November.

We are requesting our school/family community, to assist with donations of spare tea cups, saucers and plate sets along with three tiered plates that you may have, that the PTFA can keep to add to the few sets we already have.

Please feel free to drop these off at the school office before the 30th October.

Thank you.

Sharyn Watson  
(Chairperson)



## Literary Challenge

On August 27<sup>th</sup> two SHGC teams travelled to Normanby Hall to compete in the 16th annual Taranaki Secondary Schools Literary Challenge.

In preparation for the event, students were required to study 10 books (5 fiction and 5 non-fiction) selected from the list of finalists for the 'NZ Book Awards' for children and young adults. The competition involved the teams answering 100 questions from categories that included 'structure & design', 'themes', 'characterisation' and 'facts and figures'. Adding to the fun of the event was 'spot prizes' of books, chocolate and ipads!

At the end of the day, the Mayor of South Taranaki had the pleasure of announcing the winners and presenting them with medals and the coveted trophy. Our Year 9 team placed an admirable fourth and our Year 10 team came first!

Here is what one of our students said about the event:

*'The best thing about this experience was obviously winning first place, but it was also a really good experience because I got to read books that I never would have picked myself and I got to hang out with my friends while doing something I love'.*

The students were accompanied by Claire Southee (librarian) and Miss Scott (teacher) who could not have been prouder of effort the students put in and the enthusiasm they brought to the day and the weeks leading up to it.

**Claire Southee**  
Librarian



**Back row:** Lucy Elliot, Sophia Guo, Ruth Hagenson, Amelia-Rose Persico, Eva Hodson, Miss Scott  
**Front row:** Carmen Hermanns, Claire Southee, Imogen Wigley, Jessica Rabe, Billie Stenning

# Openly Engage with Community

The PTFA has a fundraising opportunity for families whose daughter may be involved in a school event in 2026.



If you would like to run a Mini golf session over the Christmas summer holidays and start raising funds (\$100 per session), please email Lisa at [shgcmminigolf@gmail.com](mailto:shgcmminigolf@gmail.com).

This includes but is not exclusive to, sporting events like AIMS Games, various tournaments where she represents the school, Cross Country and TSSSA events. Music events (e.g. Rock quest), Literacy events (e.g. Lit Quiz), Arts (e.g. Sheliah Winn), Special Character (e.g. O'Shea shield) or school camps.

This is a great chance to get in early for fundraising for next year. These sessions book up quickly so please be in touch early.



## QUIZ NIGHT

A fundraiser to support  
Illumin8 Catholic Youth Group  
\$10/person- Prizes!!!

MON 6<sup>TH</sup> OCT

**QUIZ STARTS AT 7PM**

THE GOOD HOME- 21 ARIKI ST.



**RSVP TO BOOK A TABLE**

Christina Hermanns  
[che@fdmc.school.nz](mailto:che@fdmc.school.nz)





# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

Term 3 has been another busy Term for our hard-working and talented Music students.

## Jazz and Concert Bands:

The annual Waikato Band and Orchestra Festival was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Performing Arts dept of Waikato University. Over 900 students from the region were involved.

2025 was one of our most successful years.

Our Senior Jazz Band were awarded a Silver Award, and also won the Special Award for Best use of Vocals in a Performance – an outstanding achievement.

Our Junior Jazz Band performed beautifully for a Bronze Award, and the Combined SHGC/FDMC Fusion Concert Band were also awarded a Bronze Award. The students worked hard to ensure they played to the best of their ability, and can be very proud of their achievements.



## SHGC Choirs:

Our two choirs, directed by Philippa Drinkwater have been working all year towards their competitions. Unfortunately the Senior Choir was unable to attend Big Sing due to a clash with the Chamber Music Final, and Kids Sing was cancelled, meaning the Trebles also missed out. So instead, the 2 choirs combined to present a night of exceptional music at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre, along with some of our students also presenting solos and duos.

The highlight of the evening was the premiere of 'Stand Before the World' – a song composed and arranged for Choir, Piano and Cello (Izzy Hoyte) by our very own Georgia Jeffrey.

Congratulations to all our singers – you can all be very proud of the work you put in – and the performances. And a huge thanks to Philippa Drinkwater – their *Director Extrordinaire!*



**"Te Hunga Hīkoi i roto i te Tūmanako"**

**"Pilgrims of Hope"**



# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Caritas: Sing Out 4 Justice Success!

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year we have had multiple successes in this nationwide competition. This year the theme was “You will shine like Stars in the World.”

**Georgia Jeffrey** won the Senior (Year 11 – 13 section) of the Covers competition – singing Imagine, by John Lennon. A huge achievement after being a finalist in 2024, and winning the Year 7 – 10 original Song competition in 2023.



**Georgia Jeffrey**



**Ruth Hagenson** (pictured left) was in the top 3 in NZ of the Year 7 – 10 Original song competition – singing her song “Like Stars in the Sky.” Well done **Ruth**.



And Mrs Nicola Hill had a group of Year 8 students performing My Lighthouse, who were also placed in the top 3 in NZ in the Year 7 – 10 Covers competition.

A huge achievement by our young musicians.

## Taranaki Young Musician competition

The Taranaki Registered Music Teachers Young Musician of the Year was held recently at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre.

In the Junior Section 2 of our Year 10 students had an exceptional evening:

**Nancy Chen** won with her Piano performance.

**Sophia Guo** was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place with her Flute performance, and also 3<sup>rd</sup> place with her Piano Performance.

Well done to our young musicians.

**Raewyn Hunter**  
Music Teacher



**Sophia Guo and Nancy Chen** receiving their awards.

# Nurture Hauora

## Winter Tournament Week

### Premier Netball – LNISS Tournament Wrap-Up

Our Premier Netball team wrapped up an incredible campaign at the LNISS Tournament in Palmerston North, finishing **11th out of 64 teams!** After a strong start and some tough battles, they closed with a thrilling 33–32 win over Feilding Girls' High. The team showed outstanding resilience, teamwork, and spirit throughout — we couldn't be prouder!

### LNISS Umpiring Wrap-Up

**Mackenzie Hall** impressed at LNISS, progressing to umpire top B Grade matches and finishing with the 11th/12th playoff.

Her confidence, growth, and sportsmanship made SHGC proud — ka pai, **Mackenzie!**



### LNISS Equestrian Champs Wrap-Up

All 10 SHGC riders gave it their best in Taupō, with every rider placing in at least one class. The team brought home over **30 ribbons** — an outstanding achievement!

Ka pai, team — we're so proud of your effort and success!





# Nurture Hauora

## NZSS Badminton Champs Summary

Sacred Heart Girls' College made its debut at the NZSS Badminton Championships in Porirua, competing at the impressive Te Rauparaha Arena.

They showed great spirit, securing 3 wins from 7 matches. With a mix of experience and new talent, they represented SHGC with pride — and style, earning compliments for their uniforms!

It was a week full of learning, camaraderie, and motivation to return even stronger next year.



## NZSS Rock Climbing Wrap-Up

**Mary Brown** placed **12th** in the Senior Girls division at the NZSS Bouldering Cup in New Plymouth, showing great strength and strategy.

Awesome effort, **Mary** — we're proud of you!





# Nurture Hauora

## Federation Cup Hockey Wrap-Up

Our 1st XI Hockey team made their debut at the Tier 1/2 Federation Cup in Wellington, playing with pride, intensity, and great sportsmanship. A highlight was their well-earned win over John Paul College and a close match against King's College. The experience was a huge step forward for the team, showcasing growth, resilience, and strong team spirit. Huge thanks to our coaches, managers, and supporters — we're excited for what's next!



## Senior A Basketball – Regional Qualifiers Wrap-Up

Despite tough games and limited senior players, our team showed grit, teamwork, and promise for the future. Well done to all involved — SHGC basketball is in great hands!



# Nurture Hauora

## Aims Games

### AIMS Games Hip Hop

**SHGC Beatz** smashed their AIMS Games debut with an unforgettable performance — placing 24th out of 44 crews!

We're so proud of their energy, teamwork, and trailblazing spirit.



### AIMS Games Gymnastics

Congratulations to **Melah** — 5th overall and 1st on beam in the Step 5 Open Division at AIMS Games!

Your talent and dedication truly shone —  
ka mau te wehi!



### AIMS Games Rock Climbing

**Pippa Gower-Johnson** took out **1st place** in the Year 7 final — an incredible achievement!

**Claudia Yukich** climbed with heart and placed 33rd in a tough Year 8 field — ka rawe, girls!





# Nurture Hauora

## AIMS Games Netball

SHGC Netball showed grit and heart all week, finishing strong with a 20–18 win over Baradene. They placed **45th out of 123 teams** — an awesome result!

Congratulations to the players and coaches for an inspiring tournament!



## AIMS Games Swimming

**Livia Becroft** and **Milan Maifea** swam with focus and confidence, both achieving personal bests in a field of over 500 competitors!

We're so proud of their determination and composure — ka pai, girls!



## AIMS Games Cross Country

**Nesta Dombroski** placed 34th out of 125 Year 7 girls, finishing the 3km course in 13:13 — an awesome effort!

**Annabel Ireland** showed great spirit in the Year 8 race crossing the line in 16:40 and supported her teammates throughout the event.

Ka pai, girls — we're proud of your grit, teamwork, and determination!





# Nurture Hauora

## AIMS Games Hockey

**Team Whero** wrapped up an awesome week of hockey, finishing **19th overall** after a thrilling shootout win!

Their energy, resilience, and team spirit shone through every match — even in the rain!  
Well done, girls — you've made SHGC proud!



## AIMS Games BMX

**Lexi Silver** placed **2nd** in the individual time trials and raced solo in style as SHGC's only BMX rider!

Awesome effort, **Lexi** — we're so proud!



## AIMS Games Football

Our SHGC football team wrapped up an incredible week, finishing **2nd in the Plate section** and **18th overall**! From shootout wins to gritty draws, the girls showed heart, skill, and true team spirit.

Congratulations to all players and coaches — what a journey!



# Nurture Hauora

## NZ Champion Alert – Zara Redshaw!

Zara claimed **1st place** in the U14 3km Race Walk at the NZ 10km Road Champs — an incredible national achievement!

We're so proud of you, Zara!



## Thank You to Our Sports Whānau!

A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible coaches, managers, parents, and supporters who've backed our SHGC sports teams this season.

Your time, energy, and encouragement make a world of difference — we're so grateful for everything you do!



## Stay connected with our Sports News!

Catch up on all the latest updates, results, and highlights from our school's sporting achievements on our **Sports Facebook page!**

Here are just a few of the exciting stories we've covered recently, as well as full write ups of Winter Tournament Week and Aims Games:

- Highlands Sports Exchange
- Student Coach Day
- Trail Relays
- Year 7 & 8 Volleyball Champs
- Taranaki Primary Schools Cross Country Champs.

Don't miss out—follow us on Facebook to stay in the loop and celebrate our students' amazing efforts and successes!



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# Openly Engage with Community

