



*Living the Mission
through:
Ako
Manaakitanga
Wāhine Toa*

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

TERM THREE

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM FOUR

Mon 14 Oct:

First day of Term 4

Tues 22 Oct:

Whānau hui to celebrate our Māori/Pasifika Leavers, 5.30pm in the staffroom

Thurs 24 Oct:

Mission Market Day; 12.30pm—2.15pm in the Quad area

Mon 28 Oct:

Labour Day

Wed 30 Oct:

Senior Awards Assembly; 9.00—10.00am, Events Centre

Wed 30 Oct:

Senior Prizegiving (*academic, sporting and cultural awards*); 1.30pm—3.00pm, Events Centre

Thurs 31 Oct:

Thanksgiving Mass; 10.00am, Events Centre

Thurs 31 Oct:

Year 13 Graduation Dinner

Tues 5—Fri 29 Nov:

NZQA Exams

2024

TERM FOUR

Mon 14 Oct-Thurs 12 Dec

2025

TERM ONE

Thurs 30 Jan—first day of school for everyone



Principal's Peace



Kia ora e te whānau, ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa i te marama o Māhuru. Me kite, Me Rongo, Me Kōrero! Me kōrero Māori ia rā ia rā. Congratulations to all of you who made the most of Māori language week and took the opportunity to improve your reo.

Thank you to everyone who completed our SHGC Board community consultation survey or engaged with the Board members in other ways. We are now carefully considering all your feedback and will report back to you shortly. We appreciate you taking the time to give us feedback and help us focus in on what is important to you.

Our special character calendar has been full these last few weeks of term. In Week 8 we commissioned 17 students as Eucharistic Ministers and thank them for taking up this challenge to serve their faith communities at school and in their parishes. This week we have celebrated a combined House Feast Day with school liturgy focusing in on the people and places our houses are named for and then acts of service as our Mission. Each house has contributed to improving our environment in a spirit of kaitiakitanga.

Congratulations to all of our students who have participated in Music and Sporting events in the last few weeks. We have had students perform at the Waikato festival, the Taranaki Jazz Club, BandQuest, the Chamber Music competitions and incredible success with the Caritas Sing for Justice competition. Well done **8A** and **8H**, and **Mrs Hill**, the **Trebles**, **Arabella Thomson**, **Ruth Hagenson** and **Georgia Jeffrey**. (see page 10-11 for more details).



**Caritas
Sing for
Justice
Group**

We have had huge success at the Young Musician competition with **Cassie Colbourne** (piano) placing 1st and **Ella Bartlett** (vocals) placing 3rd. Congratulations to **Sophia Guo** who came 2nd in the Junior section.

Well done to all our teams who represented the school at Winter tournament and Aims games. Special congratulations to the 1st XI Hockey Team who made it to the finals and have now secured a place in the Federation Cup Tier 1 Grade. See pages 14-20 for more details of our sporting success this term.

"Kua tae mai ahau kia whiwhi ai te ora"

"I have come that you might have life"

Openly Engage with Community

Principal's Peace continued

Thank you to the PTFA for the huge contribution you make to our school. In Term 4, the PTFA will be helping us to host a day for our past students (alumni) on **Saturday 2 November** from 10am to 12 noon. The day will start with a Liturgy in the chapel and then there will be a high tea with some student performances and the opportunity for tours of the school. We are hoping this will become an annual event. Please pass this information on to any past students you know.

Our theme for 2024, "Kua tae mai ahau kia whiwhi ai te ora, te ora maha", "I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance" continues to be apt for a year so packed full of events and student success in so many arenas. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to have a well-deserved rest these holidays. Next term is very short for our senior students before they go off on study leave for NCEA exams starting 4 November. Please take note of all the dates advertised on the front page.

In 2025 we will be changing to House Deans for Year 8 to Year 13 students rather than year level Deans. This is in response to our ERO review into pastoral care. It means we will have more resource in the pastoral team and a collaborative approach to pastoral care. Please see page 6 which has the email that was sent from Jeremy Taylor with details of which Dean will be working with each house group next year.

Congratulations to **Warwick Foy** who was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace on Wednesday 26 September. We will try not to overburden you in this area!

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 mārīre. (Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth and goodwill to all people.)

Barb Costelloe

Tumuaki – Principal



*Kua tae mai ahau kia whiwhi ai te ora
I have come that you might have life*



Pictured above; Mataiva Robertson JP, Judge Gregory Hikaka, Warwick Foy JP

Thank you to **Olivia Perry**, our School Board Student Rep who has finished her term on the Board, attending her last Board Meeting on Wednesday 25 September.

The Board has appreciated **Olivia's** enthusiasm and professional manner that she brought to the table, understanding the difference between governance and management.

Pictured right; Olivia being presented with flowers from the Acting Presiding Member, Catherine Grogan.



Nourish Catholic Character

School Board Student Rep Election 2024

We would like to commend and thank all of the below candidates for taking an interest in this role and for putting their names forward.



Declaration of Student Election Results:

Candidates:

CHEN, Nancy
 COLLINS, Orlaith
 MILLAR, Bella
 O'SULLIVAN, Francie
 PELLETIER MORALES, Nayeli
 SMITH, Lara

I hereby declare **Bella Millar** duly elected.

Denise Stachurski, Returning Officer

Congratulations to our
 New School Board
 Student Representative;
Bella Millar



From the DRS

Year 13 Faith in Action Class

This year for the first time we offered a hands on Year 13 Religious Studies class and it has been a great success. Here is the great mahi that has been going on!

During the 2024 school year, our year 13 Faith in Action class had weekly visits on Fridays to Tainui Village Rest Home. During our visits we did arts and crafts, card games, colouring in and many more fun activities. The Tainui staff have noticed the residents have changed from us visiting each week, they have become a lot more friendly and open to putting themselves out there. The Faith in Action girls have been loving visiting the residents and we will miss them all very much.

Molly Gibson – Year 13 Student

Being in Faith in Action 2024 has really opened up new experiences for me. From volunteering at our school canteen, to working at the second-hand uniform shop, it has been an amazing experience. Although one experience that stood out for me the most was Tainui. We were introduced to Tainui as the rest home our class would be visiting every Friday as a way to give love back to our community. At first, I was nervous and hesitant to visit Tainui because I've never been in a rest home before, let alone interact with elderly people that were at the brink of 100. I was scared that I might accidentally say something offensive or shock them to the point I'd give them a heart attack and kill them. But that wasn't the case. Before our visits I thought the elderly were very strict, rude, and bossy, but now I know that's not the case. The residents at Tainui have been nothing but kind and caring, and although they may not be able to walk or hear very well, they make for lovely company. In my head the Tainui visits were nothing but volunteer hours, but now I know that isn't the case. Tainui visits truly change my perspective and has made me realise that life shouldn't be taken for granted and to live life to the fullest.

Gabbie Lamberte - Year 13 Student



Nourish Catholic Character

Combined House Feast Day

Wednesday 25 September we celebrated the Feast Day of our houses. We remember and honour the founders of our four houses: Euphrasie Barbier, St. Peter Chanel, St Bernadette of Lourdes and St John Vianney. Lord, we thank you for blessing us with these role models of faith and courage. As a whole school we participated in contemplation, communion and mission as Euphrasie Barbier would want us to do and living out our Catholic Social Teachings.



Contemplation: We had a combined House liturgy. The highlight was when our Mission Sr Colleen Edgecombe blessed the House ribbons and then all the students and staff.



Communion: We had shared kai in our Manaaki classes. It was wonderful to see our Manaaki classes socialise together in a relaxed manner.

Mission: Each House did a service project either, weeding, gardening, planting seedlings, cleaning or baking.



Foodbank: The koha for wearing mufti for the day was to bring an item for our local foodbank. We collected boxes of food for our community. A great example of looking after people less fortunate than ourselves.

Our Catholic special character is a way to authentically live out our school Whakatauki.

*Kua tae mai ahau kia whiwhi ai te ora
-I have come that you might have life.*

Wendy Mulligan – Director of Religious Studies

Barbier



Chanel



Lourdes



Vianney



Openly Engage with Community

Eucharistic Ministers Commissioning

Congratulations to the girls commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers at our Eucharistic Minister Commissioning Mass recently held in our Mary Phelan Chapel. It was a beautiful Mass led wonderfully by our Special Character Council. Fr Simon Celebrated and our Sister Colleen presented the girls with their new lapel pins.

Mass was followed by a delicious morning tea prepared for us by **Jillian DeLuca, Kendal Mulligan, Charley Butler** and **Bernadette Forsyth** - thank you, the morning tea was much appreciated by all!

We also welcomed and congratulated **Annabelle and Monica Joyce** from St Joseph's Church who joined the girls in their preparation and commissioning.

Mia Hart and **Lara Smith** were unable to attend on the day, so will be commissioned in coming weeks which we look forward to.

It was a pleasure to prepare you all, may God bless you in your Eucharistic Ministry work.



Eucharistic Ministers commissioned:

Sienna Asi

Mary Brown

Sahara Cameron

Amber Cayley

Meliz Cerda

Rhiannon Crowley

Ellie Edgcombe

Ruby Edwards

Charlotte Evans

Dae Sharn Ewans-McMahon

Lucy Forsyth

Chastine Mendoza

Sindiso Mpfu

Esme Pease

Anna Stokes

Amelia Luke

Chaplain



"Kua tae mai ahau kia whiwhi ai te ora"

"I have come that you might have life"

Nourish Catholic Character

The office will be closed during the October School Holidays

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Changes for 2025

For the last 3 years we have been working with ERO on an evaluation of the effectiveness of our pastoral care structure. After reviewing the findings of staff, student and community consultation, we have made the decision to change our Dean structure and GEMS programme in 2025:

Deans

Change to a House based structure to align with our vertical Manaaki system and increase the resource allocated to pastoral care. In 2025 the Deans will be:

Year 7 = Andrea Taylor

Year 8-10

Barbier = **Sheree Rangiwahia**

Chanel = **Jade Harrison**

Lourdes = **Ross Howarth**

Vianney = **Katie Coleman**

Year 11-13

Barbier = **Helen Basile**

Chanel = **Shintaro Kirkcaldie**

Lourdes = **Joan Hodson**

Vianney = **Carly Avery**



GEMS programme

Our GEMS programme will now be taught in year level House groups. The content will be more closely aligned with the Mental Health and Relationships and Sexuality curriculums and will have a strong Hauora focus.

Ngā mihi

Jeremy Taylor

DP Hauora

Barb Costelloe

Tumuaki/Principal



Openly Engage with Community

PTFA

Sacred Heart Girls' College is pleased to announce that we are launching an Alumni/Past Students group. The first event will be a get together on Saturday 2nd November at 10am.

We will start with Liturgy in the chapel, followed by a High Tea and a tour of the school and Elizabeth House Boarding Hostel. The cost is \$20 per person, and we most warmly welcome all past students and staff to attend. If you would like to attend or join our past students/staff group, please follow this [link](#).

You can still register on this link for the past student group if you are unable to attend this first event.

Feel free to share this with anyone you know who may be interested in joining.

Sharyn Watson
(PTFA Chairperson)




 Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth
 Manawa Tapu

PAST STUDENTS' EVENT

Saturday 2 November 2024

10.00am Liturgy

Followed by

*High tea and tours of the school
and Elizabeth House*

\$20.00 per person

Pay to: Sacred Heart PTFA: 15-3953-0463729-00
For reference, please enter your name

RSVP: by Monday 21 October

Click [here](#) to register.

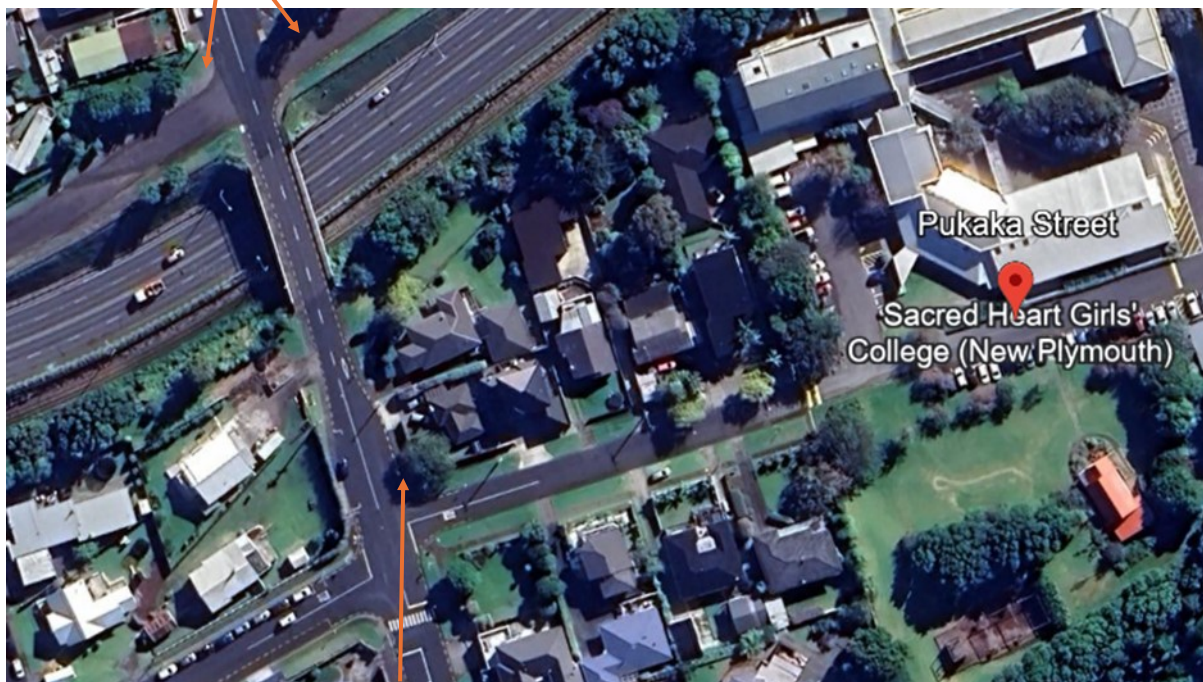


Strengthen Ako and Poutama

Health & Safety

Our duty teachers have noticed some unsafe driving behaviour around the intersection of Pukaka Street and Paynters Ave and around the pedestrian crossing. Cars pulling in and out of the verge on the corner of Pukaka street are creating a hazard at peak drop-off and pick-up times. We have been trialling the placement of road cones at this location between the hours of 8.15am – 8.30am and 3.10pm – 3.30pm. There are accessible drop off points at the off ramps on Paynters Ave.

Safe drop off and pick up points



Road cones will be placed here at peak times

Literary Challenge

Well done to our students who participated in the recent Taranaki Secondary Schools Literary Challenge. The event was held in Hawera and our Year 10 team came 2nd and our Year 9 team came 3rd.

Back row: Ruby Stenning, Amelia Rose Persico, Eva Hodson, Sophia Guo and Lily Winters.

Front row: Ruth Hagenson, Carmen Hermanns and Catriona Thomson

Claire Southee

Librarian/Kaitiaki Pukapuka



Strengthen Ako and Poutama

The Year 7 & 8 classes each enjoyed 3 quality lessons with Megan Lilley with the Life Education mobile classroom. They learnt about relevant issues and have been given further life skill tools to deal with such things as friendships, peer pressure and substances.



Angina 'Aho (Yr 7) standing by the display her and her Mum created in the library to celebrate Tongan Language Week.



E-Pro8 Stem Challenge

All Year 8 classes engaged recently in the E-Pro8 programme, using equipment to make projects such as caveman cars, cranes, swings, toilets, scooters and washing machines.

We held our internal event and two teams were selected to progress on to the New Plymouth competition held in our own SHGC Event Centre. It was intense and exciting, with the results coming down to the wire in the final minutes.

The Dream Team came 2nd equal which qualified them to participate in the Grand Taranaki Challenge where they placed 3rd.



Pictured above from left; The E-Pro-8-xtra-ordinary Team—Emily Archer, Kayla Kennedy, Freya Newell and Jaida Heal



Pictured left (from left); The Dream Team—Fia Quigan Hannah Barrett, Isabella Prince and Katie Alldridge

Strengthen Ako and Poutama

Music

This term has been particularly busy for several of our Music Groups. They have all worked hard since Term 1 and the progress has been outstanding. They have all represented the College magnificently.

Waikato Festival

On Friday 23rd August 35 SHGC students, plus a contingent from FDMC travelled to this annual Festival held at the Performing Arts Centre at Waikato University.

FUSION – our combined Concert Band played beautifully, and sounded better than usual in this stunning acoustically designed venue. A huge thanks to their Director Robert Greenfield.

Our 3 Jazz bands can all be proud of their performances, with very positive comments from the adjudicator.



Fusion Band

Taranaki Jazz Club

This annual fixture, part of the Jazz Club's calendar, was again an outstanding evening of music from Taranaki Secondary School Music Departments. The Plymouth Hotel Ballroom was packed, plus add in around 100 young musicians – what a celebration of Music we had. Our girls all were outstanding representatives of our College. Following their performances in Waikato, this was an opportunity to simply enjoy playing music together.

Congratulations to our young – and not so young – musicians!



BeJAZZled

Album Launch

Recently a group of our students attended an Album Launch, held at Toptown Cinemas. Ex-student Lauren Nottingham released her EP – NEXTRATERRESTRIAL – which was accompanied by a short animated Film.

Lauren and the producer, Sam Johnson of Rhythm Ace Studios in Oakura, then both spoke – giving the girls an insight into the creative process involved in creating and refining an Album.



Album Launch

Strengthen Ako and Poutama

BandQuest

On Friday 30th August, our 2 Junior Rock bands travelled to the Globe Theatre in Palmerston North for the annual Year 7 & 8 Bandquest event – junior RockQuest.

It is always a day of not only performing – but also enjoying performances from a range of other schools. It would be fabulous if Taranaki could have its own event, but with SHGC the only Taranaki entry – this is not yet possible.

Our 2 Bands, The Rockettes and The Angels! both really enjoyed the opportunity, and took on board all the feedback by the Band Quest team. They both took their performances to the next level and can be extremely proud of all the work they put into their music.



Junior Rock Bands

Special Congratulations to **Lucie Pellicer** who was awarded the 'Rock Solid Bass Player' award. Special thanks to their driver to and from the event – Ross Hunter!

The Caritas Sing Out 4 Justice competition is held each year, with students performing across 3 levels, Years 1 – 6, Years 7 – 10 and Years 11 – 13, in 2 different categories – A Cover of a song, or an Original Composition. The Theme this year was Peace.

This year we had a record 5 entries across the various categories.

Our results were spectacular.

Winners of the Year 7 – 10 Original song were Mrs Nicky Hill's **8A** and **8H** classes – performing their song 'Kia Tau te Rangimārie'.



The Trebles



Arabella Thomson



Ruth Hagenson

Winners of the Year 7 – 10 Cover, singing their version of Dorothy Buchanans' Peace Song were a group of singers from our Trebles choir.

In the Year 7 – 10 Covers section the Finalists were **Arabella Thomson**, singing 'Put a Little Love in your Heart', and **Ruth Hagenson** singing 'Heal the World'.

In the Senior Original Song section our very own Songwriter **Georgia Jeffrey** was one of the Top 3 finalists, with her song 'Shades of Grey'.

Georgia Jeffrey

Georgia recently spent 2 days in Auckland as part of her prize for being a finalist in the Play it Strange Peace Song Competition.

She spent Thursday 29th Aug attending the Sound Check and rehearsals for the NZ Pacifica Music Awards – a real treat and insider view of the Music Industry. She then attended the music awards that evening, accompanied by Dad!

In Friday 30th Aug she spent a day at The LAB recording studio in Auckland recording her song 'Precious Peace', ready for release later this year.



Georgia Jeffrey

Strengthen Ako and Poutama

Komiti Kaitiaki have a garden maintenance day coming up this Sunday the 29 of September:

GARDENING DAY

Sacred Heart Girls' College: Komiti Kaitiaki

When is it? Sunday 29th of September,
10am - 12:30pm

What will we be doing? Weeding,
planting, laying mulch.

Where is it? The Memorial Garden,
Bottom field of SHGCNP Campus

What do we need to bring? Spades,
shovels, wheelbarrow (if you have one),
and gloves.

The community will be rewarded with
a sausage sizzle afterwards!!! Can't
wait to see you all there!



Strengthen Ako and Poutama

Year 7 & 8 Speech Final

At the Year 7 & 8 Speech Finals we had a superb group of speakers and the quality of their prepared speeches was outstanding.

Well done to everyone who took part.



Pictured above from left; Clare Lyon (judge), Lucie Pellicer, Sienna Petrowski, Fia Quigan, Madeleine Basile, Olivia Seguin, Grace Surren, Freya Newell, Fleur Stanley, Bernadette Forsyth (judge)

Results:

- 1st **Madeleine Basile 8A**
- 2nd **Olivia Seguin 7H**
- 3rd **Sienna Petrowski 7A**



Pictured from left; Olivia Seguin, Madeleine Basile, Sienna Petrowski

Nurture Hauora

Rose Ceremony



We held an assembly this week and were able to celebrate many students who had achieved outstanding things across different subject areas. Roses were awarded to the following students:

Georgia Hinga, Isla-Jane Moodie, Rania Bennett and Siena Nicol Velarde for representing New Zealand in their crew from Taranaki at the World Hip Hop Dance Championships which was held in Phoenix Arizona last month.

Amber Whitehead for competing at the Australian Pool Rescue National Championships and placing first in U13 Girls 50m swim with fins.

Monique Hodson and Lara Smith for being part of a team that won a gold medal for Open Precision skating at the NZ Artistic Roller-skating Nationals Championships held in Porirua.

Ka Rawe, Wahine Toa!



From left; Isla-Jane Moodie, Rania Bennett, Georgia Hinga and Siena Nicol Verlarde



Monique Hodson



Amber Whitehead



Lara Smith (absent from assembly)

Nurture Hauora

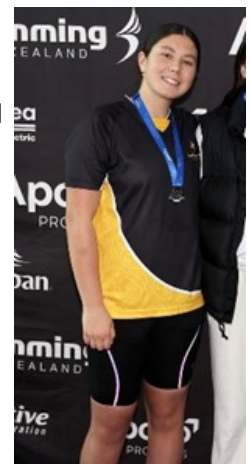
SQUASH

Congratulations to **Anna Stokes** who participated in the Central Junior Champs in August and won the U17 Girls' division. **Anna** has been selected to join the Squash Central Junior National Squash Team heading to North Shore Squash club to compete in the NZ Junior Champs in October.



Swimming

Congratulations to **Meila Gwiazdzinski** who competed at the NZ Short Course Swimming Championships in August. **Meila** came away with 2x silver medals (50 and 100 freestyle) and made 3x C and 1xB open finals.



Road Relays

A huge congratulations goes to our Senior Road Relay Team who raced and won this event!

This is an inaugural 10km race, the 4 girls ran 2.5kms each. Well done to **Paige Scannell, Sinead O'Sullivan, Pieta Smith** and **Jane Doyle**.

Our superstar runners continued to impress on day two of the NZSS Road Relay Champs in Auckland. Our four runners donned the Taranaki shirt for the Inter-Provincial race. They ran hard and came 4th after a close battle in the last leg.

Well done girls, add that great result to your gold medal from the previous day!



For any sporting success or queries—please contact the Sports Department:

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Nurture Hauora

NZSS Winter Tournament Week

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The girls had an awesome tournament in Palmerston North, a win v NPGHS in the last game saw them finishing in 3rd place and collecting bronze medals.

Big thanks to Aled for his coaching and support of the girls throughout the season and tournament, Mike as stellar assistant coach and Frieda as manager for the girls.



Equestrian

Our Equestrian team had a fabulous time in Taupo at NISS Equestrian Champs this week. The team of 4 riders had a brilliant time competing and supporting each other. The team consisted of:

- **Anastasia Robinson** and her pocket rocket pony, Goldie. They had a brilliant campaign picking up two 2nd places in speed jumping events.
- **Libby Gopperth** and her gorgeous horse Hummus. They were fast and scopey around their jumping courses finishing a commendable 8th out of 61 in one class.
- **Libby Warner** and her adorable pony Honey. They went hard, competing in 3x dressage classes and 5x jumping events over the days. They were 15th overall jumping pair out of 64. A huge effort Libby, well done.
- **Cara Yates** and her pony Dora were competing in Level 2 dressage but sadly had to withdraw on day two as her pony was unsound.



Anastasia Robinson



Libby Warner



Cara Yates



Libby Gopperth

Well done girls, you displayed teamwork, resilience and outstanding support throughout the event. We couldn't be prouder of you all.

Nurture Hauora

Hockey—1st XI

The team had a great week away at the Jenny Hair Cup held in Carterton and finished with a hard fought final against Whakatāne , a very even matched game, which finished 1-1 at full time, resulting in another penalty shootout for each team. This was a very tense time which saw Whakatāne come away with the win 2-1. The girls were very gracious in defeat and walked away with the silver medal.

The team is thrilled to be promoted back into the Federation Cup Tier 1 Grade next year.

A huge thank you goes to our superstar coaches and managers who guided the team to this fantastic result - Karla, Trent, Jude and Kim. The team is very grateful to you for all you have done for them this season.



Netball

Our Premier Netball Team competed in the LNISS Netball Tournament in Napier. They showed great courage and strength to get through the challenging week of playing 2 games daily over 5 days. Our Year 13s **Eva**, **Kate** and **Hannah** experienced their last tournament, and we wish them all the best for 2025. Everyone improved throughout the tournament.

We would like to say a big thank you to Che, Andrea, Erika and Joan for taking care of the girls.



Basketball

Our Senior A Basketball team travelled to Auckland to compete in the Northern Regional Cup tournament last week. By travelling out of the district, the girls got to experience a completely different style of basketball against schools and players that hadn't competed against before. This was a great development experience for the team. They played hard and managed to place 6th out of 14 teams, with a 3-3 final record. With no Yr 13's in the team, this was a great building point for next years team.

Well done team, we are incredibly proud of your achievement.

We just need to look through the photos too see how much effort you put into your games.

We'd also like to say a huge thankyou to Aled Jones for coaching the team, hard on the tail of the junior tournament. We are incredibly grateful to you for your commitment to our basketball teams this year Aled.

Finally, a massive thank you to Lisa Hine for her awesome role as camp mother and manager to this great bunch of girls.



Nurture Hauora

AIMS GAMES

Football

Our team had an excellent tournament, improving every day and enjoyed the whole experience.

Coming away with 4 wins, 4 losses, 2 draws. The team had a fantastic final game. They drew 2-2 against St Cuthberts, then WON the Penalty Shootout 5-2. Well done team, we are so proud of you - 3rd in the Bowl, amazing!

Thanks to Nicola Hill, Manager and Kat Greaney, Coach, for all your work with the girls during the week.



Basketball

This great bunch of girls had a great week away together. The scores didn't always go as expected, but the team packed in a lot of support for our netball, football & hockey teams as well as FDMC teams. The team attitude was awesome! There were tears of frustration but they were resilience building.

Great friends made through the week for the kids and the adults involved. Couldn't have had a better crew including a very supportive group of parents. Huge thanks to Ardy Straathof, Steve Ponga and Donna Ellis for coaching and managing the girls.



Fun at
Aims Games

Aims Games netball students

Nurture Hauora

Netball

The AIMS netball team had an outstanding week in Mount Maunganui, displaying both skill and determination on the court. Facing fierce competition from top teams, they consistently rose to the challenge, demonstrating tenacity, teamwork, and a positive attitude. These talented girls not only played impressive netball but also brought incredible spirit to the event. Their original chant, a highlight of the trip, would have undoubtedly earned them top marks for creativity and enthusiasm. The team finished 57th out of 140 teams. A huge shout out to Esme Reid (coach) and Julie Dobson (manager) for all of the time and energy you put into working with this great group of girls.



Huge thanks to Esme Reid, Julie Dobson and Abi Rilkoﬀ for all your time and energy coaching and managing this team.

Hockey

The team battled hard all week and had some fantastic games against tough opposition. They have learned a lot and have thoroughly enjoyed their week away.

They would like to say a HUGE thank you to their student coach, **Sophie Kuriger**, their assistant coach Kimberley Leighton, their manager Ben Siffleet and their student referee, **Phoebe Lay**.



Gymnastics

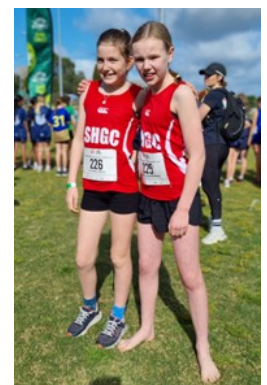
We have an incredible 'Rising star' year 8 gymnast at school, **Katie Alldridge**. She has done herself proud at Aims Games securing a 1st Equal Medal on the uneven bars and 3rd on Beam.

We couldn't be prouder of you **Katie**, well done!



Cross Country

Well done to **Claudia Yukich** and **Isabella Buchboeck** who competed in the AIMS Games Cross Country. Both girls enjoyed the experience of competing in such a big event.



Nurture Hauora

Rugby

Our U18 Rugby Team qualified to play in the Taranaki secondary school final after a tough semi final game played in atrocious conditions vs Central. We were excited at the prospect of playing at Yarrows Stadium vs NPGHS in the curtain raiser game to the Whio featuring our very own **Louise Blyde, Eva Martin** and **Michelle Hurley**. What an exciting final with Girls' High starting well and then SHGC coming back strongly. 21-21 with 5 minutes to go, unfortunately we were unable to score the final try of the game and NPGHS took the win 26-21. **Luci Strachan** try, **Rosie Moffitt** 2 tries 3

conversions. We are very proud of the progress this team has made this season with a number of new to rugby girls showing great skill and determination in the final games. Great on field effort and leadership was displayed from our senior girls. We farewell **Kate McQuaig** and thank her for her contribution to the Sunday team and wish her all the best on her rugby journey. Huge thanks to Jason Avery, Faleatua Malili, Moss Leauga and Mrs Avery for your mahi with this team.



Taranaki Year 7 & 8 Volleyball Champs

Well done to our Year 7 & 8 volleyball teams who competed in the Taranaki Year 7 & 8 Championships on Thursday 19th September.

Year 7's played a double round robin, 1 win, 2 losses in round 1, 3 wins in round 2 = taking out 2nd place

Year 8's unbeaten in their round robin and into an exciting final vs Highlands Intermediate that went to a close 3rd set tie break, unfortunately just missing out on the win = 2nd place.



Great volleyball and sportsmanship shown by both teams well done girls. Thanks to Jason Reid and Kat Greaney for coaching the girls.



Fun at Aims Games

Aims Games football students