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

TERM FOUR

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM FOUR

Mon 1 Dec:
Ministry Accord TOD—no school

Tues 2 Dec:
Orientation Afternoon,
1.00pm

Wed 10 Dec:
Junior Prizegiving, Events
Centre, 9.30am



2026 Terms

TERM ONE
Thurs 29 Jan -Thurs 2 Apr

TERM TWO
Mon 20 April- Fri 3 July

TERM THREE
Mon 20 July- Fri 25 Sept

TERM FOUR
Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec



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Principal's Peace



Kia ora e te whānau

Kia ora e te whānau, ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa. Tēnei te mihi nui ki ngā tuakana o te kura. He rawe te angitu o ngā taura. Ka mau te wehi!

In this newsletter we celebrate the success of our senior students following our senior prizegiving. We are incredibly proud of the wide array of academic, sporting, cultural and community endeavours that our students have engaged with this year. We are the Pilgrims of Hope and our senior students certainly give us hope for the future! Special congratulations go to **Sinead O'Sullivan** our Centennial Cup winner, **Amber Cayley** our Dux and **Frankie Lawn** our Proxime Accessit for 2025. See pages 8 to 14 for full details of our Prizegiving winners.



Pictured above; Stephen Brown wearing our korowai, Te Aho ō Ruahine at Thanksgiving Mass.

We had a wonderful week farewelling the Year 13 class of 2025 and giving thanks for our many blessings as a school community. Thank you to all of you who made our Thanksgiving Mass and candle ceremony so special. We also enjoyed magnificent farewell events for our Year 13 Boarders at Elizabeth House and our Māori and Pasifika students at our Year 13 Celebration.

On Saturday 1 November, All Saints' Day, we held our second annual reunion event for 60 Alumni (past students and staff members) with a liturgy, school and hostel tours and a beautiful morning tea generously catered and hosted by the PTFA. This event featured the official launch of the SHGC Alumni Association as a registered charity and incorporated society which was positively and warmly welcomed by all attendees.

A huge thanks to past students Cassandra Crowley, Kathryn Koberstein (née Webb) and Rachel Broadmore who are the SHGC NP Alumni Association committee and driving force behind the establishment of this important and valuable network. We look forward to recognising the Alumni Association within the College community going forward and their presence and profile will provide a meaningful way for past students to stay connected while strengthening the sisterhood of all our SHGC graduates. For more information, please contact: alumnishgc@gmail.com or follow the Alumni Association SHGC NP on [LinkedIn](#) or [Facebook](#). See page 7 for photos.

Openly Engage with Community

Principal's Peace continued

At our last SHGC Board hui, we have approved the Strategic Plan for 2026 to 2028. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our strategic direction through engaging with surveys or other community consultation opportunities. Please see the separate communication from Catherine Grogan, Presiding Member, sharing the Strategic Plan. Despite political threats to the place of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in schools, our commitment stands strong and we will be continuing with our initiatives to strengthen Te Reo me ōna tikanga as an important thread of our provision of excellence in education. This position is endorsed by NZCEO and in line with Catholic Social Teachings. Tū kaha ngā tangata o Manawa Tapu.

In staffing news, Kim Greig has resigned her position as DVC teacher and Leader of Learning Technology. Kim has been on maternity leave for the past two years and has decided to prioritise being home with her family. We wish Kim all the very best. Stephen Brown (Maths & Stats) and Raewyn Hunter (Music) have both signalled their retirement from SHGC. We will farewell both Raewyn and Stephen at the end of the school year.

Congratulations to **Ross Howarth** for winning the More FM Taranaki Teacher of the Year! Thank you to **Ruby Richardson** for nominating Ross for this award.

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



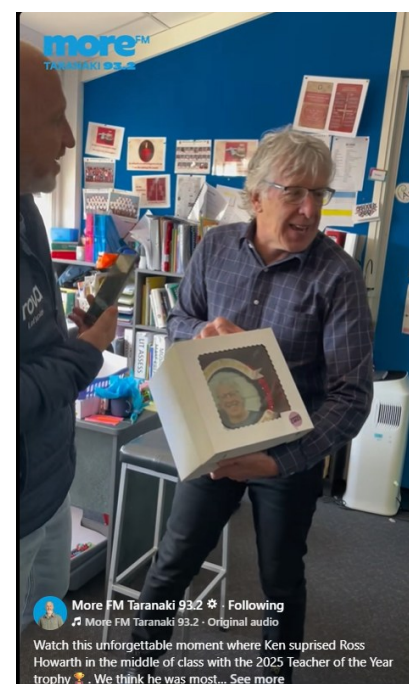
Ross Howarth—Taranaki Teacher of the Year!

A heartfelt congratulations to **Mr Howarth** for winning the Taranaki Teacher of the year! Ka rawe te mahi Ross! We are so lucky to have you here at Manawa Tapu.

You can find the video footage on our school's Facebook page, or on More FM Taranaki 93.2 Facebook page, when Ross is surprised by a visit from Ken to his classroom.

Congratulations!

There has been so many messages of reinforcement and congratulations to Ross for this award. Bravo!



Nourish Catholic Character

Mission Market Day

Our Annual Mission Market Day was a wonderful success! We were truly blessed with beautiful weather and the presence of Sr Mary Wyss and Sr Margaret Mullin, who joined us for the day. It was also heartwarming to welcome back some of our cherished old girls, including Rae O'Grady, Moira Webb, and Pat O'Connor.

The day was filled with vibrant energy and a fantastic array of food stalls—sausage sizzle, Filipino cuisine, home baking, pizza, lemonade, and ice creams delighted everyone. Students and visitors enjoyed a variety of games, henna tattoos, and one of the highlights of the day: live music, dancing, and the ever-popular “Dunk the Teacher”! (pictured below, Mr Kirkcaldie and Claire Southee look pleased to be in the hot seat!)



From left; Sr Mary Wyss, Rae O'Grady, Sr Margaret Mullin, Moira Webb and Pat O'Connor.



A huge thank you goes out to our incredible student body and their whānau for making this day so special. A very special acknowledgment to **Miss Emily Scott** for her passion, enthusiasm, and tireless work in organising Mission Market Day. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our school community, we raised \$2,570.70 for two very worthwhile Misson projects, the **Bangladesh Health Care** and **Hostel Accommodation for Indigenous Students in Vietnam**. Your support makes a real difference. Gospel values in action!



Nourish Catholic Character

Year 13 Retreat – A faith-filled farewell

Theme: Life Beyond Manawa Tapu

Touchstone: Tono - Sent (taken from *To Tatou Whakapono Our Faith*)

Scripture: “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” (John 20:21).

Our final Year 13 Retreat was a beautiful day of prayer, reflection, and celebration. Students looked back on their journey at Manawa Tapu and considered the values they will carry forward. Susilo inspired us with the story of Carlo Acutis, a saint for the digital age, reminding students of the power of faith in everyday life.



A highlight was the *Catholic Couch*, featuring past student Brianna Breeze, who shared honest insights about life beyond Sacred Heart Girls’ College. Staff also contributed their personal stories and wisdom, offering heartfelt encouragement.

The day included a beautiful Mass at St Joseph’s Church with singing and music from a range of students, celebrated with parishioners. The day ended with the students opening their Year 7 Time Capsules—a touching moment of connection between past and present.

We wish our Year 13 students every blessing as they step into the next chapter. May they always know the love of Christ and live by Gospel values.

Wendy Mulligan – Director Of Religious Studies & Amelia Luke – School Chaplain

October – Month of the Rosary

October is a special month in the Catholic Church, dedicated to the Rosary and marked by the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th.

At Sacred Heart Girls’ College, students honoured this tradition by praying the Rosary in class and in the chapel, seeking peace, guidance, and spiritual strength through this beautiful devotion.



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All Souls' Day – Angels Project

In the week before All Souls' Day, we are closing a chapter on The Angels Project.

On Tuesday 28 October, we unveiled the board for Bridget Horgan. It was so special that her mother Maree was able to fly up from Winton to attend. Many other members of the family were also present. There are also relatives of Bridget on our roll who were able to join us.

Now that we have connected boards to the four Angels who have tributes onsite, we will close this chapter of the project. We will still display the boards in the week of All Souls' Day each year and we will invite families to light the candles. This meets our goal of remembering the girls forever.

Former staff member Mary Mustchin is our new Angels Kuia. She taught or knew all four Angels. Mary is the perfect person to be our wise keeper of the kaupapa.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of The Angels Project especially the wonderful Angel Aides.

Warwick Foy
Angels Project

Our Angels:

Jessie O'Dwyer-Gibbons (V)
b. 22.09.79 d. 15.11.1995
Resting at home

Karen Maree Scott (C)
b. 03.03.81 d. 25.02.1997
Awanui Cemetery

Gabrielle (Gabby) Theresa Devine (C)
b. 09.03.02 d. 15.05.2015
Awanui Cemetery

Bridget Anne Horgan (B)
b. 01.02.1976 d. 14.04.1995
Lizzie Bell Memorial Cemetery, Pihama

Remembrance boards in the student foyer of the angels.



Maree Horgan



Mary Mustchin,
Angels Kuia



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Thanksgiving Mass

Our final whole school Mass was a beautiful celebration of thanksgiving, giving thanks to God for the year that has been. It was also a special Mass to farewell our Year 13 students.



A Homily of Growth and Gratitude

Fr Simon shared a beautiful homily based on the parable of the mustard seed, reminding us of the joy and wonder that can grow from small beginnings. His message encouraged us to live with a spirit of gratitude and openness to God's work in our lives.



Candle Ceremony

A highlight was the gifting of a candle to each Year 13 student by someone special in their lives—a symbol of carrying the light of Christ into the future. Parents and caregivers were also part of this meaningful occasion, writing heartfelt letters to their daughters, which were presented during the Mass. The student guard of honour, accompanied by the hymn *O Sacred Heart*, was a fitting farewell as our Year 13s processed out with grace and pride. May they embrace life with zest and confidence.

'Once a Sacred Heart girl, always a Sacred Heart Girl.'

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PTFA Alumni—Past Students' Event

Thank you so much to all our lovely guests and alumni who came along on Saturday 1 November, All Saints' Day, to our second annual reunion event for 60 Alumni (past students and staff members). We also had former teachers represented with Mary Mustchin, Mary Southee, Janet Willison and Catherine Landrigan.

Alumni travelled from far and wide to attend and 60 guests heard from the Alumni Association of Cassandra Crowley, Rachel Broadmore and Kathryn Koberstein (née Webb) about the purpose of the Association and what it aims to achieve.

Sincere thanks to Barb Costelloe, Principal, and Wendy Mulligan, Director of Religious Studies, for their support and the Year 12 students who took the tours.

For now, we're focusing on generating awareness and word-of-mouth which by all accounts is working well—with calls into the college last Monday from former students about how they could learn more about the Alumni.

We are a small team of three (not quite the trinity!) with full time jobs so are looking to share more news about opportunities for 2026 in the coming weeks. For more information, please contact: alumnishgc@gmail.com or follow the Alumni Association SHGC NP on [LinkedIn](#) or [Facebook](#).



Cassandra Crowley, Rachel Broadmore and Kathryn Koberstein (née Webb)



A special thanks to **Sharyn Watson** and the wonderful **PTFA ladies** for delicious kai with an elegant morning tea complete with China cups and saucers and tiered cake stands.



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Senior Prizegiving



Awards

Sinead O'Sullivan



Centennial Cup

This is the school's supreme award. The Centennial cup is awarded to a Year 13 student who has best exemplified the values of the Mission Order and who lives what the school believes to be its special character. The values that exemplify the special character of Sacred Heart are:

- * Mission
- * Excellence
- * Charity
- * Simplicity
- * Modesty
- * Generosity



Congratulations!

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Whatever you do, do to the best of your ability

I ō Mahi Katoa, Mahia



Frankie Lawn
is the Sacred Heart Girls' College
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Amber Cayley
is the Sacred Heart Girls' College
Dux

In 2025, Frankie has studied Religious Studies, Statistics, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. She gives everything 110% and plans to study engineering at The University of Canterbury.

Top Scholar Year 13— Amber has maintained a high level of academic achievement throughout her time here at Manawa Tapu. This year she has studied Religious studies, Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and History. Next year she intends to study a bachelor of Science majoring in Biology and Environmental Science.

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Performing Arts Awards

Evangeline McKinnon	Jane Healy Cup for Drama
Lucy Forsyth	Broughan Trophy for Senior Public Speaking
Catriona Thomson	Senior Drama Medal for Performance and contribution
Alexandra Stuck	Senior Dance Medal for Performance and contribution

Music Awards

Lily Whaley	Senior Music Medal for Classroom attitude & achievement & co-curricular involvement
Olivia Joyce	Choir Cup For Enthusiasm and participation in the school choir
Georgia Jeffrey	Kusalic Cup for Outstanding Contribution to Music in the College
Caitlyn Hobin and Isabella Kwong	Orchestra/Band Cup For Enthusiasm and participation in the school band
Georgia Jeffrey	Music Trophy For Musical Composition

Art and Technology

Zoe van Praagh	Moana Clothing Trophy For Achievement in Senior Fabric Technology
Elyssa Bil	MacManus Trophy for Diligence Year 11 Fabric Technology
Olivia Atherton	PhotoLife Senior Photography Award
Mary Brown	Millennium Cup for Outstanding Enthusiasm in Art, Year 13

Māori Student Awards

Lucy Forsyth	Tawhirikura Māori Student Taonga for an outstanding balance of academic, sporting, cultural and special character attributes
Libby Robinson	Ransfield Whānau Taonga for outstanding senior academic achievement
Tiana Hokopaura	Mahi-aa-iwi Community Service Taonga for outstanding service and involvement within the community
Sienna Asi	Measina A Samoa Feaunati Tanoa Award for diligence in all cultural values

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Academic Awards — Year 11

Catriona Thomson	Award for High Achievement in Maths and Science
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Academic Awards — Year 12

Alyssa Fu	Leary Family Cup for High Achievement in Mathematics and Science in Year 12
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Claudia Taylor	High Achievement in the Arts for Social Sciences in Year 12
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Jane Doyle	A & A Brett Cup for Contribution to Special Character in Year 12
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Academic Awards — Year 13

Sasha Maclean	Centenary Prize for General Literary Excellence in the College and the Head of Faculty Prize for outstanding achievement in English
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Sienna Asi	McLay Family Cup for Academic Excellence in Year 13 English
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Sasha Maclean	V A & J Frost Cup for High Achievement in Humanities, Year 13
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Bella Millar	L A Alexander Trust Award for Agriculture
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Frankie Lawn	Overall excellence in Mathematics and Science in Year 13
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Juliet Hitchcock	Rotary Club of New Plymouth North Cup for Achievement and Diligence in Mathematics and Science, Year 13
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Charlotte Evans	Pathways Education to Employment Excellence Award for excellence in education to employment success
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Libby Neilson	Symonds History Cup for overall excellence in History
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Amber Cayley	Janaya Horgan Cup for a deserving student who has shown leadership in one or many aspects of SHGC
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Rhiannon Crowley	Leavers' 2009 Diligence Cup
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Lucy Forsyth	Margaret Patricia Wells Trophy for senior contribution to the O'Shea Shield
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Lily Whaley	Kirk Award For High Achievement in Social Sciences (History and Geography), Year 13
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Congratulations to all recipients at our End of Year Awards events

Congratulations

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Senior Prizегiving



Awards	
Emily Tippett	Karen Scott Award This award recognizes courage and persistence in the face of adversity.
Sahara Cameron	Crawford Cup for All-Round Excellence, Year 13
Frankie Lawn	Costello Family Cup for Proxime Accessit
Amber Cayley	Dux of Sacred Heart Girls' College Cup Top Scholar Year 13. Receiver of the Ricoh Scholarship

Academic Excellence	
Catriona Thomson	Shanika Fernando Award for Academic Excellence in Year 11
Alyssa Fu	Murray Family Cup for Academic Excellence in Year 12

Leadership Awards	
Head Girl	Lucy Forsyth
Head Boarder for leadership in the hostel	Hayley Coogan



Outgoing Head Girl Team, *pictured from left*: Meliz Cerda, Lucy Forsyth, Sahara Cameron



Outgoing Head Boarder Team, *pictured from left*: Ruby Edwards, Hayley Coogan, Rhiannon Crowley

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Senior Prizegiving



SENIOR — Player of the Year

Niamh Moriarty	Cricket—A Rhodes “Off the Chain”
Sophie Winstanley and Amy Mitchell	Basketball
Erina Gilchrist	Football
Libby Robinson	Hockey
Sahara Cameron and Alyssa Seed	Netball
Rosie Moffitt	Rugby and Touch
Rosie Christiansen	Volleyball
Lily Fenton	Equestrian
Ella Layupan	Badminton
Anna Stokes	Squash
Louise Blyde	Rugby 7's
Cassie Colbourn and Francie O'Sullivan	Rowing
Freya Stolte	Excellence in their Field

Sportsperson of the Year—Phelan Cup

Libby Robinson	Senior
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Libby Robinson
Phelan Cup
Sportsperson of the Year

Contribution to Sport

Sinead O'Sullivan and Hayley Coogan	Senior
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Sports Awards

Chloe Roylance	Keegan Stark Trophy Chosen by sports leaders for major contribution to sport
Alexandra Stuck	Coach of the Year
Helen Stokes	Manager of the Year

Champions

Meila Gwiazdzinski Freya Stolte	Swimming—Intermediate Swimming—Senior
Vianney	Swimming Sports House Champions
Chloe Gunson Hayley Coogan	Athletics—Intermediate Athletics—Senior
Chanel	Athletics House Champions
Pieta Smith	Cross Country Senior
Vianney	Cross Country House Champions
Lucy Cameron, Cassie Colbourne, Juliet Hitchcock, Rebekah Hitchcock, Francie O'Sullivan, Alara Thomson and Elissa Strohmeier	Team of the Year—Rowing Team

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Senior Prizegiving



SCHOLARSHIPS	
Amber Cayley	Arcady Hall Warwick Sherwood Scholarship for Community Impact
Hayley Coogan	Lincoln University Rugby Scholarship
Chloe Roylance	Masey University Animal Science Scholarship
Holly Beckett	Masey University Undergraduate First Year Scholarship
Meliz Cerda	Priscilla Sandys Wunsch Trust Scholarship
Niamh Moriarty	Robert and Aileen Morton Charitable Scholarship
Sienna Asi	University of Auckland Top Achiever Scholarship
Amber Cayley	University of Canterbury Outstanding Impact Scholarship
Molly Sergent-Shadbolt	University of Canterbury Kaupeka Ture Award
Ellie Edcombe Libby Neilson Callie Visser	University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship
Georgie McVey	University of Otago New Frontiers Excellence Entrance Scholarship
Sahara Cameron Olive Crowley	University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarship
Meliz Cerda	University of Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship
Elvina Kwong	University of Otago International Global Scholarship
Miriam Waayer	University of Otago Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship
Sienna Asi	University of Otago Pacific Peoples' Scholarship
Lucy Forsyth	University of Waikato Te Paewai o te Rangi Scholarship
Lucy Forsyth Monique Hayes Alyssa Seed	University of Waikato Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship
Amber Cayley	Victoria University Raukaraka Leadership Scholarship
Juliet Hitchcock Libby Neilson	Victoria University Tangiwai Excellence Scholarship



Pictured left;

Hayley Coogan and Sinead O'Sullivan

Senior Contribution to Sport

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MANAWA MISSION AWARDS



Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Sophia Dollesin	Lilah Allardice	Trisha Bonete
Gracey Edcombe	Iris Cayetano	Sahara Cameron
Caitlyn Hobin	Cassie Colbourne	Amber Cayley
Madeleine Howatson	Jane Doyle	Hayley Coogan
Sylvie Hucker	Shannon Doyle	Grace Coronno
Sophie Huntley	Caitlin Fleming	Bryah Edwin
Frankie Lamb	Stophie Gatenby	Lucy Forsyth
Zoe Lawn	Courtney Green	Erina Gilchrist
Ava Quigan	Melia Gwiazdzinski	Juliet Hitchcock
Maeve Quinn	Martha-Rose Hagenson	Olivia Joyce
Ruby Stenning	Deavyn Hodgetts	Elvina Kwong
Catriona Thomson	Georgia Jeffrey	Sasha Maclean
Sophia Watson	Anviya Jimmy	Sindiso Mpofu
Emily Welham	Madison Knowles	Libby Neilson
Nikiwe Zhanje	Elliana Luke	Paige O'Neill
Abbey Zieltjes	Tula MacLean	Sinead O'Sullivan
	Francie O'Sullivan	Nia Oxenham
	Nayeli Pelletier Morales	Millie Parker
	Pieta Smith	Esmé Pease
	Saskia Smith	Stella Rae
	Theresa Smith	Emily Tippett
	Alexandra Stuck	Zoe van Praagh
	Caludia Taylor	Charlotte Werder
	Neve Walker	Lily Whaley
	Teale Wards	
	Emma Zieltjes	

Nurture Hauora

Congratulations

2026 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Francie O’Sullivan	Head Girl
Martha-Rose Hagenson	Deputy Head Girl—Special Character
Pieta Smith	Deputy Head Girl—Student Council
Tula MacLean	Head Boarder
Francie O’Sullivan	Deputy Head Girl—Special Character
Katie Schrider	Deputy Head Girl—Student Council
Elliana Luke	Liturgy Leader
Iris Cayetano and Abi Nelson	Barbier House Leaders
Rebekah Hitchcock and Ruva Kwangwari	Chanel House Leaders
Lucy Cameron and Isabella Kwong	Lourdes House Leaders
Holly Joyce and Alexandra Stuck	Vianney House Leaders
Meila Gwiazdzinski and Emma Zieltjes	Sports Leaders
Cassie Colburne and Alyssa Fu	Academic Leaders
Tamsin Eden and Tara Wood	Māori Leaders
Jane Doyle and Georgia Jeffrey	Cultural and Arts Leaders
Daisy Byelich and Alara Thomson	Hauora Leaders
Madison Knowles	Rainbow Youth Leader
Saskia Smith	Environmental Leader
Tula MacLean	School Board Representative

Congratulations to all our students appointed to 2026 leadership positions



Pictured left:

2026 Head Girl Team, *from left;*

Pieta Smith, Francie O’Sullivan and Martha-Rose Hagenson

Pictured right:

2026 Head Boarder Team, *from left;*

Francie O’Sullivan, Tula MacLean and Katie Schrider



Nurture Hauora

Rose Ceremony



A Rose Ceremony was held during assembly on Tuesday 7 October to celebrate the successes of the following students.

Pictured below from left;

Anna Stokes - The C Grade National Superchamps Squash winners 2025.

Frankie Lamb - Frankie has won a place in the National 2025 Secondary Students Brass band.

Zoe Lawn - Zoe was selected to represent NZ at the Australian Youth Dressage Championships AND, won the Pony Elementary to advanced Medium Class for the Equimatch Pony and Young Rider Rising Star top 10 league.

Lucca Smith - and her crew, Mini Inc, came first in the cadet MEGA crew division at the Hip hop unite NZ Schools Competition.

Zara Redshaw - 1st in the New Zealand 10km Road Championships.

Freya Stolte - represented NZ for surf lifesaving at the Battle of the Tasman competition.

Meila Gwiazdzinski - Represented NZ at the Queensland State Pool rescue championship. Meila was also part of the 4x50 obstacle relay team and 4x50 medley relay team which both won gold. She also won gold in the U17 200 meter swim with obstacles.

Amber Whitehead - Australian Pool Rescue Championship 1st in 100m manikin tow with fins.

Georgia Jeffrey - 1st Place in the covers category, of the NZ Sing Out for Justice competition.

Ella Layupan - Was part of the Taranaki U19 Badminton players who represented Taranaki in the New Zealand Junior Team Championship and won the gold medal in the U19 Division 2.

Pippa Gower-Johnson - Winner of the Yr 7 Girls Rock Climbing competition at Aims Games.

Penny Maton - and her crew came first in the cadet MINI crew division at the Hip hop unite NZ Schools Competition.



Nurture Hauora

Principal's Award



The Following students received a Principal's Award during assembly on Tuesday 7 October.

Pictured below from left;

Mckenna Bray - Nominated for the NZ academy of dance national scholarship award. She was nominated based on her high ballet exam marks.

Bella Roubos - Awarded a National Scholarship for her NZAMD Ballet exam. These are awarded to high performing candidates who achieve a Distinction level mark of 98% and above as chosen by the examiner.

Ruth Hagenson - For her entry being selected as one of the best in the NZ Sing Out For Justice Competition.

Iris Cayetano - Wall Challenge Cup for Most sensitive interpretation of a verse work, Carla Brown Challenge Cup for Most sincere interpretation of a character, Anne Hunter Challenge Cup for the winner of the Character Sketch, Dorne Arthur Trophy for the Highest aggregate marks over classes 16A, 16C, 21A&21C(shared trophy), Firth Industries Challenge Cup for Highest aggregate marks in classes 21E, 21G, & 21N-NP Competitions Society Speech & Drama Scholarship and Chris Buxton Memorial.

Jane Doyle - Whose poem came 3rd in the Poetry Aotearoa Yearbook 2025 competition

Monique Hodson - Monique placed third in the New Zealand Artistic Rollerskating National Championships Intermediate Solo Dance held in Blenheim.

Absent from the photo;

Chloe Roylance - Chloe is one of 3 show jumpers selected for the Equestrian Sports NZ Talent ID Squad

Rosie Moffitt - Making it in to the North Team of the two New Zealand Rugby Under 18 girls' high performance squads.

Amber Cayley - awarded one of the 25 places in the Y25 2025 cohort beside paralympic athletes, singers, artists, advocates and more for her leadership in STEM, climate change action and advocacy and her wider community work.



Nurture Hauora

Uniform

Wearing the school uniform correctly is a reasonable expectation. The uniform must be worn neatly at all times, especially in public and on formal occasions.

- All uniform requirements can be purchased from Campus Clothing, 94 Gill Street, New Plymouth.
- All items of uniform must be clearly named.

Junior Uniform: Year 7 to Year 10

White blouse
Tartan skirt—mid knee length
Navy blue shorts
Jersey
Black sandals with a back strap
Black polishable shoes (maximum heel height 4cm)
White ankle socks
Black tights
School jacket

Senior Uniform: Year 11 to Year 13

White blouse
Navy blue skirt
Navy blue shorts
Navy blue trousers
Jersey
Blazer—optional for Year 11 students
Black sandals with a back strap
Black polishable shoes (maximum heel height 4cm)
White ankle socks
Black tights
School jacket

As per communication to caregivers on 5 November, a reminder that the expectation for both junior and senior skirts length is to be no shorter than 3cm above the knee when the student is standing.

Physical Education Uniform (Years 7—13)

Black (or navy) shorts and SHGC PE top. Sports shoes and socks as necessary.
Sports teams must meet the requirements of their particular sports code.



Formal Senior Uniform (to be worn at all formal school events including Assembly):

Blazer
White blouse
Navy blue skirt **mid-knee length**
Navy blue trousers
Black stockings or white ankle socks
Black Shoes



Jewellery Expectations

At SHGC we have an expectation that students will wear their uniform with pride and accept the school's dress code.

Earrings: must be a small stud (5mm or less) or regular sized sleeper (12mm or less), nothing dangly is permitted.

Necklaces: a cross or a bone/pounamu taonga only.

Other: Facial piercings (clear spacers can be worn), rings, bracelets/bangles or anklets will need to be removed as they are not deemed safe or appropriate for school.

Footwear: We encourage shoes to be **worn in Terms 2 and 3** which must be completely black, polishable lace up shoes, 4cm or less at the ankle. Shoes are to be worn with white ankle socks or black tights. Sandals need to have a back strap that can stay up.

School Jacket: The new official school jacket is **the only jacket** to be worn at school.

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Adventure Racing

Adventure Racing – Hillary Challenge Team Needs a Coach!

For many years, SHGC and FDMC have proudly collaborated in Adventure Racing, forming a combined team that has consistently achieved outstanding results. Our joint efforts have seen the team make the Hillary Challenge finals year after year, and we're eager to continue this tradition of success.

To keep this momentum going, we are seeking a coach for next year to lead and inspire our Hillary Challenge/ Adventure Racing team.

The coach will be supported with organisation, SAP forms, and logistics, ensuring they can focus on training and guiding the team.

If you're passionate about outdoor adventure, teamwork, and helping students achieve their best, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested? Please get in touch to discuss further.

FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE ADVENTURE RACING COACH 2026

Francis Douglas Memorial College are seeking applications for the position of Adventure Racing Coach for the 2026 season.

The applicant will require:

- enthusiasm to lead and support a group of teenagers in developing outdoor, leadership, and teamwork skills.
- a passion for the outdoors, strong navigation and mountain skills, and the ability to motivate and guide young people in a positive and safe environment.

Tony Williams will continue to manage the team and support the coach. If you are wanting more information around the role and expectations, please do not hesitate to contact him on twi@fdmc.school.nz

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER AT 5.00PM**

To apply, please email a cover letter to:

Nick Taylor, Director of Sport, FDMC
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Netball Coaches Wanted



We're seeking expressions of interest for Netball Coaches for our senior teams. Help us create depth and build our netball programme as we look to offer exciting tournament opportunities in 2026!

Stay Connected

Keep an eye on our Sports Facebook page over summer for updates on:

- 2026 Netball registrations (via Sporty)
- Trial dates for next season

Thank you for being part of our sports community – here's to an even bigger and better 2026!

End-of-Year Sports Wrap-Up!

What an incredible year of sport! A huge thank you to all our players, coaches, and supporters who made 2025 such a success. We can't wait to see what 2026 brings!

