



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM TWO

**Mon 20 April:**  
First Day of Term 2

**Mon 27 April:**  
ANZAC Day observed

**Mon 4 May & Wed 6 May:**  
Subject Conferences;  
school finishes at 3pm.

**Thurs 14 – Sat 16 May:**  
O'Shea Shield, Lower  
Hutt

**Tues 19 May:**  
Open Afternoon (details  
on our website)

**Mon 22 June:**  
Curriculum Teacher Only  
Day (no school for  
students)

**Please note: The  
school office will be  
closed during the  
April School Holidays**

*Kotahi tātou i a Karaiti hei manaaki*



United through Christ to Serve

#### TERM TWO

Mon 20 Apr-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, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa i te whakamutunga o te Wāhanga Tuatahi. Ngā mihi hoki o te Wiki Tapu. Ka titiro tātou ki Te Aranga. Greetings to you all as we come to the end of Term 1 and in Holy Week we look forward to Easter. I hope the term has provided rich learning experiences for all our students and that the Easter break will be refreshing for everyone after such a busy term. Collectively there is a lot happening and it is pleasing to see so many examples of our new Vision statement in action: *Living by Gospel values, we strive for personal excellence.*

At the end of this term, we farewell our Hostel Manager, **Mrs Marina Walsh**. Mrs Walsh has been with us for the past four years and in her time at Elizabeth House she has provided a warm, homely environment for our boarders and staff. Mrs Walsh has helped us to reconnect closely with the Mission Sisters, and her faith-filled leadership has been inspiring to work alongside. Marina, you will be missed, but we know you will continue serving our wider Taranaki community in other ways. Our new Hostel Manager is **Ms Eileen Tamati** who returns to us after seven years working in an international boarding school in China.



Pictured left; Marina with the Head Boarder Team, from left Francie O'Sullivan, Katie Schrider and Tula MacLean



Pictured above; Marina Walsh with Barb Costelloe

Term 1 has been filled with many extra- and co-curricular events including our traditional house events of Swimming Sports and Athletics Day. It is wonderful to see school and house spirit as strong as ever. Thank you to our Year 13 leaders for the enthusiasm and energy you put into these events. Congratulations to all our winners! See pages 8 – 11 for further information.

On Tuesday 17 March, we celebrated Excellence Assembly recognising our students who achieved Excellence in NCEA in 2025 and those achieving Excellence in Pathways. Former student, **Moerah Feaunati** was our guest speaker and inspired our current students to think broadly about excellence and making things happen in life after school. Moerah is also known to our boarders as a new supervisor. Congratulations to all our students who have been living out our school motto Age Quod Agis – whatever you do, do to the best of your ability. See page 5 – 6 for a full list of all our students who achieved Excellence last year.

### *Principal's peace continued*

At our last school assembly, I spoke to our students about issues we have been having with students using cell phones and tablets inappropriately by taking photos or videos of students or staff at school and posting them online. I have re-iterated that students are not to get phones out of bags at all for the whole school day. I have also asked students to consider their online activity in their own time and these holidays, and be sure to keep themselves safe and *keep kind in mind*. Support with this from parents and caregivers is much appreciated.

At assembly, I also thanked all of our students who are wearing their uniform correctly. We much appreciate your support from home in ensuring skirts are the appropriate length. Those who have not attended to this are now extremely visible. For those yet to comply with this skirt length, I have suggested the holidays is a good time to sort out the skirt.

Please contact the Dean or Manaaki teacher confidentially if there is an issue with buying a suitable skirt. For requests for financial help with any school related expenses, please contact me confidentially by email ([bco@shgcnp.school.nz](mailto:bco@shgcnp.school.nz)) as we do have a Benevolence Fund.

Wishing you every blessing as we approach Easter.



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.

**Barbara Costelloe**  
Tumuaki



Students modelling correct uniform - from left; **Martha-Rose Hagenson, Meila Gwiazdzinski, Shae Bellringer and Miela O'Connor**

### *Grotto – please support this fundraiser*

Sacred Heart Girls' College has been gifted the **original grotto from Powderham Street** (the original site of New Plymouth's first convent school - Sacred Heart School, which included a boarding hostel), and we are excited to be fundraising to bring this special piece of our history home.

Join us for a **Grotto Fundraiser Movie Night**, featuring *Holy Days*, at **Event Cinemas, New Plymouth**, on **Thursday 23 April at 6.30pm**.

#### **Tickets:**

- Adults: \$20

- Students: \$15

Tickets are available for purchase from the school office. Cash or Eftpos.

#### **About the film:**

*Holy Days* is a warm and humorous road-trip film that follows a grieving boy travelling across New Zealand with three unconventional nuns. The film explores themes of faith, loss, healing, and found family.

#### **Age rating:**

Family-friendly and generally suitable for ages **8-10+**, with mild language and themes of grief.

We warmly invite our school community and whānau to support this fundraiser and enjoy an uplifting evening together.



### SHGC School Board

The SHGC School Board held their first meeting for 2026 on Wednesday 25 February.

John Elliott was elected Presiding Member, and Catherine Grogan was elected Deputy Presiding Member.

From back left; **Paul Lamb** (Bishop’s Appointee), **Eric Pellicer** (Parent Rep), **Warwick Foy** (Staff Rep), **Barb Costelloe** (Principal), **Catherine Grogan** (Parent Rep – Deputy Presiding Member), **John Elliott** (Parent Rep – Presiding Member), **Caroline Dhanjee** (Parent Rep), **Mark Butterworth** (Proprietor’s Appointee)

Front from left; **Tula MacLean** (Student Rep), **Jemma Souness** (Bishop’s Appointee), **Cathy Quigan** (Parent Rep)



Sacred Heart Girls' College School Board

Absent:  
**Ruka Te Moana**  
(Co-opted Māori Rep)



### World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

World Day of Prayer is an international Christian prayer movement, led by women, that brings people together in prayer and solidarity across cultures and countries, with a focus on peace, justice, and the needs of the world.

We were proud to have some of our students join the Catholic Women’s League at St Joseph’s Parish, where they contributed by singing, reading, and assisting with refreshments. A special thank you to Amelia Luke and Jillian Deluca for making this wonderful opportunity possible.



### Weekly Class Masses – every Thursday morning

This term we have begun holding our class Masses in the Mary Phelan Chapel every Thursday at 10.00am during term time.

These Masses provide a special opportunity for our community to gather in prayer, contemplation, and shared communion, supporting the spiritual growth of our students.

All members of our community, including our whānau, are warmly invited to attend the Mass, and we would love you to join us.



### *Student Voice in Action: A visit from Bishop John Adams*

Earlier this term, the 10A Religious Studies class wrote thoughtful letters to Bishop John Adams exploring an important liturgical question: *Should members of the congregation kneel or stand during parts of the Mass?*

The students carefully considered the meaning of liturgical posture and how our physical actions express reverence, unity, and participation in worship.

Bishop John kindly visited the school to thank the students personally for taking the time to write and for having the confidence to share their voices. He acknowledged the importance of young people asking meaningful questions about the Church and affirmed the value of dialogue, reflection, and active participation in our liturgical life.



### *Palm Sunday and Holy Week*

As we approach the end of Lent, the Church enters one of the most important and sacred times of the year: **Holy Week**, which begins with **Palm Sunday**.

- **Palm Sunday** remembers Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem, when crowds welcomed Him by laying palm branches on the road and proclaiming Him as king. It is a moment of celebration, but it also marks the beginning of the final week of Jesus' life.

**Holy Week** invites us to walk closely with Jesus through the key moments of His Passion:

- **Holy Thursday** recalls the Last Supper, where Jesus gives us the gift of the Eucharist and models humble service by washing the disciples' feet.
- **Good Friday** commemorates Jesus' death on the cross — a powerful reminder of God's love poured out completely for humanity.
- **Holy Saturday** is a quiet day of waiting and hope, as we sit with the mystery of loss and trust in God's promise.
- **Easter Sunday** celebrates the Resurrection — the triumph of life over death and the foundation of our Christian faith.

Holy Week is not simply something we remember; it is something we are invited to enter into as a faith community at Sacred Heart Girls' College.

Through prayer, liturgy, and reflection, we are encouraged to consider how Jesus' journey speaks

to our own lives — calling us to love, serve, forgive, and hope, even in difficult moments.



### *Year 11 Religious Studies – Living out Luke's Gospel*

Recently, some **Year 11 Religious Studies** classes visited our local **St Vincent de Paul (SVDP)** as part of their learning on **Luke's Gospel**.

This visit provided a meaningful opportunity for students to put their faith into action by supporting those in need within our community. Students donated items and spent time shopping to assist SVDP's work, gaining a deeper understanding of service and compassion. It was a valuable experience that brought classroom learning to life and reflected our call to live the Gospel through action.



## Excellence Assembly

This was held on Tuesday 17 March. The guest speaker was former student, Moerah Feaunati.

We are thrilled to continue the celebrations from our annual Excellence Assembly and to share the outstanding achievements of our students who received an Excellence Endorsement in 2025 in NCEA or alternative Pathways. We also recognised the exceptional accomplishment of our students who were awarded a scholarship exam. Their hard work, dedication and commitment to striving for Excellence in their chosen fields have set a remarkable standard for our school community.

Congratulations again to these learners for their impressive accomplishments.

We are proud that our students' achievement levels meet, or often exceed the National Standard, a success made possible by the outstanding dedication of our teachers and Head of Faculties last year.



Guest speaker: **Moerah Feaunati**

### **Holly Warner**

Deputy Principal Ako & Poutama

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Congratulations to the following **Barbier** students who received Excellence in NCEA and Pathways last year:

<b>Georgia Coronno</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Frankie Lamb</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Zoe Lawn</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Ruby Stenning</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Chloe Bartley</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA
<b>Nayeli Pelletier Morales</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Amber Cayley</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Frankie Lawn</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Addison Tyrrell</b>	Excellence in Level 2 Trades Academy
<b>Cassidy Hancock</b>	Excellence in Careerforce (Health)
<b>Neve Temple</b>	Excellence in NZ School of Tourism
<b>Georgia Jeffrey</b>	Excellence in Gateway at Conductive Education

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Congratulations to the following **Chanel** students who received Excellence in NCEA and Pathways last year:

<b>Lily Winters</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Abbey Zieltjes</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Isla Fabish</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Alyssa Fu</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Emma Zieltjes</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Emily Goodeve</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA
<b>Juliet Hitchcock</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Paige Macey</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Libby Robinson</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Paige Scannell</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Danni McKee</b>	Excellence in Level 2 Trades Academy (Joinery)
<b>Lilah Allardice</b>	Excellence in Careerforce (Health)

### *Excellence Assembly*

**Congratulations to the following **Lourdes** students who received Excellence in NCEA and Pathways last year:**

<b>Sophie Fowler</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Catriona Thomson</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Cassie Colbourne</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Martha-Rose Hagenson</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA
<b>Theresa Smith</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Sienna Asi</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Sahara Cameron</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Elvina Kwong</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Monique Hodson</b>	Excellence in Level 2 Trades Academy (Salon)
<b>Luci Strachan</b>	Excellence in TOPEC

**Congratulations to the following **Vianney** students who received Excellence in NCEA and Pathways last year:**

<b>Gracey Edgcombe</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Caitlyn Hobin</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Sylvie Hucker</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Sophia Watson</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 1 NCEA
<b>Jane Doyle</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Shannon Doyle</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Caitlin Fleming</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA
<b>Monique Gale</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA
<b>Courtney Green</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 2 NCEA and a Silver Bar
<b>Ellie Edgcombe</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Lucy Forsyth</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Charlotte Graham</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA
<b>Libby Neilson</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Charlotte Werder</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA
<b>Lily Whaley</b>	Overall Excellence in Level 3 NCEA and a Gold Bar
<b>Ella Layupan</b>	Excellence in Work Experience (Hospitality)
<b>Annabelle Wratt</b>	Excellence in Careerforce (Health)

**Congratulations to the following students who were awarded **Scholarships**:**

<b>Sienna Asi</b>	Religious Studies
<b>Amber Cayley</b>	History and Biology
<b>Ellie Edgcombe</b>	Chemistry
<b>Sasha Maclean</b>	History
<b>Molly Sergent-Shadbolt</b>	Religious Studies

***Congratulations***  
**ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!**



Photo by: **Hope Hirini-Crow**

### New Zealand Planning Institute Conference

This week, Y13 Geography and Mrs Brown travelled to Wellington to attend the High School seminar of the New Zealand Planning Institute conference at the Takina Conference Centre as a collaboration with the Pathways/Careers dept.

We had talks from industry and university practitioners on Urban, Māori, Resource and Environmental planning, including how to study for the profession, what it involves, and a tour of the development of the Wellington Waterfront. It was an invaluable learning opportunity - experiencing conferences, trying new technologies and sampling the free goodies!



Amanda Brown  
Geography Teacher



### History Field Trips

Our History students have been taking the opportunity to learn outside the classroom, with Year 13 visiting the District Court and Police Station as part of their learning about historic cases.

The Taranaki Wars have been the focus for Year 11, who visited significant sites connected to these events.

Taryn Gadsby  
Head of Faculty Social Sciences



## *Swimming Sports*

What an amazing day we had out in the sunshine for this year's Swimming Sports! A huge well done to all our swimmers for their enthusiasm, effort, and fantastic attitude throughout the day.

From these results, we are proud to announce a team of **11 talented Year 7 & 8 students** who will be representing SHGC at the Intermediate Champs in Hāwera on Monday, 23rd March. We wish them all the very best!

### *Champions*

<b>Year 7:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Edi Coster</b>	<b>38 points</b>
	2nd	Dylan Munyard	32
	3rd	Ariè Suzuki	25
<b>Year 8:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Gaby Grendon</b>	<b>44 points (won all 4 events)</b>
	2nd	Livia Becroft	32
	3rd equal	Milan Maifea	22
	3rd equal	Izzy Walsh	22
<b>Junior:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Olivia Roche</b>	<b>71 points</b>
	2nd	Macey Riddell	41
	3rd equal	Paige Phillips	36
	3rd equal	Isla Terrill	36
<b>Intermediate:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Marnie Smith</b>	<b>75 points</b>
	2nd	Amber Whitehead	57
	3rd	Jade Smiley	34
<b>Senior:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Meila Gwiazdzinski</b>	<b>77 points (won all 7 events)</b>
	2nd	Lexi Hancock	63
	3rd	Nayeli Pelletier Morales	42

**House Winner:**  
Vianney

Photos by: **Orlaith Collins**



### Swimming Sports



Students showed fantastic House spirit and had a great day at Swimming Sports.

Photos by: Orlaith Collins



### Athletics Day

Our Athletics Day was another highlight on the calendar, with an awesome turnout and outstanding participation across all events. A massive thank you to our incredible PTFA for running such a popular food stall – it added so much to the day and was enjoyed by students and staff alike.

#### Champions

<b>Year 7:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Dylan Munyard</b>	<b>29 points</b>
	2nd	Candice Bell	27
	3rd	Olivia Wisnewski	26
<b>Year 8:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Gaby Grendon</b>	<b>42 points</b>
	2nd equal	Nesta Dombroski	36
	2nd equal	Melah Williams	36
<b>Junior:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Zara Redshaw</b>	<b>40 points</b>
	2nd equal	Millie Rosewarne	38
	2nd equal	Mirah Dromgool	38
<b>Intermediate:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Jade Smiley</b>	<b>44 points</b>
	2nd	Anika Pryor	32
	3rd	Pippa O'Sullivan	31
<b>Senior:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Pieta Smith</b>	<b>36 points</b>
	2nd	Lily Winters	34
	3rd	Chloe Gunson	33
<b>House Winners:</b>	<b>Chanel</b>	<b>1180</b>	<b>Vianney 1067</b>
	<b>Lourdes</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>Barbier 890</b>



*Athletics Day*



House spirit on show during an action-packed day at TET Stadium.

Photos by: Orraith Collins and Hope Hirini-Crow.



### *Pegasus Cup - Equestrian*

Well done to our equestrian team who competed at the Pegasus Cup over the weekend (14–16 March). The team had an incredible time and finished 8th out of 49 teams.

Photos from the event will be shared on our Sports Facebook Page.

### *NZSS Summer Tournament Week*

We wish the following teams all the best for their NZSS Tournaments week, 22–27 March:

**1st XI Cricket Team** – Levin  
**Senior & Junior Waka Ama Crews** – Rotorua  
**Senior Volleyball Team** – Palmerston North  
**Rowing Team – MAADI Cup** – Twizel

### *Catch up on all our Sporting News*

You can find updates, photos, and achievements on our Sports Facebook Page, including:

- Netball Team Announcements
- Rowing Success at Nationals
- Oceans Athletes
- World BMX Championship Selection
- Football Referee Rebate
- TSSSA Rogaine
- TSSSA Surfing
- NISS Orienteering Champs (open to Y7–13 students)
- Hockey Team Announcements
- Intermediate Surfing Champs
- Cricket – Kotahitanga Round 4
- Basketball Team Announcements
- Swimming Sports Photos
- Surfing – International Festival, Noosa
- NISS Rowing Champs
- Cricket – Taranaki Debut
- Volleyball – Regional Success
- Rugby 7s
- Athletics Day
- Volleyball – Term 2 Team Sign-Ups Open Now
- Junior Holiday Skills Sessions
- Taranaki Triathlon Club
- Rugby Blues Camp
- TSSSA Athletics Results
- AIMS Games – Individual Athlete Opportunities
- Pegasus Cup
- NISS Athletics



#### **Contact Us:**

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us directly:

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### *P.L.U.S (Pre-Loved Uniform Shop)*

#### **P.L.U.S – Proudly Run by Year 13 Faith in Action**

Our School Pre Loved Uniform Shop, **P.L.U.S**, is proudly managed by our Year 13 *Faith In Action* class and is open every Wednesday morning tea (11.00am – 11.25am). Students and families are warmly invited to visit during this time to purchase uniform items.

A price range is sorted by average, good and in excellent condition items. Pay via eftpos or with cash.

As part of their commitment to service and leadership, our senior students manage the shop, assist families, organize stock, and ensure everyone is well prepared for the school year.

We are always grateful for donations of good-quality pre-loved uniform items. If you have any uniforms your family no longer needs, please consider donating them to **P.L.U.S** to support other members of our school community. You can drop these off at the school front office.

Thank you for supporting **P.L.U.S** and our Faith in Action leaders!

