



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM TWO

Fri 29 – Sun 31 May:
Mission Cup and Te Toa

Mon 1 June:
King's Birthday

Wed 3 June:
Whānau hui 6pm; Te
Whare Hononga, Mere
Tapu, St Mary's
Cathedral

Fri 12 June:
Sacred Heart Feast Day
Mass, 10.00am, Events
Centre

Mon 22 June:
Curriculum Teacher Only
Day

Fri 3 July:
Last day Term 2



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Mon 20 Apr-Fri 3 July

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Mon 20 July-Fri 25 Sept

TERM FOUR

Mon 12 Oct-Fri 11 Dec

Principal's Peace

Kia ora e te whānau, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa i te marama o Haratua, te marama o Hato Mere. Greetings to you all in the month of May, the month of Mary. What beautiful weather we have had in May and it has been wonderful to see so many of our students engaging with their sport, music and other extra-curricular activities (see pages 7-12).

Well done to our students who performed in the FDMC and SHGC *Rock of Ages* production as well as the Year 11 production of *In our Shoes*. Congratulations to **Jane Doyle** and **Shannon Doyle** who have won a place at the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare National competition coming up this King's Birthday weekend, we wish them all the very best. Our Performing Arts events will be more fully covered in the next newsletter.

From Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th May our team of 16 students travelled to Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt for the annual O'Shea Competition – this year themed *Returning to the Heart*.

Our students represented Manawa Tapu superbly and we are so proud of all of them.

It was a wonderful opportunity to engage with our wider Catholic Secondary whānau and it is so inspiring to hear and see our rangatahi share their faith.



2026 O'Shea Shield Team

We were also thrilled to return home with two cups for winning a section. Congratulations to the Religious Questions team of **Jane Doyle**, **Shannon Doyle** and **Saskia Smith** as well as **Louis Dominique Domingo** who won her section of Impromptu Speaking.

We are now preparing to host our prestigious RNDM Mission Sisters' colleges events at King's Birthday weekend, the Mission Cup tournament for netball and the Te Toa Shield tournament for hockey. We will be competing against teams from Sacred Heart Hamilton, Napier and Lower Hutt and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. All netball games will be played in our Events Centre, and all hockey games are at the Turf. We have a special **Mass at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 30th May at 5.30pm** for our RNDM college gathering. **Everyone is welcome** to join us for this Mass – we would love to see you there.

Principal's peace continued

On Saturday 23rd May we held our Year 13 Formal at St Joseph's Church Hall. This was a special event and we were so proud of our Year 13 cohort. The Formal committee did a magnificent job decorating the hall in the theme of *Old Hollywood* complete with red carpet and Oscars for our awards!

A massive thank you to our **PTFA** for catering the event and our Year 12 waiters for serving on the night. Thank you also to our staff and senior deans for your support and Mrs Clarie Tate for photography at the event.

See pages 13-15 for more photos.



Mrs Costelloe, with the Head Girl Team, from left;
Martha-Rose Hagenon, Francie O'Sullivan and Pieta Smith



In school board news, we have decided to move to the SchoolDocs platform to manage our school policy. All policies will be available at: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> The login instructions will be on our website very shortly. Please note that we will now be following the SchoolDocs schedule of review and all members of our community can add feedback to the policies up for review each term. You will see the "Review" tab available on the website.

On Wednesday 3 June, we are holding a whānau Māori hui at Te Whare Hononga, St Mary's Cathedral from 6.00-7.30pm. This is an opportunity to connect with whānau Māori to share progress on our [Strategic Plan](#) and hear from families. All welcome.

As we approach the middle of the year, we hope our students are well settled into good learning routines and healthy habits to keep well. We appreciate your support from home and like to work closely with you as parents, caregivers and whānau. If you need to contact school but you are unsure who you should contact, please refer to the table on page 3.

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



Who to Contact

<p>The issue is with a particular subject.</p>	<p>Please email the subject teacher on: (teachercode)@shgcnp.school.nz You can then arrange a time for a phone call or a visit if required. Note: the teacher codes are 3 letter codes, eg jta for Jeremy Taylor.</p>
<p>The issue is with more than one subject or other aspects of school, or a home or health situation that the school needs to know about.</p>	<p>Please contact your child's Manaaki Teacher: (teachercode)@shgcnp.school.nz</p>
<p>There is something more serious happening. This might be about bullying (online or in person), mental health or there might be something going on that is a bit more confidential.</p>	<p>For more serious pastoral care needs please contact the Dean. <i>2026 Deans:</i> Year 7 Dean: Andrea Taylor ata@shgcnp.school.nz Barbier Junior Dean: Sheree Rangiwahia sra@shgcnp.school.nz Barbier Senior Dean: Helen Basile hba@shgcnp.school.nz Chanel Junior Dean: Jade Harrison jhr@shgcnp.school.nz Chanel Senior Dean: Shin Kirkcaldie ski@shgcnp.school.nz Lourdes Junior Dean: Ross Howarth rho@shgcnp.school.nz Lourdes Senior Dean: Joan Hodson jho@shgcnp.school.nz Vianney Junior Dean: Katrin Coleman kco@shgcnp.school.nz Vianney Senior Dean: Carly Avery cav@shgcnp.school.nz</p>
<p>For any other issues not covered here, or if you are unsure of who to contact.</p>	<p>Please ring the school on 758 5023 and our office staff will help you out.</p>
<p>For curriculum related concerns, please contact the Head of Faculty.</p>	<p><i>2026 Heads of Faculty:</i> Arts, Tech & Languages: Kelly Jennings kje@shgcnp.school.nz English: Abbie Rilkoff ari@shgcnp.school.nz Mathematics: Spencer Page spa@shgcnp.school.nz Pathways: Warwick Foy wfo@shgcnp.school.nz Physical Education: Narelle O'Byrne noy@shgcnp.school.nz Religious Studies: Pauline Koorey pko@shgcnp.school.nz Science: Linda Dixon ldi@shgcnp.school.nz Social Sciences: Taryn Gadsby tgy@shgcnp.school.nz</p>
<p>For issues of a sensitive or serious nature, <u>or</u> if you do not feel comfortable to speak to the parties directly involved, please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team.</p>	<p><i>2026 Senior Leadership Team:</i> Deputy Principal: Holly Warner hwa@shgcnp.school.nz Kaitiaki Ako & Poutama Deputy Principal: Jeremy Taylor jta@shgcnp.school.nz Kaitiaki Hauora Assistant Principal: Kim Goodey kgo@shgcnp.school.nz Kaiārahi, Digital and NZQA Overview Director of Religious Studies: Wendy Mulligan wmu@shgcnp.school.nz Kaitiaki Whakapono Tumuaki/Principal: Barb Costelloe bco@shgcnp.school.nz</p>
<p>For hostel-related concerns, please contact the Hostel Manager.</p>	<p>Hostel Manager: Eileen Tamati eh.eta@shgcnp.school.nz</p>

Past Pupil Visit

Prior to travelling to the O’Shea Shield competition, our students were blessed to receive a special visit from Mrs June Kissick (nee Whittle).

A past pupil of Sacred Heart Girls’ College from 1944-1948, Mrs Kissick attended the O’Shea Shield in 1947 and shared how meaningful the experience was for her.

She spoke warmly of the event as a highlight of her time at school, inspiring our students as they prepared for their own journey, and wished them all the very best as they took part in this special Catholic Schools’ event.



Pictured, students from left; **Louis Dominique Domingo,**

Catriona Thomson, Macy Stuck, Madeleine Basile and Evangeline McKinnon.

From row; **Jillian DeLuca** and **Jean Kissick** (Jillian is our Pathways Administrator, and is the daughter of Jean Kissick (nee Whittle)).

O’Shea Shield

Our team travelled to Lower Hutt to take part in the O’Shea Shield, an annual gathering of Catholic secondary schools celebrating faith, leadership, and student voice.

Students competed in events such as debating, public speaking, Scripture reading, drama, and religious questions, sharing their gifts in a spirit of community and friendly competition.

A heartfelt thank you to all the teachers who generously gave their time and energy to prepare our team and accompany them. Your dedication and support made this experience possible; we truly couldn’t have done it without you all! We are especially proud to have achieved first place in both Impromptu Speaking and Religious Questions, a fantastic accomplishment!



Religious Questions – Ngā Patai Whakapono

- Shannon Doyle
- Saskia Smith
- Jane Doyle



Impromptu Speaking – Kōrero Tene

- Louis Dominique Domingo

O'Shea Shield

Religious Drama – Toi Whakaari Whakapono

- Elliana Luke • Maeve Quinn
- Tula MacLean • Evangeline McKinnon

Scripture Reading – Pānui Karaipiture I Te Reo Pākehā

- Martha-Rose Hagenson

Scripture reading in Te Reo Māori – Pānui Karaipiture I Te Reo Māori

- Tamsin Eden

Junior Prepared Speech – Whaikōrero Teina

- Madeleine Basile

Oratory – Whaikōrero Tuakana

- Iris Cayetano

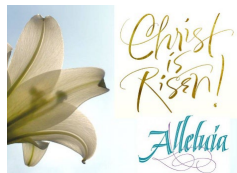
Debating – Tautohetohe

- Francie O'Sullivan
- Pieta Smith
- Macy Stuck



We were very proud to showcase our new school banner at O'Shea. This beautiful banner was a generous gift from the Class of 2025 as their leavers' gift, and I'm sure you will agree it looks very smart!

Resurrection Liturgy



We began the term with our beautiful Resurrection Liturgy, coming together as a Catholic community to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each student brought a flower forward, and our Special Character Council created a cross which now stands proudly in our student foyer.

Grotto Update

I am delighted to share that our recent Movie Night was a great success, raising over \$1000. Thanks to this wonderful support, we now have the funds to move forward with this very special project. We are currently awaiting a start date. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed and helped bring this vision to life.



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation programme is now in full swing at the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, and we are delighted to have so many of our students involved. We have 21 junior leaders generously guiding the small groups, alongside 35 students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask that you keep all of our students in your prayers as they journey together in faith and friendship.

Mission Cup and Te Toa Mass

You are warmly invited to join us for our **Mission Cup and Te Toa Shield Mass**, which we are privileged to host as a Mission school community. The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 30 May at 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church**, with **Fr Brian Carmine** presiding.

This will be a special opportunity for us to gather in faith, give thanks, and celebrate our shared Mission spirit. **All students are warmly invited to attend too**, and we ask that **formal school uniform is worn**.

If you are able to assist in any way, your support would be deeply appreciated, please let me know. We look forward to coming together for this meaningful occasion.

Blessings to you.
Wendy Mulligan
DRS

Carlos Acutis Exhibition

Recently our students were very blessed to be able to view this exhibition in our school chapel.

The 40 panels of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, were researched and presented by St Carlo Acutis.

Carlo was an ordinary teenager with an extraordinary love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Our students found them interesting and informative to read and discuss in our Religious Studies classes. Thank you to Susilo our youth minister for making this happen.



ANZAC Day

Year 10 students created an ANZAC Day memorial to pay tribute to people connected to our school community who served their country in times of conflict. Crosses represent those who sacrificed their lives, while ribbons honour those who served and returned home. On the back of each memorial was a QR code that provides further information about the individual, their story, and their connection to our kura.

The memorial was on display over the ANZAC weekend. We remember their service and sacrifice.

Ngā mihi,

Taryn



Kids Lit Quiz

On April 22nd SHGC hosted the annual Kid's Lit Quiz (KLQ) in our Event Centre. This regional heat was part of a wider national and international competition which was established back in 1991, by Quiz Master Wayne Mills. 25 teams of students (Yrs 5-8) and their supporters came from all around Taranaki and Whanganui to compete, celebrate and promote the 'sport of reading'.

SHGC had two teams consisting of **Lottie Scott, Sharlin Victor, Beatrice Earle, Greta Hill** (Yr 7) and **Mirren Connolly, Annabelle Usmar, Amelia Ellem and Bea Nguyen** (Yr 8). The teams were tasked with answering 10 rounds of 10 questions on topics ranging from Japanese fairytales to Harry Potter to Greek myths and legends. Both teams did SHGC proud coming in 2nd place (Yr 8) and 3rd place (Yr 7). Whanganui Intermediate came away with the win for the 5th year in a row and will now compete in the National final to be held in Wellington in June.

A big thank you to the PTFA, Academic Council and tech support crew and all the whānau that contributed to making the day the success it was.



Health and 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. Please do not drop off here between the hours of 8.15am-8.30am, and 3.10pm-3.30pm.

Beginning of and end of school day — please do not drop off or pick up your daughter inside the school grounds at the start of the day, or when collecting at the end of the day. We do not have adequate parking nor room to easily turn around. Ask her to walk across the road at the crossing on Paynters Avenue where it is much safer to park. Vehicles turning around on Pukaka St are a health and safety hazard to students and our staff. Please note there is no stopping or parking in Pukaka St during school days under NPDC parking rules.

A reminder if driving to the Events Centre, Hostel or Adele Senior Living – this is a shared access road, please be aware students could be crossing to get to classes. Note this road has a speed limit of 10km.

Visitors to the school

All visitors are required to report to the front office to sign in upon arrival and sign out when leaving. If you wish to meet with a staff member, please arrange an appointment in advance by contacting the teacher via email to ensure they are available.



Road sign on Pukaka Street



Taranaki Secondary Schools' Orchestra Day

SHGC students proudly took part in the annual Taranaki Secondary Schools' Orchestra Day towards the end of last term, joining around 140 young musicians from across the region.

The experience gave students the opportunity to be part of a full orchestra, collaborating with peers for a full day of music-making. The event culminated in a concert, enjoyed by friends and whānau, including a group of SHGC Year 7–9 itinerant music students.

This year was particularly special as Orchestra Day celebrated its 20th anniversary, marking two decades of musicianship and community.

Sophie Lamb
Music Teacher



Music Events during Term 2

Smokefree Rockquest - Saturday 6th June

Smokefree Rockquest is New Zealand's nationwide live music competition for secondary school students, celebrating original music and giving young performers the chance to take the stage and share their creativity.

This year, the finals will be held on 6 June, and we're excited to have our Year 11 rock band Spilt Milk involved. They have been working hard preparing their set and will be performing their own original songs.



Music Events during Term 2

Chamber Music Contest - Wednesday 10th June

The annual Chamber Music Contest is from 9am - 6pm on Wednesday 10th June at St Andrew's Church and celebrates students performing in small instrumental and vocal ensembles.

This year, 32 students will perform across 12 different groups, with ensembles ranging from six hands on one piano to saxophone quartets and a percussion ensemble.

We even have a group performing Year 12 student, Izzy Hoyte's composition! It is a huge highlight of the year, and many of the performances contribute directly towards NCEA Performance Assessments. The community is warmly invited to come along, watch, and support our Music students as they share their hard work and talent.



The Kids Sing - Monday 15th June

The Kids Sing is a joyful choral celebration that brings together primary and intermediate school choirs to share the fun of singing together. Our Year 7/8 choir, Trebles directed by our very own Year 13 Music students - **Georgia Jeffrey, Elliana Luke, and Jane Doyle** — have been directing the group themselves, demonstrating outstanding leadership and musical commitment.

This year, The Kids Sing will be held at 1pm on 15 June at CityWest Church.



NCEA Music Performance Concert - 6pm, Wednesday 1st July

At the end of the term, our NCEA Music students will perform in a concert that provides an important opportunity to showcase their performance ability and gain experience playing in front of an audience.

The concert highlights students' musicianship through solo, group, and second-instrument performances. It will be held in the PAC at 6pm, and whānau and friends are warmly invited to come along and celebrate these musicians.

Year 11 PE Camp

In Week 3, our Year 11 PE students ventured to TOPEC for their annual camp from Monday May 4th to Wednesday May 6th.

Working through their Kotahitanga unit, these students put teamwork and unity to the test during three days of action-packed challenges and activities. During sea kayaking, crate stacking, search and rescue, water safety, rock climbing and adventure based team tasks, our students demonstrated fantastic Kotahitanga, using their problem solving and co-operation to get the jobs done!

Once back at school, students used their learning and experience to write a report on how effective their strategies were in developing a sense of unity in their teams.

Jessica McKnight



Year 13 Geography

Year 13 Geographers researching Sand Accretion and Human Modification on the Ngāmotu coastline last week.

Amanda Brown
Geography



Interaction Revolution

The Interaction Revolution has roared into Term 2 with **Golf, Pickle Ball, Kahoots**, and **Just Dance** being the big attractions.

Last Friday, on Pink Shirt Day, we set a Just Dance school record with 144 participants.

It's also great to see fun ball games like Bench ball and Dodgeball being organised and run by our Year 7 and 8 students.

We are getting out there, being active and getting interactive!

Ngā mihi
Ross



Sporting News

Catch Up on All Our Sporting News

Stay up to date with all the latest results, photos, and achievements by following our Sports Facebook Page. Recent highlights include:

- Basketball – Taranaki Representatives in action
- Netball – Senior teams pre-season tournament
- Football 1st XI Team Announcement
- NISS Orienteering Championships
- National Age Group Swimming Championships – qualifications and results
- 2026 NZSS Rowing Championships – MAADI Cup wrap-up
- 1st XI Cricket – Central Districts Qualifying Tournament

school **SPORTS Facebook Page**
search:-
Sacred Heart Girls College
NP - SPORT

Be sure to check it out and support our athletes as they continue to achieve great things.

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

- **Kerry Yates – Sports Manager** kya@shgcnp.school.nz
- **Kat Greaney – Sports Coordinator** kgy@shgcnp.school.nz

AIMS Games – Individual Athletes

Final call for students interested in competing at the **2026 Zespri AIMS Games** in Tauranga Moana (5–11 September).

A wide range of individual sports are available, including badminton, BMX, canoe racing and slalom, gymnastics, indoor bowls, mountain biking, orienteering, rock climbing, squash, surfing, swimming, table tennis, tennis, yachting, cross country and golf.

To register your interest, please email kgy@shgcnp.school.nz

For more information, visit www.nzaimsgames.co.nz.

Registrations close Friday 29 May.

Sport

Our winter sports season is now in full swing, with teams across all codes back on the fields and courts representing our school with pride.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support our teams through coaching, managing, and transporting players — we couldn't do it without you.

If you have a team update or results you'd like to share, please send them through along with any photos to kgy@shgcnp.school.nz so we can celebrate and share these with our wider school community.

NZ Team Selections

We are proud to celebrate the following students who have recently been selected to represent New Zealand in their respective sports:



Indoor Netball NZ – 19
& Under Mixed:
Quinn Parker Bishop



Indoor Netball NZ – 19
& Under Ladies:
Lilah Allardice



Indoor Netball NZ – 19
& Under Ladies:
Taylah-Chae Collier



NZ Wakeboard Team
(U14 Girls):
Annabel Stevenson



NZ Flag Football
Women's U17 Team:
Azalia Faga



BMX NZ – UCI 16 Female
Age Group:
Emelia Lane

Congratulations to these athletes on their outstanding achievements. We wish them all the very best as they compete on the international stage.

Sports Uniform Amnesty

We are calling on all athletes, past athletes, and families to check at home for any school-issued sports uniforms or gear that can be returned to the Sports Office.

We are particularly looking for items from cricket, rowing, Year 7–8 Rugby 7s (2025), red junior rugby shorts (2025), touch (Term 4, 2025), volleyball, waka ama, and equestrian.

Returning gear helps ensure equipment is available for future teams. Please drop items back to the Sports Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Year 13 Formal

Last Saturday night, after months of excitement and preparation, the Year 13 Formal took place. Staff and all of the Sacred Heart Year 13 students came together for an unforgettable evening that celebrated our final year in style! This year's theme was "Old Hollywood," and St Joseph's Hall was completely transformed to match the glamorous atmosphere of classic cinema. From elegant decorations to the red-carpet-inspired entrance, the venue looked incredible. The girls all looked stunning, and many students embraced the theme enthusiastically, dressing in outfits that perfectly captured the elegance of old Hollywood. A special congratulations goes to **Tula Maclean**, who deservedly won Best Dressed to Theme.

One of the highlights of the evening was undoubtedly the dance floor, which remained busy throughout the night. A shout out to **Tara Wood** and **Caitlyn Bradley**, who were the fully deserving winners of Best Dancers of the Night. The night had a real sense of happiness and togetherness; it was a huge success and there has been overwhelmingly positive feedback from everyone who attended. However, the evening would not have been possible without the amazing people who dedicated countless hours to making the event so special.

A huge thank you goes to the 2026 student-run formal committee, the PTFA for providing delicious food, Mrs Tate for photography, Mr Howarth for providing games, Mrs Ashton for providing decorations, the Year 11 photographers, the Year 12 waitresses, Mrs Avery and Ria Cummings for dance instruction, and the senior deans. This incredible night would not have happened without their support and hard work.



In true Sacred Heart Girls' fashion, the formal also supported an important cause. Money raised from ticket sales went towards **Bellyful**, a volunteer-led charity that provides free meals to families with babies and young children who may not have a strong support network. With a branch here in New Plymouth, the contribution was especially meaningful for the local community. By supporting such a worthwhile organisation, the Year 13 Formal was not only a night of celebration, but also an opportunity to help those in need.

Francie O'Sullivan
Head Girl

See [here](#) for further details about this volunteer-led charity.

Bellyful

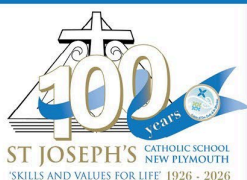
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Year 13 Formal



Year 13 Formal





St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary - Register online 23rd-25th October 2026



We are delighted to be approaching a special milestone in the life of **St Joseph's Catholic School New Plymouth**, and we warmly invite past students, staff, and families to join us in this joyful celebration of this **Mission Sisters', RNDM** historic and iconic school! This will be a meaningful time to come together in fellowship, to reconnect, and to give thanks for the spiritual purpose and history of the school, and the many memories and blessings shared within our school community.

Please mark your calendars for **Friday 23 October, Saturday 24 October, and Sunday 25 October**. We kindly ask you to complete the **"Register Your Interest"** form here:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAlpQLSeUuzs83RR.../viewform...>

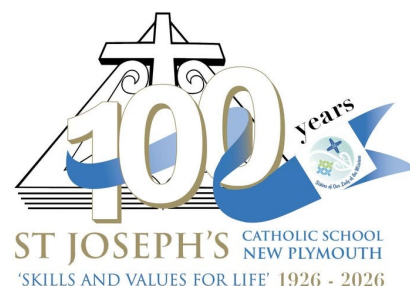
As our planning continues and we gain a clearer idea of numbers attending, further details will be shared here. In the spirit of community, please feel free to pass this invitation on to others who have been part of St Joseph's Catholic School, so we can gather as widely as possible.

In the meantime, we invite you to stay connected by following our Facebook page, where you can see the life and spirit of our school as it continues today.

We look forward to welcoming you back, renewing connections, and celebrating together as a faith-filled whānau.

For further updates, the following is the official **Centenary Facebook** page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718>



Honey for sale



School Fundraiser for Interaction Revolution

Honey for sale

1kg clover honey

\$15.00 per pot at the front office

Funds from honey sales go towards Interaction Revolution (our lunchtime fun/activities programme for students).

See page 11 for a Term 2 report on Interaction Revolution.

