



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM TWO

**Fri 3 July:**  
Last day Term 2

**Fri 10 July:**  
Matariki Day

#### TERM THREE

**Mon 20 July:**  
First day Term 3

**Mon 20 – Fri 24 July:**  
Cultural & Arts Week

**Wed 22 July:**  
Talent Quest, Events  
Centre 6.30pm

**Thurs 6 Aug:**  
Subject Conferences,  
2:00pm – 7:00pm

**Fri 7 Aug:**  
Curriculum Teacher Only  
Day – no school for  
students

**Fri 14 Aug:**  
Founders' Day Mass



**TERM TWO**  
Mon 20 Apr-Fri 3 July

**TERM THREE**  
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 wā o Puanga. Mānawatia a Matariki! Greetings to you all as we approach the Term 2 holidays. We have our Matariki holiday next week and I hope we all find opportunities for quality family time and some rest and refreshment. Matariki is a great time to count our blessings and reframe our goals and aspirations.

Term 2 has been full of rich blessings for us as a Catholic school community. Congratulations to all our students who were confirmed last Sunday, may your faith journey continue to be enriched. Thank you to our student leaders for sharing your gifts and talents and time with confirmation preparation.



**Francie O'Sullivan and Pieta Smith, pictured with Monsignor Anthony**

In this second half of Term 2, we have celebrated Sacred Heart Feast Day and the day before this we were privileged to host a visit from Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo and the relics of St Carlo Acutis from Rome. This was a deeply moving spiritual experience for us all.

At the end of this term, Susilo Kentjana finishes as the Youth Minister for our parish. We thank Susilo for all he has done, working with our young people in the parish and here at school. We wish Susilo all the very best as he moves to the Wellington Diocese to continue his Youth Ministry there.

Youth Minister,  
**Susilo Kentjana**



The last few weeks of Term 2 have been packed with all sorts of wonderful extra-curricular events and we are so proud of our students. Congratulations to our **Showquest** team who won the regional competition in Wellington with their performance about Nancy Wake! (see page 11).

This was a student led and student devised performance - congratulations to our student leaders: **Sofia Asi, Martha-Rose Hagenon, Elliana Luke and Alex Stuck** and all the cast and crew. Thank you to our dedicated staff who facilitated this opportunity **Mrs Taryn Gadsby, Mrs Emma Cronin and Mrs Linda Wichman**. The hours of practice certainly paid off! Thanks to **Mrs Sheree Rangiwahia** for accompanying the trip to Wellington.

### *Principal's peace continued*

On Wednesday 10 June, the Ngā Manu Kōrero regional speech competition in Te Reo Māori and English was held at Spotswood College. Congratulations to **Keri Graham** on an outstanding speech both prepared and impromptu and for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in her sections. Ka mau te wehi, Keri!



**Keri Graham, Year 11**

On the same day as Ngā Manu Kōrero our school was heartily represented at the Chamber Music competition. Congratulations to **Izzy Hoyte** who won the best performance of an original composition and **Cassie Colbourne, Isabella Kwong and Frankie Lamb** who won best performance of a New Zealand work. In other music events we had students perform at Smokefree Rockquest and Kids Sing. Our **Trebles** choir directed by **Georgia Jeffrey, Jane Doyle** and **Elliana Luke** won best performance of a NZ work at Kids Sing. (See pages 9-10).

Term 2 has also been packed full of performing art and drama. Congratulations to **Jane Doyle** and **Shannon Doyle** and their support crew for their recognition at the SGCNZ National Festival held in Wellington. Well done too to all our students who have performed at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall theatre this term (see pages 5-6).



**Pasifika Group**

Congratulations too to our Pasifika group who performed at the Fia Fia night at NPGHS on Friday 19 June.

At King's Birthday we hosted the annual Mission Cup Netball tournament and the Te Toa Shield Hockey competition.

This was a wonderful time of sisterhood (and fierce competition) with our other RNDM colleges. Congratulations to our hockey team who won Te Toa! (see pages 14-15).



**Barb Costelloe and Joan Hodson** at Mission Cup and Te Toa.

We are so proud of all our students who have been recognised for their achievements at the recent "rose" assembly (see pages 12-13).

In board news, we will again consult with you as a community to offer a chance to hear your voice. Our Strategic Plan was thoroughly consulted on and developed last year, and this will be reviewed and then adopted for 2027 – 2029 as per the new School Planning and Reporting Regulations timeline.

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.

**Barbara Costelloe**  
Tumuaki



*Please Note:* The school office will be closed during the July school holidays.  
The office will re-open Monday 20 July.

### Retreats

This term, we held our annual Year 9, 10, and 11 Retreats, providing a special time for each year group to come together in prayer, participate in activities, build friendships, and share in Mass and Adoration.



**Year 9 & 10 Theme - Gratitude & Attitude**

**Year 11 Theme - Sacred Spaces, Living Faith**

### St Carlo Acutis Relics Visit

We were blessed to welcome the relics of St Carlo Acutis to our school, all the way from Italy.

Monsignor Anthony spoke warmly to our students, encouraging us to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to participate regularly in the Holy Eucharist.

The blessing with the relics was a deeply spiritual experience for all, making it a truly special and inspiring occasion for our school community.



*“The awe, reverence and respect that flowed was beautiful.*

*It was such a gift and blessing for St Carlo Acutis to visit SHGC for which we are so grateful.”*

*(Amelia, SHGC Chaplain)*



### Sacred Heart Feast Day

On Friday, 12 June, we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a whole school Mass in our Events Centre.



We were grateful to have **Fr Tom Lawn** lead the celebration. As a new tradition, our Head Girl Team, **Francie O’Sullivan, Pieta Smith, and Martha-Rose Hagenson**, shared a beautiful and heartfelt homily reflecting on the meaning of this important feast.

### Sacraments – Baptism, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Congratulations to four of our students who were Baptised by Fr Sobin in our Mary Phelan Chapel during a Class Mass, and five senior students made their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion with Fr Simon this term.



Left to right;  
**Isla Green, Matilda Lord, Fr Sobin, Lucy Gibson, Michaela Kwangwari.**



Left to right; **Azalia Faga, Hope Hirini-Crow, Rosa Sergent-Shadbolt, Fr Simon, Nancy Chen, Ruby Smither.**

### Confirmation

On Sunday, 28 June, 33 of our students celebrated their Confirmation with Bishop John Adams at St Joseph’s Church, New Plymouth. It was a beautiful occasion, and we pray that our young people will always know the love of Jesus Christ in their lives.

We also give thanks to the senior students who generously gave their time over the past ten weeks to help prepare the candidates. Reflecting our school Whakatauki:

*Kotahi tātou i a Karaiti hei manaaki - United through Christ to Serve.*



*DRAMA – SGCNZ Festival*

5 groups entered this year's **SGCNZ Regional Festival** in Stratford.

**The Merchant of Venice** [5-minute piece]

**Ruth Hagenson** (Director)  
**Arabella Thomson**

**Hamlet** [15-minute piece compilation]

**Evangeline McKinnon** (Director and producer -exploring the demise of Ophelia)

**Maeve Quinn**  
**Tula MacLean**  
**Catriona Thomson**  
**Evangeline McKinnon**  
**Elise Lewis**

**Othello** [5-minute piece]

**Sophie Fowler** (Director)  
**Ruth Hagenson**

**Macbeth** [5-minute piece]

**Jane Doyle** (Director)  
**Shannon Doyle**  
Won **best 5-minute piece** thus earning a place in the National festival in Wellington.

**Macbeth** [5-minute piece ]

**Eloise Moorby** (Director)  
**Orlaith Collins**  
**Eva Hodson**  
**Amelia Gaudin** (Technical)



10 students were able to take the opportunity to travel to Wellington for the King's birthday long weekend to be a part of the **SGCNZ National Festival** thanks to our winning team.

We enjoyed workshops on the Friday and two full days of winning Shakespeare pieces from across Aotearoa.

**Awards and Accolades:**

**Jane Doyle:** Outstanding Performer Award / Scholarship for Outstanding Participants to Wellington University. NSSP Selection: [National Shakespeare Schools Production]

**Shannon Doyle**  
**Jane Doyle**

A prestigious, intensive residential course in Wellington. Students spend the week taking workshops with leading tutors and block and rehearse scenes to culminate the week with Shakespeare performances.



### DRAMA – Rock of Ages

Ten of our Manawa Tapu students, ranging from Year 9 to Year 13 were involved in the FDMC's Junior Musical Production **Rock of Ages** which took place earlier this term at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre. It was a treat to watch and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

*Students involved:* **Amber Whitehead, Neve Kerr, Zoe Read, Chloe Rice, Stacy-Lee Wainwright, Georgia Jeffrey (musical co-director), Isabel Shinoj, Rosa Sergent-Shadbolt, Monique Gale and Poppy Ellmoos**



*DRAMA – Year 11 Production: In Our Shoes*



*Royal New Zealand Ballet Workshop*

15 students enjoyed a 1 ½ hour workshop learning two sections of varied dance from the company's recent repertoire.



## Volunteers to help with Special Assessment Conditions



We are looking to build a network of volunteers who may be able to help our students during exam time with special assessment conditions.

This may involve being a reader, writer or supervisor for an individual or group of students. The role is **strictly neutral and supportive** – you are *not helping them with answers*, just enabling access.

Full training will be given and you will be supported throughout.

We are looking for support for this, for our mock exams for senior students, either 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm:

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Please contact Emma McIntosh [emc@shgcnp.school.nz](mailto:emc@shgcnp.school.nz) to chat further about this.

## Year 10 Food Studies

**Year 10 Food Studies classes – Pizza Like Never Before** - Our Year 10 students recently completed their Pizza Like Never Before unit. In this unit they explored the science of leavening and proofing before designing their own personalised pizzas creating unique bases, sauces and toppings.

To finish, we were lucky to host Melissa and Jim from The Rolling Pizza, who voluntarily gave their time and resources, shared insights into the food truck industry and provided a real-world experience with their wood-fired pizza caravan. Students presented their pizzas and received valuable industry feedback.

This experience highlighted that Food Studies is much more than “just cooking”.

It involves food science, creativity, problem-solving, planning, time management, evaluation and understanding real-world industry practices and opportunities. A big thank you to Melissa and Jim for an inspiring visit.



**Julia McNeil**, Food Technology Teacher

## Year 13 Tourism

On Friday 19 June, Y13 Tourism walked to Hello World Strandon to meet Marise Barrett and find out more about the Travel Industry and travel agent pathway.

A huge thank you to Marise and Bev for their insights, time, resources and lollies!

**Note:** Friday was ‘Dress as your Parents Day’ for Y13 students, which is why they are not wearing school uniform and appear in outfits representing different occupations.

**Amanda Brown**, Geography Teacher



### *Smokefree Rockquest Taranaki Finals*

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, SHGC students took part in the Taranaki Regional Finals of Smokefree Rockquest, with two acts representing the school. *Spilt Milk*, a band of Year 11 students, performed two original songs written by **Ruby Smither**. Members include **Ruth Hagenson** (vocals), **Ruby Smither** (electric guitar), **Mackenzie Hall** (electric guitar), **Eloise Moorby** (bass), **Sophia Guo** (keys), **Amanda Guo** (drums).

We also had Year 13 student **Georgia Jeffrey** as the lead singer of *Wild Things*, a combined FDMC/SHGC band. It was a fun, high-energy evening and gave the students a chance to perform in a live rock setting.



### *St Andrew's Lunchtime Concert*

SHGC musicians were invited to perform at one of the weekly lunchtime concerts at St Andrew's, providing a valuable opportunity to prepare for the Chamber Music Contest and upcoming NCEA performances. All students represented the school with pride and were warmly received by members of the community.

### *Chamber Music Contest*

SHGC had a strong presence at the annual Chamber Music Contest held at St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 10 June. A total of 32 students took part across 12 groups, with some performing in up to four ensembles on different instruments. All groups performed to a high standard, and students should be proud of their work after months of preparation.

Congratulations to Year 12 student **Izzy Hoyte**, who won the SOUNZ Best Performance of an Original Composition for her piece *Girl on a Swing*, featuring double bass and two guitars.

SHGC also received the SOUNZ Best Performance of a New Zealand Work. This was awarded to the group *Senza Fiato*, consisting of **Cassie Colbourne** (piano), **Isabella Kwong** (soprano saxophone), and **Frankie Lamb** (cornet), for their performance of *Festive Duo* by David Woodcock.

A special mention goes to the group *Melanie*, made up of **Isabella Kwong** (violin), **Martha-Rose Hagenson** (flute), and **Cassie Colbourne** (piano). This marked their seventh and final appearance at the Chamber Music Contest, having competed every year since Year 7. They performed *Comic Bagatelles* by Steve Locks.



### Kids Sing

A highlight of the choral year was our Year 7 and 8 choir, *The Trebles*, performing at Kids Sing on Monday 15 June.

They presented an exceptional performance, demonstrating strong ensemble skills and musicality.

This year, the choir is directed by Year 13 music students **Georgia Jeffrey**, **Jane Doyle**, and **Elliana Luke**.

The Trebles were awarded one of only two prizes presented on the day — congratulations to them for winning Best Performance of a New Zealand Work with their rendition of *Tihore Mai te Rangi* by Hirini Melbourne.



### House Singing

School House Singing was held on Friday 12 June. The Houses performed to an amazing standard.

Thank you to our judges pictured below; ex-student, **Ella Bartlett** and Itinerant Teacher, **Alyssa Avery**.



Congratulations to **Lourdes** who took away the trophy this year.

All Houses held their tune well and it was an enjoyable afternoon.



## Showquest

On the 25 June, the ShowQuest team travelled down to Wellington to compete in the regional competition. Our team consisted of 42 girls from Years 8-13 and competed against 6 other schools.

Our piece is titled “The White Mouse” based on the life of Nancy Wake, a strong Wāhine Toa from New Zealand’s history. Nancy lived a life of determination and sacrifice. After moving to France to become a journalist, she met her husband who introduced her to the resistance, a group of people fighting back against the Nazis. Known as *The White Mouse* to the Gestapo due to her ability to discretely move past people without being noticed, she became their most wanted. Her story reflects how she kept going even after many sacrifices and losses, and she shows us what it means to be Wāhine Toa.

We are extremely grateful to be awarded excellence for music (soundtrack) and art, best overall story, and first place!

We are so incredibly proud of all the girls involved. Your dedication, perseverance, and growth these past 5 months has been phenomenal! We couldn’t have asked for a better cast. You should all be extremely proud of your efforts.

Thank you to Mrs Gadsby, Mrs Cronin, and Mrs Wichman for all their hard work behind the scenes. Without their guidance and support, we would not have been able to produce such an amazing piece!

**Sofia Asi, Martha-Rose Hagenson, Elliana Luke, Alex Stuck**



## *Rose Assembly*



The following students were awarded a rose at our Rose Assembly held on Tuesday 16 June:

- Laura Balsom** - Winner of 2026 Toyota NZ Dream Car Art Contest.
- Sienna Bourke** - NZ Young Handler Title, Jersey New Zealand.
- Amelia Ellem** - Won gold in U12 Mixed Beach Sprint Relay at Oceans 26 Junior Surf Lifesaving Nationals.
- Emelia Lane** - NZ UCI U16 BMX Racing World Championships in Brisbane.
- Zoe Lawn** - Won the FEI Pony National Title at the Bates Dressage National Competition.
- Dylan Munyard** - Won gold in U12 East End Mixed Team Sprint at Oceans 2026 NZ Surf Lifesaving Nationals.
- Elissa Strohmeier** - Won gold Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls at National Rowing Championships.
- Francie O'Sullivan** - Won gold Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls at National Rowing Championships.
- Ruby Fuller** - Won gold Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls at National Rowing Championships.
- Cassie Colbourne** - Won gold Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls at National Rowing Championships.
- Jade Smiley** - Won gold medal U17 Female Beach Relay 2026 AON NZ Surf Lifesaving Championships.
- Annabel Stevenson** - Won U14 NZ National Wakeboarding Champs, selected for NZ U14 at the IWWF World Wakeboarding Championships in Italy, and U14 NZ Team at the Oceania Waterski & Wakeboarding Champs in Australia.
- Zara Stevenson** - Selected for NZ U18 at the IWWF World Wakeboarding Championships in Italy, and U18 NZ Team at the Oceania Waterski & Wakeboarding Champs in Australia.
- Emma Taylor** - Won gold in 6 aside NZ Junior Indoor Netball Nationals as part of Taranaki 15 and Under Indoor Netball team.
- Milah Topping** - Won gold in 6 aside NZ Junior Indoor Netball Nationals as part of Taranaki 15 and Under Indoor Netball team.
- Amber Whitehead** - 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 metre Manakin Tow with Fins at the NZ Pool Rescue Nationals.
- Izaro Williamson Sasia** - Double NZ Champion at NZ Surfing National Championships. Won both Open and Junior Women's Longboard Divisions. Named in NZ Open Longboard Team to compete in El Salvador at ISA World Champs in October.
- Quinn Parker-Bishop** - Selected for Indoor Netball NZ - 19 & Under Mixed.
- Lilah Allardice** - Selected for Indoor Netball NZ - 19 & Under Ladies.
- Taylah-Chae Collier** - Selected for Indoor Netball NZ - 19 & Under Mixed. Taylah-Chae also won the 2026 Mission Cup highly commended player.
- Azalea Faga** - Selected for NZ Flag Football Women's U17 Team.

### Rose Assembly



**Saskia Smith** - Member of Team that won the Religious Questions at O’Shea Shield.

**Jane Doyle** - Member of Team that won the Religious Questions at O’Shea Shield. Won both an Outstanding Performer Award as well as Raukaraka Entrance Scholarship from Victoria University at the National Shakespeare Festival in Wellington. Jane was also selected from all the performers to be a part of the prestigious PSSP Programme.

**Shannon Doyle** - Member of Team that won the Religious Questions at O’Shea Shield. Shannon was also selected from all the performers to be a part of the prestigious PSSP Programme.

**Louis Dominique Domingo** - Won 2026 O’Shea Shield Impromptu speech.

**Te Toa Shield Hockey Team** – Winners of the 2026 Te Toa Shield Tournament, team members as follows:

- **Rania Bennett**
- **Georgia Coronno**
- **Olivia Flood** – Olivia was also awarded the Te Toa Shield most valuable player
- **Martha-Rose Hagenson**
- **Lexi Hancock**
- **Belle Hay-Vega**
- **Eva Hay-Vega**
- **Madeleine Howatson**
- **Kayla Kennedy**
- **Zoe Moses**
- **Alice Quinn**
- **Pieta Smith**
- **Macy Stuck**
- **Ariane Tauwhare-George**
- **Bernie Vanner**



### Sporting News

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

Recent highlights include:

- Football Update
- July Holidays Volleyball Skills Clinic
- TRFU Holiday Programme
- Call for Year 7 & 8 Rugby 7s players
- NPPA Year 7 & 8 Volleyball Tournament
- Clifton Rowing – Learn to Row holiday sessions
- Youth Bachata Lessons
- TSSSA Cross Country Champs

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## Te Toa Shield - Hockey

### Four-Time Champions!

Our unstoppable 1st XI hockey team has secured the **Te Toa Shield** for the fourth year running, finishing the tournament undefeated on home turf.

The team remained undefeated across the tournament, demonstrating discipline, determination and outstanding teamwork.

Each match was played with pride and true sportsmanship, even as the competition intensified. Each game wrapped up with penalty shoot-out, a great chance for both teams to sharpen their skills.



They delivered powerful performances:

11-0 vs St Joseph's Māori Girls' College Napier

5-3 vs SHC Lower Hutt

3-2 vs SHC Napier

3-0 vs SHGC Hamilton



Congratulations to our **Olivia Flood** being awarded MVP Honours.

A huge thank-you to Karla Ralph; coach, management team; Kim Pennington and Bernie Howatson, Mrs Costelloe (the ultimate cheerleader), Sports Manager; Kerry Yates, and all our supporters.

An exceptional performance from an exceptional team!

### Mission Cup - Netball

This year, Mission Cup was proudly hosted in our hometown of New Plymouth, bringing together five RNDM schools for this much-anticipated annual event. While we missed having Melbourne with us this year, we look forward to welcoming them back in 2027.

Over the three days, we had the opportunity to build new friendships and strengthen connections across the schools through the tournament, a shared dinner, and Mass. As a newly formed team, we were incredibly proud of the growth we showed throughout the competition, improving with every game and continuing to develop both on and off the court.



The competition was fierce yet friendly, with all teams displaying great sportsmanship. Finishing the tournament with two wins, one draw, and one loss – including a victory over the eventual champions from Hamilton – we narrowly missed a place in the final and finished third overall. Despite this, we were delighted with our performance and the way we represented our school, which was recognised with the Fair Play Award for the weekend.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the event such a success, including Joan, Kerry, the umpires, and the many parents who volunteered their time and support. We also appreciate all the supporters who came along to cheer us on, including Mrs Costelloe.



Finally, thank you to our coach and manager for their dedication, encouragement, and support throughout the weekend, helping us perform at our best and enjoy every moment of the experience.

Mission Cup was not only a fantastic tournament but also an invaluable opportunity to prepare for our major campaign at the Lower North Island Secondary Schools Tournament in Wellington later this August. We are excited to continue building on the momentum and lessons gained from an unforgettable weekend.

**Abi Nelson  
and  
Paige Adamson**



## NZSS Cross Country

On the 20th of June, 9 of our girls took part in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Nationals down in Wellington. We had to run through torrents of mud, knee-deep rivers, windy conditions and even a steeple jump but made it through alive! We had a lot of fun and are proud of everyone's effort.

This trip wouldn't have been possible without the boundless support of Jordan Haylock, Emma Bridgehouse (manager), sponsors and the amazing parents of girls who travelled with us.

*"I felt that I raced well and sliding down the hill was the best part"* - **Lily Winters Yr 12**

*"It was a good race and everyone's encouragement pushed me on, especially Mr Haylock's 'slay queen' contribution"* - **Anya Yr 10**

*"I felt inspired by the experienced older runners and their tactics"* - **Eleanor Bridgehouse Yr 10**

The next day, several of our girls took part in the regional relays and represented Taranaki with pride.

Overall a wonderful bonding experience for our girls and great to see the hard work pay off! –

Written by **Jane Doyle**

