



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM FOUR

Mon 12 Oct:
First Day Term 4

Tues 13 Oct:
Awards Assembly

Fri 16 Oct:
Y12 Retreat

Fri 23 Oct:
Y13 Retreat

Mon 26 Oct:
Labour Day

Tues 27 Oct:
Mission Market Day,
1.00-2.10pm

Wed 28 Oct:
Sports Prizegiving, 1.30 –
3pm, Events Centre

Thurs 29 Oct:
Māori and Pasifika Grad,
5.30-7pm in the
Staffroom

Tues 3 Nov:
Senior Prizegiving, 1.15-
3.10pm, Events Centre

Wed 4 Nov:
Thanksgiving Mass, 10am
in the Events Centre

Y13 Graduation Dinner

Fri 13 Nov:
Staff Retreat

The office will be closed
during the school
holidays.

TERM FOUR

Mon 12 Oct-Fri 11 Dec

Principal's Peace

Kia ora e te whānau, ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa i te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Ake Ake Ake – A Forever Language. Me kōrero Reo Māori tātou ia rā ia rā. Karawhuia!

Let's all do what we can to kōrero Māori wherever and whenever we can. Although Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori was officially 14 – 20 September, here at school we will be celebrating this in Week 1, Term 4 when our seniors are not busy with their exams as they have been in the last two weeks of term.

This newsletter comes to you packed full of sporting success at Winter Tournament week (30 August – 4 September) and AIMS games (5 – 11 September) as well as success at other tournaments and winter competitions. Congratulations to all of our students who have committed to their sports and thank you to all our coaches, managers and parents for making this happen. See pages 14-20.

Congratulations to all of our students who are making the most of their opportunities. Well done **Annabelle Edwards** on being recognised as Volunteer of the Month (see page 7) and to **Isabella Kwong** and **Nancy Chen** for your performances with the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra (page 9). Well done too to all our student winners from the Taranaki Science and Technology Fair and Epro8.

This term we went to Te Niho o Te Atiawa, Parihaka for our annual noho marae for all taurira Māori and their whānau (27-28 August). It was wonderful to reconnect with Whaea Puna Wharehoka and her whānau and to hear the kōrero of Parihaka from Dr Ruakere Hond. Thank you to **Whaea Kelly Jennings** for the superb organisation and Whaea Rita Rukuwai for facilitating this special event for us.

This term has also seen the inaugural combined Pasifika Fanau evening for SHGC and FDMC students held at the St Joseph's Church hall on Thursday 3 September.



This was a wonderful celebration of our students, their rich Pasifika heritage and cultural dance and music as well as a magnificent shared kai.

Thank you to Sheree and Ronie Asi and Sieni Richardson as well as **Mrs Joan Hodson** and **Mrs Bridie Steele** for everything you have done to support our Pasifika group this year and for getting this fabulous occasion happening. We will work to keep it an annual event.

Principal's peace continued

In Board news, we have a change of student representative. A massive thank you to **Tula MacLean** for her outstanding service in the past year. Tula has been recognised by the board for her commitment, her communication and her professionalism. She has been a fantastic representative for the students of Manawa Tapu. Congratulations to **Nikiwe Zhanje** who has been elected for the following year. Students are encouraged to use their year group representatives on the Student Council to ensure Nikiwe can take student views or concerns to the Board.

Thank you to everyone who answered our Community Consultation Survey in August. Your feedback is very much appreciated and helps guide the strategic direction for our School Board and Senior Leadership team. Please see pages 3-4 for a summary of your feedback. Please also note that our new SchoolDocs platform for school policy has a review function where anyone in the community can feed into the review of our policies. Here is the link to SchoolDocs: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> (login: shgcnp password: heart).

In staffing news, we are delighted to share that **Mrs Holly Warner** will be taking parental leave in 2027 as she is expecting a baby. Congratulations to **Mr Shintaro Kirkcaldie** who will step up as Acting Principal Ako & Poutama (Curriculum) in her absence, and **Mrs Amanda Brown** who will be Acting Senior Chanel Dean while he steps into this role. In other staffing news, we have **Mr Wayne Murray** joining our Property team as a second caretaker next term.

We hope the school holidays provide the much-needed rest and recuperation for everyone after such a tough term of winter illness for so many. Students are asked to stay away from school as we will be doing property work during the break including the resealing of some of the driveway. We are also hopeful that the grotto will be moved to school from its current location on Powderham street these holidays. A little reminder that the office will be closed and I am away on pilgrimage until the start of Term 4.

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



Pasifika Group Performance

Tuesday 1st September, our beautiful Pasifika group performed an amazing showcase at our school assembly, alongside our special guests, the New Plymouth Boys' High School Pasifika group.

Sa latou fa'aalia fa'atasi le matagofie o a latou aganu'u ma le 'ese'ese o tala'aga o a latou tagata nu'u, mai Rarotonga, Tonga, ma Samoa. O se avanoa tāua ma le fa'aeaina mo i matou le molimauina o le fa'asoaina mai o nei aganu'u eseese, ma le tāua fo'i o le auai ai o ā tatou lava tamaiti aoga. Mālō lava! U'umau i lau aganu'u ma mitamita i lou fa'asinomaga.

Well done! Hold firmly to your culture and be proud of your identity.

Hailey Richardson and Sally Sofeni-Williams



Student Rep Elections 2026

Thank you to the three students below who put their names forward and stood in the 2026 Student Board Representative elections. Your willingness to step up, get involved, and represent your fellow students is greatly appreciated.

Students who stood for election:

- **CLELAND, Olive**
- **SCOTT, Eliza (Ellie)**
- **ZHANJE, Nikiwe**

Declaration of Student Election Results:

Congratulations to **Nikiwe Zhanje** who was elected.



Denise Stachurski
Returning Officer

Pictured right; **Tula McLean** with **John Elliott**, Presiding Member.

The Board thanked Tula for her term on the Board. She has been a wonderful student representative, and her maturity and diligence in this role are highly commended. The Board expressed its sincere appreciation for her valuable contribution and wishes her every success in her future endeavours.



School Board - Community Consultation Survey

Kia ora koutou,

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who took the time to complete the school's recent Community Consultation Survey.

What you shared with us:

Your feedback highlighted an opportunity for the Board to strengthen community confidence through greater visibility, communication, and engagement. While many of you feel the Board is acting in the best interests of the school, some shared that they are unsure about the Board's role, how it operates, and how to engage with it.

As a Board, we value your feedback and discussed these themes at our Board Hui on 26 August. Below, we've addressed each of these directly.

The Board's role

The Board's role is **governance**. We set the school's strategic direction, vision, policies, and goals, and ensure accountability for student outcomes. This includes ensuring the school's Catholic Character is maintained. The Board does not become involved in day-to-day operational matters. As a Board, we meet once a month during the school year to discuss governance matters arising.

The Senior Leadership Team's role is **management**. They are responsible for the day-to-day running of the school, including implementing policies, managing staff, and delivering teaching and learning programmes. These roles are different but work together to support the success of our students and school community.

How to Engage with the Board

We heard that it isn't always clear how to reach us or what process to follow, so here's what we're doing about it. We will ensure there is clearer information, including a full list of current Board members and the process to contact us with regard to governance, on the school website [\[here\]](#). We will also increase our visibility at school events and community gatherings, including opportunities such as Meet the Teacher evenings, so there are more chances to connect with us directly.

In the meantime, for most day-to-day questions, concerns, or feedback about teaching, learning, or student wellbeing, please continue to contact the school directly through its usual processes. For anything relating to governance, please contact the Board Secretary at dst@shgcnp.school.nz who can then direct your query to the most appropriate party.

Ngā mihi,
The Sacred Heart Girls' College Board

Other - Community Consultation Survey

Special Character

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Service Survey. The results were positive, with many respondents recognising that our school already provides a strong foundation for understanding service and the importance of serving others. It is encouraging to see that our students and staff value the opportunities currently available and appreciate the culture of service that is part of our school community.

The survey also highlighted strong support for expanding authentic, hands-on service opportunities that connect students directly with the wider community. Respondents expressed a desire for experiences that develop empathy, strengthen community connections, build leadership skills, and allow students to make a practical difference in the lives of others.

A key recommendation is to improve communication about existing service opportunities, ensuring students and families are aware of how they can become involved and contribute to our mission of service.

As a school, we look forward to building on these strengths and continuing to provide meaningful opportunities for students to live out our values through service to others.

Pastoral

Many respondents value the care, kindness, and support provided by our staff, with teachers, deans, counsellors, and Manaaki teachers frequently recognised for their commitment to student wellbeing.

Feedback highlighted strong relationships, responsive support, and the positive impact of our pastoral care systems. Families also acknowledged the support available through counselling, careers guidance, and individual staff members who go above and beyond for students.

An area identified for improvement was communication. Families would like more consistent updates, clearer communication channels, and more opportunities to hear positive news and celebrations of student success.

We appreciate the constructive feedback and will use it to continue strengthening our pastoral care systems, ensuring every student feels known, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Te Reo Māori

Feedback was generally positive about the school's commitment to Te Reo Māori, tikanga, and kapa haka, with many respondents expressing pride in the leadership and progress being made.

Key suggestions included increasing student understanding of the value of kapa haka and Māori culture, improving access and participation opportunities (particularly for senior students and tauwi learners), providing clearer pathways for students not taking Te Reo as a subject, and continuing to strengthen inclusive practices.

Communication

Thank you for your feedback in the survey regarding our Term 3 Subject Conference formats. While a significant number of respondents from caregivers, students, and staff indicated they had no preference, the 'one evening with a longer bookable period from 2:00pm-7:00pm' was the clear preferred option overall. Given this support, and recognising that many respondents were comfortable with either format, we are intending to adopt the one evening model for our **Term 3** Subject Conferences in 2027.

**Please Note: The school office will be closed during the school holidays.
The office will re-open Monday 12 October.**



CONTACT US

Who to Contact



ATTENDANCE – Sickness My child is sick and cannot come to school today	Ring the school office 758 5023 and leave a message on the absentee line, or use the SchoolBridge APP. This absence is coded M. If a student is away for more than 3 days, a medical certificate is required.
ATTENDANCE – Planned Absence <5 days My child will be absent from school for less than 5 days, e.g. <i>away on a Friday for a long weekend for a special family occasion</i>	Please contact your child's Manaaki Teacher prior to days of absence. (teachercode)@shgcnp.school.nz
ATTENDANCE – Planned Absence >5 days If you are planning on taking a holiday during Term time, that is longer than 5 school days, please notify the principal in writing.	You must notify the principal in writing prior to your departure.
LEARNING – Subject issue My child is having an issue with a particular subject [Subject teachers will contact a caregiver if they have concerns]	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. A full staff list is found on our website accessed from the "Contact Us" page or this link: our staff
LEARNING – Subjects/Other issues My child is having an issue with more than one subject or other aspects of school, or she has a home or health situation that the school needs to know about	Please contact your child's Manaaki Teacher: (teachercode)@shgcnp.school.nz The first port of call for most concerns should be your child's Manaaki Teacher
PASTORAL concerns There is something more serious happening with my child. She might be being bullied (online or in person), she might be struggling with a mental health issue or there might be something going on in her personal or family life that is a bit more confidential.	For more serious pastoral care needs please contact your child's Dean. Year 7 Dean: Andrea Taylor Barbier Junior Dean: Sheree Rangiwahia Barbier Senior Dean: Helen Basile Chanel Junior Dean: Jade Harrison Chanel Senior Dean: Shin Kirkcaldie Lourdes Junior Dean: Ross Howarth Lourdes Senior Dean: Joan Hodson Vianney Junior Dean: Katrin Coleman Vianney Senior Dean: Carly Avery ata@shgcnp.school.nz sra@shgcnp.school.nz hba@shgcnp.school.nz jhr@shgcnp.school.nz ski@shgcnp.school.nz rho@shgcnp.school.nz jho@shgcnp.school.nz kco@shgcnp.school.nz cav@shgcnp.school.nz
For any other issues not covered here, or if you are unsure of who to contact.	Please ring the school on 758 5023 and our office staff will help you out.

Special Character

2026 Social Justice Week

Theme: You Belong – Nō Konei Anō Koe

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that every person carries a dignity that is not earned and not given by others but woven into us by the God who made us. In Aotearoa New Zealand, this truth echoes in the idea of *tūrangawaewae* — a place to stand, a place to belong. Wherever we come from, whoever we are, we are held by a God who knows our name and calls us home.

Pope Leo XIV calls for cultivating human relationships as a foundation for social justice: *"Let us cultivate relationships! In an era that favours speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness... Stay close to those who only have the power of their fragile, magnificent humanity"*



A Prayer for Home

E te Ariki, Lord,

You know what it feels like to be rejected, misunderstood, and alone. Yet you continue to call us your friends, your brothers and sisters, your beloved.

Thank you that our worth is not measured by popularity, success, or achievement, but by your endless love for us.

When we feel disconnected, draw us closer to your heart and to one another.

Teach us to build communities of welcome, where every person is valued and known.

Help us to reflect your kindness, mercy, and compassion in our schools and homes.

We belong, now and forever, to you.

Āmene.

A family
THAT
prays
together
STAYS
together

Social Justice Week Donations

Social Justice Week was celebrated earlier this term as part of our Founders Day celebrations. Last week, we had the pleasure of delivering the generous donations contributed by our students and staff to support those in need. We were delighted to donate to **St Vincent de Paul, the Foodbank, the SPCA, and Women's Refuge**, all of whom were deeply appreciative of our community's kindness and generosity.



St Vincent de Paul donations



Foodbank donations

This initiative reflects our 2026 school whakataukī so well: **Kotahi tātou i a Karaiti hei manaaki** - United through Christ to Serve. As Jesus reminds us: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40). Thank you to everyone who contributed. Together, we continue to live out our Catholic mission of serving others with compassion, dignity, and love.

Kotahi tatou i a Karaiti hei manaaki — United through Christ to Serve

Social Justice Week Donations

Students involved with Social Justice Week donations were **Martha-Rose Hagenson, Elliana Luke, Maeve Quinn** and **Sylvie Hucker**.



SPCA donations



Women's Refuge donations

Caritas Nepal Flood Relief Appeal

Through the generosity of our Junior Socials, Faith in Action class, and Social Justice Week stalls, our school raised **\$2,500.00** for flood relief in Nepal. These funds will support Caritas, which is providing emergency food, shelter, medical assistance, and recovery support to families affected by the devastating floods.

Thank you for helping us live out our Gospel call to care for those in need. Another wonderful example of living out our 2026 school Whakatauki, **Kotahi tātou i a Karaiti hei manaaki** - *United through Christ to Serve*.

Here is the link if you would like to donate. [Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand | Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development](#)



Wendy Mulligan (DRS)
Director of Religious Studies

Volunteer of the Month

Anabelle Edwards was presented with Volunteer of the Month in Empower Me. She was completely surprised by it.

Roly and Sarah from Gabby's Starlit Hope nominated Anabelle and were present at the ceremony.

Marie from Volunteering New Plymouth presented the award. Annabelle's parents, grandparents and sister Lilly were here for the special occasion. Tracey, Lisa and Emma were also present.

What was lovely, is that this happened in the company of her Lourdes 10 classmates who were clearly moved and inspired by Annabelle's actions.

After the ceremony Marie spoke to the girls about the power of volunteering.

Fair to say this group of girls are truly inspired to pay it back and pay it forward through volunteering.



NZ Geography Olympiad

Mrs Brown recently visited Türkiye, escorting the NZ Geography Olympiad team to compete with 47 countries. The team earned 18th place, with one member earning the first ever Gold medal for NZ!

Alongside were new friendships across multiple nations, and a poster session where students discussed geographic issues in their country including solutions.

We also travelled to Gallipoli to pay homage to the 500 000 soldiers on both sides of the conflict who were injured or died in the campaign.

This is a Board of Geography Teachers experience where Y12 geography students have the opportunity to compete for selection across the country. Next years Y12s have the opportunity to compete to go to Melbourne in 2028.



Paper 4 Trees

Members of Komiti Kaitiaki spent a lunch time planting native trees and harakeke in our memorial garden.

Thanks to the Paper for Trees initiative and support from OMV, we were able to replace some plants that didn't survive some of the wild winter southerlies we had this year.



Student Music Stars

Congratulations to **Isabella Kwong** and **Nancy Chen** who performed as soloists with the Taranaki Symphony Orchestra on Saturday 5th September. These two musicians were selected after placing in the Aria and Concerto Competition earlier in the year.

Isabella performed Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in G Major and **Nancy** performed Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 12.

These were extremely professional performances and a huge achievement to get up in front of a full orchestra and audience at the Theatre Royale.



Friday 28th August, SHGC and FDMC travelled to Waikato to perform at the Waikato ITM Band Festival. SHGC students performed in the Combined Concert Band, Fusion, while our Year 11 Jazz Ensemble also took to the stage.



The groups presented an exciting and varied programme, featuring pieces such as *Star Wars*, *Living on a Prayer*, *April in Paris*, and an SATB jazz arrangement of Billy Joel's *Vienna*.

All students represented their schools with pride, demonstrating outstanding musicianship throughout the festival.



A special achievement was that some students performed after learning their instrument for less than a year, showcasing their dedication, hard work, and commitment to developing their musical skills.



Secondary Schools Jazz Band

On 13th September, Sunday evening, we attended the annual Secondary Schools Jazz Band Fundraiser at the Taranaki Jazz Club, where jazz ensembles from SHGC, FDMC, NPGHS, NPBHS, Inglewood High School, and Te Paepae o Aotea showcased their talents.

SHGC was represented by two groups: our Year 11 ensemble, All That Jazz, and our Senior Jazz Band. The musicians entertained the audience with a varied programme, ranging from jazz standards such as Duke Ellington's Caravan to a jazz arrangement of Billy Joel's Vienna.

The evening provided a fantastic opportunity for our students to perform and refine their programmes ahead of their music trip to MEFA in Wellington.



Food Studies Supporting RDA

Some of our Food Studies classes have been busy making and icing gingerbread horses for the annual Riding for the Disabled (RDA) fundraiser. These delicious creations will be sold throughout September to help raise funds for this wonderful organisation.

We are proud to support RDA and the valuable work they do in our community. As a school, we have seen firsthand the positive impact RDA has had on both past and present students, making this a cause that is especially close to our hearts.

The feedback from RDA was overwhelming, with Group Manager Francine Macilquham describing the gingerbread horses as "absolutely amazing" and expressing her sincere thanks to all the students involved.

A special thank you to Jilly, whose organisation and coordination helped make this project possible and to all the students who contributed their time, creativity and effort to support this worthwhile cause.



Serving our Community through Kai...

Friday 28th August, a small but enthusiastic and hardworking group of students spent Period 5 preparing meals for distribution within our community. Sacred Heart is proud to give back in practical ways and to live out our Gospel values through service to others.

Working alongside Linda Cloke from Take Them a Meal and Mr Haylock, students made close to 50 pizzas and a number of pasta dishes. Some of the pizzas will be provided to On the House, supporting their work with the men's shelter at the YMCA. Other meals will go to Take Them a Meal, a community organisation that provides meals to individuals and families when a little extra support, care and kindness can make all the difference.

A big thank you to the volunteers involved in this for their generosity, teamwork and willingness to serve others. We are proud of the way our students continue to put faith into action.



Epro8

This term, Year 8 students took part in an in-class EPro8 challenge, where they learned to use specialised engineering equipment to construct a solution from a given plan. The winning teams from each class then progressed to a finals day, where they competed against other Year 8 finalists from across the school in a series of engineering challenges. The students who took out these top three places showed their teamwork, perseverance, creative thinking and engineering skills! Congratulations!

Below are the winners of the SHGC School EPRO8 Final:

1st Place:

Tessa Keen
Annabelle Usmar
Joanna Binoj
Brianna Kennedy

3rd Place:

Wynter Hartley
Ivy Gracie
Rielle Palmer
Soana Sisifa

2nd Place:

Charlotte Liu
Addison Michielsen
Alice Archer
Rose Weston



First place; **Tessa Keen, Joanna, Binoj, Brianna Kennedy** and **Annabelle Usmar**

Taranaki Science and Technology Fair

The following entries from our school won prizes in the Elemental Group Taranaki Science and Technology Fair.

Entry: Observational drawing

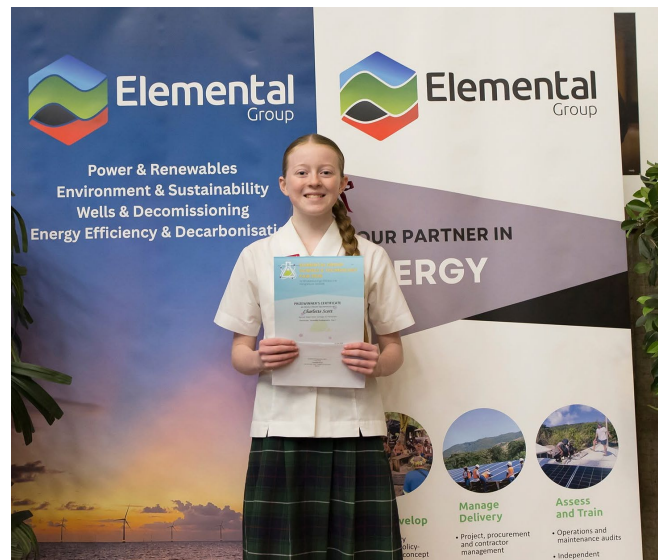
Alyssa Fu, Level 11-13
Isabella Kwong, Level 11-13
Eliza Scott, Y10

Prize: Merit
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Prize: Merit

Entry: Scientific Photography

Marcela Gerente, Level 8
Charlotte Scott, Level 7
Eliza Scott, Level 10

Prize: Merit
Prize: Third place
Prize: Merit



Pictured above:

Entry: Scientific Photography

Charlotte Scott, Level 7

Prize: Third place

Pictured left:

Entry: Technological Development "Aloe Glow: A Natural Sunscreen"

Marcela Gerente, Level 8

Prize: Third place

Pictured right:

Entry: Scientific Investigation – “5 Second Rule”

Annabelle Luke, Level 11-13 Prize: Special prize – Skin Expert Centre Sponsor Prize for Health projects.



Pictured left:

Entry: Scientific Investigation – “Balancing Boron: Clovers Best Dose”

Theresa Smith, Level 11-13 Prize: Special prize – Fonterra Sponsor Prize for best projects reflecting rural Taranaki.



Pictured below:

Entry: Scientific Investigation – “Sprouting through Salinity”

Emma Zieljtjes, Level 11-13 Prize: Special prize – Earth Sciences NZ Sponsor Prize for the best environmental projects based on climate, freshwater or marine issues.



Pictured above:

Entry: Scientific Investigation – “Tooth Sleuth”

Frankie Lamb, Level 11-13 Prize: Special prize – Yarrows Bakery Employees Charitable Trust Sponsor Prize for best projects related to food.

World Vision 40 Hour Challenge

This year marks the second year of our participation in the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge.

We decided we want to support the people of the Solomon Islands as they battle climate change and strive to establish sustainable businesses and alternative agricultural methods in order to be able to feed their communities.

So far, we have had a pleasing number of students sign up to take part in this year's challenge which involves going completely device free for 40 hours. The challenge will start after school today, last day of term - 25 September.

We would like more students to sign up either by adding their names to the list in the student foyer, or directly messaging Sophie Fowler or Maeve Quinn through TEAMS.

One of our goals for this year is to beat New Plymouth Girls' High School who raised \$4000 for the challenge earlier this year.

Here is the link to the school fundraising page:
[Sacred Heart Girls' College \(N Plymouth\)](#)



Interaction Revolution fun

Interaction Revolution have made some new purchases – hobby horses have been added to the collection of interactive equipment to have fun and get moving with!

Pictured right are some Year 9 students: **Kate Robinson, Sonni Douglas** and **Ibanez Graham**

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).



Sports – Winter Tournament

Basketball – Northern Cup - Our young Premier Basketball team, made up of Year 9-11 students, enjoyed an outstanding tournament campaign, winning their pool games, reaching the Top 4, and ultimately finishing an impressive **4th overall** in a highly competitive senior competition.

The girls represented SHGC with pride, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the week, creating lasting memories on and off the court while competing against some of the region's strongest teams.



Netball – LNISS - Our Premier Netball team capped off an outstanding season by finishing **15th out of more than 70 teams** at the Lower North Island Secondary Schools Championships, securing a place in the Top 16.

This newly formed group showed tremendous growth, resilience, and teamwork throughout the season, representing SHGC with pride and proving they can compete with some of the strongest teams in the region.



Badminton – NZSS - The team got their tournament off to a great start with a 5-1 win over Newlands College in Wellington and went on to finish an impressive **8th overall** at the NZSS Championships in Porirua. After qualifying for the Top 8 Cup Section, the girls showed outstanding determination and resilience against strong opposition, continuing the growth of the SHGC badminton programme and improving on last year's national placing.



Equestrian – NISS - Our SHGC Equestrian Team represented the school with pride at the NISS Equestrian Cup in Taupō, competing against more than 500 riders from across the North Island. The team achieved numerous individual placings, with the White Team of **Lilly Baldock, Matilda Johnson, Freya Newell** and **Millie Coomey** earning an outstanding 1st place in Arena Eventing and 2nd place in Show Jumping, while all riders demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, teamwork, and dedication throughout the event.



Hockey – Jenny Hair Cup - Our 1st XI Hockey team finished an outstanding season as **Jenny Hair Cup silver medallists**, progressing through pool play unbeaten and earning a place in the final after a hard-fought semi-final victory over Scots College. Their second-place finish has also secured qualification for next year's **Federation Cup (Tier 1)** tournament, a testament to the team's skill, determination, and growth throughout the season.



Football – Grant Jarvis Tournament –

In their first year back at the NZSS Grant Jarvis Tournament, the 1st XI showed outstanding determination and teamwork to finish **16th overall**, recording wins over Central Hawke's Bay College and Lynfield College, and a draw with Whakatāne High School.



The girls represented the school with pride throughout the week, with **Daisy Marshall-Kirkwood** voted MVP by her teammates, and the future looks bright for this talented young squad.



Hockey – Chris Arthur Cup - Our 2nd XI

Hockey team showed outstanding resilience, determination, and team spirit throughout the Chris Arthur Tournament, competing with just 13 players and continuing to give their all in every match. While results didn't always go their way, the girls grew tremendously as a team, scored some excellent goals, and represented SHGC, their whānau, and Taranaki with pride both on and off the field.



Rock Climbing - Congratulations to **Claudia Yukich**, who represented SHGC at the Secondary School Climbing Cup in New Plymouth, successfully solving four climbing problems and narrowly missing a semi-final qualification spot. Competing against some of the country's top young climbers, Claudia demonstrated great skill, determination, and resilience, and we look forward to seeing her continue to develop in the Year 9/10 division next year.



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

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

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

school SPORTS Facebook Page
search:-
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Sports — AIMS Games

Hip Hop - Our SHGC Hip Hop Crew represented the school with pride at AIMS Games, performing with confidence, energy, and outstanding team spirit while gaining valuable competition experience and finishing 40th out of 48 crews.

A special thank you to coach **Alexandra Stuck** and team managers **Kerry Peacock** and **Nikki McCormack** for their dedication and support in helping make the experience such a success.



Cross Country - Congratulations to **Malia Hartley Smith**, **Madeleine Le Prou**, and **Charley Farquhar Doyle**, who proudly represented SHGC at the AIMS Games 3km Cross Country event, competing against fields of around 160 runners from across New Zealand.

The girls showed great determination and resilience throughout the race, representing their school with pride and gaining valuable experience at a national-level competition.



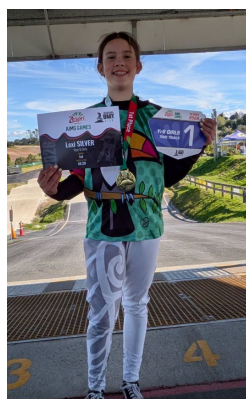
Swimming - Our SHGC swimmers, **Arie, Edi, and Livia**, represented the school with pride at the AIMS Games, competing against some of New Zealand's top young swimmers and achieving an impressive **20 personal bests across 26 races**. Their dedication, resilience, and commitment to improvement were outstanding, with all three girls making the most of the opportunity to compete on the national stage.



Rock Climbing - Congratulations to **Pippa Gower-Johnson**, who delivered an outstanding performance at the AIMS Games Rock Climbing competition, earning a well-deserved **silver medal** after consistently placing in the top five throughout the event. Pippa showed exceptional determination and composure under pressure, particularly in the final speed climb, to secure a place on the podium against some of the country's top young climbers.



BMX - Congratulations to **Lexi Silver**, who achieved an outstanding medal haul at the NZCT AIMS Games BMX competition, winning **Gold** in the Individual Time Trial, **Silver** in the Individual Racing event, and **Bronze** in the Novelty Teams Racing. Lexi's determination, resilience, and talent were on full display throughout the week, and she represented SHGC with pride in a fantastic performance.



Netball - Our AIMS Netball team enjoyed an outstanding tournament, recording impressive wins and securing a place among the **Top 24 teams** at AIMS Games. The girls displayed exceptional teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the week, representing SHGC with pride while creating lasting memories both on and off the court.



Hockey - Our AIMS Games Hockey team enjoyed an outstanding tournament, finishing top of their pool after an unbeaten run of three wins and a draw to secure a place in the **Top 8**. The girls demonstrated exceptional teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the week, representing SHGC with pride and achieving a fantastic result.



Football - Our girls showed outstanding resilience, determination, and sportsmanship throughout a challenging week of competition, highlighted by a 5-1 win over Orewa College and a heartbreaking quarter-final penalty shootout loss to St Peters Cambridge after every player on the field had taken a penalty. Congratulations to **Clementine McLeigh**, voted by her teammates as our Sportsmanship Medal recipient, and to the entire team for representing their school with pride both on and off the field.

