Sacred Heart Girls' College, Manawa Tapu, New Plymouth

Living the Mission through:
Ako, Manaakitanga, Wāhine Toa

NEWSLETTER

Mid Term Four
November 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM FOUR

Fri 13 Nov:
Staff Retreat – no school for students

Thurs 19 Nov:
Year 7/8 Athletic Championships

Sat 28 Nov:
Alumni event (*see details in link on front page*)

Tues 1 Dec:
Orientation Afternoon, 1.00-3.00pm

Fri 11 Dec:
Junior Prizegiving, 10.00-11.30am in the Events Centre.
School finishes for the year.



2027

TERM ONE
Mon 1 Feb - Fri 9 Apr

TERM TWO
Tues 27 Apr – Fri 2 July

TERM THREE
Mon 19 July - Fri 24 Sept

TERM FOUR
Mon 11 Oct – Thurs 16 Dec

Principal's Peace

Kia ora e te whānau, ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa. Tēnei te mihi nui ki ngā tuakana o te kura. He rawe te angitu o ngā tauira i te akomanga me ngā hākinakina. Ka mau te wehi! In this newsletter we celebrate the success of our students following our Senior Prizegiving and our Sports Prizegiving. We are incredibly proud of the wide array of academic, sporting, cultural and community endeavours that our students have engaged with this year. Special congratulations go to **Jane Doyle** our Centennial Cup winner, **Shannon Doyle** our Dux, **Isla Fabish** our Proxime Accessit and **Pieta Smith**, our Sportswoman of the Year for 2026. See pages 8 to 13 for full details of our Senior Prizegiving and Sports Prizegiving winners.

We have had a wonderful week farewelling the Year 13 class of 2026 and giving thanks for our many blessings as a school community. Thank you to all of you who made our Thanksgiving Mass and candle ceremony so special. We have also enjoyed magnificent farewell events for our Year 13 Boarders at Elizabeth House and our Māori and Pasifika students at our Year 13 Celebration.



Thank you to Mrs Holly Warner for wearing our korowai, Te Aho ō Ruahine to our Thanksgiving Mass. Thank you, Mrs Warner for your 6 years of service as Deputy Principal so far. We wish you all the best for your parental leave next year and the safe arrival of your baby.



Pictured above; **Mrs Holly Warner**

Pictured left; **Whaea Rita Rukuwai, Mrs Warner** and **Mrs Costelloe**

Thank you to the SHGC NP Alumni Association for your generous financial contribution to the Dux and Proxime Accessit awards beginning this year. Your support is highly valued and we look forward to building even stronger links with our past students. This year's annual Alumni gathering will be held at school on **Saturday 28 November** from 10am – 12 noon. For more information, please contact: alumnishgc@gmail.com or follow the Alumni Association SHGC NP on LinkedIn or Facebook.

The start of Term 4 has been exceptionally busy with Special Character events including Year 12 Retreat, Year 13 Retreat and our annual Mission Market Day. Thank you to **Ms Mulligan** (DRS), our Chaplain, **Amelia Luke** and the **RST Team** for facilitating such wonderful, rich days for our students. Thank you too, to St Joseph's Parish for hosting our retreats.

On **Friday 13 November**, our staff will have their Retreat. Thank you for your support in allowing us to prioritise our Catholic formation. Please remember school is closed for students.

Principal's peace continued



In staffing news, we have welcomed **Wayne Murray** to the Property team at the start of this term. At the end of the year, we will farewell **Lyn Hoskin**. We thank Lyn for her administrative assistance for the Property team over the last couple of years.

Wayne Murray

Kororia ki te Atua ki runga rawa, Maungarongo ki runga i te mata o te whenua, Whakaaro pai ki ngā tangata katoa ahakoa kō wai, Pai mārire. (*Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth and goodwill to all people.)*

Barbara Costelloe
Tumuaki /Principal



Y13 Leavers Graduation



Grotto Update

Work on the relocation of our Grotto is continuing to progress, although it remains a complex and challenging project. We are hopeful that the concrete base will be laid in December, allowing the Grotto to be moved during the summer holidays.

We are deeply grateful to the skilled craftspeople whose expertise, dedication, and mahi who are helping to make this important project a reality.

Wendy Mulligan
Director of Religious Studies - DRS

SHGC School Board

Your Sacred Heart Girls' College School Board, *pictured from left;*

Ruka Te Moana (Māori Rep), **Mark Butterworth** (Proprietor's Appointee), **Jemma Souness** (Bishop's Appointee), **Nikiwe Zhanje** (Student Rep), **Barb Costelloe** (Principal), **John Elliott** (Presiding Member – Parent Rep), **Cathy Quigan** – front (Parent Rep), **Caroline Dhanjee** (Parent Rep), **Warwick Foy** (Staff Rep), **Catherine Grogan** (Deputy Presiding Member – Parent Rep), **Paul Lamb** (Bishop's Appointee), **Eric Pellicer** (Parent Rep).



Special Character

Term 4 has been a vibrant and rewarding term, filled with many Special Character events that our college community has enthusiastically embraced. From student retreats and Mission Market Day to our Thanksgiving Mass, these experiences have provided valuable opportunities for Communion, Contemplation and Mission.

YEAR 12 RETREAT

The term began with our Year 12 Retreat, a wonderful opportunity for students to pause, reflect, and connect with one another. We were privileged to begin the day with Adoration, spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and setting a prayerful tone for the retreat. Students engaged enthusiastically in workshops exploring our 2027 school whakatauki, *With Heart & Spirit*, sharing their hopes and ideas for how this vision could be lived out in our community. A shared kai also provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen relationships and connect beyond the classroom. The day concluded with a heartwarming Big Sister/Little Sister activity, where Year 12 students created welcome cards for new students joining the college in 2027. This was followed by a spirited dance-off between Year 12 and Year 7 students, with the enthusiasm and laughter on display making it impossible to choose a winner.

YEAR 13 RETREAT

The Year 13 Retreat is always especially significant as it marks the students' final retreat at Manawa Tapu. Like the Year 12s, the day began with Adoration, providing time for prayer, reflection, and being with Jesus Christ. A highlight of the retreat was the *Catholic Couch*, where guest speakers shared openly about the challenges they have faced and how they navigated difficult times. Their honest stories encouraged students to reflect on resilience, faith, and life beyond Sacred Heart. Sharing kai together provided an opportunity to reflect on their journey at the college and the friendships they have formed along the way. The retreat concluded with students opening the time capsules they had created in Year 7 or Year 9, a special and memorable moment that highlighted how much they have grown during their time at Sacred Heart.







Mission Market Day

This year's Mission Market Day was a tremendous success, bringing our school community together in support of the RNDM Mission Appeal. Under the leadership of Year 13 students **Martha-Rose Hagenson** and **Elliana Luke**, alongside the Special Character Council and the guidance of Miss Scott, the day was filled with energy, generosity, and community spirit.

Popular attractions included Dunk the Teacher, delicious hot food, baking, mystery bottles, henna, and Filipino food. Throughout the event, students and staff were entertained by live performances from talented student musicians and the staff band. We were also delighted to welcome Sr Margaret Monoghan, Sr Mary Wyss, Sr Margaret Mullin, and members of our parish community.

Funds raised will support RNDM mission work in the Philippines and Tanzania. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this wonderful event. Together, we raised over **$2,000**, a fantastic example of living out our 2026 school Whakatauki *Kotahi tātou i a Karaiti hei manaaki - United through Christ to Serve.*















Mission Market Day

Sisters and Parishioners enjoying Mission Market Day lunch and friendship.

From Left to right, **Sr Margaret Monaghan. Pat Broughan, Rae O'Grady, Pat O'Connor, Clare Grant, Sr Mary Wyss and Sr Margaret Mullin.**



Eucharistic Ministers Commissioning Mass

Our kura is blessed to have such faith-filled young wāhine who have answered the call to the ministry of the Holy Eucharist.

We warmly congratulate our newly commissioned Eucharistic Ministers: **Sophia Dollesin, Louis Dominique Domingo, Sylvie Hucker, Frankie Lamb, Evangeline McKinnon, Lucinda Moorby, Maeve Quinn, Hailey Richardson, Sally Sofeni-Williams, Ruby Stenning, Catriona Thomson, Sophia Watson, and Lily Winters**.

We also extend our congratulations to **Krystyna Wells**, who was recently commissioned at St Joseph's Parish, New Plymouth. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they serve both our school and parish communities. May they continue to grow in faith and be inspired by Christ's example of service to others.



First Holy Communion

In Term 4, we were delighted to celebrate the First Holy Communion of **Matilda Lord, Aria Bartlett, Ciara Roche, and Olivia Roche,** pictured with Barb and Fr Simon.

We are proud of these students for taking this important step in their faith journey and receiving the Body of Jesus Christ. It was a special occasion shared with their families, and a joy to see them receive Holy Communion again at our Thanksgiving Mass.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith.



Thanksgiving Mass

Last week, we celebrated our Thanksgiving Mass, a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for our Year 13 students and the year that has been. We were blessed to welcome **Fr Vui Hoang** from Palmerston North to celebrate Mass with us.

A special highlight was our Head Girl, **Francie O'Sullivan**, sharing a heartfelt reflection on her journey around the maunga and the many towns she travels through, drawing parallels to her own growth and experiences.

Another moving moment was the presentation of the Year 13 Leavers' Candles by someone special chosen by each student, accompanied by a letter from their parents.

The Mass concluded with the whole school standing together to sing *Manawa Tapu*. We are incredibly proud of our Year 13 students and the growth, maturity, and leadership they have shown during their time with us. As they embark on their next chapter, we keep them in our prayers and wish them every blessing for the future.

















SENIOR PRIZEGIVING - MAJOR AWARDS	
Cassie Colbourne	**Crawford Cup** For All-Round Excellence, Year 13
Jane Doyle	**Centennial Cup** This is the school's supreme award. The Centennial Cup is awarded to a Year 13 student who has best exemplified the values of the Mission Order and who lives what the school believes to be its Special Character. The values that exemplify the Special Character of Sacred Heart are: - Mission - Excellence - Charity - Simplicity - Modesty - Generosity - Inclusiveness - Hospitality - Humility - Contemplation - Social Justice
Isla Fabish	**Costello Family Cup for Proxime Accessit**
Shannon Doyle	**Dux of Sacred Heart Girls' College Cup** Top Scholar Year 13

Congratulations!

AGE QUOD AGIS

Whatever you do, do to the best of your ability

I ō Mahi Katoa, Mahia



Cassie Colbourne
Crawford Cup



Jane Doyle
Centennial Cup



Shannon Doyle
Dux for 2026



Isla Fabish
Proxime Accessit for 2026

Our former Head Girl 2009, **Carinnya Feaunati**, is quoted in the 2026 Scholarship Geography:



"Samoan — New Zealand Architect, **Carinnya Feaunati**, argues that Indigenous peoples deep relationship with nature holds "the main source of information how we can tackle climate change". If only the world would listen.

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING - SPECIAL AWARDS

Leah Gunson	**Moana Clothing Trophy** For Achievement in Senior Fabric Technology
Laura Balsom	**MacManus Trophy** For Diligence Year 11 Fabric Technology
Katie Schrider	**PhotoLife** For Senior Photography Award
Courtney Green	**Millennium Cup** For Outstanding Enthusiasm in Art, Year 13
Orlaith Collins	**Magazine Cup** For Outstanding Service for SHGC Magazine
Alexandra Stuck	**Senior Dance Medal** For Performance and Contribution
Jane Doyle	**Jane Healy Cup** For Drama
Jane Doyle	**Senior Drama Medal** For Performance and Contribution
Jane Doyle	**Margaret Patricia Wells Trophy** For Senior Contribution to the O'Shea Shield
Jane Doyle	**Senior Music Medal** For classroom attitude and achievement and co-curricular involvement
Iris Cayetano	**Broughan Trophy** For Senior Public Speaking
Izzy Hoyte	**Music Trophy** For Musical Composition
Isabella Kwong	**Orchestra/Band Cup** For Enthusiasm and Participation in the school band
Ruth Hagenson	**Choir Cup** For Enthusiasm and Participation in the school choir
Georgia Jeffrey	**Kusalic Cup** For Outstanding Contribution to Music in the college



Special Rose Award



Left; **Jane Doyle** - selected by the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ Young Shakespeare Company 2027, and will perform at the Gobe Theatre in London.

Right; **Alexandra Stuck** - NZ Association of Modern Dance award in Ballet, Jazz and Contemporary and a Performing Arts Competition Assn of NZ Troupe Nomination. She also received her solo diplomas in Jazz, Ballet and Contemporary, receiving High Distinction in all.



MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, ENGLISH, RELIGIOUS STUDIES	
Amanda Guo	**High Achievement in Maths and Science** In Year 11
Abbey Zieltjes	**Leary Family Cup** For Maths and Science in Year 12
Jade Lawn	**LA Alexander Trust Award** For Senior Agriculture/Horticulture
Cassie Colbourne	**Overall Excellence in Mathematics and Science** In Year 13
Shannon Doyle	**Rotary Club of New Plymouth North Cup** For Achievement and Diligence in Mathematics and Science, Year 13 plus $1,000 scholarship
Madison Knowles	**Kirk Award** For High Achievement in Social Sciences (History and Geography) Year 13
Kayla Malone	**McLay Family Cup** For Academic Excellence in Year 13 English
Levani Welsh	**VA & J Frost Cup** For High Achievement in Humanities, Year 13 (English, Social Sciences, RST, Classics Award)
Maeve Quinn	**A & A Brett Cup** For Academic Excellence in Religious Studies and Contribution to Special Character in Year 12
Claudia Taylor	**Symonds History Cup** For Overall Excellence in History
Caitlyn Hobin	**High Achievement in Social Sciences** In Year 12
Jane Doyle	**Centenary Prize** For General Literary Excellence in the college and the Head of Faculty Prize for Outstanding Achievement in English



Maeve Quinn
A & A Brett Cup



Iris Cayetano
Broughan Trophy



Levani Welsh
VA & J Frost Cup

MAJOR AWARDS	
Meila Gwiazdzinski	**Tawhirikura Māori Student Taonga** For outstanding balance of academic, sporting, cultural and Special Character attributes
Kayla Malone	**Ransfield Whānau Taonga** For outstanding senior academic achievement
Chloe Roberts	**Mahi-aa-iwi Community Service Taonga** For outstanding service and involvement within the community
Lillah Allardice	**Measina A Samoa Feaunati Tanoa Award** For diligence in all cultural values
Vianney	**House Trophy**
Madison Knowles	**Manawa Tapu Service Award** For service to the event media team
Francie O'Sullivan	**Head Girl 2026**
Tula MacLean	**Head Boarder 2026**
Georgia Jeffrey	**Janaya Horgan Cup** This cup is awarded to a deserving student who has shown leadership in one or many aspects of SHGC life.
Nayeli Pelletier Morales	**Leavers' 2009 Diligence Cup**
Monique Hodson	**SHGC Pathways Award** For Excellence in Education to Employment
Madeleine Churches	**Karen Scott Award** This award recognises courage and persistence in the face of adversity
Leah Gunson	**Shanika Fernando Award** Award for Academic Excellence in Year 11
Catriona Thomson	**Murray Family Cup** Award for Academic Excellence in Year 12



Lillah Allardice
Measina Asamoa Feaunati Tanoa Award



Meila Gwiazdzinski
Tawhirikura Māori Student Taonga



Georgia Jeffrey
Janaya Horgan Cup

Outgoing and Incoming Head Girl Team



From left; **Pieta Smith, Hailey Richardson, Frankie Lamb, Francie O'Sullivan, Louis Dominique Domingo, Martha-Rose Hagenson, Mrs Costelloe**

Outgoing and Incoming Head Boarder Team



From left; **Katie Schrider, Isla Williamson, Livvy Whittington, Macy Dwyer, Tula MacLean, Ms Eileen Tamati**

SPORTS AWARDS — Senior Player of the Year	
Ella Layupan	**Badminton**
Molly Stevenson	**Basketball**
Abbey Fleming	**Cricket – A Rhodes "Off the Chain"**
Lily Fenton	**Equestrian**
Daisy Marshall-Kirkwood	**Football**
Eva Hay-Vega *and* **Rania Bennett**	**Hockey**
Rania Bennett *and* **Ariane Tauwhare-George**	**Touch**
Abi Nelson	**Netball**
Elissa Strohmeier	**Rowing**
Tamsin Eden	**Rugby U18**
Rosie Moffitt	**Rugby 7s**
Zara Berrington-Smith	**Squash**
Annabelle Wratt	**Volleyball**
Lily Winters	**Waka Ama**

SPORTS AWARDS — Junior Player of the Year	
Honor Zhao	**Badminton**
Addison Moore	**Basketball**
Kate Taylor	**Cricket**
Zara Stevenson	**Equestrian**
Samantha Sera	**Football**
Kayla Kennedy	**Hockey**
Erin Grendon	**Netball & U16 Rugby "The Simpson Trophy"**
Carter Ireland	**Volleyball**
Quinn Parker-Bishop	**Waka Ama**

SPORTS AWARDS — Year 7 & 8 Player of the Year	
Taylor McKenzie *and* **Izzy Walsh**	**Basketball**
Annabelle Luke	**Cricket**
Annabel Stevenson	**Equestrian**
Poppy Newsome	**Football**
Niamh Carr	**Hockey**
Milan Maifea	**Netball**
Gaby Grendon	**Volleyball**



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Left; **Pieta Smith,** Senior, Phelan Cup



Above; **Erin Grendon,** Junior *and* **Gaby Grendon,** Yr 7 & 8

CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT	
Cassie Colbourne	**Senior**
Silei Ponga	**Junior**
Niamh Carr	**Year 7 & 8**



Cassie Colbourne



Silei Ponga



Niamh Carr

EXCELLENCE IN THEIR FIELD	
Meila Gwiazdzinski	**Senior**
Zara Stevenson	**Junior**
Lexi Silver *and* **Annabel Stevenson**	**Year 7 & 8**



Meila Gwiazdzinski



Zara Stevenson



Annabel Stevenson *and* **Lexi Silver**

SPORTS AWARDS	
Ella Layupan	**Keegan Stark Trophy**
Mackenzie Hall	**Official of the Year**
Hockey 1st XI	**Team of the Year**
Nicole White	**Manager of the Year**
Trent Riddick	**Coach of the Year**



Ella Layupan



Mackenzie Hall



Hockey 1st XI

CHAMPIONS - SWIMMING	
Meila Gwiazdzinski **Marnie Smith** **Olivia Roche** **Gaby Grendon** **Edi Coster**	**Senior** **Intermediate** **Junior** **Year 8** **Year 7**
Vianney	**Swimming House Champions**

CHAMPIONS - ATHLETICS	
Pieta Smith **Jade Smiley** **Zara Redshaw** **Gaby Grendon** **Dylan Munyard**	**Senior** **Intermediate** **Junior** **Year 8** **Year 7**
Chanel	**Athletics House Champions**

CHAMPIONS — CROSS COUNTRY	
Pieta Smith **Anyah Pelletier Morales** **Matilda Johnson** **Nesta Dombroski** **Freya Vassiliou**	**Senior** **Intermediate** **Junior** **Year 8** **Year 7**
Vianney	**Cross Country House Champions**

Congratulations to all recipients at our End of Year Awards events

2027 Student Leadership Positions

Head Girl	**Frankie Lamb**
Deputy Head Girl (Special Character)	**Louis Dominique Domingo**
Deputy Head Girl (Student Council)	**Hailey Richardson**
Liturgy Leader	**Maeve Quinn**
School Board Representative	**Nikiwe Zhanje**
Barbier House Leaders	**Hannah Goodin** *and* **Ruby Stenning**
Chanel House Leaders	**Ariane Tauwhare George** *and* **Lily Winters**
Lourdes House Leaders	**Seethal Manu** *and* **Anna Martin**
Vianney House Leaders	**Daisy Marshall-Kirkwood** *and* **Lucy McIntosh**
Academic Leaders	**Sophie Fowler** *and* **Caitlyn Hobin**
Cultural & Arts Leaders	**Evangeline McKinnon** *and* **Catriona Thomson**
Hauora Leaders	**Olive Cleland** *and* **Georgia Coronno**
Māori Leaders	**Melody Borrie** *and* **Monique Thompson-Simmer**
Rainbow Youth Leader	**Sophie Huntly**
Sports Leaders	**Paige Adamson** *and* **Gracey Edgcombe**
Head Boarder	**Macy Dwyer**
Deputy Head Boarder (Special Character)	**Livvy Whittington**
Deputy Head Boarder (Events)	**Isla Williamson**



Head Girl Team for 2027:

From left; **Hailey Richardson** (Deputy Head Girl Student Council), **Frankie Lamb** (Head Girl) *and* **Louis Dominique Domingo** (Deputy Head Girl Special Character)

Congratulations



MusicWorks Ensemble Festival Aotearoa



At the end of last term, SHGC took 43 students from the Senior Choir, Senior Jazz Combo, and Year 11 Jazz Ensemble to Wellington to participate in MEFA. They were accompanied by Sophie Lamb (TiC Music), Heather Ashton (TiC Drama), and Alyssa Avery (Choir Director).

During the festival, students participated in a range of workshops led by experts in their fields, including ensemble-specific sessions, as well as intonation and improvisation workshops. They also had the opportunity to collaborate with students from schools across the country, attend a performance by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra at the Michael Fowler Centre, explore Te Papa and the Wellington waterfront, and enjoy views of the city from the Mt Victoria Lookout.

After three terms of dedicated rehearsal and preparation, these groups can be extremely proud of their achievements. Their results were:

Senior Choir: Gold
Senior Jazz Combo: Gold
Year 11 Jazz Ensemble: Gold

Congratulations to all students involved on their outstanding achievements and for representing SHGC with excellence, enthusiasm, and pride throughout the festival.

Junior Speech Success

In Week 1 this term, we held our Year 7 and 8 Speech Finals. Six talented speakers, **Mirren Connolly, Clementine McLeigh, Marcela Gerente, Neve King, Cate Butterworth, and Matilda Petrowski**, took to the stage to deliver engaging and confident presentations.

Our winner, **Cate**, went on to represent the school at the Lions Year 7 and 8 Speechmaker Competition in Hāwera last weekend. In addition to presenting her prepared speech, she also faced the challenge of delivering an impromptu speech on the day.

Competing against a strong field of speakers, **Cate** rose to the occasion and was awarded first place. This is an outstanding achievement, and we are incredibly proud of the way she represented both herself and our school.



Cate Butterworth