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**Sacred Heart Girls' College  
Manawa Tapu  
New Plymouth**

TERM FOUR

NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2024

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**TERM ONE 2025**

**Tues 28 Jan-** Course confirmation (senior students as required)

**Wed 29 Jan -** Mass at St Joseph's Church, 4pm (new students and all boarders)

**Thurs 30 Jan -** All students start full days of school, pōwhiri at 8.40am in the Events Centre

**Tues 4 Feb -** Opening Mass at 10.00am in the Events Centre

**Thurs 6 Feb -** Waitangi Day

**Fri 7 Feb -** school closed

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**2025 Term Dates**

**TERM ONE**

Thurs 30 Jan-Fri 11 Apr

**TERM TWO**

Mon 28 Apr—Fri 27 Jun

**TERM THREE**

Mon 14 Jul—Fri 19 Sept

**TERM FOUR**

Mon 6 Oct—Wed 10 Dec



**Principal's Peace**



Kia ora e te whānau, ngā mihi Kirihimete ki a koutou katoa.

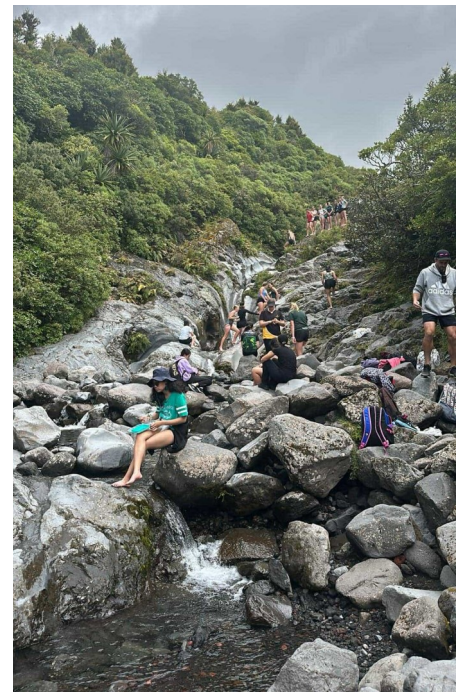
Tēnei te pānui whakamutunga o te tau o 2024. Kia mīharo te mahi katoa o te hapori o Manawa Tapu i tēnei tau – te ora maha! Greetings to you all as we finish the school year and look forward to the joy of Christmas!

Yesterday we celebrated Junior Prizegiving and we are incredibly proud of how our students are living out *Age Quad Agis*. Everything you do, do to the best of your ability. The theme for 2024 has been “Kua tae mai ahau kia whiwhi ai te ora, te ora maha”, “I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance”. We have seen our students having life to the full in embracing their learning both in and out of the classroom. Thank you to all of you parents and whānau who support the school to ensure we have a rich offering of extra-curricular activities. At prizegiving we celebrated Academic, Cultural and Sporting success – see pages 4-6 for full details.



We are very proud of our junior students for engaging so fully with the Term 4 programme. In addition to their usual classes, there have been many opportunities for learning in other ways through camps and activities. See page 7 for photos. Thank you to the staff who have arranged these experiences and gone the extra mile for the students.

In 2024 we have completed several rounds of community consultation. Thank you to those of you who have filled in the surveys or given feedback in other ways. We appreciate your voice in guiding our decision making. The Board will report back to you on the Community Consultation early next year and continue to work with you as we draft a new Strategic Plan for 2026 – 2028. We will also offer another opportunity for consultation with you on our Draft Statement on the Delivery of the Health Curriculum in Term 1.



*“Kua tae mai ahau kia whiwhi ai te ora”*

*“I have come that you might have life”*

# Openly Engage with Community

## Principal's Peace continued

As 2024 draws to a close we farewell two staff members. **Wendy Bayley** is finishing as our Co-SENCO and in-school Educational Psychologist. We thank Wendy for the huge difference she has made to the lives of those she has worked with. **Mr Richard MacCallum** has been teaching Geography and Social Sciences, filling in for 3 terms for Mrs Amanda Brown while she has been on leave. Richard has been highly regarded as a classroom teacher and has made a huge contribution to the college in his time with us. In 2025, we welcome **Mr Michael Healion** to Manawa Tapu. Mr Healion will teach junior science and mathematics.

Finally, I would like to thank our wonderful staff – both teachers and support staff. It is because of their commitment and manaakitanga for our students that we can provide excellence in education while embracing gospel values. Thank you especially to the Senior Leadership Team, Ms Holly Miller, Mr Jeremy Taylor, Ms Kim Goodey and Ms Wendy Mulligan as well as Denise Stachurski, Claire Gyde and Marina Walsh. I appreciate their guidance and support as we steer the waka!

To conclude, I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and the joy and peace of Christmas.

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.)

**Barb Costelloe**  
Tumuaki – Principal



### School Office closed over Christmas break

The school office is now closed for the Christmas holiday period, and will be open again from:

- Monday 20 January to Monday 27 January 2025 - hours 10.00am to 1.00pm
- From Tuesday 28 January—normal office hours





# Nourish Catholic Character

## Christmas Liturgy



On Wednesday 11 December, an Advent and Christmas Liturgy was held in the Events Centre.



# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Junior Prizegiving



### Major Awards

<b>Charlotte Geary</b>	<b>Kohine Hiranga Cup</b> For General Achievement in Year 7
<b>Arabella Thomson</b>	<b>Glass Trophy</b> For General Achievement Year 8
<b>Isla Maclean</b>	<b>Kohine Autaia Cup</b> Award for Academic Excellence in Year 9
<b>Sylvie Hucker</b>	<b>Te Taumata</b> For Junior Māori Achievement
<b>Catriona Thomson</b>	<b>Smiley Family Cup</b> Award for Academic Excellence in Year 10



**Charlotte Geary**  
General Achievement in Year 7

## Congratulations!

AGE QUOD AGIS

Whatever you do, do to the  
best  
of your ability

I ō Mahi Katoa, Mahia



**Arabella Thomson**  
General Achievement in Year 8



**Isla Maclean**  
General Academic  
Excellence in Year 9



**Sylvie Hucker**  
Te Taumata  
Junior Māori Achievement



**Catriona Thomson**  
Academic Excellence  
in Year 10



# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Junior Prizegiving



Special Character Award	
<b>Jessica Rabe</b>	<b>Blanks Cup</b> for Ako, Manaakitanga and Wāhine Toa
<b>Aya Sophia Ash Mendoza</b>	<b>Wendy Mulligan Special Character Award—Junior</b>
<b>Frankie Lamb</b>	<b>Age Quod Agis</b> For the student who consistently gives her best effort in a range of cultural, arts, sporting, service and academic activities, and who always lives the school motto.
<b>Keri Graham</b>	<b>Gabby Devine Trophy</b> Demonstrates authentically, in a natural expression of selflessness; kind, inclusive, altruistic, giving to those in need.



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**Blanks Cup** for Ako,  
Manaakitanga and  
Wāhine Toa



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**Wendy Mulligan Special  
Character Award—Junior**



**Frankie Lamb**  
**Age Quod Agis**



**Keri Graham**  
**Gabby Devine Trophy**

Performing Arts Awards	
<b>Ruth Hagenson</b>	<b>Junior Drama Medal</b> For performance & contribution
<b>Madeleine Basile</b>	<b>Yarrow Trophy</b> For prepared speech Years 7 and 8
<b>Louis Dominique Domingo</b>	<b>McSweeney-Novak Trophy</b> For Junior Speech
<b>Eloise Careswell-King</b>	<b>Kapa Haka Leadership</b>



**Eloise Careswell-King**  
**Kapa Haka Leadership**

# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Junior Prizegiving



Music Awards	
<b>Billie Stenning</b>	<b>Intermediate Music Medal</b> Classroom attitude and achievement, and co-curricular involvement
<b>Caitlyn Hobin</b>	<b>Junior Music Medal</b> Classroom attitude and achievement, and co-curricular involvement
<b>Izzy Hoyte</b>	<b>Judy Field Cup</b> for the most dedicated and improved musician
<b>Arabella Thomson</b>	<b>Trebles Cup</b> for enthusiasm and participation in the Junior Choir

Computing and Mathematics Awards	
<b>Lucy Elliott and Arabella Thomson</b>	<b>Taranaki Mathematics Association Award</b> For excellence, interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics in Year 8
<b>Catriona Thomson</b>	<b>Taranaki Mathematics Association Award</b> For excellence, interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics in Year 10

Supreme Junior Sports Awards	
<b>Silei Ponga</b>	<b>Contribution to Sport Year 7-8</b> Basketball Umpiring
<b>Phoebe Lay</b>	<b>Contribution to Sport Year 9-10</b> Hockey Umpiring
<b>Zara Redshaw</b>	<b>Excellence in their field Year 7-8</b>
<b>Izaro Williamson Sasia</b>	<b>Excellence in their field Year 9-10</b>
<b>Pippa O'Sullivan</b>	<b>Sportsperson of the Year—Year 7-8</b>
<b>Amber Whitehead</b>	<b>Sportsperson of the Year—Year 9-10</b>



**Pippa O'Sullivan**  
Sportsperson of the Year  
Year 7-8



**Amber Whitehead**  
Sportsperson of the Year  
Year 9-10



# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Merry Christmas from the Boards

The Sacred Heart Girls' College Board and the Mission Trust New Plymouth Trust Board wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas.

We hope you all enjoy time with friends and family over the festive season and have a safe and happy holiday.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2025.

Best wishes for 2025.



**Catherine Grogan**  
SHGC Board Presiding  
Member



**Mark Butterworth**  
MCNPTB  
Chairperson



## Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

Faith in Action is a Year 13 RST class, and as part of the curriculum, they run a pre-loved uniform shop.

Funds raised from this goes to the Mission Sisters and other needs within the community.

**We need stock please! - any donations are gratefully accepted,  
and can be dropped off at the front office.**

A flyer in new students orientation bags, advertised that we will be open Friday 24 January. Our stocks are low, so unfortunately we will not be opening on this day now.

Once we have received further donations, we will re-advertise when the pop up pre-loved uniform shop will open again. Thank you.

## Activity Days

Our Year 9s spent one of their activity days exploring the sites around the south side of Taranaki Maunga. From the dizzying heights of the Manganui Gorge Bridge to the ice cold waters of Wilkies Pools, it was a great opportunity to get out of the classroom and connect with nature.



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## Science

A group of ten Year 10 Science Students went to an innovation challenge day held by Balance Agri-Nutrients. They competed in pairs with students from other schools using science and technology to innovate solutions to problems faced by the agricultural sector.

*Charlotte Poffenroth*  
Science Teacher



## SHGC Choirs – Community Performance

Recently our Trebles and Senior Choir, including some of our seniors who returned from Exam leave, spent an hour performing for a large group of members of the Stroke Foundation.

The weather outside was wet and miserable, but the girls performed for nearly an hour, brightening everyone's day.



A huge thanks to the incomparable **Philippa Drinkwater** – a SHGC treasure.

**Ruth Hagenson, Georgia Jeffrey** and **Bryah Edwin** also performed solos they had prepared for a Music Theatre competition.



**Ruth Hagenson**



**Georgia Jeffrey**



**Bryah Edwin**



# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Annual Itinerant Concert

On Thursday evening 14<sup>th</sup> November, our PAC was filled with fabulous music, as our itinerant students performed for a very appreciative audience of friends and families.

The standard of playing was, as always, outstanding. The evening included the Music Prize Giving.

### Awards went to:

**Chloé Henschman, Isla Wisnewski, Amelia Gaudin, Phoebe Bennett, Izzy Hoyte, Caitlyn Hobin and Sophie Fowler.**

### Special Awards:

- The Instrumental Trophy  
– to our **Year 7 String Group – Fiddlesticks!**
- The Hunter Vocal Trophy  
–award to **Ruth Hagenson.**

Congratulations to ALL our performers, and a HUGE THANKS to our Itinerant teachers.



The talented students of SHGC are bringing **Mary Poppins Junior** to the stage from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Tickets are now available from the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre @ \$25 each.

It is promising to be *'practically perfect in every way!'*



**"Kua tae mai ahau kia whiwhi ai te ora"**

**"I have come that you might have life"**

# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Corn Hole Championships

What an epic final of the SHGC 2024 Cornhole Championships! - with just one point in it. From 32 teams we worked our way down to the last two standing. Huge congratulations to **Libby Kerr** and **Tayla Hoskin** who edged out **Villa Parker** and **Sonni Douglas** in an absolutely thrilling final by 2 sets to 1 (15-21, 24-23, 21-20).

A big thanks to all who took part, the massive crowd of students and staff who turned up to support the girls in the final, and to our outstanding tournament controllers: **Tilly Stokell** and **Isla Terrill**.

Next year is going to be bigger and better with seniors and staff joining the draw for the 2025 champs to be held in Term 1.



Pictured above; **Tayla Hoskin**, **Libby Kerr** and **Ms Miller**

## Year 8 Self-Defense

Our Year 8 students have completed an awesome self-defense course with Sanchia Smith. They have learnt so many practical skills to fill their kete! Ka rawe wāhine toa!



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# Strengthen Ako and Poutama

## Bumper Balls

More Bumper Ball fun this term as part of the Interaction Revolution. So many girls giving it a go! Well done to **Spencer Page** and **Ross Howarth** for taking some hits for the staff!



# Nurture Hauora

## GOLF

Congratulations to **Izaro Williamson Sasia** who had a great result representing Taranaki at the New Zealand Mixed Interprovincial Golf Championships over Labour weekend. **Izaro** won the Girls Nett and her team also won the Booth Shield.



## CATHOLIC ATHLETICS

7H & 8A competed in the annual Catholic Schools Athletics held in Inglewood at the start of November.

A great day of competing in all events and making connections with the other catholic schools in our region. Staff and students got to meet a number of students who will be coming to Sacred Heart in the next year or two.

Huge thank you to our Year 10 helpers who assisted Kelly Sports deliver activities to the Year 0-4 students and who ran some of the events for the older students.



For any sporting success or queries—please contact the Sports Department:

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# Nurture Hauora

## RUGBY

Well done to **Louise Blyde** on her selection to attend the Chiefs Manawa Camp in Hamilton this month.



## FUTSAL

Congratulations to **Ruby Stenning** and **Gracey Edgcombe** who have been selected for the Central/Marist U15 Futsal Team.

They head to Wellington to compete in the National Youth Championship tournament from the 7th - 10th December. Good Luck girls.



## VOLLEYBALL

Our Junior Volleyball team competed at the North Island Junior Volleyball Satellite Tournament in Porirua during Junior Tournament Week in November.

With the growth and popularity of volleyball in the school at the moment it's great to have a team attending a tournament again. These girls worked hard all year to prepare for the tournament and found the big tournament experience very valuable.

Thanks to Phil Gayton, Nelson Pulotu and Marie Ireland for coaching and managing the team.



## ATHLETICS - NZSS

Well done to our girls who competed at the NZSS Track & Field event in Timaru. Some noteworthy results:

**Sinead O'Sullivan** won gold in the Senior girls 3000m Race Walk and smashed the record by 1min 34sec! An outstanding result and **Sinead** has also been selected in the NZSS Classic Touring Team.

**Paige Scannell** made the finals for the Snr Girls 400m and placed 5th, and the 800m finals and placed 7th.

**Jane Doyle** ran a PB in the Senior girls 3000m and placed 12th in 4000m Road Race

**Caitlin O'Sullivan** finished 22nd in the Year 9 3000m



Above; Caitlin O'Sullivan , Jane Doyle, Sinead O'Sullivan, and Paige Scannell.

# Nurture Hauora

## INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

We took a strong team of 25 Year 7 & 8 student to the athletics champs in Inglewood on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. In tough conditions, all four seasons in a day the girls gave it their all and were awesome cheerleaders for each other.

Some great performances saw many of the girls in finals and posting great results.

Special mention to two of our students who set new Sacred Heart Athletics Records:



**- Niamh Tauwhare-George**

- Year 7 400m – time of 1.07.03 -  
beating the previous record held by  
Rosa Antunovic since 2004 with a  
time of 1.07.60

-Year 7 200m - time of 27.97 –  
beating the previous record held by  
Briar Osbourne since 2016 with a  
time of 29.57



**- Zara Redshaw**

- Year 7 Discus – throw of  
23.06m – beating the previous  
record held by Zoe Hall since  
2016 with a throw of 21.87

## RESULTS YEAR 7

400m - **Niamh Tauwhare-George** 1st, **Zara Redshaw** 2nd, **Aimee Carradus** 8th

200m - **Niamh Tauwhare-George** 1st, **Villa Parker** 8th

800m - **Matilda Johnson** 3rd, **Angina 'Ahio** 6th, **Sonni Douglas** 7th

100m - **Niamh Tauwhare-George** 1st, **Andromache Herlihy** 7th, **Villa Parker** 8th

Shotput - **Florence Moorby** 6th, **Zoe Smith** 8th

High jump - **Aimee Carradus** 2nd=, **Zara Redshaw** 5th

Discus - **Zara Redshaw** 1st, **Zoe Smith** 5th

Long jump - **Sonni Douglas** 4th

4x100m relay - 2nd - **Niamh Tauwhare-George** , **Andromache Herlihy** , **Villa Parker** , **Honor Zhao**

## RESULTS YEAR 8

1500m - **Anyah Pelletier-Morales** 3rd, **Isla Gallagher** 4th

800m - **Anyah Pelletier-Morales** 3rd, **Isla Gilchrist** 4th

Long jump - **Xanthe Hayes** 4th

High jump - **Libby Kerr** 5th

Well done to all the girls involved, you should all be very proud of your performances.

## TOUCH - NZSS

Well done to the SHGC Touch team who competed at the NZSS National Championships in Rotorua over the weekend. The girls had a great time while they were away.

Thanks to Shane Gray for coaching the girls and the management team, Chris Moffit and Jaynie McSweeney for all your hard work getting the girls to the tournament.

Full write up on the Sacred Heart Girls College NP—Sport Facebook page.





# Nurture Hauora

## CONDORS 7s RUGBY

The Sacred Heart Girls' 7's rugby team competed in the Condor 7s tournament in Mount Manganui on 30 Nov- 1 Dec . The Condors is the national secondary schools 7's tournament with the best 20 schools in NZ competing.

Our Manawa Tapu girls were drawn in a highly competitive pool so the opening game would likely shape as a play off for second with Cambridge High School. Unfortunately this game resulted in a 10-12 loss.

Game 2 vs Epsom Girls Grammar was a convincing 38-10 win.

Game 3 vs Craighead Diocesan was a 24-12 victory.

Game 4 vs 3 time NZ Champs Manukura, 45-0 loss.

Plate semi final vs Christchurch Girls' High convincingly winning 33-14.

Plate Final vs Mount Auckland Grammar a narrow loss 14-15.

SHGC finished condors 2024 in 10th place in NZ, a great result.

Rugby at the college farewells outstanding players in Year 13s **Louise Blyde, Eva Martin, Michelle Hurley and Tiani Kensington**. All the girls played admirably and with great attitudes. Special mentions for on field contributions are needed for points machine **Rosie Moffitt** and speed merchant **Haley Coogan**.



A great thanks is directed to coaches Dean Spicer and Andrew Chambers along with team management Chris Moffitt and Jaynie McSweeney for care, time and attention to detail.

## TSSSA

Term 4 has seen many of our Year 9 and Year 10 students attending TSSSA Touch, Social volleyball, Fast 5 Netball and Beach Day.

Most of these events have been social, fun, dress up events with the girls having to not only participate but referee and score games also. We've seen some great costumes, sportsmanship and leadership throughout these events.



# Nurture Hauora



## Staff Squash

Thanks to the below staff members who signed up (or had their arm twisted by Ross!) to play in the recent Social Business House Squash competition at Kawaroa Park Squash Club. Sausies, fries and a drink are enjoyed with a bit of squash in the background :).

**Ross Howarth, Spencer Page, Richard MacCallum, Ria Cummings, Bernadette Forsyth, Holly Miller, Jade Harrison, Denise Stachurski** (and ring-ins on a night of need: Oliver Howarth and Andrew McNeil).



On the last night, Manawa Tapu team won best-dressed!—pictured left is **Bernadette Forsyth, Spencer Page, Kaye Elliot** (Club Coach) and **Ross Howarth**.

