

# SACRED HEART COLLEGE

'Let Us Go Together'





## From the Principal



Tena Koutou Katoa, Dia Duit,  
Dear Parents, Guardians and Whānau,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as part of my first Newsletter for the year. For those of you I have not yet met my name is Maria Neville-Foster. I immigrated to New Zealand in 2006 from Ireland. I am married to Simon Foster who is from Napier and we have two boys Tadhg and Lorcan. We are all delighted to be joining the community of Sacred Heart College and excited for what the future holds.

At first, my 6-year-old son was struggling with my change of school and he had difficulty remembering the name. However, something magical happened on the day of the powhiri. There was a special connection made for me here at the school during the ceremony, but something happened for him too. When I got home that evening he said, 'finally mum I remember the name of the school'. He made connections and said 'Jesus and Mary are everywhere at your school so that is why it is Sacred, and it is full of love and that's the Heart, your school is Sacred Heart'. That is how I see this very beautiful and spiritual place.

Meeting the staff, students and parents the last few weeks has been delightful, and I look forward to getting to know you all more over the coming months.

Term one has started off very positively and we have had a number of occasions that I have thoroughly enjoyed including the Powhiri, Year 9 Barbeque, Leadership Mass, Academic Assembly and Student Leaders Camp. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at these events and I hope this continues throughout the year.

We have two new staff members this term, Ms Kirstin Glass, HOD of Mathematics, and Mrs Kerin Greville who is teaching Photography for Term 1. We will be appointing a new Deputy Principal for Term 2. Mrs Marysia Airey is Acting Deputy Principal for Term 1 with Miss Ashton Northcott Acting Assistant Principal.

We also begin the year by congratulating our students on an outstanding set of NCEA results from 2017. I am very pleased for them and their results; results which are a credit to the students' efforts, and to the staff for the way they prepared them. NCEA statistics across all three year levels continue to be above both national and decile 4-7 averages. Particularly pleasing was the significant improvement in the achievement at Level 3, especially for our Maori and Pacifica girls. Amongst the highlights was making school history with being awarded 7 scholarships especially the achievements of Rebecca Mogey who achieved two scholarships, one in English and one in History.

Summer sport codes are already in full swing at the school and I enjoyed watching our cricket team in action at Woodford House last week. There has been some outstanding individual successes with Alexandra Thompson winning a National Title in Gliding and Alena Kamper winning the Napier ocean swim, with her sister, Edie, in third place.

I am keen to be able to offer an extensive programme of co-curricular activities, and like all schools we need community support. I therefore make a plea to any parents, grandparents or guardians who may be able to help with coaching or managing any of our sports teams to contact our Sports Coordinator Katrina Wright at [kwright@sacredheartnapier.school.nz](mailto:kwright@sacredheartnapier.school.nz).

It is very fitting that this year our theme is 'Let us go together' We are personally called to go on a journey with each other and with God. Like the four RNDM sisters who journeyed together over 150 years ago, 2018 calls us to go on a journey together. I am really looking forward to our journey together.

Let us go together. God Bless

Maria Neville-Foster

**Principal**





# 2018 Student Leaders



**Head Girl:** Grace Burrell  
**Deputy Head Girls:** Ella White Shaw & Brynne Hey



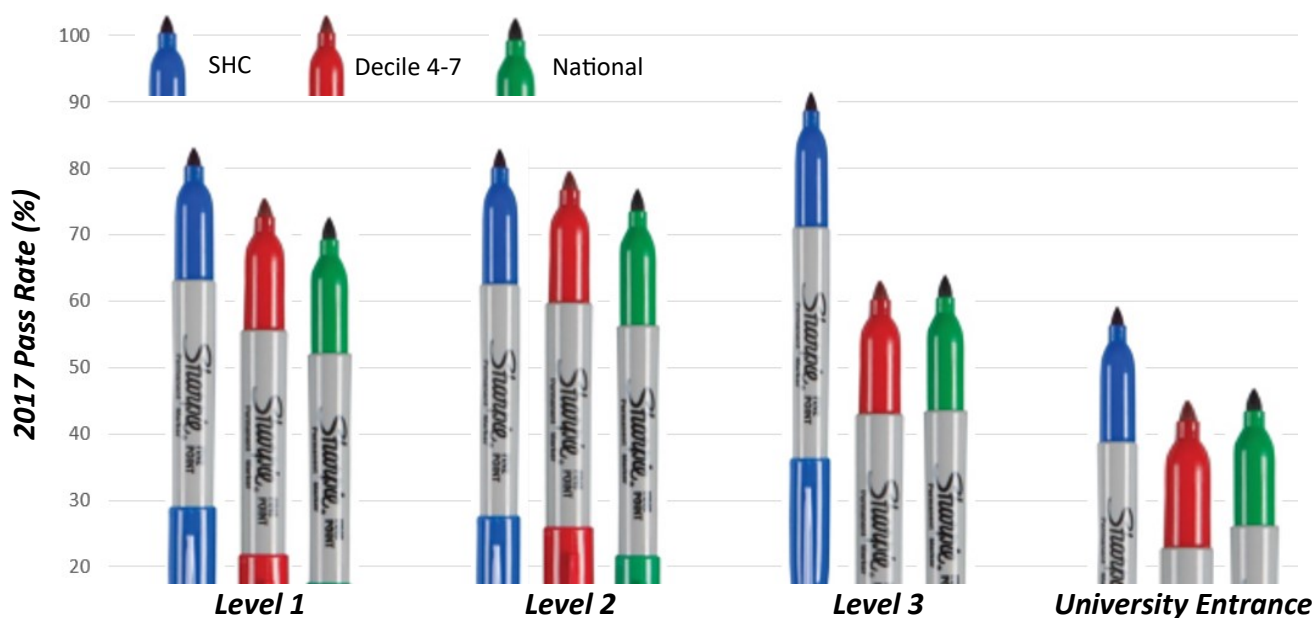
**Back L-R:** Olivia Adegoke, Ella Harkness, Jazmyn Poppelwell, Morgan Fraser, Reagan Dunphy, Alena Kamper. **Middle L-R:** Jemma Greenhill, Brynne Hey, Grace Burrell, Ella White Shaw, Samantha Anderson, Sophie Hammond. **Front L-R:** Monica Cacho-Bevin, Pypah McGregor, Turama Kelly, Jessica Te Moananui, Alexandra Anderson.

**Absent:** Kirara Tieka

## 2017 NCEA Results

Roll-Based Overall Results (%)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	UE
<b>SHC</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>59.3</b>
Decile 4-7	75.7	79.8	63	44.1
National	72.9	77.2	64.2	47.1





## NCEA Level Endorsements

**Level 1 Merit:** Vikki Anderson, Brittany Barker, Caitlin Booth, Ella Bryce, Ta-lia Cook, Brooke Crabtree-Hansen, Isabel Gibson, Elizabeth Hare, Sarah Harris, Frances Marra, Kate McGrath, Isabella O'Brien, Sarah Paet, Cydney Pattison, Denise Penitito, Emma Rodger, Alexandra Thompson, Nakita Turner.

**Level 1 Excellence:** Madeleine Archer, Emma Cavaney, Kyrrah Collier, Gina Glass, Grace Hawke, Nina Hegarty, Serenity Hiakwai-Haggerty, Ashleigh Keenan, Bridget Kelly-Lowe, Molly McEvoy, Coorn Sabmeethavorn, Alexandira Scurr.

**Level 2 Merit:** Stephanie Ah Lin, Alexandra Anderson, Samantha Anderson, Larissa Burfield-Mills, Holly Chamberlain, Morgan Fraser, Jemma Greenhill, Alena Kamper, Pupah McGregor, Charlotte McLean, Johanna Minehan, Isabella Morris, Charissa Patterson, Jazmyn Poppelwell, Jessica Te Moananui, Kirara Tieka.

**Level 2 Excellence:** Olivia Adegoke, Kelsey Baker, Grace Burrell, Monica Cacho-Bevin, Reagan Dunphy, Lisa Gregory, Sophie Hammond, Ella Harkness, Brynne Hey, Vineetha Jenson, Jasmine McArthur, Urmandip Sekhon, Baileigh Sparkes, Ella White Shaw.

**Level 3 Merit:** Ruby Allen-Dryburgh, Jessica Clarke, Niamh Dunphy, Olivia Fleming, Alivia Goldfinch, Bridget Hannan, Ani Harris, Sahilpreet Kaur, Samantha Liley, Rena Ogihara, Abby Owens, Holly Pablo, Daman Parhar, Bridgette Petrie, Ava Poppy Powell, Sanjeshni Singh-Ruru, Hannah Winne.

**Level 3 Excellence:** Michelle Arnold, Emma Bergman, Jessica Bewick, Rachel Finlayson, Lucy Foster, Amy Gibson, Rebecca Moge, Kathryn O'Malley.

## NCEA Scholarship Winners

***We are extremely proud of our 2017 NCEA Scholarship winners***



Rebecca Moge  
(2017 Dux)  
Scholarship: English & History  
2018: University of Canterbury  
Arts and Law



Jessica Bewick  
(2017 Deputy Head Girl)  
Scholarship: English  
2018: Royal NZ Navy  
Engineering



Bridgette Petrie  
(2017 Head Girl)  
Scholarship: English  
2018: University of Canterbury  
Engineering



Emma Bergman  
(2017 Proxime Accessit)  
Scholarship: Photography  
2018: EIT  
Arts



Alivia Goldfinch  
Scholarship: Geography  
2018: Massey University  
Environmental Science and Geography



Sanjeshni Singh-Ruru  
Scholarship: Photography  
2018: Victoria University  
Commerce



# 2017 Major Prize Winners



Jessica Bewick -  
Blue Ribbon Cup



Rebecca Moge -  
Dux  
Emma Bergman -



Service as a  
Head Girl -  
Bridgette Petrie



PTA Cup -  
Sarah Miller



Pat Faulkner  
Memorial Cup for  
Catholic Character -  
Kathryn O'Malley



2017 Departing Staff and  
Year 13 students

## Special Character

Leadership Mass is the time when we celebrate students who are willing to step up and lead with their Catholic identity at the forefront of who they are. As a Catholic School we actively encourage students to explore their faith and find their talents. We encourage and nurture these talents just like a gardener would nurture a seed. Father Nathaniel explored this during his homily about the parable of the mustard seed. He encouraged all of us to help one another grow. He reminded us that just as a tiny seed can grow into a great tree then we also have the potential to do great things.

A special highlight of the Mass was the presentation of the Eucharistic badges. Students who received these badges had been commissioned either through their Parish or through a special programme run by our Youth Minister, Mrs Durston. To become a Eucharistic Minister a student must be a confirmed Catholic. Once students are commissioned they are able to minister at year level Masses, combined Schools Masses, Feast Day Mass and the Thanksgiving Mass at the end of the year.

As a Catholic School we encourage all students who have talents for the various ministries to come forward and get involved. We are always looking to nurture musical, reading and serving talents. If you are interested in getting involved please see Mrs Durston or any of our Religious Studies teachers.

Kelly Briggs

**Director of Religious Studies**





## Board of Trustees News

The departure of Daryn August (Parent Elect) from the Sacred Heart College (SHC) Board of Trustees has created 'a casual vacancy' for an elected parent representative. In order to deal with this situation the Board have resolved to fill this vacancy by a process known as election. Board nominations are invited for the election of one (1) parent representative to the board of trustees. If you are willing to share your skills and are committed to helping to ensure the best educational outcomes for all SHC students please consider becoming a trustee. This casual vacancy tenure is until the next triennial BOT election mid 2019 (date to be confirmed).

Trustees are active leaders in their school or kura and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communication skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school or kura's performance are in place. Given the skill set of the current Board and for succession planning purposes we are ideally seeking candidates who can contribute to the educational needs and aspirations of Māori, Pasifika and priority learners and candidates who have daughters in the junior years at our school. A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at midday on Friday 9th March 2018 and must be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and may be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at midday on Friday 23rd March 2018. Proposed 2018 meeting dates are available on the school website calendar.

Further information can be found at <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz>

If you're interested in standing for election or nominating someone you know, please contact the school office. Cara Jacobs: [cjacobs@sacredheartnapier.school.nz](mailto:cjacobs@sacredheartnapier.school.nz), PH: 06 835 3761 Ext 803

Carolyn Hegarty  
**BOT Chairperson**

## Fundraising

On Thursday 15th February SHC staff and students raised funds by having an Art Deco inspired mufti day. The intention was to raise money for our Indian Sisters at Almel Hostel in India. In light of the recent Cyclone Gita disaster affecting the Pacific Islands, it has been decided that the funds raised from this event will be redirected to the Red Cross who is distributing relief supplies to help affected communities. As we have a number of Tongan and Samoan families in our community it was felt that we should support the much needed relief in their native countries. Read more about the Red Cross support for Tonga, Samoa and Fiji on their website: [www.redcross.org.nz](http://www.redcross.org.nz). Another mufti day will be held later in the year to raise funds for our Indian Sisters.





# PTA News



As we are all aware, there is no such thing as 'free' education and schools often struggle to provide the extras that our students need. Your PTA is a small but enthusiastic committee whose goal is to raise funds to enhance our school.

In 2016 the PTA donated \$13,000 towards a new school van; in 2017 we paid \$8,000 for the shade sails over the Mission Centre amphitheatre. Last year we raised these funds by organising a raffle, the student workday, a dinner at the Thirsty Whale and sold firewood from a felled tree at the College.

Your current committee of Janine Emms, Nora Dunphy, Linda Roberts, Jill Hammond, Michelle White and Sue Boyle would like to thank Robert Sankey for taking the role of Chair for the past five years. His wise counsel will be missed.

We invite you to join the PTA and be part of our school whanau for the following great reasons:

- It's a great way to meet other families with daughters the same age as your own.
- You will get connected - there is no better way to know what is happening in her school.
- You can help raise money for a great cause - your daughter's education and/or school environment.
- You'll get to know the teachers at school and to understand their needs and ideas.
- You will be a role model. You'll be demonstrating to your daughter the importance you place on her education.
- The time commitment is minimal - meetings are one hour a month.
- Most important - YOUR DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!!

**Please join us at our AGM Monday 12 March 7pm in the school staffroom, followed by a General PTA meeting. We'd love to see you there.**

*Photo: PTA members Jill Hammond, Sue Boyle and Nora Dunphy helping in the Uniform Shop at the beginning of this year.*

Sue Boyle  
**PTA**



## Student News



2018 National Gliding Championship  
Winner Alexandra Thompson and  
Mrs Neville-Foster



Georgia Coory competed in the 2017 NZ Show Horse Council Show and won Reserve Champion Small Show Hunter Galloway, Reserve Champion Rider 15-16 and Champion Childs Show Hunter Galloway. By winning these classes she has qualified for the NZ Show team to compete at the Sydney Royal Show and Grand Nationals at the end of March 2018.

Alena (left) and Edie Kamper competed in the Napier event of the NZ Ocean Swim Series. Alena was the first female home, and the first swimmer out of the water not wearing a wetsuit—a feat on its own, and Edie following up in third. Congratulations girls on your success!



# School Calendar

February	
22	Year 12 Mass
23	Reignier School Opening Mass
25-27	RNDM Leaders Camp—Waikane
27	School Photos
28 Feb—2 Mar	Year 9 Camps
March	
7	HBSS Teams Triathlon
11	Leaders Mass—10am St Patrick's, Napier
12	PTA AGM 7.00pm
13	BOT meeting 5.30pm
14	ECNISS Athletics
23	Fia Fia—hosted by St John's College
17-18	Russell McVeagh Debating
21	Year 12 and 13 PE Aquathon
22	Swimming Sports
23	Progress Reports home
25	Year 13 compete in HBSS Triathlon
25	Combined Mass with St John's College at St Mary's, Greenmeadows
27	Year 9 Home School Meetings at SHC
29	Holy Thursday Liturgy
30	Good Friday (Holiday)
April	
2	Easter Monday (Holiday)
3	Easter Holiday
5	Year 10-13 Te Reo Students to Noho Marae
5	Whanau Hui
6	Year 9 and Te Reo Students to Noho Marae

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