



# SACRED HEART COLLEGE

Te Kāreti o Ngākau Tapu | Hearts and Minds in Harmony

*'Living Euphrasie's Dream'*







# From the Principal



Tena kōwhiri katoa, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Dia Duit,  
Dear Parent/Guardian

In light of the events in Christchurch we as a school have had time to reflect on the important things in life. Bishop Charles wrote 'One 'positive' from such tragedy is that it weaves the goodness of the human spirit closer together, at least for a while.' Last Friday the whole school stopped and stood in silence to show solidarity and take a moment to reflect. This was even more impressive as it was during lunchtime. Thank you, girls, for the respect and care you show towards others.

As the first term heads towards the end we are gearing up for the four-night performance of 'Bugsy Malone'. This musical provides another example of the wonderful talent that we have at Sacred Heart and St. John's College. It equally displays the superb skills of the staff who have brought out the best in these students. To everyone who has had a part in this outstanding event, may I express my congratulations and gratitude. May I also express my thanks to those members of our school community who have supported 'Bugsy Malone' in the background and will continue to do so over the last three weeks of term.

Last Friday was the outstanding celebration of our Fia Fia night. It is imperative that our young people know where they come from and who they are on the inside. This event offers us all a very rich encounter of what Pasifika culture is.

This term has also been busy sporting wise. We have had athletics and swimming sports along with Year 9 EOTC camp. May I express my thanks to the PE department for their outstanding organisation and efforts to ensure these events are inclusive and enjoyable for all. The term has been an excellent one for summer sport with numerous individuals and teams achieving success across a range of codes. While there have been many quite outstanding efforts, of particular significance has been the achievements of our mixed Waka Ama team, who for the first time ever competed at regionals and won their event. We wish them luck at Nationals. I wish to express thanks to everyone who has coached and managed our students. Like all schools, we rely on volunteer parent and community coaches to ensure our students have a breadth of opportunity across a whole range of sports; it is to these people also that I offer a big thank you. With the winter season nearly upon us, we are still short of coaches and managers in several codes. If anyone could help please contact Katrina Wright, our sports co-ordinator by email [kwright@sacredheartnapier.school.nz](mailto:kwright@sacredheartnapier.school.nz).

As Term 1 comes to an end it sees us farewelling Mr Berry. After 12 years at Sacred Heart College Mr. Berry will retire. We wish him and his wife Helen a long and happy retirement together. At the beginning of Term 2 we will welcome Miss Harrison to the part time position of Physics teacher.

During the course of the term our Year 13 girls have played a big part in transitioning our Year 9s into the school. This year's cohort of Year 13's is a particularly fine group of young women and I would like to acknowledge the work that they have done in this regard. Traditional models of leadership in schools have centred on school prefects, however the heightened attention on this group frequently casts a shadow over other students, many of whom have similar aspirations and interests in their own development as leaders. While we do have committee leaders our notion of leadership for our seniors is one where there is a shift in focus away from the leader sitting above and commanding others in an authoritative manner, to one where the role becomes a dynamic relationship between the leader and the follower. I expect all year 13s to show leadership and take opportunities as they present themselves. It is pleasing to see many of them take this on board this year. Equally it has been pleasing to give a large number of our seniors the chance to attend leadership courses in Wellington and Waikanae in the latter stages of the term.

The Tomorrows Schools Review is happening at the moment. The proposal is suggesting some major changes on how our school will be managed and governed. These changes will have some significant effect on our Catholic education system, in particular access to a Catholic education. If zoning comes into play we will not be able to cater for Catholic families outside our immediate area. **I urge you to go on line and have your say for the future of our Catholic schools** <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>.

Have a Happy Easter.

God Bless,

Maria Neville-Foster, Principal

**April 3 will be a full school day. PPTA have indicated that the strike action has been postponed.**



Kate McGrath, Deputy Head Girl, spoke beautifully when she delivered part of the Charter of Compassion at the Interfaith event last Saturday night at the Sound Shell.

Congratulations to Kyrah Collier and Julia Lotomau for their further achievements in NCEA. Well done, girls.



# Special Character



This year we are living Euphrasie Barbier's dream. Part of living this dream is recognising our role as partners in mission and our calling to be women of justice. We recognise that Euphrasie is not the only female role model we have for our theme and this place of worship at Pakipaki holds special significance to another woman; Suzanne Aubert.

It was in Paki Paki that Suzanne Aubert started to hone her instincts and skills with Māori medicines. Already proficient in Te Reo, Aubert fitted well into the Paki Paki community, and was accepted and trusted with knowledge.

The spirit of Suzanne Aubert lives on today in the work of our communities and within our school sisterhood.

In light of this, for our 2019 school year we are introducing Māori waiata at every assembly to recognise both Suzanne Aubert, and our spiritual connection to our Māori culture.

I thank the parishioners at Paki Paki for embracing us so warmly into their community as we celebrated the 1st Sunday of Lent together.

**Kelly Briggs—Director of Religious Studies**

## Ash Wednesday Poem - Taylah Vo: 100M

I trust in you Lord.

My faith,

My love,

I place in your hands.

With your graces, your abundant bounty,  
may I move forward with humbleness.

To give more than I receive.

To wholeheartedly forgive others  
as you have forgiven me.

To always return to you

## A message from Pope Francis

*His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and loss of life caused by the senseless acts of violence at two Mosques in Christchurch, and he assures all New Zealanders, and in particular the Muslim community, of his heartfelt solidarity in the wake of these attacks. Mindful of the efforts of the security and emergency personnel in this difficult situation, His Holiness prays for the healing of the injured, the consolation of those who grieve the loss of their loved ones, and for all afflicted by this tragedy. Commending those who have died to the loving mercy of Almighty God, Pope Francis invokes the divine blessings of comfort and strength upon the nation.*

- Pietro Parolin Secretary of State



Maria Neville-Foster, Sr  
Frances Wilson RNDM  
and Srs Maria and Lucia

Sr Maria and Sr Lucia from Vietnam have been visiting New Zealand and living in Petone learning English at a language school. They have been spending time at Sacred Heart College to learn about our history and the RNDM association to the school. They will have been in New Zealand 18 months when in early June they will be going to Davao in the Philippines where they will spend six months preparing for their final profession of vows. They will then return to Vietnam where they will be given a Mission which could be in Vietnam or any other RNDM country, e.g. Peru, South Sudan or Taiwan.

We were then visited by Sr Vianney who is the Provincial of the Vietnam Province of RNDM. She has been visiting Sr Maria and Sr Lucia.



## Student News

Tegan Marlow, Zoe Hawkins and Jemma Rumble have been selected to represent New Zealand in the Global Dance and Cheer Games in Hawaii. They represent Bay City Cheer Leaders and will be leaving at the beginning of Term 2. We wish them every success. More news when they return.



## Launching Leaders Conference 2019

It was a pleasure to accompany six of our School Leaders to the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Leaders Conference at Scots' College in Wellington. The students were entertained and inspired by three outstanding leaders: Nickki Kaye, MP; Jo Healey, Business; Billy Graham, Youth Foundation. As impressive as these speakers were, the students rated the workshoping with student leaders from other schools as the highlight. Sharing common goals, common successes and common barriers enabled our leaders to advance their own personal skills and embed some excellent ideas for their own leadership journeys —

Marysia Airey



Three Yr 13s and one Y12 attended the RNDM camp from 21–23 March. This was a fantastic two days where they spent time with our sister schools - Sacred Heart College New Plymouth, Wellington, Hamilton and Christchurch - and the wonderful Sr. Anne, RNDM sister. Students became engrossed in the life of Euphrasie Barbier and reflected on what it must have been like for her to take on the mission of educating young women in the 1860's. Students brought back new knowledge of prayer and meditation based on scriptures.



Congratulations to Alexandra Thompson who has been accepted into the RNZAF School to Skies programme out of 140 applicants. The course is tech and aviation based for girls in Yr13. She is really excited about this opportunity as she is already a flyer!!! Well done, Alexandra.





# St Patrick's Day Celebrations



## Fia Fia







# Sports

## Athletic Sports results:

### Junior Champs:

1st Place: Ava Teddy  
2nd Place: Acacia Tamihana-Joe  
3rd Place: Hannah Rich

### Intermediate Champs:

1st Place: Emily Kelly-Lowe  
2nd Place: Courtney Beams  
3rd Equal: Ianeta Mauga and Leana Cook

### Senior Champs:

1st Place: Sarah O'Malley  
2nd Place: Ashleigh Keenan  
3rd Place: Abby Bell

### Spirit Stick:

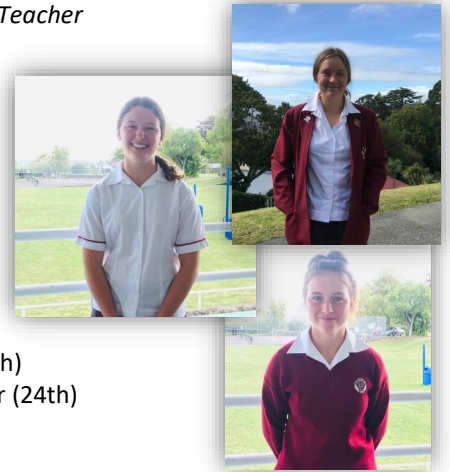
3rd Place: Barbier  
2nd Place: Aubert  
1st Place: Holderness



Over the last two weeks we have been connecting with our local community and trying our hand at Lawn Bowls. Dan from Bluff Hill Bowling Club was teaching us the tricks of the trade and we all had an absolute blast. Lawn bowls is more difficult than we thought and we will be back! - Billie Madsen, Health and Physical Education Teacher



Congratulations to Tessa Coory, Georgia Kerins and Eva Deihl on being selected to represent Hawke's Bay in Canoe Polo.



## ECNISS Athletic results:

### Junior Girls 100M:

Ava Teddy (18th), Laila Salter (20th), Abbie Gardiner

### Junior Girls 200M:

(22nd), Jacqueline Ah Lin (26th), Acacia Tamihana-Joe (30th)

### Junior Girls Long Jump:

Laila Salter (15th), Jacqueline Ah Lin (19th), Abbie Gardiner (24th)

### Senior Girls Long Jump:

Laila Salter (20th), Ava Teddy (22nd)

### Junior Girls High Jump:

Sarah O'Malley (9th)

### Senior Girls High Jump:

Acacia Tamihana-Joe (14th)

### Junior Girls Shot Put:

Sharese Penitito (6th)

### Senior Girls Shot Put:

Laila Salter (14th)

### Junior Girls Discus:

Ashleigh Keenan (4th)

### Senior Girls Discus:

Laila Salter (13th)

Ashleigh Keenan (2nd)



A group of our students competed in the HB Sec Schools Triathlon. It was great to see we had so many teams entered and glad the weather provided a lovely evening for us.

Winter sports are approaching with registrations for badminton, hockey, netball and rugby under way.

Congratulations to our Waka Ama team, who with St John's College, won a gold medal at the Regional Waka Ama Championships in the J16 mixed W12 final. Kellie Winiata was also placed 3rd in the J19 womens W1 Final and Te Amokura Watson, 3rd place in the J16 womens W1 final. Well done, everyone. They are off to Rotorua for the Nationals—all the best team!!





# Board of Trustees News

It is my pleasure to have this, the first opportunity to communicate with you all, as the newly elected Chairwoman of Sacred Heart College's Board of Trustees.

Last month saw Mrs Carolyn Hegarty stand down as Chairwoman, after two and a half wonderful years of leading our Board, Principals and blessed school. Words cannot express our immense gratitude for Carolyn's leadership, professionalism and hours of service she showed in the role. However, it would be remiss if we didn't at the same time, take this opportunity to thank her family, for supporting and enabling Carolyn to carry out this role to the high level she has. We do understand this doesn't come without personal sacrifice, so thank you. It is nothing but a high bar you have set me, Carolyn, to continue on with!

Our family have two girls in the school; Alexandra is in Year 13 and Victoria is in Year 9 and as such, we are invested in our school for the next few years! I feel very honoured to hold the role of Chairwoman and am genuinely excited about what the future holds for us here at Sacred Heart College.

As you will have previously heard and read, the Tri-annual Board of Trustees Elections are being held in June of this year. Many of our current representatives are standing down, as they no longer have girls at the school, or have held these positions for multiple years.

Yes, we are looking to grow a new Board. We are very keen to hear from anyone who feels they have the knowledge, skills and desire to form a part of a group that governs our beautiful school. Do you NEED to be a Doctor, Lawyer, Accountant or Teacher? No, however we encourage participation from those professions too.

What we really are looking for is the passion you possess, to support and guide Mrs Neville-Foster and her talented teachers and support staff, in continuing the success of our wonderful College.

Please think seriously about what you can offer to our school Board.

Feel free to contact either Maria Neville-Foster or myself, should you want more information on what the role of a board member is and/or how to apply. Till next time.

Nga mihi,

Regards, **Kirstin Thompson, BOT Chairperson**

## Future Pathways

2019 has kicked off well with five of our girls being accepted into Trades Academy at EIT. One day a week our students study at the EIT in a range of subjects, including Health/Fitness Level 2 & 3, Animal Care and Hair/Beauty Level 3. Another 17 girls in Future Pathways



are studying a range of subjects on our Gateway Programme including Travel & Tourism, Early Childhood Education, Fitness/recreation and sport, Social work and retail. These girls are working hard to

gain employment skills which will see them leave Sacred Heart with confidence, enhanced skills, and knowledge of the workplace that lead into apprenticeships, employment or further training opportunities. In Terms 2 and 3 they will be out in the community working in different businesses in the area of their studies.

Thank you to those who have committed to supporting us this year and to our past businesses who have supported Gateway, we couldn't do it without you.

If you would like to support our Gateway programme by taking on a student in your business one day each week for 10 weeks, we're looking for travel/tourism, early childhood (Pasifika focus) and a social work placement to begin in Term 2.

Contact Fiona Quane NOW on 835 3761 ext 841 or by email:

fquane@sacredheartnapier.school.nz.



## Enviro Group Update

Our SHC Enviro Group has been out in the community this term, taking action and giving nature a voice. Earlier this month, four students from our school – Lara, Azhure, Mio and Mina – took part in a beach clean up event, organized as part of Sea Week. This event was held in conjunction with the Catholic Parish of Napier Care of Creation Group.

We learned that the smaller pieces of plastic are just as important to collect as the larger ones, as they may be accidentally eaten by wildlife. Many of the items we found were cigarette butts and small bits of plastic. Overall it was a very good experience and we would encourage anyone with free time to help clean up our local beach environment.

Two students from our school – Jaspreet Kaur Sangha and Ana

Taylor have joined the Hawke's Bay Youth Environment Council. This is an opportunity for like-minded students to get actively involved in local environmental events and help educate others about the importance of the environment. It's a way for young people to get their voices heard and learn, for example, how we can each reduce our own carbon footprint. We are currently working together to plan our events for the year. Overall this group is a great way of bringing together ideas to help save our planet. You can find out how to join, or share any ideas you would like to be discussed, by asking Jaspreet or Ana.

On Friday 15 March, three members of our Enviro Group attended the Napier rally for action on climate change. It was great to be part of such an important cause with other students that want to see more climate action and it was a good way for us to see how young people can make a difference. The students that spoke at the rally were passionate and brought such awareness to the issue of climate change, helping us to see what must be done by governments across the world to protect our environment. Thanks to Mrs Cowen for transporting and supervising us and Mrs Neville-Foster for allowing us to be a part of this event.

*Contributed by Lara Turnbull, Azhure Durston, Jaspreet Kaur Sangha and Sarah Fraser*





# Pastoral Matters



**Uniform:** Students will be able to wear full winter uniform from the start of Term 2. We expect all students to have made the change by the beginning of Week 3. There is no longer a requirement for Y13 students to wear ties. Please refer to the school website for the school uniform requirements.

**Uniform Review:** This year Sacred Heart College will be holding a uniform review. If you are interested in being part of a committee to investigate the current uniform and possible changes, please email the school office. Part of the review will include community consultation and I will call for your ideas once the committee is up and running.

The Uniform Shop hours are Thursdays Break 1 (10.45am) and Break 2 (1.40pm) in term time.

**Visitors to school:** You are most welcome to visit us at any time. However, we ask that you sign in at the School Office immediately on arrival. We are very happy to assist with connecting students to their forgotten lunches, sports gear, homework and will send messages when appropriate to classes for you.

**Attendance:** The new school attendance notification system has been operational for the last six weeks with great success. A huge thank you to all the parents and caregivers who updated their contact details to allow this system to operate effectively. Our attendance rate is currently 89%. Well done to all the families and girls themselves who are making school attendance a priority. Thank you also for the efforts made to reduce the number of appointments being made during curriculum delivery time.

**Parking:** The school office has fielded several calls this year with regards to our community parking around the local streets. Please be mindful of the road rules and be courteous to others. Note that it is illegal to stop across private driveways even if you remain in the car. If you are picking up students it may be an excellent idea to have them walk down Shakespeare Road, towards Ahuriri, to avoid the congestion.

**Student Driving:** If your daughter is intending to drive to school, we ask that we have parental permission lodged at the office. Students will be given a pass that allows us to monitor the number of students that are driving to school, and also allows us to identify cars with drivers.

Sacred Heart College will not tolerate the breaching of the NZ Road Code. Passengers are not allowed in cars driven by students on Restricted and Learners licences. It is a school rule that drivers on full licences are only allowed to bring other students to school if they have the permission of both the driver and the passenger's parents or caregivers. We ask your help in monitoring appropriate behaviour—*Marysia Airey, Pastoral Care*



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# School Calendar

March	
25-29	Waka Ama Nationals in Rotorua
25	5.30pm: BOT meeting
27	Swimming Sports
28	1.05pm: Yr10 Mass
31	8.00am: Combined Mass, St Thomas More
April	
8-11	School Production "Bugsy Malone"
12	Caritas Fundraising—mufti day <b>End of Term 1</b>
29	<b>Term 2 begins</b>
May	
2	1.05pm: Y13 Mass 4.00pm: Yr10—13 Home School Meeting
7	4.00pm: Yr10-13 Home School Meeting
9	HB Road Safety Show
10	Kapa haka Regionals (tbc)



## Library Corner

This has been an exceptionally busy term for all students. The Seniors are balancing internals along with many other commitments such as sporting, FiaFia and our production of "Bugsy Malone". The Year 9s are still adjusting to life at secondary school and the Year 10s are stepping up to the expectations that this second year entails.

However, a message to all year levels: don't forget to keep up with your reading. It's a great way to give your brain a break and a chance for it to grow and "reboot"

While we encourage the girls to dip into non-fiction (there are some inspiring biographies), the fiction section is vital for young people. The wonderful Neil Gaiman talks about the importance of imagination and reading in a great Farnam Street blog <https://fs.blog/2013/10/neil-gaiman-reading-libraries/>.

Reading helps readers improve their vocabulary, their imagination, develop their skills in empathising as well as improving concentration. It's the easiest way to take a trip around the globe, visit another world, be a part of other families and cultures and gives insight into how to (and not to!) handle relationships – all from your house, bed or favourite chair.

We have a wonderful selection of books in the library. When you think you're at your busiest, that's the very time you need to come over and choose a book that you can escape into.

Have a great final three weeks of Term One. **Miss Dempster**



From the Archives  
Athletics team—1976



Our students raised \$400 after our mufti day in support of the New Zealand Muslim community after Christchurch's tragedy.



We thank Claire Fisher and Taylor NZ for their generous donation of our 'healthy choice' for our students and staff.

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