

Sacred Heart College

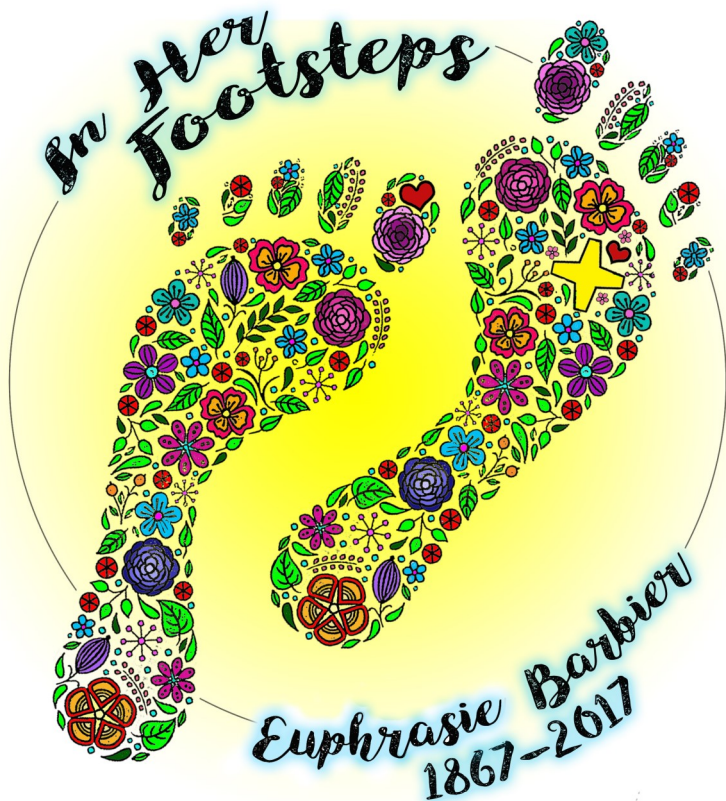
Napier

February 2017



**Te Kāreti
o Ngakau
Tapu**

**“Hearts
and
Minds
in Harmony”**



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Greetings from the hill, from Sacred Heart College in this our 150th jubilee year.

We have adopted the image and theme on the front page in reverence to the foundress of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Mission, Euphrasie Barbier. Her vision for young women was empowerment through faith and education. Our aim this year is to honour Euphrasie's vision by understanding and living the virtues she modelled.

At our Academic Assembly this week, when we recognised our top NCEA achievers for 2016, I highlighted one of Euphrasie's 'Gems' (the title of a small book dedicated to beautiful verses from her 19th century letters).

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'It is better to be too kind than not kind enough'

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While we are very proud of academic achievement, the mission of Sacred Heart is to also grow young women who are strong models of love and kindness.

At our opening Leadership Mass, celebrated beautifully by Father Paul, our student Leadership Team was announced and blessed. Please keep these young women in your prayers as they share leadership roles during the school year.



Our NCEA data is outstanding. The graphs on page 3 highlight our best-ever Excellence Endorsement statistics with all achievement data exceeding National statistics. Our individual tracking systems ensure we are aware of every student's needs and much information has already been shared this year about returning and new students.

We welcome a number of new staff. They have all made a big contribution in the first few weeks and we are benefiting from their new ideas and enthusiasm.

As we welcomed new staff at our powhiri, Whaea Mona Stewart presented the school with a beautiful carved pou, gifting this treasured taonga to the school.



Miss Rachel Carson



Mrs Luana Durston



Mr Stephen Liddle



Miss Kate O'Malley

Considerable property developments were actioned over the holidays; the high-quality audio visual system installed in the gymnasium, and the new school van will have direct benefits for students.

Thank you for all your attention around uniform, stationery, bus transport, and incidentals associated with the start of the school year. I have been very impressed with the organisation and atmosphere around school over the first few weeks.

Please contact me if there are difficulties with the payment of Attendance Dues. I am available to meet anytime either at school or at your home.

There are a number of school-wide events in the coming weeks which you are most welcome to attend. I encourage you to take every opportunity to engage with your daughter's growth and development. I look forward to sharing your company on any of these occasions.

From 'Gems' I leave with you:

"Oh yes, let us love God always, always, always and let us love one another always in God." Euphrasie Barbier 1865

Regards and God's blessings,

Steve Bryan
Principal



Mrs Cara Jacobs

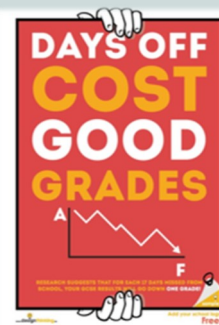


Mrs Henrietta Hillman

Pastoral Matters

Attendance = Achievement

One of our school-wide goals is for every student to achieve 90% attendance. Whilst this figure may initially seem high, it would still equate to one day absent each fortnight (which is actually quite a lot). We understand that for some students there may be significant health issues which make this goal a challenge, but we also know that students who have superb attendance are maximising their learning opportunities and in turn, their achievement level is raised. At our academic assembly last week, it was not surprising that every student who received an Excellence Endorsement acknowledgment had over 95% attendance for the year. Please encourage your daughter to attend school every day so that she can realise her academic potential in 2017.



Uniform

A huge thank you to families and whānau for your support in ensuring that your daughter wears her uniform correctly and with pride. The uniform expectations are included in your daughter's diary as a ready reference. If you have any queries regarding uniform issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Sue Ross
Assistant Principal

Uniform Shop

Opening hours in term time: Thursdays Break 1 and Break 2

EFTPOS/ credit cards, cash and cheques are all accepted. Laybys are also available.

Academic Excellence

We would like to congratulate our senior students on their 2016 results. At every level Sacred Heart College students continue to exceed National averages and comparisons with similar schools shown in the accompanying tables.

Particularly pleasing are the number of students being awarded Merit and Excellence endorsements where in Level 1 and 2 the curves continue their upward slope.

Congratulations also to Ella Hegarty and Meg Bryan on gaining Scholarship Geography in the end of year examinations. Thank you and congratulations also to Mr James Wakefield for supporting these students.

At Sacred Heart we carefully track **every** student's progress throughout the year and of course, when official results are released. This means for students who have not quite attained their goals, these students are monitored and supported to reach their goals and continue on their academic pathway. These girls have already been identified, teachers are aware of their specific needs and teaching programmes have been tailored to support them.

We would also like to thank our hard working teachers who truly go the extra mile with additional support and tutorials in their own time to support the learning of our students.

When NCEA results are released many parents are still a little confused as to how to interpret the grades. The following link <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/> provides a full explanation of how NCEA works, including videos.

To support parents and their teens with next steps after receiving NCEA results there is now an NCEA resource page on the Careers New Zealand website. The page features a [video](#) starring former All Black Michael Jones sharing his experience of supporting his children through NCEA, plus a range of helpful articles and an eBook.

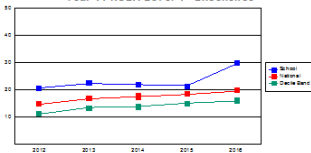
The page helps parents understand NCEA and how to interpret their kids' results. Teens and parents can find practical advice and information on next steps they can take no matter what their teen's results. Visit the page at careers.govt.nz/ncea

Helen Fouhy
Deputy Principal

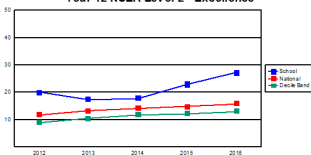
2016 NCEA data

	SHC 2016 Roll based %	National 2016 Roll based %
Level 1	89.1	74.2
L1 Merit	29.8	35.1
L1 Excellence	29.8	19.8
Level 2	88.6	77.4
L2 Merit	23.6	27.0
L2 Excellence	27.3	15.8
Level 3	81.4	63.4
L3 Merit	45.7	28.5
L3 Excellence	17.1	14.7
UE	62.8	47.9

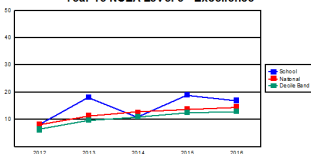
Year 11 NCEA Level 1 - Excellence



Year 12 NCEA Level 2 - Excellence



Year 13 NCEA Level 3 - Excellence



Special Character— 2017 Leadership Mass

The theme for this year is following 'In Her Footsteps' – the footsteps of Euphrasie Barbier.

Our liturgy was centred around being called and responding. Sometimes we are called to do the small things really well before we can be called to do the bigger things.

Thank you for the support and offerings from our students, staff and parishioners at St Patrick's church.

Your offerings of time, God-given talents and support were evident throughout our liturgy.

A special thanks to Fr Paul Byers who was our presider. What a wonderful homily – reminding us to be thankful for those before us and beside us who walk daily in the footsteps of Euphrasie Barbier. Many of us were left inspired!

Thank you also to Miss Carson, our talented, new music teacher, and to her choir. Our girls sounded amazing – the harmony complemented our liturgy beautifully.

I have received a lot of positive feedback on the ambience of the Mass and how dignified our girls were throughout. Thank you to everyone involved but especially to:

Mr Bryan
Mrs McIntosh-Wright
Amy Gibson
Delilah Savaiinaea
Eva Deihl
Jacinta Fale'Ofa Pulu
Ani Harris
Lucy Greaney

Mrs Hocking
Bridgette Petrie
Sophie Haronga
Olivia Fleming
Monica Cacho-Bevin
Ella White Shaw
Azhure Durston
Jessie Matauli

And last but certainly not least, thank you to all the class representatives who took up a footprint for our board. Each form class had a footprint which they decorated and brought forward during the offertory.

Thank you all once again and remember, when we are giving, we are being the faithful people God calls us to be.

Luana Durston
Youth Minister



Religious Studies programmes Term 1 2017:

Year 9: Our Story
Year 10: Creation and Co-creation
Year 11: Trinity
Year 12: Church Art and Architecture
Year 13: Religious traditions in the Catholic Church

Culture

Hello and welcome to the Arts for 2017!

Our music and arts department has been a hive of activity over the first few weeks of school. Our instrumental music programme is now underway with a range of instruments on offer. This year we have 46 students enrolled in the programme with a waiting list still growing. We encourage these girls to create a routine for practising and attending lessons each week.

Our senior Music classes are attending *Festival Opera – Carmen* on Monday 20th Feb as part of a school-sponsored initiative from “Project Prima Volta” to engage and expose students to opera.

School production rehearsals for ‘Hairspray’ are heavily underway on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, as well as Sundays. We thank our girls for their dedication and awesome attendance to these so far, and wish them luck during the rehearsal process. Special thanks to Raphelle Andrews who is our teacher in charge of the production from Sacred Heart. She is working many hours alongside the teachers from St John’s College to put this amazing show together.

Our many music groups begin in the next few weeks with auditions and sign-ups taking place. These include the School Orchestra, Marian Missa Musica choir, Barbershop, Ukulele Jam Hub plus other school groups. Keep checking the notices for updates!

Arts events for your calendar:

- Matatini Te Reo trip (Wed 22nd Feb)
- Art Gallery trips (Check with Mrs Howlett for each year level)
- Hairspray (Week 11 of Term 1)
- Big Sing and NZ Chamber Music Schools’ Competition (Term 2)
- Barbershop Regionals (Term 2)
- SmokeFree RockQuest (Term 2)
- Pacifica Beats (Term 2)
- NCEA Performance Assessments (8th June and 13th Sept @ 6.30pm)

Rachel Carson
TIC Music/Arts Co-ordinator



POWHIRI TO
WELCOME NEW STAFF
AND STUDENTS



Sport

Welcome to a new year of sport at Sacred Heart College. We have a busy term ahead with Summer sport, sport days and Year 9 camps coming up.

Athletic Sports this year will be held at **Marewa Park on Tuesday 21st February**. All students have been informed about the day during their House meetings. Information regarding the day is also located on our website www.sporty.co.nz/sacredheartnapier or with the students' form teachers.

Cancellation information will go on the Sacred Heart College and Sacred Heart Sport Websites as well as the Sacred Heart College Sport Facebook Page.

Summer sport for Term 1 kicked off this week. We are continuing to offer the following Summer sports this term – tennis, futsal, volleyball, cricket and touch. We strongly encourage all students to participate in a sport as it helps them to connect with their peers in a fun environment, builds a valuable work ethic and is great for their overall wellbeing.

We had our annual **Tabloids** last Friday. Each form class split into two teams, Stars or Stripes, and competed against each other in quirky, fun and competitive activities.

The results were as follows:

Form Class Placings:

1st 13WN 2nd 9AS 3rd 10CN 4th 11KL and 11HN

Form Class Team Placings:

1st 11HN Stars 2nd 9AS Stars 3rd 13WN Stars

Well done to everyone for your fantastic participation!

We have **Year 9 camps** from Wednesday 1st March – Friday 3rd March. Each form class will spend one night away at Guthrie Smith (Tutira). The camp will offer challenging experiences, opportunities for leadership and team building, and help cement form class bonding and friendships. Payment for the camp is due by Wednesday 22nd February.

The Sacred Heart PE Department would like to welcome our newest staff member, Miss Kate O'Malley, to the team. We wish her all the very best for the year ahead.

Do not forget to check out the new website with all the information regarding sporting opportunities at Sacred Heart www.sporty.co.nz/sacredheartnapier.

COACHES AND MANAGERS WANTED

We require coaches and managers for the following Winter sports:

- Netball
- Hockey
- Football

If you are interested or know of anyone who may like to take on a coaching or manager's role, please call or email Amy Rose for further information.

sport@sacredheartnapier.school.nz or 027 306 8932

Amy Rose
Sports Co-ordinator

Library Corner

When I complete my stock-take at the end of each year there are always one or two books that are inexplicably missing. Sometimes they come back but more often than not we have to delete them from the collection.

In 1956 the librarian at Sacred Heart must have wondered what happened to a book titled, History of Hawke's Bay, by J.G. Wilson, published in 1939. I am sure she would never have guessed the story. A young electrician who happened to be working in the library had found the book to be so interesting that he, "secreted it in to his tool box and took it home." He has had it ever since. He must have enjoyed reading it as it became quite tatty. He enclosed some photos to show the condition of the book.

Recently, it seems, he has felt rather guilty for his action (61 years ago!) and had the book restored before returning it anonymously to us with a covering letter explaining the story.

It makes a librarian's day to have "lost" books returned and in appreciation of his honesty, I waived the over-due fine.

We will be keeping this special book and its story in our archives, most fitting in our Jubilee Year.

Maryanne Macintosh—Wright
Library Manager

"I regret to say that I secreted it into my toolbox and took it home with me and have had guilt ever since".

International Department

Hi all—I am Jocelyn Brown, the International Student Co-ordinator while Karyn Johnson is away on sick leave.

I am currently updating our database for homestay hosts. This can be a fabulous experience which I have enjoyed and benefited from over many years. It is an enriching opportunity to host international students. I have just returned from Hong Kong and Malaysia where I visited several students and their families that I had hosted several years ago.

If you are interested in hosting students or would like further information, please contact me at school.

Host families do not have to be Sacred Heart parents, so if you know of anyone else who may be interested, they are also welcome to contact me.

This is not an exchange programme and an accommodation payment is guaranteed by the school.

Jocelyn Brown
International Student Co-ordinator
jbrown@sacredheartnapier.school.nz



HISTORY OF SACRED HEART

Archives—Treasuring Our Past

Any donations of archival material are gratefully received



CONVENT HILL IN 1865

(As it was when the Sisters arrived in Napier.)

Foreground — St. Mary's chapel (built 1859) on the corner of Shakespeare and France roads. Convent road winding up. On the hill, the presbytery. The Convent, not visible in this picture, was behind the presbytery.



KONICA MINOLTA

Tabloids



Academic Assembly



Academic Assembly



Notices

Check out our new-look website! You can access it on the same link:

www.sacredheartnapier.school.nz



Like us on Facebook. See the latest news and photos of the most recent events at school.

Can all parents please drop students at the bottom of Convent Road. It is becoming dangerous with the amount of traffic going up and down Convent Road. Only students who have injuries or are unable to walk up to school are permitted to be dropped off in the staff carpark.

The Catholic Institute (TCI) is underway with another academic year. Courses are starting and the distance semester starts on 13 Feb. We offer courses on Liturgy, Sacrament, Pastoral Practice, Theology, Scripture, Spirituality and so on. Don't sit and wonder any longer. Find out more about the richness of our faith and delve deeper into the life God intends for us to live to the full. Visit www.tci.ac.nz - We welcome your enquiry. Contact Nick Wilson TCI and Adult Education Co-ordinator nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or (06) 3541780 x830

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is the NZ Catholic Bishop's Agency for promoting the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. Based in Wellington since 1961, the CEC is supported financially and spiritually by Catholics throughout the country. There are a number of resources available from the CEC – check out the website and learn about the resources you can get – everything from Baptism to Marriage, Rosary to Prayer books. Visit www.catholicenquiry.org.nz for more information.

PTA AGM – All welcome Monday 6 March, 7.00pm,
Sacred Heart College staffroom

All schools need 'extras'. The PTA's role is to organise fundraisers throughout the year to benefit our Sacred Heart College students. At least one fundraiser is designed for parents/whanau to mix and mingle.

Last year we contributed \$13,000 towards the new school van. This year our target is to buy a shade sail for the amphitheatre outside the Mission Centre.

We're always looking for new committee members (our meetings are only one hour per month); and 'friends of the PTA' to help with one-off jobs at fundraisers or other College events.

Please join us for our AGM and following PTA meeting; it would be lovely to meet you.

Nominations (with a seconder) are welcomed for the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations can be accepted at the AGM or emailed to the current PTA Chair, Rob Sankey: Robert.a.sankey@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Both Nominator and Seconder must attend the AGM.
- If there is more than one nomination for each role then a vote shall be taken.

CALENDAR

February

20	Year 10-13 Music students—Carmen performance
21	Athletics at Marewa Park—cancellations on Sport Facebook page and school website
22	Year 10-13 Te Reo students at Matatini all day
24	Future Pathways course—all day
28	Class photos
March	
1	Ash Wednesday
1-3	Year 9 camps
7	Caritas Justice Leadership Day
14	Board of Trustees meeting
18-19	Russell McVeigh debating at Sacred Heart College
22	Noho Marae for Year 10-13 Te Reo students
23	Whanau Hui at Te Aranga Marae
24	Progress reports home
26	Combined Sacred Heart College and St John's College Mass at St Mary's Church, Greenmeadows



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