



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Te Kura Ngakau Tapu

"Sacred Heart School is a Catholic Community enriching and empowering our students for life in the 21st century."

Newsletter: Wednesday 15 May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Nau mai haere mai. Talofa lava, Malo e lei lei, Jou sahn, Aubowan, Chao, Hola, Fakalofa atu, Kumusta, Salam Sejahtera

An earlier newsletter than normal.

We are approaching the business end of our Enterprise DIVE and looking forward to sharing our learning with the community. We will keep you informed of this upcoming event.

After last week we will now be full swing into the winter sports season after a great tournament down at Hagley Park last Thursday. The Years 5-8 children all represented the school with pride while playing hockey, netball or football. This was a good opportunity to meet other Catholic school children.

Internet Safety - Social Media



We sometimes hear from parents that they don't understand what children are doing on the internet. Here is a link for you to keep informed around the use of social media. The Netsafe site is always a good site for information around any internet topic.

Social media can be a great way to stay connected to friends and family, however, there can be some risks. Netsafe has some advice to help you keep your children safe while using social media.

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/social-media-parents/>

Teacher Strike - 29 May

We have received confirmation that the mega teacher strike is confirmed for May 29th. This means both primary and secondary teachers across the country will be on strike.

We continue to be frustrated and saddened by the spin in the media - and from Chris Hipkins (Education Minister) around this issue.

The minister just announced \$95 million to attract new teachers. This is such a common marketing strategy. Offer a deal to get people to sign up - but don't look after your existing customers! This \$95 million to train new teachers does not stop the flood of teachers quitting. It does not solve the massive percentage of teachers who resign within the first 5 years. It does nothing to value our experienced, hard working teachers. It also does nothing to attract our top students to teaching - we want the best and brightest school leavers to be considering teaching!

Some of the issues that remain for us are:

Primary teachers get 10 hours a term release time. Secondary teachers get 5 hours a week. This is not fair. The lack of release time impacts on the teaching in the classroom - and our students deserve better!

Our collective agreement expired on the 8th of June 2018. The govt is refusing to back pay us if/when an agreement is reached.

The govt offered primary teachers a \$500 bonus to sign the agreement. They offered secondary teachers \$1000. This is not fair.

The government is refusing to commit to pay parity. Teachers should be paid the same for equal qualifications - regardless of the age of the students.

The minister likes to talk about this being a ten thousand dollar payrise. Currently, our beginning teachers spend a minimum of 3 years at university and then start on a paltry \$47980. This offer gives them 3% straight away. So about \$1400 before tax - or about \$19 a week. This is one of the reasons we have a 40% reduction in people choosing teaching as a career.

Experienced teachers stand to get about \$27 a week from this offer.

Our agreement expired in June last year, but the Minister is refusing to offer backpay. Therefore - even if they accepted the \$27 a week today - they have already lost somewhere in the vicinity of \$2000 over the last year through this negotiation - both through strike days and no back pay. So in fact - if we signed today, it would take over a year for us to even make up what we've lost.

The support for learners with special needs - both learning and behaviour - is nothing short of pathetic. Limited release for primary teachers means they have no extra time to plan for these learners - or attend meetings, or support whanau.

When Minister Hipkins was in opposition - he talked about how low teacher salaries are, and the need for drastic action in education. Now he is in power - he is facing the largest strike action in memory. National's Nikki Kay is talking about how bad the situation is, and how teachers deserve a pay jolt - but it seems easy to say things in opposition.

A decade ago we used to get 100 applicants for a teaching job. Principals could choose the best candidates to meet the needs of their school. Now - we see vacancies having no applicants at all. We have classes being split because we can't find a reliever. We see jobs being readvertised over and over again.

We have already battled this for a year. It has cost teachers thousands - and we seem to have made little headway. We know it's frustrating for parents - and we hear the messages from the Minister that try to turn the public against us.

Please believe us that we are fighting for the education for your children. We have come too far to give up now.

We are forever hopeful that the government will finally be courageous enough to invest properly in education. Step outside the standard and really rattle the cage! Fund us so that we can be world class. Fund us so every student can get the best education possible.

We understand that May 29th will be inconvenient. We expect it won't be the last.

The chocolates for Mother's Day wasn't a sweetener. We thank you for your support.

Together let us be heard.

Importance of sleep

A number of our children have been looking tired at school recently, even after a two-week break. Please have a look at the link below to see how much sleep school-age children require and what you can do to help children sleep better.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/food-activity-and-sleep/sleeping/helping-children-sleep-better>

Weekly Winter Sport - Thursday 16th May

Please remember all of your gear for your event. Parents are welcome to come down to Hagley and watch. All games commence at 1.15 pm

Football

Year 5 and 6

Grade B/C

1:15 SH Sharks Vs Redcliffs 2 - Hospital Cnr J1

C grade Green

1:15 SH Eels Vs Rudolf Steiner 5 - South Hagley 6B

Year 7 and 8

Grade B/C green

1:15 SH Vs Redcliffs - South Hagley 8

Hockey

Year 5 and 6

Blue Grade

1:15 SH Vs St Annes Toa - Hospital Corner 1

Year 7 and 8

Hospital Corner one grade

1:15 SH Vs Rudolf Steiner 6 Wild Hyenas - Hospital Corner 9

Netball

Year 5 and 6

A/B Pink

1:15 SH Magic Vs OLA Bellbirds - Ct 23

C Grade Purple

Sacred Heart Steel - Bye - Will be training at school

Year 7 and 8

B grade Black

1:15 SH Tactix Vs Ellesmere Coll B - Ct 9

C grade Orange

1:15 SH Flyers Vs St Francis Scorpions - Ct 12

Basketball this week:

Year 5 and 6

Sacred Heart Shooters Vs Te Kura Aoraki - 5:45 pm ct 2

Year 7 and 8

Sacred Heart Celtics Vs STCC Red - 4:30 pm Ct 2

Sacred Heart Slammer Vs STCC Yellow - 3:30 pm Ct 3

Congratulations to everyone for trying their best today in **Cross Country**. Below are the placings for today. A zones notice will be sent home for selected year 5-8 in the coming days.

Room/Year	1st	2nd	3rd
Year 8 girls	Ariana	Anu	Valelia
Year 8 boys	Jaedyn	Darragh	Andrei
Year 7 girls	Chiara	Valerie	Lhean
Year 7 boys	Marc	Cullam	Raven
Room 1 girls	Therese	Sophia	Shakura
Room 1 boys	Matua	Gabriel	Stian
Room 2 boys	Charles	John	Carl Daniel
Room 5 boys	Dominic	Mathew	Stanley

Room 2 girls	Shaira	Ava	Ardern
Room 5 girls	Bella	Lila Grace	Elaijah
Year 6 girls	Summer	Mata	Dayen
Year 6 boys	Gus	Lennard	Hamish
Year 5 Girls	Nia	Anzhelika	Daniella
Year 5 Boys	Richie	Donald	Jamien
Year 4 Girls	Amelia	Xzavierre	Jienine
Year 4 Boys	Santi	Raiken	Rafael







**Friday 31 May – Teacher Only Day Professional Development
(School will be closed)**

The school will be closed for instruction on Friday 31 May for The Kahukura Community of Practice Conference. It aims to build on the success of conferences in 2017 and 2018. We are excited to have Derek Wenmoth working with our staff, along with teachers from within and outside the cluster, who will be running workshops.

This day, for all teachers from schools in the Kahukura Community of Practice, is part of our planned professional development and learning. This has been factored into the school's start and finish dates for the year to ensure that the school is open for the required number of days.



A big Welcome to Sina who has started in Room 1 this term.

2019 Board of Trustees Triennial Elections

You should all have received nominations forms in the post by now.

Friday 24th May

NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceeds vacancies. For our school, the number of vacancies is 5.

Wednesday 29th May

Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

Friday 7th June

Voting closes at 12 noon.

Thursday 13th June

Votes are counted, and our school advised of the results.

Friday 14th June

New Board takes office

The New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) has a helpful page for anyone interested in becoming a Trustee. <https://goo.gl/kLYopR>

We look forward to all our parents/ caregivers being involved in the process.

Events



16 May - Winter Sports begins at Hagley Park
24 May - Whole school celebration of learning
28 May - Home School Partnership Meeting - 5.00 pm
29 May - Teacher Strike - School Closed
31 May - Teachers Only Day - No School
3 June - Queen's Birthday - No School
19 June - Kahukura Music Festival - Aurora Centre
24 June - Jubilate 2019
28 June - Sacred Heart Feast Day
5 July - End of Term 2

Sacred Heart SchoolApp



Sacred Heart School uses a **Mobile App** for notices, events and other important School messages. To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link.

<http://onelink.to/fkk4ze>

Or search the App Store with Sacred Heart Christchurch

Please make sure you are signed up to our facebook page.

<https://goo.gl/ZOSNPA>



Parents are encouraged to make healthy choices from the Sushi Factory menu for their children from our Friday lunch provider. Please visit <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/> to join up and order for your children.

**Anyone needing After School care for their child please Contact
ADDINGTON OSCAR on 0204 086 4947 or email
addingtonoscar@yahoo.co.nz**

OPEN EVENING, THURSDAY 23 MAY, 6.30 – 8pm



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VILLA MARIA COLLEGE
LEARN TO PRIZE WHAT IS OF VALUE

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 21 May 2019, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Villa Maria College is a state integrated Catholic secondary school for girls in years 7 - 13. We extend a warm invitation to prospective parents and students to join us throughout the day and see our College in action. Meet our staff and students and find out what makes Villa Maria College such a special place. Principal Deborah Brosnahan and our student leaders will address visitors in the Auditorium at the following times: 9am and 1pm for Year 9 intake, and 11am for Year 7 intake. Visitors are then invited to take a guided tour of the College. We look forward to seeing you.



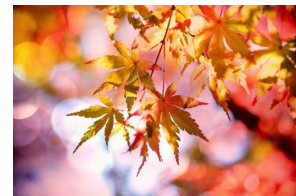
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Religious Education Update

Kia ora/ Greetings/ Kumusta/ Talofa Lava/ Mālō e lelei

Term two has started with sunshine and warm weather showing off the beautiful colours of Autumn. As we move towards the end of the Easter season in the church's calendar, we recognise that May is the month when we honour our Holy Mother Mary.



Last week the students were studying traditional and creative prayers. This leads on to the next unit of study - the Holy Spirit. As taken from the Religious Education document:

In their study of the Holy Spirit, students will gain and apply knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to understand:

- 1. that the Holy Spirit is God - third person of the Trinity with the very Tapu - holiness and Mana - power of God.*
- 2. that the Holy Spirit enables them to grow in tapu and mana - holiness, through the gifts of grace, understanding and wisdom.*
- 3. the Holy Spirit's presence and effect in family - whanau, Church, Scripture, Sacrament and the world.*
- 4. the titles and symbols of the Holy Spirit.*
- 5. that the mission of the Holy Spirit is creating, sustaining and renewing the Church, bringing truth and liberation into people's lives, uniting them with Jesus and continuing his work.*

Ken Joblin continues to work hard with our middle and senior church choir on alternate Friday afternoons. We will notify you of dates when the choir will be singing at Saturday Evening mass.

An outline of significant dates for this term:

Wed 15 May	Catholic Cathedral College to talk to senior school
Friday 17 May	Year 6 - Prayer Service in church
Friday 24 May	Room 5 (Year 3) - to go to 9 am Mass
Tuesday 28 May	Catholic Schools Day
Friday 7 June	Year 4 - 5 - to go to 9 am Mass Rooms 1 & 2 prayer service - 1.45 pm in church
Friday 21 June	Year 6 - to go to 9 am Mass Rooms 5 prayer service - 1.45pm in church
Monday 24 June	Church choir to sing at Jubilate in Pro-Cathedral
Friday 28 June	Sacred Heart Feast Day - Whole School at 9 am Mass
Friday 5 July	Year 7 & 8 to go to 9 am Mass Year 4 & 5 prayer service - 1.45 pm in church

Prayers and blessings

Paula Duncan (Director of Religious Studies)