



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Te Kura o Te Ngākau Tapu

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

Newsletter: Thursday 12 December 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



With next week being the end of the year this will be the final newsletter for 2019. The year has certainly flown and again it is time to farewell a group of Year 8 students into the next part of their life journey. With them goes The Sacred Heart Way and the values they have received from being part of the Sacred Heart community. They will be farewelled at the final school mass of the year next Tuesday evening. All school children are expected to attend this mass in full school uniform. Please have your child

outside their classroom by 6.15 pm on Tuesday night.

We remind everyone that the last day of the 2019 school year will be on Friday 20 December. The year will end with a prize-giving at 11.00 am in the church and children will go home straight afterwards.

Thank you for all the support you have given us this year and we look forward to catching up at the Mass and Prizegiving.

Take care and have a great holiday break.

Leavers Mass next Tuesday 17 December 6.30 pm



All children and their families are expected to be at the Final School Mass of the year to farewell our Year 8 children. Many of your children have a part to play in this mass. All school children are expected to attend this mass in full school uniform. Please have your child outside their classroom by 6.15 pm on Tuesday 17 December.

Stationery and Class Placements

Tomorrow you will receive a notice that shows your children's class placement and teacher/s for 2020 and information regarding stationery. Please use this notice when ordering your child's stationery for 2020 to ensure you purchase the correct syndicate stationery pack.

Production

Wow! what an evening. The teachers were delighted with the Production and there has been non-stop chatter and song amongst the children since last week. We really appreciate the support you all gave to help make this such a memorable event.



Sport



Last week we sent a team of Athletes to the Canterbury Central Athletics Championships at Nga Puna Wai. We were delighted with the way they represented our school and the South West Zone. We were proud of all the children and congratulate Jaedyn for finishing fourth in the Year 8 Sprint Final. We are especially pleased with Mikaele who won **third place** in the Year 7 Shot Put, an incredible achievement.

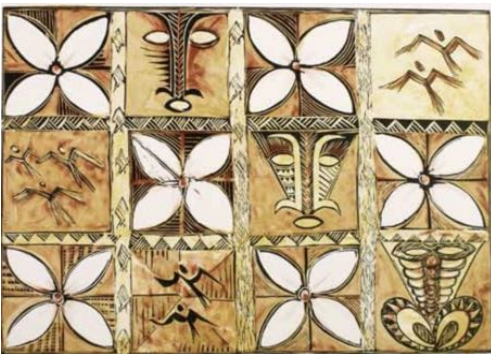
We are also proud of one of our recent old girls of the school who achieved a bronze medal at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic

Championship in Wellington last weekend. Well done to Amelia Williams and her very proud Mum.



Please return any sports tops that you have at home.

Mufti Day for Samoa



Tomorrow we are having a mufti day to support the people of Samoa. We all have friends from the lovely Islands who will know people affected by the devastating measles outbreak.

We are asking for a gold coin per family or whatever else you are happy to donate to support the immunisation efforts.

Staff for 2020

- Yr 0/1 - Room 1 - Paula Duncan
- Yr 1/2 - Room 2 - Lyneen Thomson/Hellen Munro
- Yr 2/3 - Room 5 - Nicki McFadzien
- Yr 4/5/6 - Megan Journee and Jo McLauchlan
- Yr 6/7/8 - Liz Williams and Julia Caldwell

We farewell Mrs Kate French next week who has been teaching in our Junior school for the past 15 years. I know many of you will have had your children get a great start at school with Kate. We wish Kate well in her retirement.

Teacher Only Days for 2020

I advised earlier that as part of the teachers' and principals' collective agreements, it was negotiated that schools were entitled to have eight teacher only days to address work on curriculum, assessment practices and workloads over the next three years. We have not scheduled any of these in 2019 but have decided on the following dates for 2020

- Term 1: Monday 23 March**
- Term 3: Friday 11 September**
- Term 4: Monday 30 November**

Book Return

If you have any readers, textbooks or library books that belong to the school, can we please have them returned as soon as possible?

Policy Review

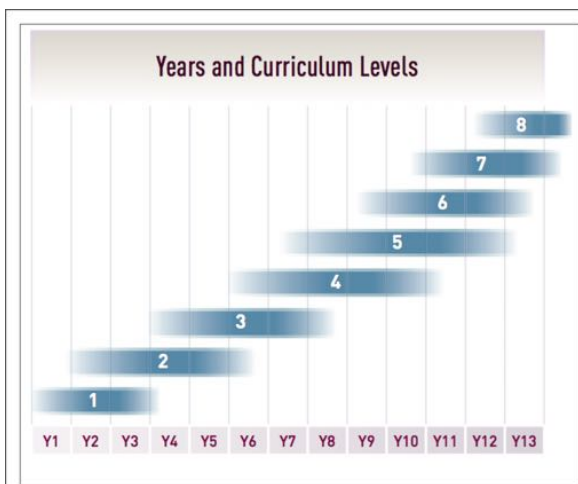
We have all our policies and procedures on School Docs. At present we have a policy on **Education Outside the Classroom** and **Sun Protection** that we would appreciate your feedback on. Please follow the link below and review this policy.

1. Visit the website
<http://sacredheartchch.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> (note that there is no "www"!)
2. Enter the user name (sacred) and password (heart).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right-hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

Reporting to Parents 2019

Our recent survey by the Board of Trustees has indicated excellent support for the use of Seesaw. As you have been advised we are using Seesaw as our method of reporting to parents on progress and achievement. We are required to report to parents twice a year and are finding this method very beneficial in terms of showing progress, teachers and children sharing their learning, providing information and communicating with home.

Over the last few weeks, we have been reporting on various curriculum areas to update you on where your child is at in terms of curriculum levels. Through the year you will have seen work samples with teacher comments that help you see that your child is making progress. All children will have received comments on their competencies and DIVE's they have worked on this year. Year 0-3 children will receive comments on observations and competencies developed in 'Learning through Play'. You will have received report comments on Competencies, Reading, Writing, Maths and Religious Education. In most cases it will have a curriculum level, maybe a tested reading age that supports the teacher's judgement and a comment of where to next.



This diagram shows the expectations where each year group should be achieving in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum.

Many students do not, however, fit this pattern. They include those with special learning needs, those who are gifted, and those who come from non-English-speaking backgrounds.

The gradual shading at each level recognises that learning is a personal journey and students make progress at different rates; within any year group, there will be students achieving at different levels.

For reporting to parents at Sacred Heart School we look closely at curriculum levels to identify where students are achieving and making progress in relation to the curriculum.

You will see the comments based on where your child is achieving.

Junior children's progress in reading can be shown against the colour wheel or reading age. Again, all children learn to read at a different rate so years and colours are only an indication. Beginning at Magenta and moving through to Gold.

The NZ Curriculum

	After 1 Yr	After 2 Yrs	After 3 Yrs	End of Y4	End of Y5	End of Y6	End of Y7	End of Y8
Reading <small>across the curriculum</small>	Green <small>(R.A. 6.0-6.5yrs)</small>	Turquoise <small>(R.A. 7.0-7.5yrs)</small>	Gold <small>(R.A. 8.0-8.5yrs)</small>	At Curriculum Level 2 <small>(R.A. 8.5-10yrs)</small>	Early Curriculum Level 3 <small>(R.A. 9.5-11yrs)</small>	At Curriculum Level 3 <small>(R.A.10.5-12yrs)</small>	Early Curriculum Level 4	At Curriculum Level 4
Writing <small>across the curriculum</small>	Within Curriculum Level 1 <small>1B 3P 1A</small>	At Curriculum Level 1 <small>2B 3P 1A</small>	Early Curriculum Level 2 <small>2B 3P 2A</small>	At Curriculum Level 2 <small>2B 3P 2A</small>	Early Curriculum Level 3 <small>3B 3P 3A</small>	At Curriculum Level 3 <small>3B 3P 3A</small>	Early Curriculum Level 4 <small>4B 4P 4A</small>	At Curriculum Level 4 <small>4B 4P 4A</small>
Maths <small>(Numeracy Stage)</small>	Numeracy Stage 1-3		Numeracy Stage 4		Numeracy Stage 5		Numeracy Stage 6	
Maths Basic Facts			80%/90%/100%/Div 50%	80%/90%/100%/Div 65%	80%/90%/100%/Div 80%	80%/90%/100%/Div 100%		

Download your child's Seesaw

It might also be a good idea to Download your children's work for the year. This can be done by following these instructions. Any difficulties, please let us know.

Step 1: Sign into your Family account at <https://app.seesaw.me>.

Step 2: Click on your Profile Icon on the top left.

Step 3: Click on the Gear Icon.

Step 4: Click on Account Settings.

Step 5: Scroll down and click on Download Journal Archives.

Step 6: Click on the Download Zip button for the journal you want to download. This might take a while depending on your Internet speed and how many posts your child has in Seesaw.

This is what you get! It is organized by month and then ordered by the date the post was added. You'll see an html file with a thumbnail, text notes or captions, folder names and links (if the post used the Link item type). You'll also see the original image, video or audio files.

If you have not signed up with Seesaw or are having trouble navigating it, please contact us.

If there is anything in the teachers comments that you would like clarified or explained, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year (closed from 25th December to 6th January).

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston
- Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street,
- Ashburton Clinic, 38 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am and 3.00pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call 0800 846 983
Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

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2020 Dates



- Term 1** - Tuesday 4 February - Thursday 9 April
(6 February - Waitangi Day
and Teacher Only Day 23 March)
- Term 2** - Monday 28 April - Friday 3 July
(Cluster Teacher Only Day Friday 29 May,
and 1 June - Queen's Birthday)
- Term 3** - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
(Teacher Only Day 11 September)
- Term 4** - Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December
(26 October - Labour Day,
13 November - Canterbury Anniversary,
11 November - Teacher Only Day)

Events

- 13 December - Mufti day for Samoa
- 17 December - End of Year Whole School Mass (Tuesday 6.30 pm)
- 20 December - Last Day of School
- 4 February 2020 - First Day of School

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