

Parent Conferences – Book Now via the HERO app

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau,

You may be surprised at the level and amount of professional learning that our teachers are regularly engaged in. As an example, during this week all our beginning kaiako attended specialist training in understanding and managing challenging ākonga behaviours, two of our leaders were in Oamaru being trained in literacy assessment, and tonight all kaiako have 3 hours directed study in pursuit of a Diploma in Religious Education – and this is just one week! I believe we should all be proud of the extra effort our team puts into being the very best they can for our ākonga.

Yesterday, you received a Hero notification asking you to book a parent/teacher conference on either Monday 17th or Wednesday 19th August. We are mindful that you received one of the new student reports recently and this is a great opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have. If you have any difficulty booking, just talk to one of our Admin team or your child's teacher. (As of today, 130 conferences are already booked.)

My thanks to Nicole and Chris Rooney, and Claire Hand for transporting and supervising our Yr5/6 and Yr7/8 football players earlier this week. Despite some very brisk weather, the players performed well and just maybe there were a couple of future World Cup stars out there building their skills. Well done everyone!

A brief parking reminder – the yellow “no parking” area directly in front of the Heaton Street gate is exactly that. It is obviously tempting to swing in there for a quick drop-off/pick-up but unfortunately your parked car creates a blind spot for other drivers where children are hidden and hence vulnerable. You know what to do.

Ngā mihi

Dave

Well done to our Sacred Heart Year 5/6 and 7/8 Football Teams who played in the SC Primary Schools Football Festival this Week



Prayer:

Loving Father,

I am so grateful for all the gifts that you have given me.

Thank you for the loved ones in my life.

Thank you for the many ways in which I am cared for and supported.

Thank you for the many ways I can serve and give to others.

Amen.

Faith Facts

What are Parables?

People asked Jesus about God's kingdom. Instead of answering these questions directly, Jesus told parables – stories of everyday life that reveal important things about God. These stories often challenged the way that people thought. Through his parables, like the Good Shepherd, or the Prodigal Son, Jesus

gave us a picture of God as our forgiving father; he loves each of us and wants to continue to build a relationship with us, even when things go wrong.



Sacrament of Confirmation:

The Confirmation Programme begins on Sunday, 6th September with a meeting in the Parish Centre (behind Sacred Heart Basilica). All those from Year 8 and above are eligible to be confirmed. Paper forms are available in St Thomas' Church foyer and Sacred Heart side porch. Enrolments need to be in before Friday 28th August. The young people will be confirmed on Sunday 1st November at the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica.

Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

7th August: No Mass as our priests are on retreat.

14th August: Rooms 5 & 11 will attend Mass.



Missions Day – Friday 21st August:

Sacred Heart will be supporting the Holy Childhood Association (MissionZ) with a **non-uniform and wacky hair day** (gold coin donations) on Friday, 21st August. Time to start thinking about interesting hairdos! The Holy Childhood Association supports projects for needy children across the world.

School Travel Survey:

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the Travel Survey. If you haven't completed it, you still have time! This is the link: <https://forms.gle/9e5nkTHQnBSvTHbs6>
We will close the survey at 3pm this Friday, 7th August.

**PLEASE
COMPLETE
THE
TRAVEL
SURVEY**

Parking Safety

It has been noted that a number of parents are collecting / dropping off their children from the yellow "No Parking" area outside the school office gate on Heaton Street. This area is clearly marked as a No Parking spot to ensure the safety of the children. Mobility Parks **must** be kept free for our families that need it.

There are a number of parks along Heaton St, Rose Street, Browne Street and the Celtic carpark, please do not use the No Parking area to collect / drop off your children.

We appreciate your cooperation with this issue.

Tonka Trucks you No Longer Need?

We are on the lookout for Metal Tonka Trucks or Similar for our School Sandpits. If you have any that you no longer need, they would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped to the School Office 😊



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Is a welcoming journey of faith for adults who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church and, if they choose, become Catholic. Whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time, coming from another Christian tradition, or simply seeking a deeper relationship with God, you are warmly invited to join us. The RCIA programme begins in September. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please contact:

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Important Dates

13 August	Feast of the Assumption
14 August	Marist Cup (Year 5-8 sports exchange with St Joseph's Timaru)
17 August	Parent Conferences 3.30pm – 6.30pm
19 August	Parent Conferences 3.30pm – 6.30pm
19 August	Board of Trustees Meeting
21 August	Non-uniform Day (in support of the Missions)
25 August	School Photo Day
11 Sept	SCG School Disco
13 Sept	Whole School Mass 9am in the Basilica
25 Sept	Term 3 Ends
12 Oct	Term 4 Starts
12 Oct	Top Teams
26 Oct	Labour Day (School Closed)
30 Oct	Year 4 Camp (TBC)
15 Dec	Last Day for 2026





Football Festival 2026



Basketball Congratulations

Well done to Henry Thomas, Gabriel Saena, Mozart Quindor and Sadie Gordn for being selected to represent South Canterbury in the U14 Basketball Teams.

Football Congratulations

Awesome work to Parker Low for being selected as for Goalkeeper Development Training!

Ski Trip Lost / Found Items

We have several items left on the bus / cars from the Ski Trip last week. If you are missing anything, please contact the School Office.



**Tāima
Kōrero
Time
2 Talk**

Timaru District Council and
Te Rito South Canterbury presents:

KEEPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE ONLINE.

For parents and caregivers
of 3-18 year olds.

WED 9 SEP, 7PM
THURS 10 SEP, 10AM

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ON STAGE

25 Sept - 3 Oct

THE PLAYHOUSE - TIMARU 2026

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With Music and Lyrics by
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Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements
by Peter Howard

Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

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Adaptation and support materials
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Tongan Language Week: 16 - 22 Aug.

Polokalama Uike Lea Fakatonga 

Sun 16: PŌ Lotu (Opening 5pm)

Mon 17 - Fri 21 Schools' Celebration.

Fri 21st Aug at Caroline Bay Hall

12:00: Doors Open

12:30 Prog start

• Schools Performances

• Food Stalls

3:30 - Program finishes

All are Welcome!



John Broadwood and Sons Piano

Free to a good home. As is, where is, must pick up. Any questions or interest please email Miss Annear
georgia@sacredhearttim.school.nz



How to treat scabies

It is best to treat scabies just before going to bed. Scabies will not go away without treatment. It is important to treat all areas of your body, even if some parts are not itchy! Enough cream/lotion should be provided to cover your entire body with a reasonable layer.

How and when to apply the cream



Before Bed

1. Cover the whole body with cream/lotion (Permethrin) before bed.
 - Start at your scalp, face, chin and ears.
 - Continue down your neck and cover all areas, including private parts and backside, until you get to the soles of your feet.
 - Make sure you apply cream between fingers, toes and under nails.
 - Apply enough cream to cover your entire body. Younger individuals may only require half a tube to complete coverage, whilst rangatahi and adults may require one or two tubes.
 - Women also need to apply permethrin under the breasts and around the nipples, as the scabies mite can burrow into these areas as well.
2. If you wash your hands following application of the cream, it is important to put the cream/lotion back on your hands before bed.
3. Sleep in normal attire, as long as these clothes are washed the next day as per next step.



The next morning

- After sleeping in the cream, have a bath or shower the next morning and wear clean clothing.
- Wash bedding, the clothing you wore while sleeping and replace your bed with clean sheets.



Bedding and Towels

- Sheets, pillowcases, towels and facecloths should be washed in hot water.
- It is not necessary to wash blankets, duvets or quilts. You can hang them out in the sun for a day. You can also take the mattress outside to air in direct sunlight.
- Make sure your bed is fitted with clean sheets etc prior to applying your lotion.
- Permethrin lotion or cream is safe in hapū mama, breastfeeding and younger children under New Zealand medical guidelines.



Hapū Māmā

- If you are breastfeeding, wash the permethrin from your nipples before you breastfeed, and then re-apply afterwards.



How to stop scabies from spreading



Clothing

- All clothes worn against the skin in the last week, prior and during lotion application, must be washed in hot water.
- If clothes cannot be washed, dryclean them or put them in a sealed plastic bag for four days to kill any scabies.



Household

- Vacuum all rooms in the house to catch any bugs on the floor.

What to expect after applying the cream/lotion.



When will the itching stop?

- The itchiness will not go away as soon as the treatment is finished but this does not mean that it has not worked.
- It might take up to four weeks for the itch to go away.
- In some cases you may feel itchier for a period of time.



What to do to help soothe the itching

- During this time you can apply the Itch-Soothe cream to help relieve the itch.
- You will need to repeat this process one week after applying the cream.



Will this one treatment work?

One treatment should be enough to cure scabies. If you still have the rash and itch after four weeks, then please contact your local public health service or school nurse. There are other treatments for scabies that only a doctor or nurse practitioner can prescribe for, or the rash could be something else.

- During the itchy phase, there are measures that you can take to avoid further infection. Cutting nails, apply itch-soothe when body is cool and not hot. Dry skin - apply the creams given - Sorbolene which can also be used as a soap substitute in the shower and Emulsifying Cream.
- You can also take anti-histamines orally from pharmacy alongside itch-soothe cream to help with itch (if needed).

Remember: To work well, it is important your close contacts complete the same process (body, house, clothing/bedding/towels) to ensure you there is no re-infection.



Scan the QR code for a list of Public Health Contact Numbers from across the motu