

Non-uniform Day this Friday – bring your grocery item 😊

Manuia le Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa – Happy Samoan Language Week!

Talofa lava - this week is Samoan Language Week when we celebrate the beauty of the Samoan language. I challenge you to use at least one of these phrases twice this week –

Tālofa lava – Hello

Fa’afetai – Thank you

Manuia le aso – Have a good day

Thanks for coming along to support our cross-country / fun run yesterday. The day was initially looking marginal but worked out fine in the end. The students that I’ve talked to this morning tell me that they had lots of fun including the water pistols and obstacles around the course. My thanks to Chelsea Greenall (our Sports Co-ordinator) for organising everything and to all the various helpers including past pupils from Roncalli, the SCG iceblock team, and our course marshals. The competitive runners will be off to the SC Primary Schools’ cross-country next Wednesday and they will be given details directly.

I’d also like to congratulate the talented and brave students who performed musically yesterday in front of the school. Dhyanni Surti from Room 1 won the competition and all the work she does with singing outside of school was evident – well done!

This Sunday we have several students receiving their First Holy Communion and you are welcome to join them at the 9am Mass in the Basilica. This is a big step in the life of a young Catholic person, and we are proud of them all.

Tōfā soifua – stay well

Dave



A Prayer for First Communion:

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children who are to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May it lead to a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for your love, so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom. May these children inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Amen.



Faith Facts:

First Communion

First Holy Communion marks a child's first reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The word 'communion' means to be united with; we believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ. First Communion is a further step in becoming one with Christ and united with the Church.

First Communion – 7th June 2026:

Please pray for the children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday: *Elric, Eva, Haily, Henk, Ivy, Jairen, Leona, Lili, Metanoia, Nathan, Sarah, Tully.*

First Communion will take place at the 9 o'clock Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica.

Henry K and Max W will make their First Communion on Sunday 21st June.

Brad and Brianna will make their First Communion in India later this year.

Friday 5th June - Non-uniform Day for SVP Food Bank

Our annual non-uniform day for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will take place on **Friday the 5th of June.**

On that day the children can come to school in 'casual clothes' and bring with them donations of non-perishable food items (tinned goods, breakfast cereals, pasta, rice, ...) or toiletries (soap, toilet rolls, toothpaste, ...), for the SVP Food Bank.

St Vincent de Paul Society helps people in need in our local area by way of food, household items, advocacy and friendship.



The picture above, shows some good examples of what you could donate for the non-uniform day.



Sacred Heart Day:

We celebrate our Feast Day next Friday, 12th June.

Whole School Mass with our Parish will be at 9.30am at the Basilica.

Later in the day we will be having House Games, organised by our Year 8 students.

The children are encouraged to bring to school an item of clothing in their House colours (such as: hat/ socks/ t-shirt), that they can put on before we begin the games.

2026 Key Dates

5 June	SVP non-uniform day (bring a grocery item)
7 June	First Communion 9am Basilica
12 June	Sacred Heart Feast Day
22 June	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
24 June	June BOT Meeting 5.15pm
3 July	Last day of Term 2
Term 2	20 April – 3 July
Term 3	20 July - 25 September
Term 4	12 October - 15 December



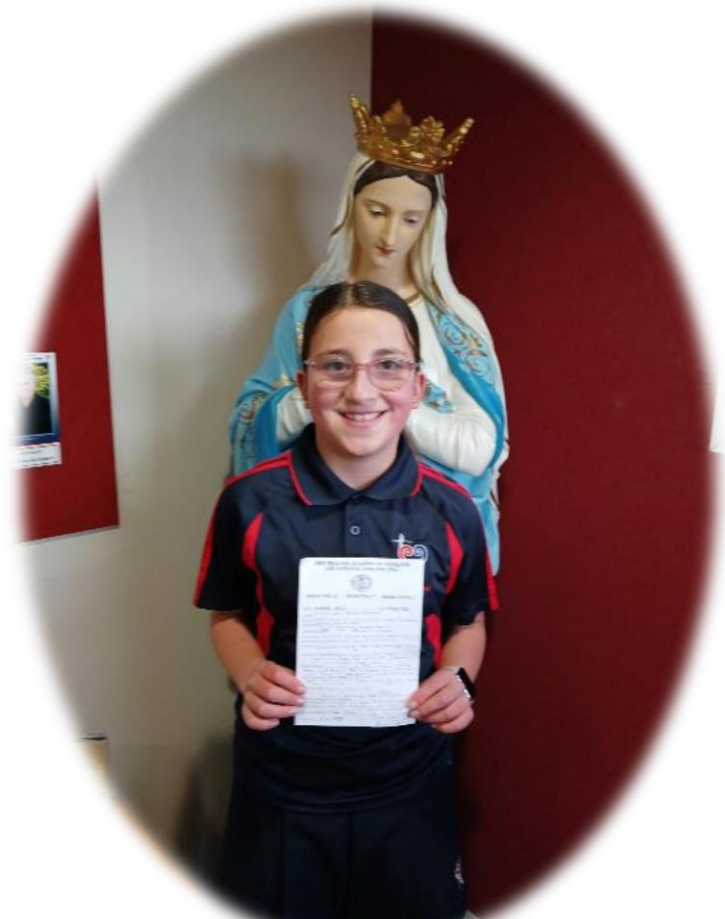
Enrolment

Enrolments for 2027 are filling up fast. If you intend on sending your child to Sacred Heart next year, please collect an enrolment form from the School Office, so we can add them to our list. It is important we have this information soon.



Congratulations Beauden

Well done to Beauden, who was awarded the Sportsmanship & Mentoring Award at the recent Youth Impact Awards



Congratulations Andreita

Well done to Andreita who received a Merit Plus from the NZ Academy of Highland & National Dancing recently.



Butterflies in June!
Can you spot them?









Mark the dates in your calendar now...Alpha is starting again on Tuesday 16th June at 6:30pm at the Parish Centre at Sacred Heart Basilica for 12 weeks. You will have the chance to catch up with old friends or maybe make new ones. Bring along family members or maybe workmates and friends who have shown an interest in your faith. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. We start with a delicious meal, followed by a short video and discussion in small groups. It's fun and very informal. It's your chance to ask the big questions about life in a supportive and safe environment. Everyone is welcome. No charge, no pressure, no follow-up! RSVP by text or phone to Paula on 027 5382595 by 8th June, for catering purposes.

The Alpha programme begins on **Tuesday 16th June** at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre behind the Sacred Heart Basilica.

We are hoping to reach out to parents of children who are attending our catholic schools, people who are no longer attending Mass and those who might feel that they might be open to beginning a relationship with Jesus or in need of a refresh in their faith journey.



Alpha is for everyone 😊

Please click this link for the Alpha introduction video:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/184913169>



Found Items – Cross Country

We have a few items which were found after the Cross Country yesterday. If they belong to you, please collect them from the Office.



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5 Sessions

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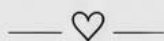


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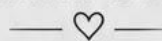
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