

Loud Shirt Day this Friday 😊

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau

We were blessed to have two sunny days to launch the new Term and now some much needed moisture. We welcome Anna Rothwell-Gibb (Mrs Gibb) to our team as Miss Annear now has a beautiful wee daughter named Scarlett. Anna brings experience and expert teaching skills to her role in Room 13 and we are grateful to have her.

You may have seen an update I sent through Hero regarding next year's camp costs and in case you missed it, the message is repeated in this newsletter. Hopefully this Board initiative will help control some costs for whanau at least in 2027. I also sent a message about the 2027 classes and invite your thoughts as we go through the complicated task of assigning learners to classes.

Tomorrow, Mrs Simpson and I will be supporting our Year 8s as they gather with their Catholic peers over at Roncalli and start to think about what their choices are after school. Several local businesses support us by welcoming the ākonga onto their work sites and it is always an interesting day.

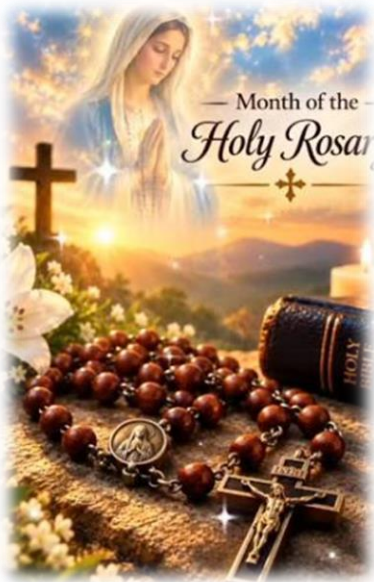


Congratulations to Jake, Corban & Sophie who represented South Canterbury at the South Island Inter-Regional Cross Country in Nelson over the Holidays.

On Friday, we invite students to wear a colourful shirt in support of people who cannot hear well. There isn't any cost this time as we are simply doing this to raise awareness. It's not a full non-uniform day – just the shirt/top.

Hail Mary, full of grace
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women
 And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, mother of God,
 Pray for us sinners
 Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Awe, e Maria, e ki ana koe i te keratia kei a
 koe te Ariki. E whakapaingia ana koe i roto
 i nga wahine, a e whakapaingia ana hoki a
 Hehu, te hua o tou kopu. E Hata Maria, e
 te Matua Wahine o te Atua, inoi koe mo
 matou, mo te hunga hara aiane, a, a te haora
 o to matou matenga rawa. Amene.



Faith Facts - October: The Month of the Rosary.

In the Catholic Church, the month of the October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

The Rosary helps us to think about the life of Jesus, his passion, death, resurrection and glory as we meditate on the cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries.

The Rosary also honours and contemplates Mary too, since she followed in the footsteps of Jesus the most closely.

“The Prayer of the Rosary is perfect because of the promises it offers, the lessons it teaches, the graces it obtains, and the victories it achieves.” Pope Benedict XV.

Religious Education Programme:

This term we focus on the ‘Kia Noho Hāhi – Being Church’ theme of our Religious Education Programme, “Tō Tātou Whakapono – Our Faith”:

Rooms 10, 9, 8, 5 and 4: I Belong – How do I belong?

Rooms 3 and 2: My Spiritual Journey – Where am I going?

Rooms 1 and 13: Living like Jesus – What is my relationship with others?

Rooms 12 and 11: People of Hope – What is going to happen in my life?

Information about the Programme can be found at: www.totatouwhakapono.nz



Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

16th October: Rooms 8 and 2 will attend Mass.

23rd October: Rooms 5 and 11 will attend Mass.

School Photo Orders

School photo order envelopes were sent home with students last Term. If you are wanting to place an order, please complete them and return them to the School Office by this Friday.



Important Dates

15 October	SCG Meeting 6pm (All Welcome)
16 October	Loud Shirt Day
21 October	National Shake Out Day
21 October	Board of Trustees Meeting 5:15pm
26 October	Labour Day Holiday (school closed)
30 October	Year 4 EOTC Day
16 November	Sacred Heart School Athletics
19 November	9.15am Junior Athletics (at school Year 0-3)
2 December	Year 8 Dinner
14 December	Prizegiving
15 December	Fun Day (last day for 2026)



Student Lateness & Absences

With the beginning of a new Term, it is a timely reminder to address student absences and lateness. We have had several students arriving at school after the bell (some as late as 9.40am).



Our school bell rings at 8.55am for the beginning of the school day.

If your child arrives after this time, it is important that you notify the Office of your child's late arrival, as attendance data is recorded daily and sent to the Ministry of Education both for the morning and afternoon roles. This is important to ensure students safety.

We appreciate your efforts in making sure this is done.

Class Placements for 2027

Our team are currently working on creating our 2027 class placement lists. If you have information in relation to your child that we should know while we do this, please pass it on now. Once the classes are published, it is extremely difficult to make any changes. Looking into next year, we will run 11 classes, five of which will be composites (two Year groups in the class).



This structure is largely set by the number of children in each year group. For example, next year our smallest group is 20 and our largest 40. We also prioritise keeping numbers as low as possible in junior classes, and as you know, the Board has capped our roll to manage overall class sizes.

Important Information on 2027 School Camps:

Ata mārie whanau,

You may recall that earlier in the year, we asked for your thoughts on camps and the costs to families. Based on that feedback, the Board has worked to reduce expenses to you without compromising the important bits of our camp programme. For 2027, they have chosen to heavily subsidise each of our four camps.

In recent years, the SCG have also subsidised camps as their funds allow. Alongside the subsidies, we also give families the opportunity to reduce their individual costs through a Christmas raffle fundraiser.

To help your own planning, this is the situation for next year –

	Venue	Actual cost	Board subsidy	SCG subsidy	Maximum cost to families	Minus any individual fundraising
Year 5	Lindisfarne	\$75	\$25	\$10	\$40	?
Year 6	Gunn's Bush	\$160	\$60	\$15	\$85	?
Year 7	Spencer Park	\$240	\$100	\$20	\$120	?
Year 8	Living Springs	\$350	\$175	\$30	\$145	?

We intend on sending the Christmas raffle cards home in Week 3 this Term, and once the raffle is completed will send you the actual cost for your child next year. As always, if the cost will cause you difficulty, please talk to me in confidence and we will make things work.

Kind regards

Dave

Camp Raffle Cards for Students Year 4-7

In Week 3, the 2027 Camp Raffle cards will be sent home with the Year 4-7 (next year's Year 5-8) students.

All funds raised will come directly off **your child's** 2027 school camp cost.

This is a great way to offset your children's camp cost!



LOUD SHIRT DAY 2026

Friday 16th October

Sacred Heart School are celebrating this day by encouraging everyone to wear their **brightest, most funky** shirt / t-shirt.

Loud Shirt Day is an annual event held to support children and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing in New Zealand.

Raising awareness for

The Hearing House

Southern Cochlear Implant Programme

which are organisations providing specialist support, speech therapy, and cochlear implant programs.

There is
NO COST
to dress LOUD
on this day.





Wizard of Oz Colouring Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Matilda who won the Wizard of Oz Colouring Competition last Term.

Matilda won tickets to see the show in the holidays, and took her friend Nina 😊



Student Sporting Success over the Holiday Break:

Basketball u14 tournament in Dunedin - Mozart Quindor, Henry Thomas and Gabriel Saena.

Outlaws Rugby League

Sienna Norman	Most Improved u7
Salesa Saena	Most Valuable u7
Folo Tui'tufu	Most Valuable u7
Veni Tui'tufu	Young Gun u7
Oscar Latu	Most Valuable u9
Beauden Rooney	Lowen Taha Leadership Trophy (club award)
Riley Brown	Female Player of the year

Nominations for club awards:

Spirit of Outlaws	Zion Bloomfield, Max O'Brien
Most promising female	Sienna Norman
Beauden Rooney	Referee of the Tournament NZ Warriors South Island Rugby League



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21 October



7:00 – 9:00pm



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SUN 1 NOV 2026



10:00AM – 2:00PM



HIGHFIELD GOLF COURSE, TIMARU

OPEN DAY FOR GOLF



- ✓ Hole in One Competition
- ✓ Free Green Fees
- ✓ Junior Skills Day
- ✓ Everyone welcome – all skill levels

MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS

FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER



\$150

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\$65

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