SACRED HEART
PRIMARY SCHOOL TIMARU

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28th October 2026

Year 4-7 Camp Raffle Cards coming home this week

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau

Summer most definitely arrived over the long weekend and I hope you were able to enjoy the warmth before it changed again.

There is an air of excitement in our Year 4 group as they countdown to their "Big Day Out" this Friday. Mrs Plant and Mr Hall have planned a fun experience that includes visiting the Talbot Forest area and an early 'sneak peek' at the new stadium on Morgan's Road. I even hear there is pizza involved. 😊

If you have seen the main field recently, you will know that Jim has prepped a running track for the juniors to practise their sprints on and we have a 'run, jump, throw' event planned for Tuesday 17th November. The seniors (Year 4 and up) have their athletics sports on Monday 16th November, and you are welcome to come along to both events and support the athletes.

Our teaching team are currently smack in the middle of SMART testing and report writing (you will receive the reports at the end of Week 6). As I've observed some of the testing happening, it is clear that many of our children struggle with staying focused and pushing themselves in a test. Doing well on one off assessments requires them to think hard for an extended time and this takes some 'grit'. Doing well at a mental challenge is just like doing well in a race – you have to push yourself and it should feel hard. This is a critical understanding for their whole school career.

Ngā mihi
Dave



Camp 2027 Raffle Cards

Camp Raffle Cards are being send hoe this week. Keep an eye out for them!

The more you sell, the less you pay for your child's camp in 2027 😊

Check out the amazing prizes we had last year!

Prayer for All Saints Day:

Holy Saints of God,
We join our prayers of praise to yours today.
With you, we sing of God's goodness,
rejoice in God's mercy and celebrate God's incredible love.
Teach us to live as you lived: always thinking of others,
always aware of our weaknesses, always rejoicing in God's gifts, always following Jesus.
Pray for us that we, too, may someday be among the Holy Saints of God.
Amen.

Faith Facts - *All Saints and All Souls*



The **Feast of All Saints** is celebrated on 1st November to honour all the saints known and unknown. This is followed on 2nd November by the **Feast of All Souls**. On this special day in the Liturgical Year we pray for those who have died, that they 'may rest in peace'. Perhaps you might like to visit your Parish church with your family members, light a candle and spend some time in prayer. Or take time out at home and have a special prayer time to remember those in your family who have died.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

We pray for our young people who will be Confirmed by Bishop Michael Gielen at the Basilica on Sunday 1st November at 9am Mass: *Amberjade Gervacio, Andrei Bandoquillo, Javerick Gervacio, Mozart Quindor, Noah Livesey, Siya Shijomon, Tyler Winter-Davis. May God bless you always.*

Bereavement Mass for Deceased Parishioners:

This Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Basilica on Friday 13th November at 7pm.

You are invited to attend the **Marian Day** on the last day of October.

Marian Procession

Date: **Saturday 31st October 2026**
Where: **Sacred Heart Basilica**

Time:	8:30-9:30	Adoration and Reconciliation.
	9:30-10:15	**MASS**
	10:30-11:00	**Rosary and Procession.**
	11:00-12:00	**Talk on Mother Mary and the Rosary**
	12:00-14:00	Fellowship and Lunch.



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.

Camp Raffle Cards for Students Year 4-7

Camp Raffle cards will be sent home with the Year 4-7 (next year's Year 5-8) students this week.

All funds raised will come directly off your own child's 2026 school camp cost.
If you require more cards, please see the Office.
(This is a great way to offset your children's camp cost)

The more you sell, the less you pay for camp!

Please return all sold cards and money to the Office by Wednesday 3rd December.

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

Important Dates

29 October	Camp Raffle Cards sent home (Yr4-7)
30 October	Year 4 EOTC Day
13 November	Non-Uniform Day (Camp Raffle Fundraiser)
16 November	Sacred Heart School Athletics
17 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)
2 February 2027	School Starts



Mark your calendar

JOLLY SOLES

Check out the Jolly Soles Sock Fundraiser in the Library after School on Wednesday and Friday this week.

Great stocking stuffers!!!!

$12 a pair or $30 for 3

Cash or bank transfer available - EFTPOS available at the School Office

Limited stock, so get in quick! 😊

Friday 13th November – Non uniform day

On Friday 13th of November we will be having a non-uniform day.

Students are asked to please bring along a Christmas themed item or small treat (ie; chocolate bar or sweets) for our Year 5 – 8 Camp Fundraiser, in exchange for wearing casual clothes.

Some great examples of what to bring are:
wrapping paper, sauces, relishes, crackers, treats, chocolates, Christmas tree decorations, cards, toys, gift tags.

Anything you might like to receive in a Christmas Hamper (no alcohol please) 😊



EVENTS

Story time with Santa

Meet Rapunzel, Spider Man and the Christmas Elf

Face Painting

Singing & Dancing

Opening of the Christmas Windows.

Ballantynes

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TIMARU
TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB

Highfield
Golf Course

OPEN DAY

AT TIMARU TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB & HIGHFIELD GOLF COURSE

Come along, give golf a go!

SUN 1 NOV 2026 | **10:00AM – 2:00PM** | **HIGHFIELD GOLF COURSE, TIMARU**



MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS

FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER

$150
COMPETITIVE SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

$65
CHILD/PARENT MEMBERSHIP
Can be switched between parent/guardian.

A GREAT DAV OUT
FOR FAMILIES,
FRIENDS & NEW GOLFERS

See you there!

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