

Board Election Update – Voting papers being sent out next week 😊

Kia ora koutou katoa e te whanau

Thanks to the people who turned out to support our performers at the Jubilate singing concert last night, also a massive thanks goes to Debbie Plant for leading us. There was beautiful singing filling the Basilica, and it was a joy to see.

We had a very successful “Book Fair”. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles who supported this. We managed to raise over \$1000.00 Scholastic dollars to buy books for our School Library. Great work to Miss Goodie for her efforts in organising this, and to Janice, Deb & Emma for assisting parents before and after school 😊

Next Friday, we have our traditional sports interchange with St Joseph’s Timaru where our seniors play rugby and netball in pursuit of the mighty Marist Cup. The games are played over at Roncalli College, and you are most welcome to come and support our teams. The majority of these children end up at Roncalli together in the future and this is a great opportunity to connect and make friendships. Games start at 1pm.

Voting papers for our School Board will be sent out to all families next week. We have three parent representative positions available on our Board and received four nominations. Please see page 3 and 4 of this newsletter for the candidate statements. Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 10th of September.

Noho ora mai – stay well

Amanda Henderson



Room 8 students had fun dressing up in outfits from “Jesus’ time” today

Feast of the Assumption of Mary - Prayer

Mary, our Mother, your "yes" to God's invitation to be the mother of His son reminds us that prayer is not just words, but is also from the heart. We ask you to pray to Jesus for us, that we may be prepared to join you in saying "yes" to God our Father, that Jesus may be born anew in our hearts.

Amen.



Faith Facts - The Feast of the Assumption

This is the dogma (one of the essential beliefs of the Catholic faith) that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken (assumed) body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Mary's Assumption is a sharing in the Resurrection of her Son and an anticipation of the resurrection of others. The Assumption is celebrated as a Feast Day on 15th August.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation Programme begins on Sunday, 14 September, with a combined parent/candidate meeting at St Thomas'. All those from Year 8 and above are eligible to be confirmed. Enrolment forms will be emailed to all eligible families and can be completed online.

A parent information sheet about the programme will accompany the online form.

Paper forms will be available in St Thomas' Church foyer and Sacred Heart office. Enrolments need to be in before Wednesday, 10 September.

The young people will be confirmed on Saturday, 8 November at the 6.00pm Mass at St Thomas' Church.



Letter from the Attendance Dues Officer.

A detailed communication was sent to all parent accounts in early July, explaining the invoicing and payment process, including information about annual invoices, payments made, and upcoming statements.

At this stage, families have only received their annual invoice, and we are currently in the process of transferring and reconciling all payments made to schools, parishes, or the Diocese. Once this process is complete, parents will receive an updated statement showing both their invoice and payments made to date, followed by regular monthly statements going forward.

*If you **have any questions** regarding Attendance Dues, we kindly ask that you contact the Attendance Dues Team directly by emailing dues.cdc@cathconnect.nz. For a quicker response, you should include your full name, child's name and account number (if known). This ensures queries are handled promptly and avoids the need for schools or parishes to follow up on your behalf.*

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this process.



School Board Parent Elections Update

Nominations for Parent Representative candidates on our School Board have now closed. As we have had 4 nominations, for the 3 positions available, we will go to a vote. Voting papers will be posted out to families next week. Please ensure we have your correct postal address on HERO. Please see candidate statements below:

Candidate Statement - Mary Strachan

Kia Ora Sacred Heart Whanau

My name is Mary Strachan, and I am seeking re-election in our upcoming Board of Trustee Elections.

I have been a member of the board for the past 8 years and I currently serve as our presiding member.

I am a Mum to three lovely boys, Jack (15), Lachie (13) and Tom (11). My two eldest are proud Sacred Heart Alumni and Tom is currently a Year 6 student.

I am a marketing and communications consultant that currently works 4 days per week for the Y (YMCA), and I also run my own consultancy business working alongside local companies.

I am a big believer that quality education is the passport for our young people to living future productive and purposeful lives, and that education opens so many options for this future.

My husband and I are also strong believers in giving back to our community through service, and that is why I am seeking re-election in 2025. With my working life, I am often unavailable to support the day-to-day activities of the school, so I find that being on the Board works around this issue and allows me to support our principal and teaching staff to ensure that every student at Sacred Heart is given the opportunity to a quality education that sets the foundation for life.

I am passionate about our special school and the qualities and belief systems that a catholic school gives to a child, and I ask for your support this election to allow me to continue to lead our current dedicated board team and support the work that allows your children to continue to achieve at Sacred Heart.

*Many thanks in advance for your continued support
Mary Strachan*



Candidate Statement – Rachael O'Reilly

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Rachael O'Reilly, and I am excited to put myself forward as a candidate for the School Board. As the proud parent of Emmett in Room 8, I am deeply committed to supporting and enhancing our school community.

Professionally, I work as a Client Manager at Alsco Uniforms, where I oversee key business relationships and ensure exceptional service delivery. I hold a Certificate in Business, which has equipped me with strong skills in communication, strategy, and problem-solving. Skills I believe are vital for effective governance in a school setting.

I am passionate about creating the best possible environment for our Tamariki to learn, grow, and succeed. I pride myself on being approachable, practical, and a team player. I am committed to working collaboratively with staff, whānau, and fellow board members to ensure decisions are made with care, balance, and a shared vision for the future.

It would be a privilege to represent our school whānau and advocate for a strong, unified parent voice on the board.

*Ngā mihi nui,
Rachael O'Reilly*



Candidate Statement – Benjamin McCambridge

Hello Sacred Heart parents,

My name is Ben McCambridge, and I am excited to be a candidate for the Board of Trustees. Sacred Heart has a unique character and encouraging environment for our children. I hope you feel the same. The growing school roll & passion of its parents to help in various ways highlights this.



My education and working background are in management, logistics, & finance in the food & logistics industries. I've been chairman of Roncalli rowing, treasurer for Mt Dobson Ski Club, a stint with Rotary, but the most rewarding has been on the Sacred Heart Board of Trustees for the last three years.

I believe in the importance of fostering a learning environment where every child feels safe, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. In my time on the Board to date, I see Sacred Heart's commitment to developing well-rounded students—spiritually, academically, physically, and socially. I am particularly interested in supporting initiatives that help boost literacy, wellbeing, and the chance for all students to be their best.

Regardless of the result, I'm confident the board will have an amazing group of parents & staff, dedicated to seeing Sacred Heart be it's best.

*Thank you, sumasainyo nang tapat,
Ben McCambridge*

Candidate Statement – Olivia McGregor

Kia ora, I'm Olivia McGregor — proud mum to Isobel (Year 6) and Henry (Year 2). Together with my husband, we own and operate Precision Build NZ, a local Timaru building and consulting business.

I bring a strong background in project management, governance, leadership, and communication — all of which I believe are valuable to the school board setting. I am also an adult learner, in my final year of a Bachelor of Building Surveying, and I sit on an external academic advisory committee for the institute — giving me valuable insight into both the learning experience and the education framework.



I'm putting my hand up for the Board because I believe in strong, clear governance that supports every learner in our school. I understand the difference between governance and management — and see the Board's role as setting strategic direction, ensuring accountability, and supporting leadership to create the best outcomes for our tamariki.

In both my personal and professional life, I've seen how different every child's learning journey can be. Some face more barriers than others, and I'm passionate about making space for all tamariki to thrive — not just academically, but as confident, resilient young people.

I value transparency, inclusiveness, and bold but thoughtful planning. It would be an honour to contribute to the future of our kura and help ensure every child has the opportunity to reach their highest potential at Sacred Heart.

*Thanks,
Olivia McGregor*



Jubilate 2025



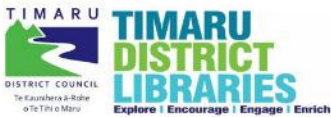


Ursula Moray Williams Creative Writing Competition 2025

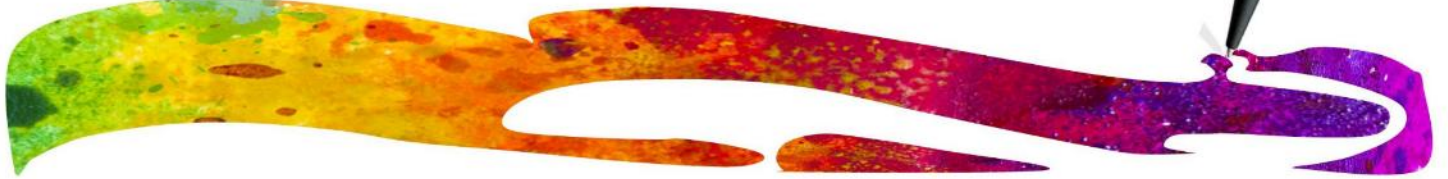
Open to local children aged between
5 and 18 years.

Entry forms and guidelines
are available at Timaru District Libraries
or may be downloaded from our website

www.timarudistrictlibraries.co.nz



Entries close at 6pm,
Friday 15th August, 2025.



📣 **SCG (PTA) Meeting – All Parents Welcome** 📣

👉 *Come along, connect, and be part of what makes our school great!*

[1] *When: Thursday 7th August, 6PM*

📍 *Where: School Library*

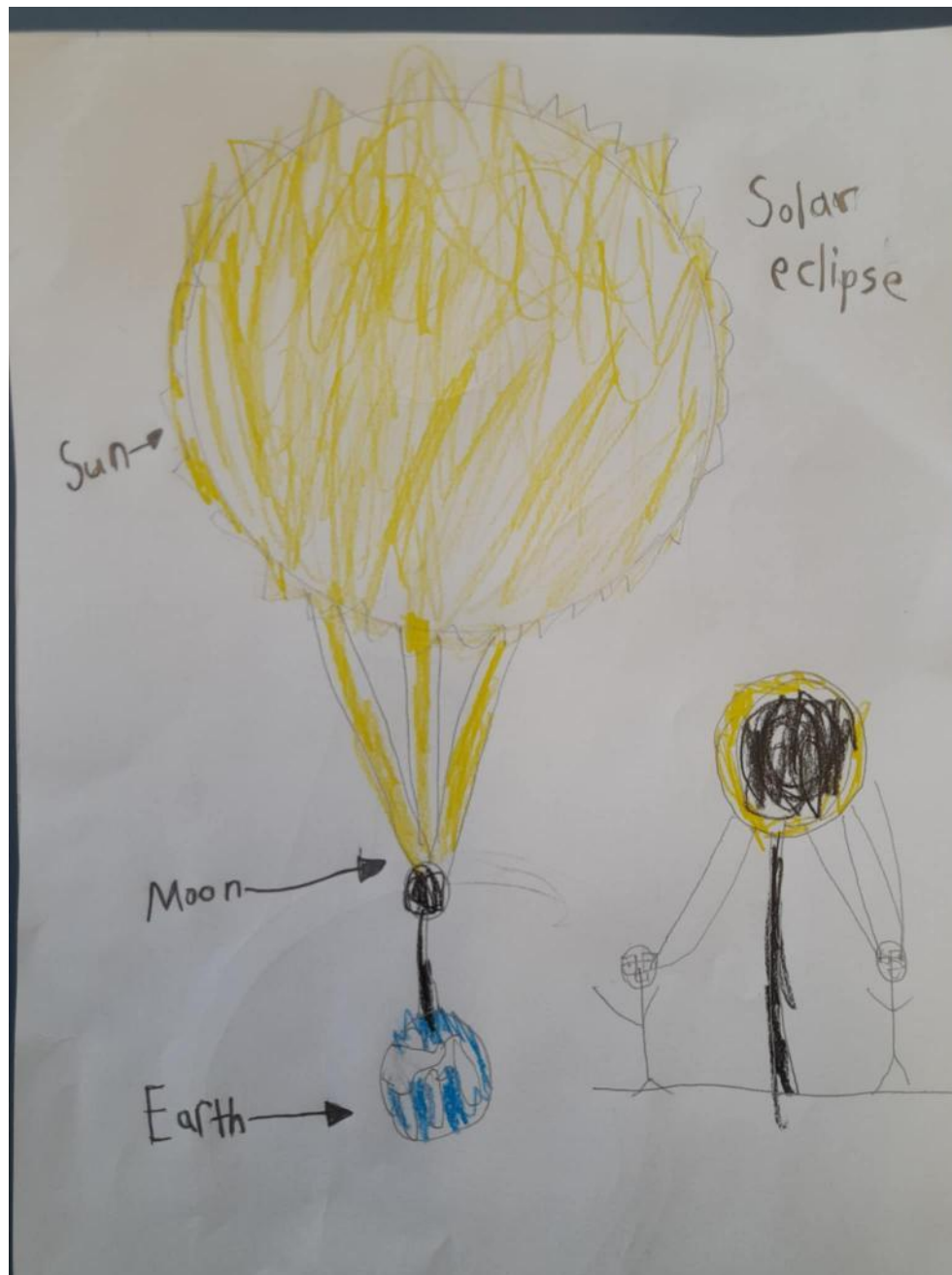
☕ *Why: Meet other parents, hear what's happening, and share your ideas.*

Your voice matters – let's shape the future together!

👏 *Big or small – every contribution counts.*

🏃 *This month we will be focusing on organising disco for 22nd of August so if you are able to help with decorating beforehand or helping on the night, come along and get involved! 🎉*

This is a drawing of a solar eclipse drawn by Ryan Tom in Room 2. Ryan explained to me that there are 4 types of eclipses. Solar, partial, annular and total eclipse



Important Dates

14 July	First Day of Term 3
25 July	Book Week Dress-up day (come dressed as your favorite character)
21-25 July	Book Week – Book Fair in the Library
6 August	Nominations close for Board Elections
15 August	Marist Cup
20 August	BOT Meeting 5.15pm
22 August	School Disco
27 August	School Photo Day
29 August	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
10 September	Board Election Date – voting closes 12pm
12 Dec	Last day of Term





We're giving back to Sacred Heart School!

Purchase your flooring through Simpson's Flooring Xtra Timaru, and we'll donate \$1 per metre to Sacred Heart School. Mention the initiative when shopping with your local flooring expert and we'll take care of the donation back to your school.

**Visit our showroom at 102 Hilton Highway, Timaru
Contact 03 688 2829 for a free measure & quote**



Proudly supporting
the fundraising
efforts of Sacred
Heart School



QUIZ NIGHT

To Support Aoraki Rugby League Referees

Friday 29th August 2025
7pm At the Sail and Anchor, Timaru



*Raffles and
auctions on
the night*

**Teams of 4-6
\$10 per person**

Text Nicole - 0278423438 to book a
table



Aoraki Junior Rugby League Spring Competition



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SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH

GIRLS RUGBY FESTIVAL

AT BURNSIDE PARK

OPEN TO GIRLS FROM YEAR 4-8 AND PLAYED IN 2 GRADES- 10
ASIDE FOR YEARS 4-6 AND GAME ON FOR YEARS 7 & 8.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE AUGUST 13TH SO REGISTER NOW TO
SECURE YOUR PLACE VIA THE QR CODE BELOW.



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A **FREE** TICKET TO THE
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