SACRED HEART
PRIMARY SCHOOL TIMARU

Newsletter No. 3

11th November 2026

Non-uniform Day this Friday



Congratulations to our students who made their Confirmation at Mass on Sunday the 1st of November. Thank you to Mrs Plant for all her work in organising and supporting our students with this Sacrament.

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau e hoa ma

This week marks the mid-point of the Term, and our 238 students have plenty of learning and fun ahead.
An example that I was lucky enough to enjoy was our choir group performing in the St Mary's lunchtime performing arts series. There were some great individual skills displayed, and the group as a whole, were amazing. A big thanks to Miss Goodie and the whanau who came along and supported.

Last week we met with the health promoting team from Te Whatu Ora who ran the recent travel survey with whanau and students. They have identified several areas that we need to focus on as a school community including pick-ups/drop-offs and bike skills. With our building plans for next year, access around the school will change which is an opportunity to refine our systems. Keep an eye out for more information.

At the end of next week you will receive a report about your child's/ren's progress. These will be similar to the ones you received at mid-year and will show their level against the revised NZ Curriculum. Please talk to your child's class teacher as needed once you have the report.

It's possible your child has mentioned that they had a visitor to their class or were in a group who met with a visiting adult. Tony Shaw has been in the school over the last two days carrying out a scheduled Catholic Special Character review on behalf of Bishop Michael. He has met with a wide range of people from across our community, and once finished, will create a report for both the Board and the Bishop. Thank you to those who gave up their time to help Tony with this task – it's always good to have 'outside eyes' considering where improvements can be made or good practice encouraged. We will share the findings in due course.

And finally, the camp helper form closes this Friday. We won't be able to accept all offers, for example 7 people have offered to support our Year 8s but we only need 3. But conversely, we only have 2 offers for our Year 6s so need at least 2 more.

Ngā mihi

Dave

Friday 9.15am
Mass at the Basilica:

Rooms 5 and 11 will attend Mass this Friday 20th November



Prayer:

Jesus, Loving Friend,
Through your gift of the Eucharist, we remember you.
Your presence in the Eucharist helps us to become holy and strong.
Help us to understand what a wonderful gift your loving presence is in our lives. Amen.

Faith Facts: *Eucharist*

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word 'eucharistia' which means 'thanksgiving'. The celebration of the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. It is a sign of unity in which Christians join with Christ in the spirit to offer thanks and praise to God. The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (CCC 1324). Our celebration of the Eucharist within the Mass unites each of us to Jesus at the Last Supper and to our Christian community today.

NZ Vinnies Fundraiser

St Vincent de Paul are fundraising to help send their NZ Vinnies pilgrims to South Korea for Vinnies Youth Day and World Youth Day 2027.
They are running a raffle to help reach their **$25,000 fundraising target**, with some fantastic prizes up for grabs:

1st Prize: $2,500 Flight Voucher
2nd Prize: $1,500 Grocery Voucher
3rd Prize: $1,000 Gift Card

Raffle tickets are just **$10 each**, or you can choose one of our Supporter Packs to receive bonus entries and help them reach their fundraising goal sooner!
There are 6 young Vincentians from Canterbury will be joining the Vinnies NZ PILGIRMS.
Every support purchase brings our young people one step closer to making this faith-filled journey possible.
If you would like to support their fundraising efforts, they would be incredibly grateful if you could purchase a ticket and share the raffle with your colleagues, friends, and wider school community. **CLICK HERE** to buy a ticket. **Raffle closes:** 27 February 2027 **Draw date:** 1 March 2027

Bereavement Mass for Deceased Parishioners:

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

In Memory of Ivar

Dear Jesus, please hold Ivar close in your heart.
Thank you for the happy memories.
Please take care of him in Heaven
Amen



NON-UNIFORM DAY THIS FRIDAY!

Wear Casual Clothes and Support Our Year 5-8 Camp Fundraiser this Friday.

Students are asked to bring a Christmas-themed item or a small treat in exchange for wearing casual clothes.



Some great ideas include:

- Wrapping paper
- Chocolates and sweets
- Sauces and relishes
- Crackers and treats
- Christmas decorations
- Christmas cards
- Toys
- Gift tags



Think "What would I love to receive in a Christmas Hamper?"

Please no alcohol

Thank you for supporting our Year 5-8 Camp Fundraiser!

Senior Athletics - Parent Helpers needed

We have only had 2 offers for help. We need at least 3 more helpers for the day.

If you can help, please CLICK HERE.

Who?	Year 4 - 8 students
Where? Aorangi Stadium Morgans Road Athletics Track	
When? Monday 16th November 8.45am-2.30pm	Parents need to transport their child to and from the track. (Check HERO in the morning for cancellations).
Bring: Sunhat, Sunscreen Warm jacket, Packed Lunchbox & Drink Bottle (Name everything)	**Students wear:** Sports shorts – black or navy, Socks, Running shoes School polo shirt & sweatshirt (Name everything)

Events:

Running races, long jump, High Jump, Discus, Shotput, Ball throw (Overarm)

Family and friends are welcome to come and help or watch.



Sacred Heart Choir

The senior choir and soloists performed at St Mary's Church last Friday as part of their lunchtime concert series.

The choir sang beautifully and represented Sacred Heart well. Joshua played the piano, Dhyanni, sang, Matilda performed a monologue and Tyler played the drums. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to perform, and they should be very proud of themselves.



Thank you to the parents who walked with us to and from the concerts and thank you to those who came to watch and support us.

Important Dates

13 November	Non-Uniform Day (Camp Raffle Fundraiser)
16 November	Sacred Heart School Athletics (Year 4 - 8)
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



Camp Raffle Cards for Students Year 4-7

2027 Camp Raffle cards and money are due back into the Office by Wednesday 18th November.
Raffle will be drawn on Monday 23rd of November.

All funds raised will come off your child's 2027 school camp cost. If you require more cards, please see the Office.
This is a great way to offset your children's camp cost!



If you would like to buy tickets in the Christmas Raffle we have them available in the School Office – only $1 each 😊



RSA
SOUTH CANTERBURY

Family Fun Day

SCRSA RĀ WHĀNAU

Join us for a fantastic day of fun, laughter, and unforgettable family moments! Celebrate our shared service heritage and the whānau (family) connections that carry the spirit of camaraderie forward.

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday, 15th of November 2026

ARA Field on Grey Road.
Timaru



Family Fun



Food Stalls



Bouncy Castles

FREE ENTRY

OPEN FOR ALL AGES

Rides and activities for kids will be free, with food and beverage stalls onsite for people to purchase and enjoy throughout the day.

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SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL
New Zealand

VYD 2027 KOREA | WYD SEOUL 2027

HELP SEND OUR NZ VINNIES PILGRIMS TO VINNIES YOUTH DAY & WORLD YOUTH DAY SOUTH KOREA 2027

Faith in Action.



CHOOSE YOUR VINNIES SUPPORTER PACKAGE

VINNIES AMBASSADOR	$100	15 ENTRIES
VINNIES CHAMPION	$60	10 ENTRIES
VINNIES ADVOCATE	$40	6 ENTRIES
VINNIES FRIENDS AND WHĀNAU	$20	2 ENTRIES

Every package includes raffle entries into the Main Prize Draw!

$7,000 PILGRIMAGE COSTS

FLIGHTS & ACCOMMODATION	$3,000
PILGRIMAGE ACTIVITIES	$2,000
REGISTRATION	$1,000
TRANSPORT	$500
MEALS	$300
INSURANCE	$200

FUNDRAISING TARGET $25,000

$10 RAFFLE TICKET — ENTRY TO RAFFLE DRAW!

MAIN RAFFLE PRIZES



1ST PRIZE
$2,500
FLIGHT VOUCHER



2ND PRIZE
$1,500
GROCERY VOUCHERS



3RD PRIZE
$1,000
GIFT CARD

RAFFLE CLOSES 27 FEB 2027

DRAW DATE 1 MARCH 2027

SCAN HERE TO BUY TICKETS OR DONATE

Together, we can get them there!

GROW IN FAITH | BUILD HOPE | SERVE OTHERS

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BUS BAND



- We have all the equipment and instruments on board. You get to experience Keyboards, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Drums and Singing. You can try a few instruments before you settle on one.
- It's in school time, Primary school students pop out of class for 30 minutes per week and for the first few terms in a group minimum 3 maximum 6.
- As students become more competent it will be time to advance to one to one lessons at the studio after school.

Igniting musical passion and fun

GROUP LESSONS

INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED

VARIETY OF GENRES



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December Show Dates:

Saturday	19th	7pm
Sunday	20th	2pm
Tuesday	22nd	7pm
Wednesday	23rd	7pm
Thursday	24th	4pm



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