

## Teacher Only Day Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August – School Closed 😊

Kia ora whanau

On Friday we held the annual Marist Cup competition. It was a great afternoon of sport with our friends St Josephs Timaru, who out performed us on the day to take hold of the Cup until next year. All teams did remarkably well despite suffering from many absences due to sickness. A big thank you to our sports co-ordinator Mr B as well as Roncalli, all our coaches - Chris Rooney, Jimbo, Deb and Mrs Simpson - umpires/referee, and supporters.

Today, in a rare move, South Canterbury teachers, principals, school support staff and Ministry of Education learning support staff, who are members of NZEI Te Riu Roa, have combined their union meetings.

We appreciate your understanding as our staff participate in the collective bargaining process, allowing them to receive updates and have a voice in decisions about their working conditions and the education of your children.

Finally, but most importantly, I hope you've got your pj's washed and ready for the SCG Disco on Friday! Just the thing to brighten up and end the week with. Tickets are \$5 and available now from the School Office.

Ngā mihi

*Amanda Henderson*



## Marist Cup Rugby Players 2025

### Prayer:

Father God, bless those who love us:  
Those who make a safe home for us.  
Those who provide the things we need.  
Those who live too far away to visit.  
Those who remember us in their prayers.  
Bless them with Your love.  
Amen.

### Missions Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September:

Sacred Heart will be supporting the Holy Childhood Association (MissionNZ) with a non-uniform and wacky hair day (gold coin donations) on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. Time to start thinking about interesting hairdos! The Holy Childhood Association supports projects for needy children across the world.

### School Mass:

We will be celebrating Mass with our Parish on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**, at 9am at the Basilica. **All students are expected to attend School Mass.** The children will need to be seated by 8.50am. Class teachers will be on hand to help the children find their seats. The children should come to Mass in smart casual wear.

### Friday 9.15am Mass at the Basilica:

5<sup>th</sup> September: Rooms 4 & 12 will attend Mass.

### Whole School Assemblies:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Room 1 will lead.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Room 2 will lead.

Our Assemblies take place in Celtic Hall from 2.30pm.



### Important Dates

20 August	BOT Meeting 5.15pm
22 August	School Disco
29 August	Teacher Only Day ( <b>school closed</b> )
4 September	School Photo Day (rescheduled date)
5 September	Non-uniform and wacky hair day – (gold coin donation)
10 September	Board Election Date – voting closes 12pm
19 September	Last day of Term 3
12 Dec	Last day of Term



### School Board Election Update – Have you received your voting papers?

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 were posted out to parents/ caregivers last week. If you have not received your papers, please contact the Returning Officer to ensure we have your correct postal address.



Candidate Statements were included with your voting papers, and can also be read on page 3 & 4 of this newsletter:



### **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*





## Marist Cup Sacred Heart Netballers 2025





**Hosted by  
the SCG**



**Glow  
products and  
drinks  
available to  
purchase on  
the night**

**Students must be signed in & out by a parent / caregiver.  
To ensure student safety no students will be allowed to leave without their  
parent / caregiver.**

# **PYJAMA DISCO**



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
August**

**Roncalli  
School Hall**

**Tickets \$5  
Includes drink and glow stick**

**Years 0-3, 5:30pm to 7:00pm  
Years 4-8, 7:30pm to 9:00pm**

**Get your PJ's and slippers ready!**



**Tickets available to purchase from the school office  
from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of August**



# DISCO PRICE LIST

Flashing Batons	\$4
Light Saber	\$4
Shutter Glasses	\$3
Light up Star Wands	\$3
Puffer Balls	\$3
Flashing Necklace	\$3
Flashing Jelly Rings	\$3
Drinks	\$1
Glow Sticks	50cents





## Kiribati Language Week

In July we celebrated Kiribati Language Week.

A huge thank you to the Taraia and Kimaere families for sharing their culture with us to celebrate Kiribati Language Week.

The girls' performed two special dances for their classes.

They did an amazing job and looked beautiful in their cultural attire.





# QUIZ NIGHT

## To Support Aoraki Rugby League Referees

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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



**Celtic Junior Cricket Registration  
Celtic Clubrooms on Craigie Ave.**

**Weds Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm-5.30pm**

**Saturday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-11am**

**Cost: \$40 individual \$50 Family**

**Year 1 to Year 8 Boys and Girls**

**Inquiries contact Buck on 02108399769**

**Or message the Celtic Facebook page**

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- 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.

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**Beginners Tennis  
Coaching Sessions**



**7th - 28th September**

Starting  
Sunday's from 9:30am  
(30 Minute sessions)

**4 weeks of fully subsidised coaching  
sessions for beginner players.  
At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre.  
(27 Benvenue Ave)**

Session times are dependent on the number of participants.  
Pre-registrations are essential!  
Please register online by Friday 29th August.

**Register Now!**

