



School Photo Day Tomorrow!



Mālō e lelei (greetings in Tongan)

In Week 6 we celebrated all things Tongan, with the 2025 theme for Tongan Language Week being "Ko \\'etau lea, ko e fe\\'unu mahu\\'inga ia ki he mo\\'ui \\'a e Tonga," which translates to "Our language is a vital strand of our Tongan culture".

Tonga, being a Pacific neighbour, is very important to us. A lot of Tongan people are Catholic so that gives us an even stronger connection. My thanks goes to our local Tongan Society who shared some of their culture with the school. We were very proud of our Tongan ākonga who performed for us - faka\\'ofo\\'ofa!

On another note, huge thanks to our wonderful SCG for organising the recent School Disco. We\\'ve had some great feedback, from both students and parents! It\\'s no easy task to organise such a successful event, and we are grateful to everyone involved.

Lastly, we have had a number of different sicknesses throughout the school (with both students and staff), we appreciate your efforts to help keep us all well by keeping your child at home if they are unwell.

Nofo a. (goodbye)
Amanda Henderson



In Week 6 we celebrated Tongan Language Week

Missionary Childhood Association Prayer:

Dear Lord, together we pray for the children of the world.

May they live without fear of violence and war, without hunger or thirst, without sickness and poverty.
May they experience the joy of faith, the hope of the "Good News" of Jesus and the love that comes from knowing the Lord's great love for each one of us.

May they grow in faith so that we all walk together as Your children, in peace and love.

Send us Your Holy Spirit to inspire us to work together for a different world, a better world for all.

Amen.

Faith Facts: MISSIO – A Catholic Mission.

MISSIO is the Pope's international Mission Agency in New Zealand. Through a network of religious and lay missionaries, it operates in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, and the Americas, supporting children, communities, and future Church leaders across education, healthcare, and spiritual care. It is part of an international organisation that partners with communities, helping them to flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education, and spiritual care. Missio is directly under the patronage of the Vatican's Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples. It also represents and supports the four Pontifical Missions Societies: Propagation of the Faith, St Peter the Apostle, Holy Childhood Society, and Missionary Union.

Missions Day – Friday 5th September:

Sacred Heart will be supporting the Holy Childhood Missions with a **non-uniform and wacky hair day** (gold coin donations) this Friday, 5th September. We're looking forward to seeing all the interesting hairdos! The Holy Childhood Missions support projects for needy children across the world.

School Mass:

We will be celebrating Mass with our Parish on Sunday, **14th 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. There will be morning tea in the Parish Centre after Mass.



School Photos

School Photos will be taken this Thursday (tomorrow). Please ensure your child has **correct uniform** and is clean and tidy.

See below for a reminder of what is appropriate uniform at Sacred Heart.

Uniform Tidy-up – areas to check (before school photos)

Jewellery: Only one plain stud per ear (no sleepers or large fancy studs) no necklaces or bangles.

Thermals:

- Navy thermal tops are permitted under the school polo top in Term 2 & 3

Shoes:

- If you choose to wear sports-style shoes, they should be plain black (no white soles or logos). Skate shoes, flat canvas type shoes are not uniform.

Hair

- Hair should be tidy, off the collar (or tied up), off the eyes, and of a natural colour. (If you want your child to have a "mullet" style, please note the point about tying it up.)



Wacky Hair Day Missions Fund-raiser this Friday (gold coin donation)





School Board Election Update –

Have you voted yet? Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September. Candidate Statements were included with your voting papers, and can also be read 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.

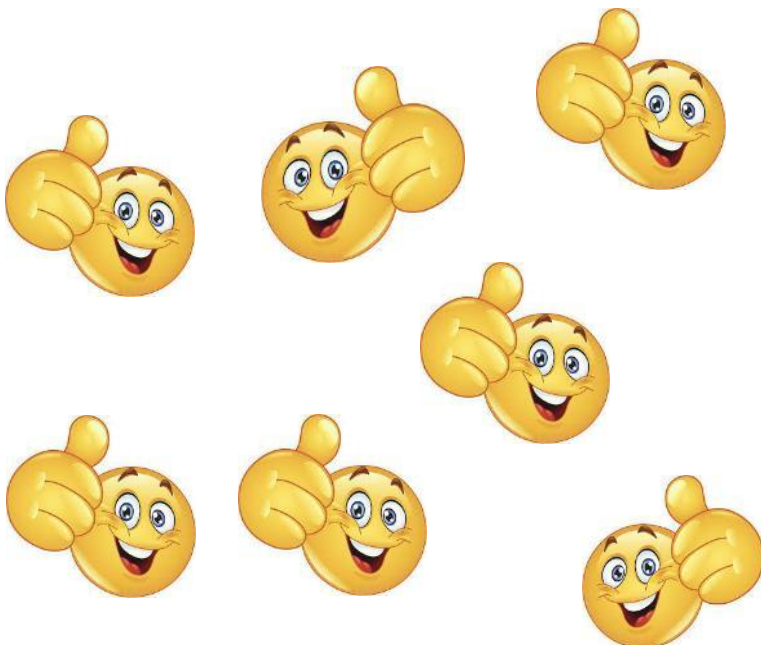
In both my personal and professional life, I've seen how different every child's learning journey can be. Some face more barriers than others, and I'm passionate about making space for all tamariki to thrive — not just academically, but as confident, resilient young people.

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*



Air fried school
grown cauliflower
gets a big thumbs
up from the
students!





Celebrating Tongan Language Week 2025



**SATURDAY
20th SEPTEMBER**

TE AITARAKIHI
MARAE-A-IWI

**REGISTER YOUR
WHĀNAU TEAM!**

WHĀNAU GAMES

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

MĀORI MOMENT!

LOLLY SCRAMBLE!

50

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI
AKE AKE AKE
MŌ AKE TONU TE REO

HĀNGĪ
GOLD COIN
DONATION

Join us for a fun-filled event of whānau games to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

HĀNGĪ | KAPA HAKA | KĒMU

10AM-2PM | TE AITARAKIHI, 50 BRIDGE RD TIMARU
More information contact us at kiaora@teaitarakihi.co.nz or 68 47 906



Celtic Junior Cricket Registration

Celtic Clubrooms on Craigie Ave.

Thurs Sept 11th 4.30pm-5.30pm

Saturday Sept 13th 10am-11am

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Year 1 to Year 8 Boys and Girls

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TICKETS - \$65.00 EA

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At the Trust Aoraki Tennis Centre.
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Please register online by Friday 29th August.

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September Holiday Programme

23 - 26 September 2025

40 minute lessons

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Book now!

Navigating the Waves with Andrea Greer

September 4th @ 6pm. Craighead Diocesan School Auditorium.

Practically supporting children navigate life's ups and downs for families and educators.

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Navigating the waves

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SEP/OCT HOLIDAYS

22nd Sept -
3rd Oct

MONDAY 22nd

PUBLIC
HOLIDAY
CLOSED



TUESDAY 23RD
SPRING TIME

Spring has arrived so lets enjoy the sun and activities.



WEDNESDAY 24th
LEGO DAY

We love LEGO here, so come and build with us, feel free to bring your own.



THURSDAY 25th
BAKING DAY

Who likes CUPCAKES, lets bake and decorate them today.



FRIDAY 26th
JEWELRY
MAKING

Come along and lets get creative with wire beads and gems.



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PRICING:

FULL DAY:

8am-6pm

\$57

SCHOOL DAY:

8am-3pm

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TRIP DAY:

8am-6pm

\$67

MONDAY 29th
ART ACTIVITIES

Let's get creative and design a tote bag and make sand art.



TUESDAY 30th
SHRINK DAY

Come and see what we are going to shrink and make.



WEDNESDAY 1st
MONSTER MASH

How silly or scary do you think you can make your monster.



THURSDAY 2nd
NERF WAR
CHALLENGE

We will have lots of bullets and Nerf guns to share for this battle..



FRIDAY 3rd
P J PARTY TIME

Come along dressed in you best PJ's for a day of fun.



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Location:

Waimataitai School
School Hall
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Timaru

Waimataitai School
Presents

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER | 5 - 7 PM

CULTURAL EVENING

+ STUDENT ART EXPO

Come celebrate our cultural diversity through food, art, and performance. Open to our school whānau and the wider community.

The poster features illustrations of traditional Maori haka, a woman in a sari, a cotton candy, a hot dog, and a dumpling.