

MISSION HEART and SOUL

To live as part of a Catholic community and respond to our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself" Luke 10:27

EDUCATION HEAD and VOICE

Become confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners and followers of Christ who are learning through the direction set by the NZ Catholic and NZ Curriculums.

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6-7

SERVICE HANDS and FEET

To live out the Gospel values and make a difference in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit and Catholic social teachings.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:15-17

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura O Hato Karama

Week 1, Term 2

Kia ora koutou whanau of Te Kura Hato O Karama

Welcome to Term 2



6th May 2022

We would like to extend a big welcome back to school life for Term 2, 2022. It has been lovely to see the children entering school this week looking happy, refreshed and pleased to be back in school. We are glad to be back and be able to experience more freedoms than we have had in school for sometime now that we are in the orange setting of the Covid framework. I would like to acknowledge the effort made by everyone last term while we were in the red setting; thank you for your patience and commitment to mask-wearing and keeping each other safe.

Term 2 learning across the school takes on the theme '**Inspired**'. Who inspires you? How can you inspire others? What a great learning conversation for our children as they return to school.

In regards to the COVID-19 Alert Level changes, we have been following information sent directly to us from the MOE (Ministry of Education) and the Ministry of Health. We will communicate with you directly via Seesaw, email and Facebook with the information/instructions & guidelines from the MOE immediately after any of the Prime Ministers' press releases and Cabinet decisions.

For primary schools, under the orange setting of the Covid framework, face masks are encouraged, but not required, this applies to staff and students. For those staff & students who do wish to continue to wear masks, we will support them to do so. This includes our continuation of providing disposable masks for any children who require them. However, all parents, caregivers, whānau, and other visitors are encouraged to wear face masks when on site.

Further on in the newsletter we have noted dates for a number of things we have planned. The hope is that you will join us as we start to merge together as a community. We were excited to start the term with our mihi whakatau to welcome new families on Monday of this week. We are also looking forward to being able to hold school masses and assemblies now we are in the orange setting.

Our Special Character and Charism comes from the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, envisioned through their founder, Euphrasie Barbier. We do this through Communion, Contemplation and Mission. The expression of our Special Character is deeply connected to the virtues of Faith, Care, Love, Honesty and Respect because the virtues stem from God.

We would like to wish all our students partaking in winter sports the best of luck!
Have fun, play hard, play fair!



Welcome back to all our SCCS Kids Club families for Term 2.

Thank you to the families who joined SCCS Kids Club Holiday Programme over the April holidays. A lot of fun was had by both children and staff. On behalf of our team, thank you for all the kind feedback we received about our staff and our programme, this will be passed on at our next team meeting. Feedback is always welcome as this is how we learn and make improvements to our programme.

Our main aim is to keep your children safe while in our care and also happy and enjoying the activities we have planned around their age group which is determined by researching what our SCCS kids will enjoy over the holiday breaks. If you have any requests/suggestions/information you would like to share with our Holiday Programme planning team then please do email us to let us know as we love new ideas. Email Deb at kidsclub@sccs.school.nz

2022 Enrolment Forms

These forms can be downloaded from our school website under Kids Club at any time. You are welcome to drop a copy into the office for us to collect or scan and email your copy to Kidsclub@sccs.school.nz

New Enrolments

We welcome new enrolments to our Before and After School Care programme. Please email or drop a completed enrolment form to us so we can make contact and confirm your space. Please note, part of our procedure is to meet with every new family and child before confirming your spot with Kids Club. Please either text (021) 586633 or email us to arrange a suitable time for both parties to meet. Please do avoid (if possible) visiting at our peak time of the day which is between 2.45pm (bell time) and 3.15pm as we are signing children in and making sure everyone has arrived safely during this time.

Thank you for supporting our school and the SCCS Kids Club.

Regards

Deb, Kerry, Gareth & the SCCS Kids Club team
021 586633

Kidsclub@sccs.school.nz

Seesaw Message from Gareth this week:

Message for Community

Good afternoon SCCS Whānau.

As we head into the new term we welcome lesser restrictions that come with the Orange Covid-19 setting. This allows us to operate together as a learning community in a much more face to face way. We are able to have team and school-wide assemblies, EOTC events will be able to go ahead and life will look more "normal" than it has for 2-3 years.

With the lessening of restrictions, we also acknowledge our role in protection as we still remain in a worldwide pandemic that will wax and wane.

Please continue to monitor your children for symptoms and keep them at home if they are unwell. If your child does become positive, please fill in the form that allows us to keep a close eye on what is happening in our school. Here is the form [LINK](#)

Here is a summary of the framework that relates to the current Covid-19 setting and how we will be operating at SCCS.

Mask Wearing

Face masks are encouraged, but not required, when inside at school for staff and students. For those who do wish to continue to wear masks, we will support them to do so. This includes our continuation of providing disposable masks for those who require them.

All parents, caregivers, whānau, and other visitors are encouraged to wear face masks on site.

Other Public Health Measures

Coughing and sneezing etiquette continues to be a major element to protect others from this airport virus. Please remind your children about this, explicitly teaching when and where appropriate.

Hand sanitising - please continue with the same hand-sanitising routines as we have had the last few months.

Ventilation - classes will have doors and windows open to maximise airflow. Please ensure that your child/children have appropriate school uniforms on hand for those colder days.

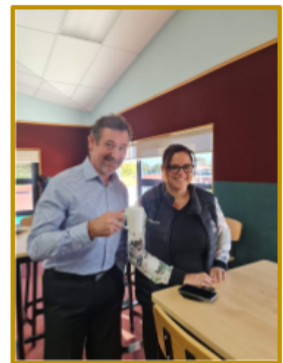
Welcome back

Gareth

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Mihi Whakataua Welcome!

On Monday morning we welcomed our new students, their families and our new staff. We prayed together and invited each person to live our school Cornerstone values of Love, Care, Respect, Faith and Honesty.



THE ANGELUS BASED ON LUKE 1: 26- 55



*The Month of May - The Month of Mary
Next Monday we will be praying The Angelus.
At 12:30 each day, a bell will be rung as a call
to prayer. Please click the link below to view
the daily prayer.*



All staff gathered for TCT (teachers collaborating together). We began with The Angelus in preparation for sharing with the students,

Altar Servers Wanted!

Any children who would like to learn the ministry of altar serving at Mass, and who have made their First Communion and Confirmation are invited to come to a practise at the church on Friday 13th May from 4.30-5.30pm. Please call Heidi if you have any questions – 021 686 959.

[The Angelus Powerpoint](#)

St John's College Information evening:



The flyer for St John's College Information Evening features a collage of images on the left showing students in a science lab, running on a track, and in a classroom. The right side has a blue background with white and yellow text. The top right corner has the St John's College logo and tagline. The main text provides the date, time, location, and registration details. A list of activities is provided, along with contact information. A quote from the school is featured in the bottom left, and a section on the right lists the benefits of the school's values-based education, academic excellence, sport and cultural opportunities, community, and individual support.

St John's College
Preparing Young Men For Life

INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 19 May 2022 - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
St John's College Marcellin Gymnasium
85 Hillcrest Road, Hamilton
Register online - [sjinfo22.eventzilla.net](https://www.eventzilla.net/sjinfo22)
All parents and prospective students welcome:

- + Meet the Principal and staff
- + Meet current students
- + See learning in action
- + Tour the school facilities
- + Explore options for 2023 enrolment

For more information contact:
Phone (07) 856 7091
Email secretary@stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz

“St John's College focuses on preparing young men for life.”

EACH OF OUR 900 BOYS IN YEAR 9 TO YEAR 13 BENEFITS THROUGH:

- Values-based education** – St John's boys enjoy a first class education based on a long Marist tradition. Boys are expected to strive for personal excellence in academic, sporting and cultural endeavours in a context of strong Catholic values. Education takes place within a richly diverse community where young men are prepared for life in the 21st Century.
- Academic excellence** – Our boys' NCEA pass rates regularly exceed those of state schools and other similar boys schools nationally.
- Sport and cultural opportunities** – High participation rates mean boys hone their skills wherever their passions lie, whether in sport, music, art, drama or more. Our high staff-to-student ratio means each boy receives the extra guidance required to shine.
- Community** – Our staff and students form a special, caring community where they support each other on a daily basis.
- Individual support** – Our ideal size means individuals receive the attention and support required to develop to their full potential academically, socially and spiritually.

www.facebook.com/StJohnsCollegeHamilton

Sacred Heart Girls College Open evenings:



We are excited to be planning two Open Evenings to meet new families interested in joining our school community in 2023. We invite you to visit our school in mid-May.

Dates: Wednesday 18th May and Thursday 19th May.

Times: 4.30pm until 7.00pm (last booking).

Format: Small group tours. Registration will be required (see below).

Duration: 70-80 minutes.

The tours will ensure we are able to maintain COVID protocols, whilst creating a positive and personalised experience. Staff and students will show you our learning spaces and share why we believe Sacred Heart Girls' College is the best choice for your child's next step in education. We will begin and end our tours on the front lawn.

There will also be the opportunity for Preference Cards to be signed on the evening. Parents will need to show their child's Baptismal Certificate (5.1) OR their own Baptismal Certificate (5.3) to meet the Preference criteria.

Registration: Simply click on the link below, complete the form and choose the date and time for your tour. As groups will be a maximum of 16 people, spaces are limited for each time slot. If you have any questions please contact Steph Mildon, Enrolment Coordinator.

REGISTRATION LINK

St Columba's Catholic School

WINTER UNIFORM



Yr 7 & 8 Senior Girls

SCCS L/Sleeve White Blouse	\$50.00
Tartan Skirt	\$50.00
Navy Blue Socks	\$12.00

Yr 7 & 8 Senior Boys

SCCS L/sleeve Grey Shirt	\$50.00
SCCS Navy Shorts	\$42.00
Navy Blue Socks	\$12.00



Yr 0-6 Junior Girls

SCCS L/sleeve polo	\$35.00
Tartan Skort	\$50.00
Navy Blue Socks	\$12.00
Tartan Scrunchies	\$ 5.00
Tartan Headbands	\$12.00

Yr 0-6 Junior Boys

SCCS L/sleeve polo \$35.00

SCCS Grey shorts \$42.00
(these shorts are worn all year round)

Navy Blue Socks \$12.00



Junior Long Sleeve Polo



Junior Shorts



Junior Socks



Beanie

Unisex Rain Jacket

Unisex Items

SCCS Beanie \$15.00

SCCS Polar Fleece \$45.00

SCCS Jacket \$45.00
(fully lined with fleece)

Winter School Shoes

School shoes are to be black and must be able to be rugged. "Labelled" sport shoes with logos & designs with contrasting colours are not permitted. Canvas shoes are also not permitted.

Buckled, Velcro & Laces are All Acceptable.

Examples of Correct Footwear



School Banking

School Banking Update

First Credit Union wishes to advise parents that School Banking will resume in Term 2.

If you wish to open an account, please get an application from the school office!



School Banking will be collected on a Monday



Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Which children are routinely checked?

Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check

What tests are carried out?

Ears

Audiometry (hearing test)
Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

Notify parents of all test results
Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

Te Hanga Whakarangai Mō Te Iwi – Building Healthy Communities



Waikato District Health Board

On Monday 30th May the Hearing & Vision Technician will be visiting the school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUSIQHUB PLAY SMART



Aaaaaaand... We're BACK!

With the continued easing of restrictions it's now even easier to get your kids into learning an instrument at your school!

MusiqHub stands apart because we have professional musicians tutoring a wide range of instruments: Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Piano, Voice, Violin, Recorder

Better tutors, better content, better get involved...

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