



# Sacred Heart College

65 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, New Zealand

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**He poroporoake ki a Sister Moira raua ko Jeanette Hudson.**

**A farewell to two wonderful people in our International Department. Sister Moira Ross has had an amazing career, including being Principal of Sacred Heart College Napier and working in Samoa. She has taught English as a second language to our international students for over a decade. Our students love her. Jeanette Hudson is our International Manager who is having a change after giving a very hard-working four years keeping our ESOL students safe and happy. A big thank you to both of them!**

**Back row: Sister Moira Ross, Ayaka, Jeanette Hudson**

**Front row: Mai, Ruka, Ayaka and Maho.**

**Photo taken in the Sacred Heart College chapel Advent 2011.**

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## From the Principal's desk:

November 2011

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa  
Talofa lava  
Fakaalofa lahi atu  
Kia Orana  
Namaste  
Welkom  
Herzlich Willkommen  
Witamy  
Greetings to everyone



Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

It has been a very busy end to the year. I'm sorry if I say this every year but it really is a busy time. There have been several important positions to interview for this year and it has been a very busy time for all staff with marae days for Year 9, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver training days, senior exams etc. etc.

On 29 November we have Father Richard Leonard SJ coming to speak to our staff about "Education and the Media." We have invited the Catholic primary schools and our brother and sister colleges. We also have Adrienne Alton-Lee speaking about her research work. In the afternoon of this P.D. day our staff will be looking at the alignment of standards and there will be another half day on 16<sup>th</sup> March to continue with this work.

Next year we will have the short school day on Mondays in Terms I and III (that is when we close the school early at 2.30pm in order to have a longer P.D. session 2.30pm – 4.00pm or 4.30pm).

The new Deputy Principal is Sue Johnson who is currently Assistant Principal of St Peter's College in Palmerston North.

Please make a note of who your daughter's Deans will be as you may want to ring them or discuss something with them next year. Our new Deans for 2012 are as follows:

Year 9	Elanie Ferreira and Ngaira Sewell
Year 10	Liesbet Gavey and Martin Curwen
Year 11	Anne Davie and Jack Boyle
Year 12	Lynda Carter and Michelle Pigou
Year 13	Judith Bergman and Lydie Collard

### **Staff changes 2012**

Mrs Peszynski becomes Acting HOD of the Social Science Department (Mrs Hayes is on maternity leave).

Mr Maxim becomes Assistant HOD Social Science.

Mrs Pigou is now HOD Learning Support.

Mrs Blackburn is now HOD Science.

Mr Chote is now HOD Religious Education for 2012.

### **Staff who are leaving**

Ruth Clitheroe after 31 years' service. Ruth was farewelled at prizegiving and there is a special dinner on 4 December.

Margaret Dick, HOD Science and with 19 years of service is also retiring. We will miss Margaret's pragmatism. She is very "feet on the ground." All the best for retirement Margaret.

Carmel Spencer - Newly appointed principal Ngatawa Diocesan School. Kia Kaha Carmel and Kia ata haere!

Kelly Siefe - a mathematics teacher who is entering the business world. We wish Kelly all the very best.

Patricia Reilly – a big thank you to Patricia who has looked after Campbell Kneale's Art Department for a year while he has been on refreshment leave.

Leanne Whittall (English, Maths). Ma te Atua koe e manaaki Leanne – may God bless you and your family in the big trip across the Tazzie. We will miss you.

Sarah Valentine – Physics and Science – all the best for your travels Sarah.

Libby Higson - Libby has been a wonderful ancillary aid and unfortunately the nature of these positions is that they are tied to specific students. This is a very poor method of resourcing but while the government continues to do it this way we have no choice but to say "haere ra" when the students move on. Libby has done a wonderful job over there in Fourvière House. She is kind and patient and a valued team member. All the best for the future Libby.

Sarah Teppett – Sarah has been a reliever here and done a great job.

Christine Guthardt - has given wonderful service to Sacred Heart College and is one of our most popular staff members as she is never ruffled, never flustered and always has time for students. You will be greatly missed Christine! Christine is retiring.

Bronwyn Hallot - to be DRS at Chanel College. Bronwyn has given three years' service to Sacred Heart and has been a very approachable, friendly and helpful DRS. We wish her and her family well in the lovely Wairarapa. Bronwyn recently helped with a retreat for Ss Peter and Paul's and she has a real talent for this.

Shane Mann – a popular teacher of physics and science. Shane will be really missed as he is a valued member of the Science Department. Shane has also been the IT Manager and he too is a Wairarapa life-styler. (We have to prevent this exodus to the beautiful Wairarapa!).

Elizabeth Wootton - Assistant to the DRS. Elizabeth is retiring and has committed nearly a decade to her old teaching Order. Elizabeth was educated at Sacred Heart College Hamilton and has been a faithful servant of the R.N.D.M. spirituality and missionary message. We wish her all the very best.

### **Who's new?**

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| Hedley Aitken    | - | Mathematics Term I; Acting Principal Term II. (ex Principal, Viard College).                               |
| Katie Ash        | - | 2012 Social Science position.  |
| Mark Collard     | - | Physics and IT Manager – Ex Wellington College.  |
| Zen Ellwood      | - | Term I and part of Term II. Mathematics. Zen is not new – just a SHC returnee!                             |
| Aoife Kearney    | - | Physics and Science. All the way from Cork via Onslow College.   |
| Campbell Kneale  | - | Not new – just coming back from leave.   |
| Sharon Lapwood   | - | Science.   |
| Catherine Newson | - | Returning to Sacred Heart College Mathematics. Catherine and Zen were conjoint HOD Maths a few years back. |
| Faith Sayer      | - | Materials Technology and Art. Coming up from Westland College.   |
| Ngaira Sewell    | - | Accounting and Social Science. Joining us from Chilton St James.   |
| Kristina Carey   | - | English. Has been relieving here.  |

Rosna Parkinson - Coming to teach RE . Has been a student teacher here.

Sue Johnson - New Deputy Principal Special Character and Pastoral Care. Coming from St Peter's College, Palmerston North. Sue came to our 29 November day.

This is a year of change but it is inevitable with an aging teacher population. Our average in secondary schools is a late 40s average. It is a fact of life that retirement looms and for others it is their first O.E. (a kiwi institution and an important one). We are very sad to be losing these very good staff members though and we ask for God's blessing and involvement in their lives beyond this school gate. Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki.

I enclose a letter here from Sister Josephine Kane, Province co-leader. The calendar our R.N.D.M. sisters have produced is very beautiful and it would make a lovely Christmas gift so please get buying!! The little book of Euphrasie Barbier's writings is also a gem for Christmas.



Aotearoa - New Zealand  
Province

*Sisters of Our Lady  
of the Missions*

16 November 2011

Miss Lisl Prendergast  
Principal  
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Dear Lisl

Greetings from Petone. I hope all is going well for you at this very busy time of the end of the school year. Our Congregation is about to celebrate 150 years since it began in France in 1861. Our celebrations begin on Christmas Day this year and there will be various celebrations throughout 2012.

The Jubilee Committee has produced a 16 month calendar and I am pleased to be able to send you two copies. More copies can be purchased at \$10.00 per copy from Tania Halliday  
Province Office  
P O Box 30575  
Lower Hutt 5040

Also included with the Calendars are two RNDM Gems – Extracts from the Letters of Euphrasie Barbier. More copies are available at \$5.00 per copy.

I hope these items highlight the presence and spirit of RNDMs around the world as well as giving an insight into the spirituality of Euphrasie Barbier.

May the last weeks of the school year be richly blessed.

Yours sincerely

*Sister Josephine Kane*  
RNDM

Josephine Kane RNDM  
Province Leader

## Missionary Work and our Support of it

Enclosed in this newsletter is a letter from Sister Josephine Kane and we encourage all our families to buy the Sisters' calendar and support their Christmas gifts programme.

I have also had a very nice letter (also enclosed) from Father Michael Gormly of the Columban Missionaries of New Zealand. The College supports the Columban calendar and Far East Magazine but we would also encourage our families to do the same and to include a gift to at least one Missionary appeal this Christmas. Father Pat O'Shea SSC has been very good to our college and given us a lot of his time. We encourage you to support the St Columban Missionary Society. It would be great if we all contributed to one missionary group this Christmas.

### *Columban Mission New Zealand*

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Dear Friends,

At the end of another year I am grateful that you continue to help Columban missionaries to be present with people in many situations. Your hope-filled donations and spiritual support are significant. You are a friend to victims of earthquakes, floods, war, political turmoil and crushing poverty.

I am convinced that mission is a movement of friendship. It runs with a strong sense of everyone belonging together in God's creation. It is not a dramatic effort to save souls, nor always motivated to solve problems. The mission spirit flows with a desire to appreciate the lives of people. There is a constant buzz in mission circles about the possibilities.

Christmas reminds us that religion brings us to a close relationship with the world. The church is not for onlookers but participants. Through mission we take nothing for granted. We mirror the concern of Jesus actively working towards responsible care for the poor of the world. We reveal the meaning and significance of Christ in ways that often get overlooked.

Be assured that lives have been improved and enriched by the generous efforts of compassionate friends like you. Our task together is to take the New Zealand church out beyond itself. Remember that we are involved in a dialogue with all cultures and traditions. In 2012 we shall continue to spread good news to others, and allow fresh movements to enrich the home church.

On behalf of Columban missionaries elsewhere I extend thanks to all our supporters and volunteers who help keep mission alive. I am grateful for the ways you support The Far East magazine and the Columban Calendar. I share a word of thanks also with those who leave a legacy for the future of mission. Bequests are now a vital component of mission support.

Every blessing at Christmas and into 2012,



Father Michael Gormly

## **Professional Development Day – 29 November 2011**

We had about 75 people in our staffroom for a presentation by Father Richard Leonard SJ. This was followed by Adrienne Alton-Lee talking about BES (Best Evidence Synthesis). She is keen to continue sharing with our cluster group: our eight Catholic Primary Schools and us (SHC).

We are really grateful to our colleagues at this stressful time of the year for coming. We had five out of eight Catholic primaries represented and St Mary's College and Chilton St James were also represented.

Father Richard Leonard is a media expert. He deals with the environment we are now faced with and the values we are called to teach. We live in a culture of excess where "more is better." This of course runs completely counter to Jesus's warning words that "where your treasure is there your heart will be also." He also quoted Luke 12: 48 "To those whom much is given much will be required." In western countries we have an obligation to share. As he pointed out every day 34,000 people die of starvation. He also dealt with the wise advice of St Thomas Aquinas's Summa Theologica where he bids us heed: justice, self-care, prudence, fidelity, mercy and hospitality. He also used that great quotation from Burke the English philosopher "Evil reigns when good people do nothing."

Catholic Schools are called to offer a sensible way which is not bound to instant gratification. We should also try to understand where our students are at in terms of popular culture. He talked about the eight narcotics of modern living: Booze, gambling, work, food, drugs, sex, technology and shopping. It is rather nice to think of our role as being counter-cultural. We are offering a way for students to reflect on what they are doing and what is worth valuing.

We are very grateful to St Brendan's, St Joseph's, Ss Peter and Paul's, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Bernadette's, St Mary's and Chilton St James. It was great to be able to do this together.

We hope Dr Adrienne Alton-Lee will continue to share her work with us. I am currently re-reading the Social Science BES as it has such good material on pastoral care, teaching empathy, dealing with bullying etc. Her work is acknowledged all over the world and we were lucky to have her here on 29 November as she was to have gone to present her research in Jakarta.

It is my hope that we have more collegiality along these lines next year, more dialogue between schools and some more guest speakers who challenge us.

Thank you to our parents and care-givers for "entertaining" Year 9 and 10 for the day! In the afternoon our staff looked at the alignment of standards for NCEA. It is a big job! We will have another half day on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Professional Development Day 29 November

A collaborative effort between at least 8 schools.



*Father Richard Leonard SJ speaking in Sacred Heart College's staffroom at a Professional Development Day, 29 November. His topic was Education and the Media.*

There were representatives from St Brendan's, St Bernadette's, St Joseph's, Our Lady of the Rosary and Ss Peter and Paul's which is five out of our eight Catholic Primary schools. We also had representatives from St Mary's and Chilton St James.

We hope to run more of these collaborative P.D. days.

Dr Adrienne Alton-Lee, our second presenter, is working with Sacred Heart College and the Catholic primary schools as a cluster group. She gave an overview of the BES – Best Evidence Synthesis – which is a wonderful tool for staff development.



*Dr Adrienne Alton-Lee and Bernita Bennett, Deputy Principal of Our Lady of the Rosary .*

Our college has used the Social Science BES, Literacy, Mathematics and the Leadership BES.

In the afternoon HODs attended to the alignment of standards for NCEA.



*Working hard – Kathleen Daly and Bernita Bennett of Our Lady of the Rosary and Anna Peszynski and Kate Hayes who are both HOD Social Science at Sacred Heart College .*

### **Public Speaking in 2011:**

Public speaking at Sacred Heart College is always encouraged and in 2011 there was participation across a range of public speaking opportunities.

### **Year 10 Speech Competitions**

The Year 10 Speech competitions were held prior to the O'Shea Shield Competition, at Sacred Heart College. This year the winner was Madeleine Boyle. Her speech was about social networking. Prior to this event, all Year 10 students presented speeches in their English classes. Senior students also presented dramatic monologues as part of the Year 11 and 12 English curriculum and in Year 13 there is also an oral presentation.

### **Stockley Cup**

This year Sarah Pereira, a Year 12 student, participated in the Stockley Cup Wellington Speech Competitions. It was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. This was a speech competition including, but not limited to oratory speaking. Sarah spoke about the earthquake in Christchurch with a strong message for the audience.

### **Debating:**

This year at Sacred Heart College we have had another busy year for our many debating teams.

### **Impromptu Cup**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of June three debating teams from Sacred Heart College attended the Impromptu Cup Championships. This year they were held at Wellington College. For impromptu debating, teams were given less time to prepare, as well as a slightly shorter speaking time. Sacred Heart's Senior **Premier A team, consisting of Vanessa Chan, Melanie Puka and Wendy Zhu**, came second in this competition. In the final they debated the moot 'That this house would ban private donations to political parties'. Unfortunately they lost to Wellington College, but both teams debated very well and were very close in terms of ability.



### **Russell McVeagh Regional Debating Championships**

Sacred Heart College also sent two teams to the Russell McVeagh Regional Debating Championships on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May, which were held at Hutt Valley High. This consisted of two prepared debates, debating both sides of the same topic, and several limited preparation debates. Both teams, Sacred Heart's Senior Premier A and Senior Certificate teams, did well over the weekend and Wendy Zhu was selected for the regional team. Emma Leahy was awarded with a Promising Speaker award.

### **Russell McVeagh Debating Championships National Final**

On Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May senior debaters from Sacred Heart College attended the national final of the Russell McVeagh Debating championships in the historic legislative chamber at Parliament. The debaters watched the Waikato team and the Auckland team debate 'That New Zealand politics needs Don Brash'. It was a particularly entertaining and informative debate. Our debaters got to watch the best secondary school debaters in the country and certainly learnt from the experience.

Throughout the year debating teams from all year levels also participated in all five grades of the Wellington schools' debating tournament. This involved a number of 'round robin' debates at different venues around the Hutt Valley and Wellington region. Teams debated other schools on moots like 'That we should change New Zealand's flag' and 'That this house supports U.S. involvement in the Middle East'. In particular, Sacred Heart College's Senior Certificate team did well, winning the Senior Certificate Grade, which is open to all senior students. The moot in the final was 'That we should retain the MMP system of government'. This is the third year in a row that this team of Year 11 students has won their grade. The team is made up of Maddy Nash, Harriet Willis and Emma Leahy.

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### **Congratulations to the following girls who have passed Speech exams!**

#### **Speech results October-November 2011**

Honours, Merit plus, Merit, Credit plus, Credit, Pass plus, Pass

**ASB Teaching Module 3:** Sarah Pereira (P)

**Grade 8 Module 3:** Tracey Roberts (H), Georgina Blane (M+),  
Samantha Douglas (M+)

**Grade 7 Module 3:** Maddy Nash (H+), Harriet Willis (H+), Melissa Harward (H),  
Courtney Warwick (H), Annabel Josephson (M+), Georgia Mills (M), Rosie Fellows (M+)

### **YEAR 13 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The following girls have been awarded scholarships for study in 2012:

Kate Enoka	Massey University Scholarship for Young Enterprise
Alicia Brosnan	Massey University Scholarship for Young Enterprise
Janey Clancy	Wainuiomata Rotary Scholarship
Nyajok James	Sir George Seymour, National College of Airline, Travel and Tourism Scholarship
Melanie Puka	Victoria University of Wellington Excellence Scholarship
	Victoria University of Wellington Achievers Scholarship
Chantelle Scoon	ASB Community Bursary Award
Chloe Doole	ASB Community Bursary Award
	Te Kura (Correspondence School) Prize for Japanese as a second language speaker
Caitlin MacLeod	Massey University Scholarship for Young Enterprise
Camille Parreno-Villa	Victoria University of Wellington Excellence Scholarship
	Massey University Scholarship for Young Enterprise
Wendy Zhu	Massey University Scholarship for Young Enterprise
	Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship
Hayley Bush	Victoria University of Wellington Achiever Scholarship
Brydie Pye	Waterpolo Scholarship to the University of the Pacific, California
Camille Parreno -Villa	Zonta Wellington Region Scholarship

We congratulate our scholarship recipients and wish all our Year 13 achievers the very best for their tertiary studies.

## YEAR 10 CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

10 MG and 10 EW celebrated the Eucharist with Fr Bruce England last Term. Both Masses highlighted various parts of the Topic “The Meaning and Significance of Eucharist”. In our preparation and celebration we gained practical insights, skills and knowledge about the parts of the Mass.

We all worked in groups to share ideas and gifts which brought meaning to the theme of “Journey”. In one Mass we ‘acted out’ the Gospel story of “Zaccheus” and in the other we centered our Mass around a beautiful focus of “Peace”.

We all enjoyed sharing blessings, food and surprises in the “wairua” of Eucharist as **Thanksgiving, Meal and Bread of Life, Sign of Unity and Love, and Presence of Christ**. We thank Fr Bruce for journeying prayerfully with us in all aspects of the Mass.

*Elizabeth Wootton*  
*RE Department*



## ART DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to all the Level 1 and 2 NCEA Visual Arts students on completing their work for the year to such a high standard. Special thanks to Ms Edmonds for all her hard work with the Level 1 students. This year we trialled having a folio afternoon every Thursday after school in term 3. This has been very successful for all the students that attended getting the extra guidance and focussed work time.

Here are two examples of the NCEA Level 2 folios. The students studied the Futurists and Mondrian in their internal achievement standards. They were then able to choose which artist/s they wanted to explore to produce a body of work within painting to show understanding of art making methods and ideas.



# GRAPHICS

## Frank Lloyd-Wright



**Why I'm inspired by**

Frank Lloyd Wright was an American architect, interior designer, writer, and educator who designed more than 1,000 buildings. He was one of the first American architects to work in the modern style. He designed some of the most important buildings in the world, including the Fallingwater house in Pennsylvania, the Guggenheim Museum in New York City, and the Johnson Wax Building in Wisconsin. He was also a pioneer in the field of organic architecture, which is a style of architecture that is inspired by nature and the natural world. He believed that buildings should be designed in harmony with the environment and that they should be functional and beautiful.

**Timeline**

1867	Frank Lloyd Wright is born in Richland Center, Wisconsin.
1887	Wright graduates from the University of Wisconsin and works for the architectural firm of Joseph and Frank Emmet.
1893	Wright moves to Chicago and works for the architectural firm of Joseph and Frank Emmet.
1895	Wright designs the first Prairie School house, the Winslow House in Oak Park, Illinois.
1899	Wright designs the first skyscraper, the Larkin Building in Buffalo, New York.
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## MAGGIE CENTRE

Frank Gehry was a close friend of Maggie Sawyer, whose son died of breast cancer in 1996. She had started setting a small cancer caring centre at Salisbury to help people with cancer and support their families.

As an architect, Gehry was inspired by the work of the architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who designed the Guggenheim Museum in Las Vegas, Nevada. Gehry was inspired by Wright's use of organic forms and his belief that buildings should be designed in harmony with the environment.

The building is a masterpiece of organic architecture. It features a complex, curved facade made of white, curved panels that resemble the shape of a seashell. The building is surrounded by lush greenery and a large, open plaza.

Frank Gehry's own personal residence in Los Angeles is another example of his organic architectural style. The house is made of concrete and is surrounded by lush greenery. It features a complex, curved facade that resembles the shape of a seashell.

"They're chosen, but they look great. It's just about the beauty and the way the building fits into the environment." - Frank Gehry

## MATERIALS

As one of the world's most successful architects, Frank Gehry has learned many things about social responsibility, such as using materials that are strong and durable and environmentally friendly.

An example of this is his "Maggie Chair" that is made of bent, curved, cardboard that is then covered in a clear, like stone, or glass-like finish. The chair is made of cardboard and is covered in a clear, like stone, or glass-like finish. It is made of cardboard and is covered in a clear, like stone, or glass-like finish.

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# FRANK GEHRY

## IMPACTING SOCIETY



### 13 MOD VENTURE

We all enjoyed an exciting and challenging trip to the Wairarapa. The caving was beautiful and a few tight squeezes saw us come out wet and muddy. The seal colony at Ngawi was a hive of activity with new born pups at every turn. The final day of rafting was exhilarating and gave a whole new meaning to ice cold. Abseiling was a breeze after our 3 day adventure. We would like to thank the Pub Charity and NZ Community trust for their donations in support of our trip.

*Lynda  
Carter*



## **SPORTS DEPARTMENT**

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As the end of the 2011 School Year comes to an end we as a Department would like to thank all of the Parents/Caregivers and members of the SHC Sporting community who gave up many hours in assisting the Sports Programme for yet another year. We have continued to grow in the number of participants, with up to 70% of our students participating in Sport for this 2011 year and with a huge number of excellent results, locally, regionally & nationally; well done to all who helped contribute to such a successful year.

### **2011 SACRED HEART COLLEGE SPORTS AWARDS:**

This year's Sacred Heart College Sports Awards Evening held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November here in our school hall was a huge success with well over 120 students receiving a number of different sporting awards, be they Individual, Team and/or representative Awards.

This year we were fortunate enough to have Gareth Kean – NZ Swimmer and Commonwealth Silver Medallist as our guest speaker in which he gave a very empowering speech on his career and what it was like to represent the Country at one of the biggest sporting events in the world.

Congratulations to ALL girls who were present at the Awards Evening, in particular to our Supreme Award Winners:

### **SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS**

JUNIOR – Abby Cherry, INTERMEDIATE – Emma Leahy, SENIOR – Rebecca Jefferies & Paige Shand

### **SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS**

JUNIOR – Courtney Carson, INTERMEDIATE – Caitlin Byrne, SENIOR – Cassie Crossley & Brydie Pye

**BADMINTON PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

HANNAH FREEBAIRN

**BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

DANICA FERRISO

**CRICKET PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

MADDY NASH

**FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

REBECCA JEFFERIES

**HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

REBEKAH SMYTH

**JUNIOR NETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

VICTORIA DUFFY

**SENIOR NETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

ALEISHA MOEN

**SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

DANICA FERRISO

**VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

SINA SOLA

**UNDERWATER HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

JUSTINE RANCE

**WATER POLO PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

KATE ENOKA

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:**

EVE FABISH

**MANAGER OF THE YEAR:**

ALEX DENNEHY

**COACH OF THE YEAR:**

KERI JAMES

**TEAM OF THE YEAR:**

PREMIER A WATERPOLO TEAM

**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR SPORT:**

SHAY DRYDEN

**JNR SPORTS WOMAN OF THE YEAR:**

JULIANNE ALVAREZ

**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SENIOR SPORT:**

DANICA FERRISO

**SENIOR SPORTS WOMAN OF THE YEAR:**

DANICA FERRISO

**2011 COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON REGIONAL SPORTS AWARDS:**

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011 we celebrated the Annual College Sport Wellington Sports Awards held at the Amora Hotel in Wellington, this year we had thirteen finalists in the following various categories:

**2011 COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON REGIONAL SPORTS AWARDS – SHC Finalists:**

<b><u>NAME:</u></b>	<b><u>SPORT:</u></b>	<b><u>CATEGORY:</u></b>
Keri James:	Waterpolo	Coach of the Year
Alex Dennehy	Underwater Hockey	Volunteer of the Year
Prem W/P Team	Waterpolo	Team of the Year
Shay Dryden		Service to Sport
Danica Ferriso	Softball/Netball/B-Ball	All Rounder of the Year
<b><u>CODE AWARDS:</u></b>		
Hannah Freebairn	Badminton	Badminton Player of the Year
Julianne Alvarez	Golf	Golf Player of the Year
Aleisha Moen	Netball	Netball Player of the Year
Danica Ferriso	Softball	Softball Player of the Year
Shay Dryden	Touch	Touch Player of the Year
Sina Sola	Volleyball	Volleyball Player of the Year
Kate Enoka	Waterpolo	Waterpolo Player of the Year
Brydie Pye	Waterpolo	Waterpolo Player of the Year
<b><u>OTHER CODE AWARDS:</u></b>		
Sam Douglas	Judo	Judo Player of the Year
Kyra Thomson	Skating	Skater of the Year
<b><u>PREMIER AWARDS:</u></b>		
Danica Ferriso	Softball/Netball/B-Ball	Sports Woman of the Year
Kate Enoka	Waterpolo	Sports Woman of the Year
Julianne Alvarez	Golf	Sports Woman of the Year

This year was an exceptional year for Sacred Heart College. The Awards won are listed below.

**2011 COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON REGIONAL SPORTS AWARDS – SHC Winners:**

<b><u>NAME:</u></b>	<b><u>SPORT:</u></b>	<b><u>CATEGORY:</u></b>
Danica Ferriso		All Rounder of the Year
<b><u>CODE AWARDS:</u></b>		
Julianne Alvarez	Golf	Golf Player of the Year
Danica Ferriso	Softball	Softball Player of the Year
Kate Enoka	Waterpolo	Waterpolo Player of the Year
<b><u>OTHER CODE AWARDS:</u></b>		
Kyra Thomson	Skating	Skater of the Year
<b><u>PREMIER AWARDS:</u></b>		
Julianne Alvarez		Sports Woman of the Year

***CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS.....AWESOME, AWESOME EFFORT!!!***

## 2011 Sacred Heart College Sports Awards



*Shay – Outstanding Contribution  
to Junior Sport*



*Julianne  
Junior Sports Woman of the Year*



*Danica – Outstanding Contribution  
to Senior Sport and Senior Sports Woman  
of the Year*



*Swimmer Gareth Kean, Guest Speaker with Rebecca,  
Danica, Aleisha and Kate*



**2011 College Sport Wellington Regional  
Sports Awards Dinner**

*Kyra, Sam, Danica and Aleisha*



*Julianne and Shay*



*Sina, Hannah and Kate*

**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012:**

The 2012 Sports Information Booklet is now under construction and will be posted out to this year's Junior Students before the end of the school year and will be available for Senior Students to pick up in early 2012.

The return date for the SUMMER Sports Registration form (located at the back of the Sports Info Booklet) is **FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2012.** This can either be handed in along with payment to the Schools posting box (located in the Main Office) or posted into school by the above date.

Please remember to read the booklet properly before you make your sporting choices for 2012; there have been a number of changes so please ensure you are all familiar with what is happening, as Term 1, 2012 is a very busy time of the year for our department!

All information from this booklet, including the Summer & Winter Sports Registration forms, is also available on the Sacred Heart College website [www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz](http://www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz) located in the Sport drop-down box under 'General Information'. If anyone would like to know anything further, please do not hesitate to either phone or email Hallie Sullivan – Director of Sport - for information.

***Have a Safe & Happy Christmas & New Year and look forward to seeing you all again in 2012!***

## MORE SPORTING SUCCESS

### Skating

Three Sacred Heart College students have qualified to represent the Lower North Island at NZ National Rollersports Championships in Timaru next January.



Special congratulations to **Josie** (12BY) who has qualified to compete at Nationals for the first time. She will compete in Intermediate Creative Solo Dance, Preliminary Solo Dance and Novice Ladies Figures. Josie did well at the recent qualifying Championships when she won the silver medal in Preliminary Solo Dance.



**Kyra** (10SB) qualified in Junior International Solo Dance, Youth International Freeskating, Youth International Figures and Advanced Loops. Kyra won the silver medal in her Junior International Solo Dance, Youth International Figures and Youth International Freeskating events.



**Martina** (10SB) qualified in Youth International Freeskating, Youth International Figures and International Inline.

At the recent Upper Hutt Open Competition Josie won silver in Intermediate Creative Solo Dance and bronze in Preliminary Solo Dance. Kyra won gold in Youth International Figures and Freeskating and the silver in Junior International Solo Dance and Advanced Loops. Martina won bronze in Youth International Figures and Freeskating, and won gold in Junior Inline Freeskating.

***Well done Josie, Kyra and Martina!***

### Gymsports



**Aimee** (9MK), competed in the Wellington team at the Gymsports NZ National Championships in Timaru where she competed at Step 6 and won the overall gold medal for this grade making her a National Champ! She also won the gold medal for floor in the apparatus finals.

***Congratulations Aimee – Very well done!***

## REFLECTION

### ADVENT 2011

#### Bethlehem 5 – 4 B.C.

In the season of Advent I have been reading about Bethlehem, especially as I was fortunate enough to visit it this year in April. It has occurred to me how dependent we are on our translations of the Bible and how many of our Christmas card representations are misleading. If we look at old Masters' paintings the place of Jesus's birth ranges from a dark and gloomy stable (Rembrandt) to a cave (Giotto).

There are many caves in the Holyland and people did live in them. Until recently people lived in caves at Petra in Jordan. St Luke used the Greek word "kataluma" and it does not mean "inn." If he'd wanted to say "inn"- he would have used another word "pandocheion" as he does in the story of the Good Samaritan where the man really is taken to an inn. A "kataluma" is a room for guests and it is used also in the story of the Last Supper.

Animals were often brought into the lower levels of peasants' homes so this "kataluma" would have been typical of a peasant home of the day.

Jesus is born then into a stressed and slightly crowded household, possibly even the home of Joseph's relatives for he is of David's line and returning to Bethlehem for a census.

In St Luke's version of the nativity it is the shepherds who are privileged with a vision of the importance of this recent birth. This is somewhat extraordinary for social and cultural reasons as shepherds were rather disreputable. The Mishnah forbids orthodox Jews to buy wool, milk or livestock from herdsmen. They had a reputation of being cheats and thieves.

The "drover" was in those days, as in later times even in our colonial New Zealand, a rather disreputable figure. Shepherds were not even allowed to be witnesses in a court of law yet here they are witnessing the birth of the Messiah.

From the beginning this extraordinary life is marked by an inclusiveness that we could learn from. Jesus in his own ministry used shepherds in his parables. This is also an anomaly as in rabbinic literature they are wily, crafty and deeply unreliable.

Some of this can still be seen in the Holyland today. The urban dwellers will say the word "Bedouin" in a very sneering and demeaning way. They have no time for these itinerant dreamers who follow their herds. We are reminded of the Cain and Abel story where one was a herder and one an agriculturalist and we know how that story ends!

So, getting back to St Luke's story – he would not have added shepherds for a touch of class or for rustic colour. These first witnesses are decisive indicators that Jesus's message was for the poor, the outcast and the despised.

Our best eye-witness account of this time is Josephus. Josephus was a shrewd politician, soldier and diplomat. He is also a very perceptive observer and historian. In his accounts ("Antiquities", "Life" and "The Jewish Wars") he gives a keen and perceptive insight into the era. In his works there are twenty or more people called Jesus so we know that Yehosef and Miriam's son Yeshu had one of the most common names of his era (a bit like John today). It was a shortened form of Joshua. We have all got to know him by the Greek version of his name "Jesus" (Iesous) and this was necessary for the spread of the gospels into the gentile world but it would be a great pity if this meant that we lost sight of the profoundly Jewish upbringing that this boy had. He was circumcised eight days after his birth and forty days after his birth his parents offer a sacrifice at the temple and according to the law of Moses they present him at the temple.

I worry about little things like – that is a lot of travelling! - Nazareth to Bethlehem for the birth – back to Galilee (Nazareth)? – back to Jerusalem – a total of 280 kms. Maybe they stayed in Bethlehem saving a big trip back!

You will notice that the parents sacrifice a pair of "turtle doves" not a lamb. This sacrifice was a concession to the poor. So again the story is clearly outlining for us that this very special boy is not living in a flash household.

While he is at the temple as a child two people see him – and I use "see" in the other sense of the word as "seer" or "prophet". One is Anna who is from the tribe of Asher. She is an elderly lady and a widow. The other person is Simeon from whom we get the beautiful words of the Nunc Dimittis "Lord now let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For I have seen the salvation which will be the glory of your people Israel."

Anna, the old lady, is not accorded direct speech but she is interesting for another reason as the tribe of Asher were from Northern Israel and often seen as outsiders as many of them had been rounded up and sold into slavery after the Assyrian invasions. Again, this is a detail that speaks of an event of faith that is inclusive and a distinct valuing of the wisdom of the aged and of the foreign outsider.

I have been thinking about this inclusiveness in Advent. We are told that one in five children in Aotearoa live in poverty. Do I believe this figure? Yes, sadly I do as sometimes in my professional life I see people who have a struggle to make ends meet. I would hope that we can all do something this Christmas which is "inclusive" of other people and helpful to the people that Yeshu most come to represent.

The child's birth was also attended by three other men but they were (despite the nativity set we buy!) not kings. They were magoi (plural) or magos (singular) – wise men. They had observed a star at its rising and if astronomers are right they may have even set out on their journey in 7 B.C. (Most scholars place Jesus's birth at 5 B.C.). as in 7 B.C. there was an alignment of Jupiter and Saturn in the constellation Pisces (not to be seen again for another 854 years!). We know this for certain as the Babylonian worshippers of Marduk held Jupiter the planet in high regard. They kept elaborate records and the two planets appeared together in Arahsamna 20/21 (Babylonian month) or in our calendar days 12/13 November 7 B.C. The magi may have set out in 7 B.C. and taken time to arrive as it is likely they came

from modern Iraq or even Iran. T.S. Eliot's great poem starts with the great line "A cold coming we had of it. Just the worst time of the year for a journey."

After these events the Holy Family make another trip of some 50 miles across the border into Egypt to escape political unrest. There was a lunar eclipse on 11 March 4 B.C. and the superstitious people of the day believed it was an omen of Herod's death (April 4 B.C.). If you think we live in uncertain times read Josephus and get a picture of this old tyrant. He makes Gaddafi look like a benign ruler! He passionately loved his first wife but had her murdered and the last part of his reign is marked by paranoia, distrust, excursions into paganism and a network of spies that makes the KGB look like amateurs.

Herod's son Archelaus was only on the throne for "five minutes" before he was faced with massive revolts during Passover time. He killed 3,000 people and forbade the Passover celebration. This land was like war torn Gaza. It was unstable and Joseph must have been very worried for this little family. It would seem that not much has changed in 2000 years as the region is still in turmoil.

Herod the king built Caesarea and was given the title Herod the Great. He rebuilt Solomon's temple and is a Jewish hero. He was however a deeply threatened despot dancing a dangerous line between his Roman overlords, the high priests in the temple and a people who often highlighted, as Josephus does that he was "half Jewish." He had Idumenean blood and therefore was suspect to Orthodox Jews. He was in fact another "outsider".

Yeshu is thus born into a proud family of Nazareth. They are Galileans and therefore slightly suspect to their cousins in Judea. They are the "remnants" or "shoots" left after the years of Assyrian rule. ("Netzor" from Nazareth means "a shoot" – as in branches, flowers etc).

The family are faithful orthodox Jews. Joseph is a "tekton" – a builder or carpenter. We see his influence in dozens of Jesus's stories like taking a speck of sawdust out of a brother's eye. It is likely that Joseph was also an "Essene" – a small sect of very strict Jews who were committed to a new way of living. It is likely that John the Baptist's family had the same deeply sincere religious background. They looked for a Messiah but one who would lead them out of Roman bondage. Their vision is for a leader who will make their enemies his footstool as the psalmist says and instead of this they get a man who does not even wield a



dagger let alone a sword. He is humble, peaceful, loving, hospitable and uninterested in the social constraints of his day. He must have driven his parents crazy. There are certainly signs that when he left Nazareth to be a preacher he was “sailing close to the wind.”

In conclusion, I would just like to say, “aren’t we privileged to be part of a tradition that celebrates the outsider, the poor and the oppressed.”

However, having said this I am also only too aware of the dark periods of our history where we have forgotten this and killed in the name of belief. Beliefs can be but the bark of the wood in Joseph’s carpenter’s shop. Let’s strip it back this Christmas to the heartwood. For me this heartwood is faith (Pono). Yesu challenges us to think again, look anew and re-evaluate everything we do. It is a tough ask. I hope that it is this Yesu who is with you and your family this Christmas to challenge and delight you.

Veni veni Emmanuel.  
O come o come Emmanuel.

Just like the writers of the gospels it is up to you who you see. There is a church motet that asks “Quem vidistis pastores?” Who have you seen shepherds? It is like Jesus saying to Simon Peter “Who do you say I am?”

It’s still a good question.

Arohanui,

**Lisl Prendergast**  
**Principal**

**Look out for our mid-January mail-out to all parents and caregivers.  
This will contain information about the start of year, uniform shop, accounts  
and lots more.**

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**Calling on all Gymnasts, Dancers and those wanting to learn how to Tumble.**

Bigair Gym is hosting TRYOUTS for Wellington's Number 1 Cheerleading Team, who have just returned from a National Competition where they placed top in their divisions. All are welcome to attend the Tryouts at 1 Lincoln Ave Tawa on Saturday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. We have teams at varied ability levels and offer classes for younger kids. We have skilled coaches ready to take the 2012 teams to the top! For more info call the Bigair office on 232 3508 or email [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz).

## EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

- Shop, save money, save time and raise funds for your school.
  - Step 1** – sit down & relax !
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