



Weekly E Newsletter

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Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e lei lei, Dia Duit,

Welcome back to Term 2 and Sacred Heart College online. While we are in lockdown and unable to connect face to face, I will send out an E-newsletter once a week. This will keep you informed of the changes that will develop as we move from one alert level to another.

This week our girls have been learning online following their usual daily timetables. I want to thank all our parents and caregivers for their support in allowing the girls the time and space to engage with their teachers. Our teachers are getting used to this new way of teaching and I ask for your continued patience while they find their way. Thank you to those who answered our 'Ask you Team' survey. Your feedback will help us make changes to support the learning experiences of our girls. There are things that we can improve on but for the most the feedback has been very positive about the girl's experiences of learning. I will report back the findings from the parent and student surveys once the final analysis is completed.

Most of our community are actively learning online this week. Those who have been unable to get online will be given help from the Ministry of Education through the delivery of devices, internet connections or hard copy material being sent as soon as possible. The Ministry have completed a tremendous amount of work over the holiday and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for that. All tutor teachers will endeavour to be in contact with their students over the coming days to check in on their learning and wellbeing. If your daughter is having difficulty with her learning/wellbeing please get in touch with your daughter's tutor teacher who will be able to guide you.

Staff changes



Mr. Tom Silverwood



Mrs. Anneke Wakefield

We welcome two new teachers to our staff. **Mr Silverwood** permanently joins the RE department and will be replacing Mr. Liddle. Mr. Liddle was relieving for term 1 while Mr. Silverwood was finishing his position at St. Joseph's Maori Girls College. Mr. Silverwood comes

to us with a wealth of knowledge and is currently working on developing the new standards in RE for NCEA.

Mrs. Wakefield has been appointed to the fixed term part time English teaching position. She will continue to take the year 9 and 10 classes that she was teaching last term. Mrs. Wakefield is very familiar to our community as she has been relieving for several years. She is an outstanding teacher and our junior girls will benefit from her expertise.

We also farewell Mrs. Cara Jacobs the Principals PA. Cara and her family have moved to CHB and she has taken a part time job as a lawyer's secretary. We wish Mrs. Jacobs and her family well on their new journey. Mrs. Jacobs has worked at SHC since 2017 and has been a dedicated and committed member of staff and I for one will miss her organisational skills in our office.

Information from the ministry.

Free internet safety filter for parents

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, we have launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Please click on this website and follow the instructions to set up their child's device for safer connectivity while they learn from home. Remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet. Please remember to complement this with **digital citizenship toolkits** provided by Netsafe.

Wellbeing for all

Alongside priorities for learning, the wellbeing of students and whanau supporting them will be front of mind.

We have information also focused on supporting a child's learning at home for parents, caregivers and whānau. This resource adds to the information we have previously provided supporting conversations with children about COVID-19 - <http://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

From overseas, this [25 Mental Health Wellness Tips during Quarantine from Eileen M Feliciano, Psy.D.](#) is a good list and highlights some things particularly important for children. Remember the rules of New Zealand's level 4 lockdown still apply.

Talanoa Ako

Talanoa Ako (*to talk and discuss education and learning*) is a Pacific responsive education programme that builds Pacific family's knowledge about education and learning. The 10 week

programme builds the confidence and capability of parents to support their children's learning and have equitable partnerships with their children's schools.

As the Talanoa Ako programme cannot be delivered face-to-face, the 10 sessions will be provided via radio and an app. This ensures Pacific families have access to the advice and guidance they need at home to support their children's education in their own languages.

- **Pacific Media Network radio station and language programmes**

Over 10 weeks, there will be ten 30 minute Talanoa Ako sessions per week **beginning 20 April**. They will be delivered on the English (531pi), and Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, Tuvalu and Tokelau language programmes in full immersion by one primary and one secondary teacher.

- **Talanoa Ako digital app – due to be released in late May**

The 10 sessions and Talanoa Ako resources will also be made available on an interactive and immersive Digital app with iOS, Android capability so that the content is accessible on mobile phones and tablets. The app will include up to 20 App Screen pages for each language; Swipe to Read, Touch to Hear, Tap to Pronounce functions in English and seven Pacific languages; visually impaired functionality; songs and prayers with interactive audio; user editable notes with full screen, high res and exportable, import/export and share functionality; app analytics and reporting; and a Tutorial on how to use the App.

Remember to stay home, save lives and be kind.

God Bless
Maria Neville-Foster
Principal

