



Te Kura o te Manawa Tapu
**SACRED HEART
SCHOOL REEFTON**

School News

Thursday 9 October
Rāpare 9 Oketopa

*Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and
blessings.
Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to
you, the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

| REEFTON - Sacred Heart Church | REEFTON WEEKDAY MASSES |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday 4 October 5:00PM | Thursday 9.00am |
| Sunday 12 October 9:00AM | Friday 9.00am |
| Saturday 18 October 5:00PM | |

Sacramental Preparation

If parents wish for their child/ren to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion, please make contact with the school, Fr David or Bernadette Snowden.

Industrial Action

NZ Principals, teachers and support staff have voted to strike on Thursday 23 October. NZEI Te Riu Roa members are taking industrial action because the Government has failed to provide offers in negotiations that will ensure educators get the resources we need to support children or the pay that will attract and keep quality professionals in our schools.



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Welcome Zie Rosenowski

As part of her final year of teacher training with the University of Canterbury, Zie is spending the next four weeks at SHS honing her teaching skills with the children of Room 2. I want to take this opportunity to welcome Zie onto staff and hope she has a thoroughly successful and enjoyable experience here at SHS.

Attendance and Engagement 2025

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. **It is the parent or caregivers responsibility to notify the school prior to 9am if your child is going to be absent. It is also important to let the office or staff (Tony and Linda in the first instance) know if your child is being picked up from school by somebody other than a parent.**

Attendance Rates for Term 3

| Attendance Rate For School | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Present 0-70% | Present 71-80% | Present 81-90% | Present 91-100% | Late |
| 17.24% | 10.34% | 58.62% | 13.79% | 0.81% |

Camp - Bridge Valley, Nelson 2 December - 5 december

Thanks for returning the permission slips, more information will follow next week. The cost per child will be \$175 (donation) for the 3 nights and 4 days - the BOT are happy to make up the balance for each student. This will cover all activities, food (other than the first day's packed lunch) and transport to and from Wakefield.

Attendance Dues 2026

Unfortunately, these will increase in 2026 to \$595.00 per student. FYI, the Catholic dues are not collected by the school and do not sit in our accounts...(I wish they did!). They are paid directly to the Archdiocese of Wellington. The reality is, Catholic schooling is more expensive than state schools. The main reason is that while the Government meets the ownership costs (land and buildings) of state schools from general taxation, the Catholic church has to meet the ownership costs of its schools from those who attend them. These costs include purchasing land, building and maintaining school facilities and insurance. Historically, many of these costs were funded through loans, which need to be repaid. While considerable debt has been paid off, new debt continues to be needed to upgrade (and in some cases expand) the Catholic school network, and keep up with the Ministry of Education's school property standards.

Reminder from the Ministry of Education: Student safety

Student safety is of paramount importance. Schools are responsible for regularly reminding caregivers and students on how to keep students safe before, during and after using a school bus.

Term 4 is a School Hat term

Term 1 and Term 4 traditionally require students to wear a sun hat while outside. At SHS we have our students wear a navy blue bucket hat. These can be purchased through NZ Uniforms, or the Warehouse (being the cheaper option). Though we are not too fussy in regard to where you purchase the hat, it must be a navy blue bucket hat. If your child's hat has faded to a colour other than navy blue, please consider purchasing

Drink Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child/ren have a filled water bottle **daily**.

Raincoats

Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them daily.

Tissues

We go through tissues like you would not believe...especially at this time of year. If each family could donate a box, that'd be really helpful

For the Diary

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| Term 3 Begins | 9am | | |
| Tuesday 16 October | | | Otago Problem Solving (R1) |
| Saturday 18 October | Time tbc | | Pottery Class (R1 and 2) Open to public |
| Thursday 23 October | 6pm | | BOT Mtg (Need to reschedule) |
| Thursday 23 October | All Day | | Industrial Action (NO SCHOOL) |
| Tuesday 4 November | 10.30-11am | School | VISION and HEARING |
| Wednesday 5 November | All Day | | Guy Fawkes |
| Friday 28 November | All Day | | TEACHER ONLY DAY (NO SCHOOL) |
| Tuesday 2 December - Friday 5 December | | Bridge Valley, Wakefield | Year 5-8 Camp |
| Friday 19 December | 11am | Sacred Heart Church | Prize Giving - Last Day of 2025 |
| TERM DATES 2025 TERM DATES 2026 | | | Term 4 - 06 October - 19 December Term 1 - 09 February - 02 April |

