Te Kura o te Manawa Tapu
SACRED HEART
SCHOOL REEFTON

School News

Wednesday 04 September

Rāapa 04 Noema

Prayer to St. Dymphna - Perseverance

Most *faithful St.* Dymphna, *you remained true to your baptismal promises to the very end. You are, therefore, honored, known, and loved after 1,400 years by people you have aided all over the world. We do not know how long or short a time is left to us of this life here, but help us in any case to be faithful to God to the end. Please gain for us the grace to live one day at a time as if each were to be our last. Amen.*

Mass

REEFTON - Sacred Heart Church Sunday 8 November 9:00AM Saturday 14 November 5:00PM	**REEFTON WEEKDAY MASSES** Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My sincere apologies for the delay in getting our first Term 4 newsletter out to you—it has already been a whirlwind of a term, and the momentum is not slowing down anytime soon!

Royal New Zealand Ballet Workshops…Last week, we were delighted to welcome back Neve from the Royal New Zealand Ballet, who ran a series of fantastic workshops with our students. It was also lovely to host our friends from Maruia School, who joined us for the day. Seeing the huge smiles on the children's faces as they moved and danced was an absolute highlight.

Top of the South Catholic Schools Touch Tournament (Years 5–8)... Our Senior students (Years 5–8) will bring home a permission letter this afternoon for the annual Top of the South Catholic Schools Touch Tournament. This event is scheduled for **Friday, 27th November** at Garin College (fingers crossed for sunshine!). We will rely heavily on parent support for transport and supervision to make this trip possible, so please check your diaries to see if you can assist.

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Hanmer Hot Pools Trip..I am currently working behind the scenes to lock in a suitable date for a school trip to the Hanmer Hot Pools. We are aiming to make this happen towards the end of the term, and I will share further details as soon as arrangements are finalised.

End of Year Mass & Prize Giving…Please mark your calendars for our End of Year Mass and Prize Giving, which will take place at **11:00 AM on Friday, 18th December**.

If your child received any trophies at last year's ceremony, could you please return them to the school office as soon as possible? We need to send them to the jeweller to be freshly engraved for our 2026 award recipients.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate this final term.

School Library Books and Junior Journals

If you have any of these books knocking around at home, could you please return them to school.

We still have PLENTY of School Uniforms Looking for a New Home!

We have a wonderful collection of pre-loved school uniforms looking for a new home!

If your child has had a growth spurt or needs a few extra uniform pieces, please drop by the office to see Tracy or Karen. Thanks to generous donations from our school community, these items are all in great condition and are **completely free** to any families who can use them. Feel free to come in and have a browse!

Sun Hats

Term 4 is a sun hat term. Please check that your child has a navy blue bucket hat. We do have some here at school, but please check with your child.

Water Bottles

As we move into the warmer months (fingers crossed), please ensure your child has a filled water bottle each day.

Yr 5-8 William Pike Challenge - 'Walking Week' (7-11 December)

In Week 9, Ruth and Linda are organising two bush walks and a scavenger hunt around town. A letter will come closer to the time, but students will be able to bring their gear to school on the Monday and leave it at school for the week

Term 4 Dates - For the Fridge Door!

Term 3	Time	Date	Where
Yr 5-8 Rafting/Kayaking	tbc	tbc	tbc
Hanmer Trip	tbc	tbc	Hanmer Hot Pools
Artists Open Studios	All day	13-15 November	Reefton and Inangahua
Reefton Pool Opens	tbc	14 November	Reefton Pool
Weekly School Swimming Lessons	tbc	16th November onwards - specific dates tbc	Reefton Pool Parent help required
TotS Catholic Schools Touch	10am-2pm	27 November	Avery Fields - Garin College
William Pike - Walking Week	tbc	11-17 December	Reefton Area
EoY Mass & Prize Giving	11am	18 December	Sacred Heart Church
Term 4 Concludes	1pm	18 December	Sacred Heart Church