Te Kura o te Manawa Tapu
SACRED HEART
SCHOOL REEFTON

School News

Thursday 18 June

Rāpare 18 Pipiri

"Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; To lean on your great strength, trustfully, restfully; To wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely; To meet others, peacefully, joyfully;To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.

Amen."

REEFTON - Sacred Heart Church Sunday 14 June 9:00AM Saturday 20 June 5:00PM Sunday 28 June 5:00PM	REEFTON WEEKDAY MASSES Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am

Sacramental Preparation

"The Sacraments are beautiful milestones in a child's faith journey. If you would like your child to receive the Sacraments of **Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, or First Holy Communion** this year, we warmly invite you to reach out. Please feel free to contact the school office, Fr. David, or Bernadette Snowden to begin this special process. We look forward to supporting your family in these steps of faith."

Strategic Vision: Charting the Path Forward for Our School

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated individuals who consistently volunteer their time and expertise to ensure our school remains the very best vibrant, close-knit learning environment it can be.

Last Thursday, the Board of Trustees and I engaged in a highly productive strategic planning session, expertly facilitated by Nicholas Williams. This collaborative workshop represents a critical milestone in our governance cycle, a comprehensive review that the Board undertakes every three years to shape our future direction.

During the session, the Board successfully identified **five key areas of strategic focus**. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to refine these core areas, translating them into measurable goals and actionable initiatives designed to drive student success. I look forward to keeping you updated as we finalise this vital roadmap for our school's future.

National Young Leaders Day 2026 (NYLD '26)

Reflecting on an Exceptional Experience at NYLD 2026

Our recent trip to Christchurch on Monday and Tuesday served as a powerful reminder of why we are so passionate about education. Accompanied by an exceptional group of students—who demonstrated exemplary behavior, manners, and integrity throughout the journey—it was an absolute privilege to lead this experience.

Our itinerary was packed with high-energy, meaningful activities. After a quick stop in Culverden, we headed straight to the city center to explore the incredible new **Parakiore Recreation Centre**, followed by an action-packed hour at **Ninja Valley**. We then settled into our accommodation at Tasman Holiday Park before enjoying dinner and shopping at the Northlands Shopping Centre.

Tuesday brought an early start, beginning with breakfast before we headed to the Christchurch Town Hall for the **National Young Leaders Day (NYLD)**. The event was spectacular, featuring highest-caliber speakers centered around the inspiring theme of *"leaning into challenge."* Our students engaged fully, representing our school beautifully. Tracy, Justine, and I could not have been prouder of how they conducted themselves.

A heartfelt thank you to Tracy and Justine for generously giving up 38 hours away from their own families to make this opportunity possible. Extended thanks also to the many parents who reached out to express their gratitude—your support is incredibly valued and makes initiatives like this deeply rewarding.

Community Feedback Powering Our Strategic Future

A sincere thank you to all the parents and caregivers who took the time to complete our recent school survey. Your insights were highly valuable, providing the Board of Trustees (BOT) with critical data that directly informed our recent strategic framework session.

To ensure transparency and share what we learned, I have synthesised the key themes and trends that emerged from each question. This analysis is attached to today's newsletter. We look forward to using this shared vision to guide our goals moving forward.

Health & Safety: Managing Winter Illness

As we navigate the winter illness season, we kindly ask that if your child is unwell, please keep them home to recover. Medical illness is a fully justifiable and supported reason for school absence.

Classroom environments, by nature, allow viruses to circulate very quickly. When an unwell child attends school, it inevitably impacts the health of classmates and staff, creating a wider cycle of absence. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our whole school community healthy, safe, and learning.

Teacher Only Day - TOMORROW (FRIDAY 19th)

The Ministry of Education allocated each school 2 days this year for the purpose of investigating and exploring the new assessment and reporting requirements and expectations. The Board of Trustees have granted permission for us to have a TOD on Friday 19th June. We will probably hold another TOD in Term 4.

Attendance Term 2 - Rates have been affected by widespread sickness

Attendance Rate For School

Present 0-70%	Present 71-80%	Present 81-90%	Present 91-100%	Late
0.00%	4.76%	33.33%	61.90%	0.34%

Drink Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child/ren have a filled water bottle 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 Fridge Door!

Term 2	Time	Date	Where
Teacher Only Day	All Day	19 June	Children at Home
Mass	5pm	20 June	Sacred Heart Church
Happy 65th Birthday Jo ann	All Day	20 June	We miss you dear friend
Buller Rugby Skills Session	11am	25 June	School
U52kg Rugby Tournament	All day	2 July	Greymouth
Term 2 Concludes	3pm	3 July (11 Week term)	
Term 3 Commences	9am	20 July	School