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Newsletter

Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Senior School

Kia ora,
Mālō e lelei,
Talofa lava,
Taloha ni, Kia orana,
Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Namaste, Ni sa bula, nǐ hǎo,
Salaam, Selamat siang, Mauya

and warm greetings to all our SEHC Senior School whānau,

Welcome back to a new school year at SEHC Senior School. I hope you and your families have had a restful and refreshing break.

My name is Christine Pili, and it is an honour to introduce myself as the new Principal of SEHC Senior School. I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received and look forward to working closely with our students, staff, and whānau as we begin this journey together.

At SEHC Senior School, we are committed to high expectations alongside strong care and support. We value partnership with whānau and believe that working together is key to helping our young people succeed academically, socially, and personally.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to a positive and successful year ahead for all our students.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Christine Pili
Tumuaki/Principal SEHC Senior School

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Attendance & Punctuality

- Regular attendance is essential for student learning and success. We ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time by 8:30am each day. Even small amounts of lateness or absence can add up significantly over the year.
- Our school attendance target is 90%, and attendance is marked every lesson. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the school bell times, along with a graph that explains how attendance works and why being present every day matters.
    - We will be introducing a lateness process, which will be implemented very soon. Whānau will be kept informed as this process is rolled out, and we appreciate your support as we work together to improve attendance and punctuality.
        - Ensure your child is not spending too much time online or social media.
        - Please note that meeting attendance expectations will also be a requirement for students to participate in extracurricular activities, including sports, Polyfest, and other school events.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know
before 9am - Call (free): 0508 4455 279
- Email: attendance@sehc.school.nz

Uniform & Learning Readiness

It has been wonderful to see our students returning to school wearing correct uniform. Please continue to support this by ensuring your child comes to school each day with:

- The correct school uniform.
- A school bag.
- Appropriate equipment and gear for learning.
- Monitor and manage their social media use, which is often a major distraction to learning.
- Take time each day to talk with your child about what they are learning at school.
- Encourage your child to take an active role after school and to join an extracurricular activity, like school sports and clubs.
- Ensure Term 1 assessments are completed and submitted on time, as missing deadlines may impact grading.
- Support your child to build independence by preparing their bag and uniform the night before.

Being prepared helps students feel confident, settled, and ready to learn.

Welcoming our New Staff

We are pleased to welcome new staff to SEHC Senior School this year.

- **Clare Nelson** (Deputy Principal)
- **Mele Bloomfield** (Science)
- **Mingqian Chai** (Mathematics)
- **Carven Chong** (Music)
- **Linda Kaifahina** (TIC Tongan Language)
- **Ariya Nair** (English)
- **Maryanne Waterhouse** (Social Science)
- **Duke Brown** (Attendance Administrator)
- **Sinapati Kaisala** (Canteen Assistant)

We look forward to the contributions they will make to our school community.

Introducing our Student Whānau Leaders for 2026...

Hibiscus Tasi
Manukura - Manutaki

Mosese Puniani
Manukura - Atawhai

Annatongamaria-Rita Kirisome-Mahe
Manukura - Kahurangi

Florence Lealofi
Manukura - Pounamu

Manu Tāiko

Henry Kiria
Lisita Mafua
Emily McGregor
Mariah Puletaha
Edwynah Uaisele

Manu Tāiko

Arianne Almanzor
Silauniu Heperona Niko
Cecelia Schwenke
Faiva Tauinaola
Melemapa Tulikihakau

Manu Tāiko

McTaavao Kirisome-Mahe
Akesa Leiataua
Shammah Lilomaiava
Irasa Manu
Suega Poutoa

Manu Tāiko

Hina Auvaa
Angel Iosia
Keneti Lema
David Moimoi
Salota Vakapuna

Celebrating NCEA Success in 2025 Results!

Excellence Endorsements

NCEA Level 3

Vaiola Seiuli

Jada Uisa Kainiu

NCEA Level 2

Arianne Shane Almanzor

Annatongamaria-Rita Kirisome-Mahe

Florence Lealofi

Keneti Lema

Merit Endorsements

NCEA Level 3

Angel Sootaga

Hina Auvaa (Year 12)

Leti Petone

Hossan Laukoko

Lili Tangipo

NCEA Level 2

Jayvia Pickering

Annie Puaula

Mosese Puniani

Marlinette Terekia

Edwynah Uaisele

Salote Vakapuna

Ivalani Latu

Hina Auvaa (Level 2 & 3)

Silauniu Enosa Heperona Niko

CONGRATULATIONS

Important Dates

- **10 Feb:** Year 9 Literacy/Numeracy eAsttle testing begins
- **18 Feb:** Staff PLD - school finishes @ 1:30pm
- **25 - 28 Feb:** Education Review Office onsite
- **6 Mar:** School athletics at Pakuranga Club @ 8am - 2.30pm
- **10 Mar:** Year 9 & 10 whānau hui @ 5-7pm
- **11 Mar:** Staff PLD - school finishes @ 1:30pm
- **18 -20 Mar:** Secondary school Polyfest
- **27 Mar:** Assessment 1 due for all junior/senior students

Note: There will be no Polyfest practices after school, except for the Cook Islands Group. Strictly for students in this group. Parents will need to sign a permission slip.