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The Sophia Chapel altar decorated for our 2022 Year 13 Leavers Liturgy, with the beautiful sandblasted windows designed by Sister Annett Hanrahan RSCJ illuminated in the background.



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



A word from Gill Chappell, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Welcome to the first issue of *Baradene Heart* magazine for 2023, with its positive theme the “power of hope”, as we put the COVID-19 pandemic behind us and look forward to a more settled future.

It is with great pleasure that the College will soon commence the construction of the replacement gymnasium, which will include new modern flexible teaching spaces, changing facilities, and a cafeteria with covered outdoor seating. Sincere thanks go to the Property Committee of Baradene College Limited for their significant work in getting this important new building project underway, particularly through uncertainty and rising construction costs. While we can't wait to complete the project, in the meantime, we thank the community, and especially students and staff, for bearing with the inevitable disruption associated with construction work.

Meanwhile, on the School Board, we are delighted to have welcomed five Parent Representatives. The successful candidates were Liz O'Neil (our Deputy Chair who was re-elected), Justin Luen, Terisa Cordtz, Therese Singleton, and Lisa Courtney. Our new Student Representative for 2023 is Amy Mason. All bring a passion for the school and its continuing success.

At this time of the year, the College's 2022 academic results have been confirmed. I congratulate our staff and students on another highly successful year, with 96% attainment of University Entrance, 44 Scholarships, and continued outstanding achievements in NCEA across the board, with the vast majority endorsing with either Excellence or Merit at all levels. Many students achieve these results while actively engaging in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Our students exhibit a true and sustained commitment to learning which will stand them in good stead for their futures as lifelong learners and tomorrow's leaders.

As a Board, we strive to facilitate their learning experiences by making Baradene College a school of choice for teachers, upgrading facilities, and supporting extra-curricular activities. We also recognise that we are part of a wider community that aims to work in harmony to support and embrace our students as they face the challenges of our complex environment to the best of our collective ability.

Our young people may be the most affected by the crises facing our world, but they are also best placed to lead the way to a better future with their sense of hope, energy, and innovation.





Holding to our faith in troubled times is an apt reminder for the year's beginning, says Principal Sandy Pasley.

We were hoping for a smooth start to the school year after the disruption caused by COVID-19 over the last few years, but unfortunately the Auckland Anniversary weekend floods and Cyclone Gabrielle caused havoc. Thank you to our students and staff who “hit the ground running” to make up for any time lost. We send our sympathy to families directly impacted by these extreme weather events and to those in the areas of Auckland that remain badly affected. Our thoughts are still very much with you, as they are with all who have lost their homes and livelihoods throughout the North Island and particularly in the Coromandel, Hawke’s Bay, and Tairāwhiti regions.

The Sacred Heart Focus Goal for this year is **A Personal and Active Faith in God.**

In February we held our Opening Mass. It was wonderful for our whole school community to be able to gather to celebrate the start of the school year. During the Mass we welcomed new families, commissioned our student council, and introduced Year 7 “Little Sisters” to their “Big Sisters” in Year 13. These traditions are important to all of us at Baradene as they connect us as a wider family. Monsignor Bernard Kiely officiated and reminded us to fan the flame of faith and shine the light within us.



2023 Opening Mass.



Toward the end of last year, I attended the Catholic Secondary Schools Principals’ Conference. The focus of the Conference was the importance of giving our students hope for the future. Faith and hope are interconnected and the difficult times we have endured in recent years remind us how important it is to have faith and of the enormous power of hope. As Pope Francis says, “It’s best to not confuse optimism with hope. Optimism is a psychological attitude toward life. Hope goes further. It is an anchor that one hurls toward the future, it’s what lets you pull on the line and reach what you’re aiming for and head in the right direction. Hope is also theological: God is there, too.”

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Mother Teresa said simply, “Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible.”

We have every reason to be full of hope at Baradene. Our 2022 NCEA results have set our students up well for future success. Baradene students achieved an amazing 99% pass rate in NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3, and a 96% pass rate for University Entrance.

These fantastic results were achieved due to the dedication of staff, students, and family support, despite another year during which learning was heavily impacted by COVID-19. While we did not have to endure lockdowns, COVID-19 was circulating widely in the community, which resulted in high numbers of both students and staff away from school with illness or isolating because of ill family members. In many ways this had a more detrimental impact as it was disruptive to learning and caused uncertainty for students and staff. We remain grateful to the parent body for the support they gave their daughters and the College as we worked through those challenges, and the high results are a testament to our teamwork.

We are particularly pleased with the high UE pass rate, as UE gives students options for their future path. Our students also did extremely well in Scholarship, achieving 44 Scholarships overall. It is notable that two Year 11 students received Scholarships in Religious Education, and two Year 12 students obtained Outstanding Scholarships. Three Baradene students achieved Scholarships in three subjects each, and received the NCEA Scholarship Award. It is pleasing that so many of our students have the confidence to sit Scholarship examinations as achieving Scholarships can be a tangible point of difference for them in the future.

In March, three of our rowing crews won Gold at the Head of Harbour Rowing Regatta – the U15 Coxed Quad, U18 Coxless Pair, and the U18 Coxed Eight. The U18 Coxed Eight is one of the premier races at the Head of Harbour, and it was special for the girls to win in a boat named after Sister Anne de Stacpoole RSCJ. It was the first time the girls had raced the boat in front of Sister Anne, who watched intently from the finish line. The race was closely contested, and the girls were thrilled to come away with the win. It was heartwarming to see them celebrate with Sister Anne at the end of the race.



Sister Anne's boat naming ceremony in 2022.

Over the recent school holidays, several Baradene students represented New Zealand in Football and Archery. Year 13 student Ritorya Tamilo has been selected for the NZ Tall Ferns Squad for the FIBA Women's Asia Cup to be held in Sydney in June, and Baradene has been selected to represent New Zealand at the U15 World Schools Orienteering Championships to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in August.

After a long hiatus we were able to hold Fia Fia Night again. This was a lovely community event where our many cultural groups showcased their performances prior to this year's Polyfest. In May, Baradene students, together with students from Sacred Heart College, are performing in a production called *Changing Minds*. Then, at the end of May, Schola is going to Christchurch for an exchange trip with Villa Maria College. Choir students from both schools will rehearse together, have masterclasses by distinguished mentors, socialise, and exchange experiences. Several performances will be held at local schools and St Mary's Cathedral.



Left: Tongan Group at Fia Fia Night. Right: Changing Minds rehearsal.

One thing that truly sets Baradene apart from other schools is that we are part of an international community of over 140 Sacred Heart Schools in 41 countries around the globe with whom we share a common purpose, to educate in the way of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat. In our part of the world, we enjoy a collegial and collaborative relationship with our three Sister Schools in Australia: Stuartholme (Brisbane), Kincoppal-Rose Bay (Sydney), and Sacre Coeur (Melbourne). In early March, Baradene hosted the Principals of our three Australian Sister Schools as we came together to report on the focus goal for last year. This process gives us a wonderful opportunity to learn about the different approaches each school takes to bringing the Sacred Heart goals to life for our students.



Australian Sister School Principals on their visit to Baradene.

Over the summer holidays approximately 20 of our Year 12 and 13 students benefited from being part of the international Sacred Heart community when they enjoyed an exchange to Sister Schools in the USA, France, and Spain.

It is very exciting to report that we are now making progress towards having a new gymnasium at Baradene. Building work will commence this term and is expected to be completed in mid-2024. Not only will the new gym have modern facilities to encourage student participation in a wide range of sports, it will provide more classrooms and will also have a cafeteria for students and staff. Learn more about the new gym on page 14. The gym will be an amazing new resource for Baradene which will improve our students' ability to achieve sporting excellence and encourage general health and wellbeing.



HEAD GIRL 2023

Rochelle O'Connor, our Head Girl for 2023, shares her hopes and goals for the year ahead.

Kia ora koutou, ko Rochelle toku ingoa, and it is an honour to be Baradene's Head Girl. I am excited to lead and serve this wonderful community built upon a rich history and Sacred Heart tradition, standing on the shoulders of all women who came before us.

Last August, I had the privilege to speak with and meet new friends from our Australian sister schools at a conference at Kincoppal-Rose Bay, Sydney. It was an inspiring and enriching experience, where we discussed how our education within Te Manawa Tapu (Sacred Heart), and how important issues to us as young people, like the impacts of COVID-19, inclusion, hauora, and climate change, are interwoven.

Bringing these discussions back to Baradene, I believe what makes our Baradene community special lies in Janet Erskine Stuart's wisdom, "A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a voice." I believe Baradene nourishes the whole person, celebrates our differences, and is where we gain wings to fly. If a bird can sing when it's released from its shelter, it will be able to live freely and harmoniously with others. Whether you are a tui, kōkako, or a hihi, I encourage you to sing your song, speak up for others, and be unafraid to be yourself. I encourage everyone to get involved with an open heart and open mind to the endless opportunities we have at Baradene.

This year our school goal is "A Personal and Active Faith in God," meaning living out faith in all we do. This will give us the courage to follow God's guidance to grow in all aspects of

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~ Janet Erskine Stuart

our busy lives. My goal as Head Girl, along with the Student Council, is to promote connections between each year level as one Baradene sisterhood, to build on our awesome school spirit. As Year 13 students, we are big sisters and role models (Shout out to the best little sister ever, Ivy!). We are leaders with unique strengths and characters shaped by community, abundant opportunities, and Cor Unum values. I hope we leave a positive legacy in the areas we are passionate about and pass it on to the next generation of Baradene students.

I hope you are inspired to make 2023 your year, knowing the Baradene whanau is here to support you. Let's cherish new opportunities for global collaborations and travel experiences this year!

Tēnā tātou katoa.



Left: Rochelle at the 2023 Opening Mass. **Right:** Rochelle as a Year 7 student.

2023 STUDENT LEADERS



Student Leaders and Deputies

Congratulations to our 2023 Student Leaders!

We are proud to provide our students with opportunities to develop their leadership skills. Through initiatives such as Student Leadership, Big Sister/Little Sister, Class Captains, Cor Unum Representatives, Homeroom and BOT Representatives, our students become well-rounded and compassionate leaders who leave Baradene College having already added value to the world.



Student Leaders



Head Girl

Rochelle O'Connor

Deputy Head Girls

Elizabeth van Wijk
Eva Perese-Wood

Special Character

Eva Perese-Wood
(Leader)
Mischa Mardanus-
Budiono (Deputy)
Leah Mosen (Deputy)

Academic

Elizabeth van Wijk
(Leader)
Hannah McCall
(Deputy)
Amelia Scrymgeour
(Deputy)

Arts & Publicity

Kassandra Hernandez
(Leader)
Alexia Gribble (Deputy)
Sofia Olan (Deputy)
Chelsea Snell (Deputy)

Cultural

Mikaela Tu'ipulotu
(Leader)
Yelena Cordtz (Deputy)
Angelica Eri (Deputy)

International

Moohyeon Joy Park
(Leader)
Yunxuan Xuan An
(Deputy)
Realle Chua (Deputy)

Performing Arts

Amélia Rojas (Leader)
Alina Chen (Deputy)
Zoe Thomas (Deputy)

Social Services

Poppy Cavanagh-Briggs
(Leader)
Molly Culpan (Deputy)
Chido Mbedzi (Deputy)

Sports Council

Holly Roberts (Leader)
Mia Bryant (Deputy)
Lucy Hunt (Deputy)

Student Wellbeing

Jade Varney (Leader)
Natalie Saunders
(Deputy)
Jessica Stevens (Deputy)

Sustainability

Natalie Salmon (Leader)
Jorja Gantley (Deputy)
Alicia Montenegro Raubo
(Deputy)

Amiens House

Daisy Parke (Leader)
Mary Hunter (Deputy)
Emili Snowdon (Deputy)

Barat House

Jessica Russell (Leader)
Harriet Burrell (Deputy)
Bria Cotton (Deputy)

Erskine House

Ruby Whetter (Leader)
Georgina Dodd
(Deputy)
Rachel Green (Deputy)

Loreto House

Louella Williams
(Leader)
Jayda Curlett (Deputy)
Kaitlyn Tomlinson
(Deputy)

Philippine House

Kate Wrigley (Leader)
Julie Bladinères
(Deputy)
Lucy Mullany (Deputy)

Stuart House

Grace Cline (Leader)
Celia Galvin (Deputy)
Isabelle McDonnell
(Deputy)



PURSUIING EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Baradene's Top Scholars and Scholarship winners in 2022.

2022 NZQA Scholarships

Year 11

Mila Conway Religious Studies
Nikita Nobre Religious Studies

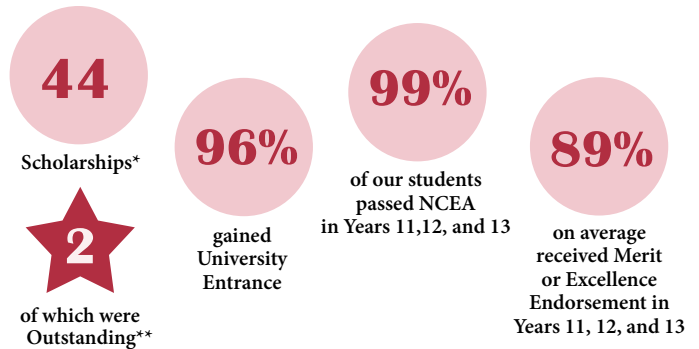
Year 12

Alina Chen Music
Petra Martinez Azaro Classical Studies
Hannah McCall Geography
Leah Mosen Technology (Outstanding) ★
Rochelle O'Connor Classical Studies, English
Sofia Olan Classical Studies, Religious Studies
Jorgia Roberts English, History, Statistics (Outstanding) ★
Jessica Russell Religious Studies

Year 13

Hanna Allnutt Media Studies
Mikaela Campo Religious Studies, Media Studies
Claire Carpentier Biology
Sophia Copley Religious Studies
Charlotte Crean English, Media Studies
Sophie De Magalhaes Drama
Olivia Gibson Health and Physical Education
Pakaporn Toey Hiranat Accounting
Seine Jung Media Studies
Pui Hei Pepsy Lam Calculus
Hannah Lane-Gould History
Abigail Mak Biology, Chemistry, Economics
Shweta Mann Media Studies, Religious Studies
Alexandra McLauchlan Accounting, Media Studies
Amy Mikha Technology
Sarah-Kate Moon Photography
Aimee Ng Economics, Religious Studies
Laura Oei Biology, Religious Studies
Tayla Randall Media Studies
Hien Tran Biology, English, Religious Studies

Achievement highlights



* A Scholarship is awarded to the top 3% (approximately) of students who sit the subject.

** An Outstanding Scholarship is awarded to the top 0.3% (40 to 60 candidates) of the number of students sitting the subject.

Our 2022 Top Scholars

Achieved the top overall academic results in their cohort for the year.

Year 11

• Angelin Austin
 • Solana Bayne
 • Chloe Cheng
 • Madeline Meredith
 • Caitlin Murphy
 • Nikita Nobre

Year 12

• Yunxuan Xuan An
 • Hannah McCall
 • Rochelle O'Connor
 • Sofia Olan
 • Jorgia Roberts
 • Amelia Scrymgeour

Year 13

• Sophia De Magalhaes
 • Pakaporn Hiranat
 • Abigail Mak
 • Shweta Mann
 • Aimee Ng
 • Hien Tran

2022 Tertiary Scholarships

The University of Auckland

Top Achievers Scholarship

Claire Carpentier • Sophia Copley • Olivia Gibson • Marie Green
Abigail Mak • Shweta Mann • Alex McLauchlan • Aimee Ng
Hien Tran • Jenna Whiteman

Academic Potential Scholarship

Laura Oei

Pacific Academic Scholarship

Cassie Shone • Molly Westerlund

Maori Academic Excellence Scholarship

Jessikah Bell • Rosa Taylor

Vaka Moana Scholarship

Anya Southern

Edward Connolly Faculty of Engineering Entry Level Undergraduate Scholarship

Mikaela Campo

Auckland University of Technology

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship: All Rounder

Ashleigh Gallagher • Issy Gerrand • Hien Tran

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarship:

Academic Excellence

Abigail Sutton

University of Otago

Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Madeline Brill • Hien Tran

University of Otago Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship

Laura Oei

Leaders of Tomorrow Entrance Scholarship

Charlotte Crean • Barbara Cwetter • Trelise Dance • Sophie Hurley
Abigail Mak • Ruby Pepper • Emily Shaw (Distinction)

Performance Entrance Scholarship

Le Shan Ng • Caitlin Potter

University of Otago Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship

Georgia Blore • Cassie Shone

University of Otago Maori Entrance Scholarship

Rosa Taylor

New Frontiers Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Maya Allsop • Lily Dolan • Charlotte Ellis • Alice Hopkinson
Cadence Jowers-Wilding • Rhiannon Leigh • Sophie McDermott
Juliet McKay • Lucy Oliver • Zoe Richardson

University of Waikato

Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarship

Hanna Allnutt

University of Canterbury

University of Canterbury Hiranga Scholarship

Madeline Brill • Brooklyn Bush • Sophia Copley • Barbara Cwetter
Charlotte Davidson • Katy Dew • Lucia Donnelly • Millie Doyle
Hannah Lane-Gould • Phoebe Hall • Alex McLauchlan • Hien Tran
Charlotte Simpson

Go Waitaha Canterbury Scholarship

Scarlett Goldsworthy • Brooklyn Bush

Helen Macmillan Brown Bursary

Hien Tran

University of Canterbury Computer Science High Achievers Award

Phoebe Hall

University of Canterbury Mathematics and Statistics High Achievers Award

Gabriella Abraham

University of Canterbury Kaupeka Ture/Faculty of Law First Year Award for Excellence

Hannah Lane-Gould

Victoria University of Wellington

Victoria Tangiwai Scholarship

(School Leaver Scholarship for Excellence)

Hanna Allnutt • Riley Castle • Marie Green • Izzi Hyde
Sienna Mason • Charlotte Nalder • Charlotte Simpson • Hien Tran

Totoweka Scholarship for Equity and Support

Gabriella Abraham

Ruakaraka Scholarship for Leadership

Jodi Orias • Ruby Pepper

Matatoa Scholarship for Leadership

Marie Green

Massey University

Massey University Academy of Sports Scholarship

Lillian Bing

Massey University Undergraduate First Year Scholarship

Jessica Ellis

Manchester Unity

Manchester Unity Higher Tertiary Education Scholarship

Emily Shaw

Northern Arizona University, USA Scholarship

Trelise Dance

Other Scholarships**Growing Heart Foundation****Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship**

Jodi Orias

Growing Heart Foundation**HFC Group Engineering Scholarship**

Sophia Copley, Alex McLauchlan

Catholic Diocese of Auckland**Robert Ned Covich Scholarship**

Mikaela Campo

Prime Minister's**Vocational Excellence Award**

Lucy Oliver

2022 Excellence Course Endorsements

Congratulations to our students who received Excellence or Merit Endorsements on their NCEA certificates by achieving a set number of credits at Excellence or Merit.

In addition to overall Endorsements on their NCEA certificates, students can also be rewarded for academic excellence by achieving Excellence Course Endorsements in each subject. To achieve an Excellence Course Endorsement, students must achieve a set number at Excellence, with at least three of those credits achieved from externally assessed standards.

Level 1 Excellence Endorsement in five or more courses

Chloe Cheng (7)

Accounting, Religious Education, Biological Science, Physical Science, Computer Science, English, Year 12 Mathematics Towards Calculus

Angelin Austin (6)

History, Biological Science, Physical Science, Accounting, English, Religious Education

Jade Carran (6)

Biological Science, Physical Science, Accounting, Spanish, English, Year 12 Mathematics Towards Calculus

Madeline Meredith (6)

Religious Education, Biological Science, Physical Science, Accounting, Mathematics, Art

Caitlin Murphy (6)

Geography, Religious Education, Biological Science, Physical Science, Mathematics, Music

Nikita Nobre (6)

Religious Education, Biological Science, Physical Science, Computer Science, English, Accounting

Zara Pinfold (6)

Physical Education, Religious Education, Biological Science, Physical Science, Design & Visual Communication, English

Solana Bayne (5)

Religious Education, Biological Science, Physical Science, Accounting, English

Brooke Blakey (5)

Religious Education, History, Economics, Mathematics, English

Lucea David (5)

Religious Education, History, Biological Science, Art, Construction & Materials Technology

Rianna Hall (5)

Physical Education, Religious Education, History, Biological Science, Physical Science

Ruby Hannan (5)

Religious Education, Biological Science, Physical Science, Design & Visual Communication, Mathematics

Solenn Jordan (5)

French, Biological Science, Physical Science, Accounting, Mathematics

Alicia McGivern (5)

Geography, Religious Education, Biological Science, Physical Science, Mathematics

Grace Neal (5)

Religious Education, History, English, Art, Te Reo Māori

Olivia Zhu (5)

Biological Science, Physical Science, English, Chinese, Computer Science

Level 2 Excellence Endorsement in five or more courses

Jorgia Roberts (7)

History, Physics, Chemistry, Media Studies, Religious Education, English, Year 13 Statistics – Advanced

Amelia Scrymgeour (7)

History, Physics, Chemistry, Religious Education, English, French, Year 13 Statistics – Advanced

Yunxuan Xuan An (6)

English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Accounting, Year 13 Statistics – Advanced

Hannah McCall (6)

Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Chinese, Religious Education, English

Matisse Platt (6)

Biology, History, Religious Education, English, Mathematics Towards Statistics, Accounting

Liana Carran (5)

Chemistry, English, Physical Education, Religious Education, Year 13 Calculus

Alina Chen (5)

History, Religious Education, English, Music, French

Realle Chua (5)

Biology, Chemistry, Religious Education, English, French

Jessica Stevens (5)

Biology, Religious Education, English, Mathematics Towards Statistics, Dance

Evie Vuletich (5)

Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English, Physical Education

**Level 3 Excellence Endorsement
in four or more courses**

Pakaporn Toey Hiranat (5)

English, Chinese, Religious Education, Economics, Accounting

Abigail Mak (5)

Chemistry – Advanced, Religious Education, Economics, Calculus, English

Sophia De Magalhaes (4)

Biology, Religious Education, Media Studies, English

Shweta Mann (4)

Religious Education, Calculus – Advanced, English, Media Studies

Aimee Ng (4)

Biology, Religious Education, Economics, English

Charlotte Simpson (4)

Biology, Geography, Religious Education, Economics

Hien Tran (4)

Religious Education, Chemistry - Advanced, Physics, English



Every effort has been made to ensure that information is correct, however, we apologise if inadvertent errors have occurred.

2022 NCEA Excellence Endorsements



Congratulations to our students who received Excellence Endorsements on their Level 1, 2, and 3 NCEA certificates in 2022.

Level 1 Excellence Endorsements

- Amelia Ashton
- Angelin Austin
- Solana Bayne
- Emma Blackie
- Brooke Blakey
- Penelope Brill
- Hannah Brinker
- Katie Brugh
- Riaan Bryant
- Ella Burrett
- Emily Burrows
- Victoria Butler
- Bridget Candy
- Catalina Cardinali Mundaca
- Jade Carran
- Nevenka Cate
- Catherine Cavanagh-Ginnelly
- Chloe Cheng
- Alexandria Clarke
- Mila Conway
- Stella Cook
- Gabrielle Copley
- Gabriella Couper
- Bailee Courtney
- Mikaela Creighton
- Jemma Cronin
- Jessica Crummy
- Katy Cussins
- Lucea David
- Isabel Doyle
- Isabelle Ekanayake
- Catherine Ferraby
- Hannah Fewtrell
- Taylor Fisher
- Emily Flexman
- Giselle Ford
- Gabrielle Francisco
- Georgia Fraser
- Zoe Freeman
- Kara French
- Emma Gerrand
- Emily Gibb
- Isabelle Gibson
- Mia Gluyas
- Lucia Gordon
- Kerryn Gray
- Grace Greaney
- Paige Grover-Annan
- Rianna Hall
- Samantha Hall
- Ruby Hannan
- Marley Hawkesby
- Riley Heather
- Freya Holland
- Charlotte Hurley
- Solenn Jordan
- Annie Kruletich
- Isabella Lee
- Georgia Lindroos
- Morgan Lloyd
- Emily Maingay
- Aixa Marco-Ramos
- Leia Marqués-Ruiz
- Amy Mason
- Alicia McGivern
- Sarah McKechnie
- Hannah McKenzie
- Charlotte McKeown
- Sasha Melville
- Madeline Meredith
- Gigi Moaveni
- Sienna Mobbs
- Caitlin Murphy
- Grace Neal
- Nikita Nobre
- Poppy O'Brien
- Isabelle O'Connell
- Amber Ong
- Kabrielle Palao
- Eden Pendigrast
- Isla Petherbridge
- Zara Pinfold
- Sarah Pratley
- Grace Pratt
- TylaJane Reed
- Julienne Salivio
- Alice Sasso
- Ruby Saunders
- Kiera Scott
- Coco Shale
- Kirstin Skeet
- Jaya Stanley
- Ciara Swan
- Somer Tong
- Kate Travers
- Edie Tunnicliff
- Talia Uluinayau
- Sophia Urlich
- Caitlin Weir
- Nyamee Welsh
- Isabella Whitham
- Mae Whiting
- Mihingarangi Whittington
- Jessica Williamson
- Amanda Wright
- Jiaying Xu
- Violeta Zalazar
- Olivia Zhu

Level 2 Excellence Endorsements

Yunxuan An	Isabelle McDonnell
Sofia Bates	Rose McGuire
Naomi Binet-Johnson	Estee McPherson
Julie Bladinières	River Miln
Sophia Booth	Alicia Montenegro Raubo
Chiara Bottaro	Leah Mosen
Mikayla Brown	Lucy Mullany
Mia Bryant	Ruby Nathan
Harriet Burrell	Emma Newsome
Aimee Caesar	Rochelle O'Connor
Pieta Campbell	Sofia Olan
Liana Carran	Moohyeon Park
Grace Carston	Eliza Patton
Olivia Cavanagh	Eva Perese-Wood
Poppy Cavanagh-Briggs	Matisse Platt
Rhianna Chan Ting	Elizabeth Portass
Mei Chen	Bonnie Rattray
Realle Chua	Esther Richards
Grace Cline	Holly Roberts
Lanihei Connolly	Jorgia Roberts
Bria Cotton	Keira Roberts
Lauren Craill	Ava Robertson
Molly Culpan	Eva Roddick
Lydia De Montalk-Allen	Amélia Rojas
Georgina Dodd	Emma Ross
Kate Dryden	Audrey Rossolatos
Phenix Durrant	Jessica Russell
Angelica Eri	Manea Ryan
Sophia Fitzpatrick	Natalie Salmon
Maggie Flexman	Natalie Saunders
Julianne Gabas	Amelia Scrymgeour
Celia Galvin	Chelsea Snell
Jorja Gantley	Emili Snowdon
Rachel Green	Jessica Stevens
Alexia Gribble	Abigail Stewart
Zoe Hannan	Elisabeth Stringer
Aliana Henderson	Zoe Thomas
Kassandra Hernandez	Amalie Thompson-Pain
Ciara Hoare	Vanessa Toh
Lucy Hunt	Kaitlyn Tomlinson
Mary Hunter	Molly Topp
Sofia Hutchinson	Renee Van Tiel
Anija Irvine	Elizabeth van Wijk
Dona Jayamanne	Jade Varney
Emilie Kendall	Eve Vuletich
Emma Lincoln	Emma Wallace
Kiri Littlejohn	Grace Watson
Dominique Lough	Ruby Whetter
Alexandra Maher	Ella Williams
Mischa Mardanus-Budiono	Charlotte Willoughby
Petra Martinez Azaro	Kayley Wilson
Alyssa Martinovich	Madeline Woolford
Hannah McCall	Elizabeth Worth
Ava McCort	

Level 3 Excellence Endorsements

Gabriella Abraham	Mikaela Campo
Hanna Allnut	Claire Carpentier
Ashlin Austin	Eunbin Choi
Jessikah Bell	Daniella Collman
Stella Bilger	Sophia Copley
Madeline Brill	Charlotte Crean
Brooklyn Bush	Barbara Cwetter

Level 3 Excellence Endorsements (continued)

Trelise Dance	Shweta Mann
Renee Davies	Ava Martin
Sophia De Magalhaes	Sienna Mason
Lucia Donnelly	Jessica McHardy
Millie Doyle	Ella McKanny
Jessica Ellis	Alexandra McLauchlan
Ashleigh Gallagher	Shana Mendoza
Karen Gao	Amy Mikha
Isabelle Gerrand	Sarah-Kate Moon
Olivia Gibson	Charlotte Nalder
Marie Green	Aimee Ng
Jessica Guerin	Liliana Nicolo
Phoebe Hall	Eve Norgate
Alix Heyworth	Laura Oei
Pakaporn Hiranat	Jodi Orias
Sophie Hurley	Olivia Page
Isabelle Hyde	Ruby Pepper
Kathleen Jackson	Zoe Richardson
Cadence Jowers-Wilding	Emily Shaw
Seine Jung	Cassie Shone
Scarlett Kang	Charlotte Simpson
Mingyo Kim	Beth Smillie
Nga Lee Koon	Abigail Sutton
Pui Hei Pepsy Lam	Lidia Taylor
Hannah Lane-Gould	Rosa Taylor
Mackenzie Lecchi	Hien Tran
Rhiannon Leigh	Molly Westerlund
Yuxi Lu	Jenna Whiteman
Sophie Lydon	Augustine Williams
Abigail Mak	Xinyu Yuan

We were privileged to welcome Catherine Harris (Class of 1995) and CEO of advertising agency TBWA to our Scholars Assembly as our guest speaker. Catherine also presented the students their awards along with Principal Sandy Pasley.



WORLD AT OUR DOORSTEP

We are thrilled to welcome back International students in increased numbers after a long period of uncertainty.

The International Student Department at Baradene is a friendly, welcoming, exciting multicultural community. This year, we are excited to see an increase in students arriving from overseas after a long period of uncertainty during the pandemic. As a school, we value the diversity that International students bring, and the opportunities global connections and insights give to our staff and students.

Our International Dean, Clare Cunningham, supported by our wonderful International Student Council for 2023, Xuan An, Joy Park, and Realle Chua, are committed to making the International student experience an enjoyable one for all students as they settle into a new way of life, adapt to different systems and make new friends. This year, we have seen so many of our International students, new and existing, embrace all the exciting extra-curricular activities and experiences we have on offer. We have students on the tennis team, the archery team, rock climbing, singing in the choir, taking part in cultural events, and much more!

Baradene is an academic college where students achieve at the highest level. This is also true for our International students who, last year, all gained UE, with a good percentage achieving overall level endorsement at NCEA Levels 1, 2, and 3. We are also very proud of the students who gained Scholarships, which is an outstanding achievement.

For all our International students studying at Baradene College without their parents, our Homestay Co-Ordinator, Dianne Storer, matches students with high-quality homestay families who provide a safe and caring environment in their homes. Our homestay families are an essential and valued part of our International student community. We appreciate all the care and support they provide to our students, who are such a long way from home.



2023 International students with Principal Sandy Pasley (International Director), Kate Meredith (International Student Manager) and Clare Cunningham (International Student Dean). Absent: Dianne Storer (Homestay Co-ordinator).





NEW GYMNASIUM

The new state-of-the-art gym project is on schedule. Edmund Lawler, Chair of the Board of Baradene College Limited (BCL), updates us on the project.

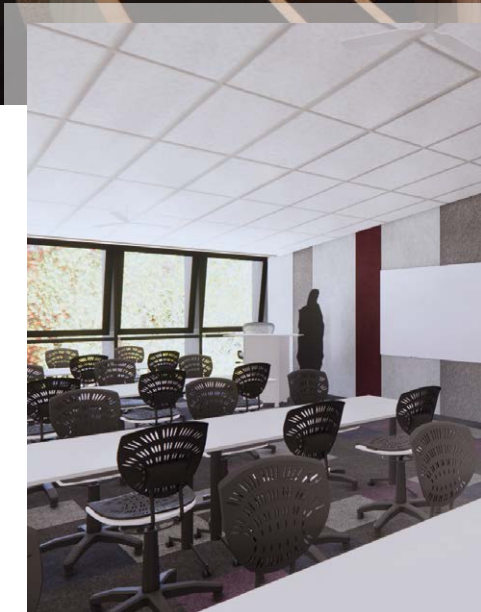
This major gym project will provide high-quality sports and learning facilities to support the growing Baradene roll with a double gym and classroom complex designed by Jasmx Architects. Situated on a building platform encompassing the site of the old gym, the complex is expected to be completed in mid-2024.

The completed gym will provide modern facilities for the sports programmes at Baradene, covering the Physical Education curriculum and extra-curricular

sports programmes. The gym will cater for either two smaller courts or one full-size court, with the capacity to hold major indoor school sports games. There will be an additional three new classrooms, a fitness centre, and a cafeteria for students and staff.

With sport, health, and PE integral to our students' well-rounded educational experience, the new gym will become a hub of physical activity and a place for our Baradene community to gather. BCL is pleased to commence this exciting new project which will enhance the learning and wellbeing of our students. This project is a significant financial undertaking, and we appreciate the strong ongoing support of our parent community in being able to deliver this project.





2023 Growing Heart Fundraising Campaign – fit out of the new gym



The Growing Heart Foundation is supporting the school by raising funds for the fit out of the new gym. There will be more details available in the coming weeks on the campaign.





NURTURING TALENT

The Baradene Athlete Pathway Support (APS) programme is designed to nurture, advise, and support our athletes towards achieving their sporting dreams. Our 2023 members are:



AMELIA BRAY
Year 12
Swimming

PENNY BRILL
Year 12
Football

RIAAAN BRYANT
Year 12
Water Polo

LANIHEI CONNOLLY
Year 13
Swimming

JEMMA CRONIN
Year 12
Gymnastics

TAYLOR FISHER
Year 12
Water Polo, Touch,
Netball

ISABELLE GIBSON
Year 12
Swimming

**TALLULAH
GOLDSWORTHY**
Year 12
Water Polo

ANIJA IRVINE
Year 13
Football

**ISABELLE
O'CONNELL**
Year 12
Football, Cricket

ISLA PETHERBRIDGE
Year 12
Surf Life Saving

HOLLY ROBERTS
Year 13
Water Polo, Football

KATE ROBINSON
Year 11
Orienteering,
Cross Country

DIXIE WHITING
Year 11
Sport Climbing



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

**Amy Towers (Junior), Elizabeth van Wijk (Senior),
Eva Houghton, and Kate Robinson (joint Intermediate)**



SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

**Lanihei Connolly (Senior and Open),
Jaime Knight and Kayla Knight (joint Junior),
Ava Elbourne (Year 7), Tia Williams (Year 8),
and Sofia Bray (Intermediate)**





SPIKING IT

Baradene's volleyball code is expanding year on year.

Our Head Coach, Wilbert Kuijpers, has been an integral part of the growth of volleyball at Baradene over the past few years. He has passed on his love and passion for the sport and created a positive atmosphere. Furthermore, Wilbert's dedication to this sport is evident in the impressive results we are now achieving.

Our Year 11 to 13 students play in the College Sport Auckland Volleyball competition in Term 1, with Years 9 and 10 playing in Term 4. In Term 4 2022, we had a record seven Junior teams, and in Term 1 2023, we had seven Senior teams enter the competition – a 40% increase in participation numbers since 2019.

In Term 1, our Senior A team moved into the Central West competition, coming up against some of Auckland's top teams and producing results each week to set us up with an excellent chance to move into Division 1 – a considerable achievement. They went on to place sixth in Division 1 at the Auckland Championships, the best result ever for Baradene volleyball!

Our teams, regardless of grade, enjoy playing each week and return to play season after season. We attribute this to the fun environment established in our community. We look forward to watching the sport continue to grow.



Sadie Cormack, Year 11 (Junior player 2022)

It is my second year playing volleyball at Baradene, and I enjoy it more than ever. Volleyball enhances my physical and mental strength and is so much fun. I have made so many new friends and have had the best coach. Thanks to Wilbert, my knowledge, strength, and confidence in the sport improves every week.

Ruby Whetter, Year 13 (Senior player 2023)

Volleyball was first introduced to me four years ago, and I never thought I could love something that much. Besides the actual game, I love the friendly and enthusiastic environment, the competition, and always being able to improve no matter the stage. Going into my fifth year, I am so excited for what is to come and highly encourage others to give it a go, as there is something in it for everyone. Volleyball has ultimately brought immense positivity into my life, and I intend to continue playing after leaving Baradene.



YSPOTY FINALISTS

Isabelle Gibson, Bonnie Rattray, and Lanihei Connolly

We congratulate Baradene's 2022 YSPOTY finalists.

College Sport Auckland's Young Sportsperson of the Year Awards ceremony was held at Eden Park in November 2022. Schools submit nominations, and three finalists are named for each code. These finalists are invited to the YSPOTY awards evening, where they announce the overall winner per code.

Being named as a finalist for each code is a great honour. We congratulate our finalists: Lanihei Connolly and Isabelle Gibson for Swimming, and Bonnie Rattray for Cycling. And an extra special congratulations to Bonnie, who won the Girls Cycling Award and was a finalist for the overall Supreme Award – an outstanding achievement!

With 70,000 participants in school sports in Auckland, to be among the top 160 sporting students at these awards is an exceptional achievement. We are proud of you all!



**LANIHEI
CONNOLLY**



**BONNIE
RATTRAY**

**Girls
Cycling
Award
Winner**



**ISABELLE
GIBSON**

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

PREMIER WATER POLO: NISS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Premier Water Polo team started strong at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships, with two wins from two games versus Diocesan School for Girls A and St Mary's College. The team beat Aquinas College 12-5 in the third and fourth game, winning the Bronze medal. Well done to the coach Jordan, assistant coach Charlotte, and Manager Bridget Bryant.



BRONZE!

ROWING: MAADI CUP

All Baradene rowers at the Aon Maadi Regatta progressed through to A or B Finals. We had three crews in A Finals and eight in B Finals. Well done to all the crews and coaches, led by Casper Hammond.

Through to A Finals:
U18 Pair x 2 and U15 8

Through to B Finals:
U15 Quad, U18 Pair, U16 Coxed Eight,
U15 Octuple Sculls, U18 Coxed Four x 2,
U16 Coxed Four, U18 Coxed Eight



BASKETBALL 3x3: NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Junior and Senior Basketball teams proudly represented Baradene against tough competition at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships. Thanks to coaches Andrew Parke and Chris Burrows.



SENIOR A FUTSAL: NZSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

With a few challenging games to start, our young Senior A Futsal team, led by Captain Lucy Hunt, grew in confidence through the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships week and played some nail-biting games, placing 19th overall. Thanks to Rachel Buyck, who travelled with the team in tournament week and ensured our girls were well prepared for their games; Kirsten Hunt, who managed and organised the team throughout the regular season; and Cat Pretty (past Sport Manager), who came back to coach the team for the term and through the tournament.



SENIOR A VOLLEYBALL: SATELLITE NISS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Senior A Volleyball team went through pool play undefeated in the Satellite NISS Championships, moving through to play Otahuhu College in the semi-finals. Following some fantastic play and effort by all the girls, Otahuhu won 2-3. Baradene regrouped to play an outstanding final game and won the Bronze medal. Thanks to coach Wilbert Kuijpers for all his encouragement and to Anna Murphy, who has supported the team throughout their very successful season.



1ST XI CRICKET: AKSS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year, our Cricket 1st XI team is very young, with seven Year 9 students. The Senior girls, led by Captain Madeline Woolford, have been amazing in supporting the younger members. With Coach Henry unable to be at the National Qualifiers, Coach Keerthi guided the girls beautifully all week. Hannah McCall got an extremely rare hat trick (three wickets in three balls) against Rangitoto College, and Olivia Fell bagged five wickets in the second game against St Kentigern College. The team won four out of six games, placing Fourth overall! Thanks to Helene Higbee for her organisational skills.





BLESS THIS BOAT

Our rowing team's newest boat is named after one of Baradene's beloved RSCJ Sisters.

At the end of 2022, thanks to the generosity of the McDermott, Phillips, and Seselj families, Baradene received a new high-tech rowing octuple scull. The rowing students were keen for it to be named *Sister Anne*, as Sister Anne de Stacpoole RSCJ is often out in the garden when the girls are training. Monsignor Bernard Kiely blessed the boat, and the students have already had great success competing in *Sister Anne* at the recent Head of Harbour and North Island Secondary School Championships. Pictured above is Sister Anne with the U18-eight rowers after winning the Head of Harbour Regatta. The photo on the right shows Sister Anne attending the blessing of the boat in 2022.



OUTSTANDING SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Year 13 students Lanihei Connolly and Ritorya Tamilo, who will represent their sports in prestigious international competitions.



Ritorya Tamilo was named in the Tall Ferns extended squad of 18 for the FIBA Women's Asia Cup, which tips off in Sydney in June 2023.

Lanihei Connolly has been selected to represent the Cook Islands at the World Swimming Championships in Japan in July 2023.

INTRODUCING
**GABRIEL
EVANS**
HEAD OF
TECHNOLOGY



Gabriel Evans, our new Head of Technology, tells us about his career trajectory.

My parents and one of my grandparents were teachers, but I took a different path before following in their footsteps. From a very early age, I loved to cook. One of my earliest memories is making mud pies as a toddler and trying to eat them. My mother was a huge influence on me because she was a superb cook, and I have many happy childhood memories of being in the kitchen at home with her helping to make crêpes, brioche, stews, puddings, brandy snaps, chocolate eclairs, jams, and many other delicious and often wildly exotic dishes. I even remember eating tongue and frog legs!

My favourite subject at school was Home Economics. During a visit to my school, a famous young New Zealand chef told my class about his City & Guilds of London advanced cookery qualifications, which were very prestigious. It was a significant moment in my life because I had the mad idea that I would try and join the exclusive club of New Zealand chefs with that qualification. After finishing high school, I worked for a year as a trainee chef at a hotel in Christchurch. I gained basic cooking and catering trade certificates at the local polytechnic, and at age 19, I headed overseas.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to be Head of Faculty at Baradene because the faculty and school have such an amazing reputation.”

I started in Sydney, made bagels and washed pots and pans at island resorts in the Great Barrier Reef, and worked my way up to junior chef positions. After a year, I headed to the UK via Europe, arriving in London. I took a black cab around the city and door-knocked at several famous hotels, finally landing the position of junior chef at The Cumberland

Hotel in Marble Arch. I spent a number of years as a professional chef in the UK, Australia, and Israel.

The highlight of my career was working for Rick Stein at his famous restaurant in Cornwall, England, and appearing in his first BBC TV series and book *Taste of the Sea*. I returned to New Zealand in my late twenties and opened a fine dining restaurant in Christchurch. I wrote a cookery book, and my restaurant won a national award. I have cooked for a number of celebrities over the years, but I am most proud of the fact that when I was on work experience from school, I made guacamole for a band called Simple Minds when they toured New Zealand in the 1980s. I am sure most of our students would not have a clue who they are, but their parents might!

I returned to the UK to study for a bachelor’s degree at the University of Portsmouth, then gained my postgraduate teaching diploma, specialising in food technology, back in New Zealand. I’ve taught in Tauranga, Auckland, the UK, Kuwait, China, Malaysia, The United States, and Brazil. I love teaching, and it has been a joy to share my passion for learning, food, cooking, and nutrition with young people.

I’m excited about the opportunity to be Head of Faculty at Baradene because the faculty and the school have such an amazing reputation. I teach technology to junior classes and food innovation technology in the senior school, and I support a fantastic team of dedicated, highly skilled, talented teachers to deliver an excellent technology programme, and support the students to fulfil their potential and have fun learning technology.

Outside of school, my life centres around my two beautiful young children, Fern and Serena. I am passionate about nature, sports, yoga, health, and fitness. I love to read, listen to house music, travel, and explore cool and interesting places to eat out. I am currently training to teach yin yoga, which helps me balance my busy day-to-day life!



Polyfest 2023



Our cultural groups were thrilled to again be able to perform at Fia Fia Night and Polyfest.

Fia Fia Night is always a special occasion to celebrate the cultural diversity at Baradene and to build excitement for Polyfest. This year, even more so, as we had not been able to enjoy this event since 2021. We were treated to a fantastic spectacle with Kapa Haka, Filipino, Tongan, and Samoan groups showcasing their hard work and talent to an excited audience of family, friends, Baradene students, and teachers. All cultural groups worked very hard for weeks with their tutors, teachers, and parents to create performances fit for competition level at Polyfest, the biggest Polynesian festival in the world, attracting competitors from all over the country. Our cultural groups share their experiences of Polyfest this year.

FILIPINO GROUP

After a hectic month of practising, costume-making, and choreographing, it was an utter relief and joy to perform at Polyfest 2023! As always, the Filipino Group put hard work and dedication into curating a piece ready for the Polyfest Diversity stage. Following last year's COVID-safe Polyfest, in which performances were live-streamed, it was a thrill to be back in front of an audience this year. They were cheered on by many, including supportive teachers and parents, which further boosted the excitement. It was wonderful to experience the rest of Polyfest in its full glory, with delicious and diverse food stands, fun games, and cultural performances from other schools. Overall, Polyfest 2023 was terrific! It was an enriching cultural experience full of diversity.



SAMOAN GROUP

Kolisi o le Baradene, the Baradene Samoan Group, has been going for around 30 years. This year 29 girls performed at Polyfest. A considerable effort went into being ready to perform in just one month. The group is well organised by many dedicated parents and tutors, including alumnae supporting their daughters. Hours and hours go into perfecting the traditional dances and songs for Polyfest. We were fortunate to have the design and sewing of our beautiful Puletasi done by renowned seamstress Paula Chan. It is a group effort, and the senior students also work hard to help all students of every year level feel ready and proud to perform for Baradene. The hard work all paid off, with amazing results too.

Ulufale (Entrance Dance)	Third Place
Ulufafo (Exit Dance)	Third equal with St Dominic's College
Togiga (Uniform)	Second Place
Fuataimi (Conductor)	Anna-Lisa Kakino, Third Place
Taupou (Traditionally, Daughter of the High Chief)	Nevaeh Sa'u-Tipelu, Third Place
Tualuga (Traditional Dance with the Taupou)	Second Place
Tu'ufaasiga o Togi (Overall Placing)	Third Place





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experience full of diversity.”**

INDIAN GROUP

The Indian Group competed in Polyfest this year for the first time. The group, led by Nakita Nobre and Angelin Austin, choreographed and performed a beautiful sequence that celebrated women as individuals coming together. Their choreography was energetic and engaging, showing their cultural understanding of Indian dance. The group performed on the Diversity Stage with confidence and precision. Congratulations to all involved.



TONGAN GROUP

After several years of COVID-19 interruptions, it was a delight to see our Tongan Group’s joyful and graceful performances once again being showcased at Polyfest. Students in the group came from all year levels and were beautifully led by Year 13 students Sinai Fangupo and Mikaela Tu’ipulotu. Our tutor this year was alumna Seini Siale (Class of 2015). Seini has represented Baradene and her Tongan culture very proudly on this stage over many years, and we were very blessed to have her expertise passed on to a new generation of students. How apt that the theme for Polyfest this year was “Ko e mafai ke pule’i ‘a e kaha’u ‘o ‘etau Lea’ mo e ‘ulungaanga fakafonua’ ‘oku ‘ia kitautolu pē” – “The authority to ensure that our language and culture lives on is with us.”



KAPA HAKA GROUP

Our Kapa Haka Group performed at Polyfest after this magazine went to print, and will be featured in the October 2023 issue.



DOING GOOD

This year's Foodbank collection filled the halls of Duesne, showing our support for families in need.

We support the Vinnies Foodhub every year, with food items donated to St Vincent de Paul's Foodbank – Catholic Social Teaching in action! St Patrick's Day concludes collection week, with the College awash in green. Thank you to all the families who have contributed to this worthy cause.

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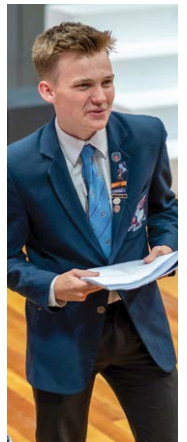
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Changing Minds is a coming-of-age musical that follows Natalie, a studious bookworm, Kyle, a typical jock, and their friends during their final year of college. These two unlikely friends switch bodies after a mystical event at a wishing well. As the pair navigates their strange new bodies and lifestyles, they realise a lot about each other and themselves that they never knew! The 2023 musical will be performed at Sacred Heart College from 10 to 13 May 2023. Tickets go on sale in early April on the Baradene College website: baradene.school.nz



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Natalie



Matthew Curtis
Kyle



Amy Mason
Claire



Sam Crichton
Brad



Daniel Concepcion
Freddy



Gabrielle Copley
Ashley



Alfie Garrard
Garrett



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Francesca Crichton
Tanya



Isabel Doyle
Brittany



Zoe Thomas
Chloe



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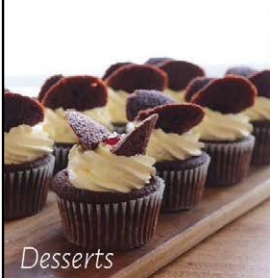
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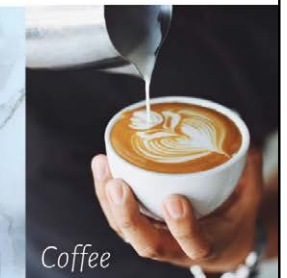
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PTA UPDATE

Derek Pereira, Chair of the PTA, begins his final year in his role by reflecting on last year's blessings and successes.

As we embark on 2023, I reflect on the year gone by, a rollercoaster ride with a few of our events cancelled. However, we were blessed to have the 2022 Baradene Art Show, which was outstanding. We ended the year with a successful Preloved Uniform Sale and dinner to thank our PTA members for all their hard work in fundraising and supporting the school.

We started 2023 with our Meet and Greet Evening after an absence of two years. This event is about building community over a glass of wine and nibbles, and is a great opportunity to welcome new parents to our community. I thank and welcome our six new parents who signed up to join the PTA and 32 others who volunteered to help.

The PTA hosts events throughout the year, and following the Meet and Greet Evening, we will have our Preloved Uniform Sale in May. Our next event is the Father-Daughter Breakfast, followed by one of the biggest events on our calendar, the Art Show. Speaking of the Art Show, we are in the process of putting together a new Art Show Committee. If you are keen to help, please contact the school or me directly.

This year is important to me personally, as this will be my last year as PTA Chair. As I reflect on the last six years, I feel blessed to be part of and work with such an amazing team. Over this time, we are grateful to have the opportunity to contribute to initiatives that enhance the school programme. These include but are not limited to a medical bed, a new trailer, Duke of Edinburgh Award, a Book Club, the APS Programme (formerly BEST), a science lab, an archery range, a new school playground and, more recently, a contribution towards the new gymnasium, to name but a few.

PTA functions are great opportunities to meet parents and teachers, build rapport and, most importantly, give back to a school that gives so much to our daughters. I can honestly say, hand on heart, the more you engage with the school community, the more rewarding your experience at Baradene

will be. If you would like to get involved or find out more, visit baradene.school.nz/our-community/pta

Of course, everything we do is underpinned by our Christian values. I would like to end with Psalm 121:1-2:

"I lift my eyes to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."

Our strength comes from Him, exemplifying who we are and what we do as the Baradene PTA. And I truly believe He is the key to our success. It's been awesome working alongside you all and the school leadership team, and I wish you all every success in the future.



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MUSICALLY SPEAKING

Nino Sloser, Head of Department for Music, updates us on what we can expect musically this year.

The Music Department has had a successful start to the 2023 school year. The improved Junior Music Programme, in which every student learns an instrument, has been able to accommodate the growing number of students in Years 7 and 8 classroom music. We are hopeful that this will yield even greater progress in these cohorts. The Music Programme for Years 9 and 10 expands on the skills learned in the Junior Music Programme, with a special focus on arranging and song writing alongside performance.

We were so pleased that Alina Chen received an NZQA Scholarship in Music in 2022 as a Year 12 student. This is an outstanding achievement. As a current Year 13 student, she is working hard on pursuing her musical goals, and you can read more about her on page 34.

Both our instrumental and vocal extra-curricular programmes have seen an increase in the number of students signing up for music groups. Our choirs are working on their programmes for the choir competitions, Big Sing and Kids Sing. Our singers in Schola are preparing for their exchange trip to Christchurch in May, where they will be sharing their musical experience with students from Villa Maria College. Our junior groups – Duchesne Orchestra and Symphonic Band – as well as our senior musicians in chamber music groups and larger groups – Concert Band, St Peter’s and Baradene Symphony Orchestra, and Baradene and St Peter’s Jazz Band – are mastering their repertoires for this year’s events and competitions.

The School of Rock, which is in the second year of its existence, now provides mentorship for five bands ranging from Years 7 to 12. The School of Rock is financially supported by the Baradene Friends of Music, who also donated two gazebos for outdoor musical activity so that music can continue in any weather!



STARTING YOUNG

Year 8 Musicianship class

At Baradene, students begin learning music from Year 7 and have many opportunities to continue their musical journey.

The Junior Music Programme enables all Baradene Year 7 and 8 students to learn a musical instrument. We are very fortunate to have some of the best instrument tutors in the country teaching our students. Over the last year, the Junior Music Programme went through a restructuring process. We are pleased that it can now cater to an increasing number of students so that students get even more one-on-one time with their tutors – a vital contributor to the programme’s success. We are hopeful that, as a result, we will witness an increase in keen young musicians who will enjoy creating music and sharing it with the community for years to come! We look forward to the Junior Music Programme’s performances at this year’s Spring Music Festival at the end of August.





LIFELONG PASSION

An interview with flautist Alina Chen, Year 13 Music Leader for Concert Band and Orchestra, and Music Representative for the Auckland Youth Orchestra and the St Peter's College and Baradene College Wind Quartet.

Tell us about your musical beginnings.

My musical journey began when I was around four and started learning piano, but I only realised music was a passion of mine when I took flute lessons at nine years old. I'm grateful that my primary school offered generous music and band opportunities, which drew me to pick up the flute in the first place. However, when my older sister took me to an NZSO concert in the Town Hall a year later, listening to an actual professional orchestra play was a defining moment for me—that was when I realised that classical music was something I wanted to pursue.

The importance of music in your life...

For me, music is an integral part of my social and emotional wellbeing. It provides a sense of connection by bringing people together, even outside the world of classical music or ensemble playing at school. I especially love listening to music with my friends and going to concerts together; you

“The memories and friendships I have made since joining our school groups are something I will carry with me for a lifetime.”

get to see people dance around and sing along, and you can tell that passion and love are present. No matter what genre you may listen to, music keeps going forever, and I love that.

What aspects of music at Baradene do you enjoy the most?

In curricular music, especially since Year 9, you are encouraged to become creative and imaginative, pushing artistic boundaries through solo and group compositions, arrangements, and performances for class projects – which I enjoy a lot. I feel similarly for extra-curricular music as you get to work with your peers from different year levels and various teachers and tutors. It is this shared dedication and support that culminates into not only a sense of achievement but of being in a close community as well. That's my favourite part – the memories and friendships I've made since joining our school groups are something I will carry with me for a lifetime.

What musical projects are you currently involved in?

I'm currently involved in a chamber music group with a few St Peter's College students for the upcoming NZCT National Chamber Music Competition. Other than that, I'm currently working on two concertos; a Duo Concertante with our school orchestra and a movement from the Nielsen Concerto that I'll be playing with the NZSO in Wellington – I am not sure if I am excited or terrified!

Congratulations on receiving an NZQA Scholarship in Music in 2022! What are your future plans and what would be your ultimate music dream?

Thank you so much! After Baradene, I would love to further my musical studies abroad in the United States of America or Europe. My ultimate dream is to be a part of a prestigious orchestra and/or travel the world performing and connecting with other musicians through our shared passion for music. Although I'm not sure how achievable this aspiration is, it's nice to dream.



Alina performing at the 2022 Baradene and St Peter's Gala Concert.

MUSIC REPRESENTATIVES



Olivia Zhu
Auckland Youth Orchestra,
Violin Trio



Alina Chen
Auckland Youth Orchestra,
St Peter's & Baradene Wind Quartet



Realle Chua
Auckland Youth Orchestra



Alexandria Clarke
New Zealand Youth Symphonic
Winds, Manukau Concert Band

BARADENE MUSIC LEADERS



Evelyn Okach and Amelie Snell
Symphonic Band



Zaira Mondala and Zoe Sekula
Sophia Choir



Alexandria Clarke and Alina Chen
Concert Band



Realle Chua and Alina Chen
Combined Symphony Orchestra



Sia Okach and Molly Walsh
Jazz Band



Kristen Dizon and Sophie Kim
Duchesne Orchestra



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Schola



Amelia Scrymgeour
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ALUMNAE RELATIONS
MANAGER

Sylvanna Andzakovic (née Yukich, Class of 2007) has shared her creative skills with Baradene College for many years, and recently took up the new position of Alumnae Relations Manager in the Baradene Development Office.

Can you tell us about your career path?

I was always interested in art, taking design, painting, and photography as my main subjects at Baradene. When it came time for tertiary education, I wasn't sure what I jobs I could do in the arts – the options seemed so limited back then compared to recent years! I ended up doing a Bachelor of Design majoring in Interior/Spatial Design. Through this degree I found that I was good at the graphic design side of things, as we had to create imagery to represent conceptual projects. After finishing my degree, I took some time to travel in Europe, visiting Croatia with family and travelling through Italy, France, and Spain with my sister and friends. My first full-time role after graduating was as an in-house marketing assistant where I utilised my graphic design skills and learned the ropes of a marketing role. Six years ago, I became self-employed, which allowed me to share my creative skills with a variety of different clients, one of them being Baradene.

What are you looking forward to in your new role?

It has been lovely to reconnect with Baradene in recent years as an external contractor working on *Baradene Heart*, and it is a pleasure to now be at Baradene full-time as the Alumnae Relations Manager and also assisting with college communications. As an alumna myself, I am looking forward to connecting with the alumnae community – getting to know alumnae through events and finding new ways to further connect. Our alumnae platform, Baradene Connect (baradeneconnect.co.nz), has been building traction over the last few years with over 900 alumnae now registered, and I look forward to making it a great place for



alumnae to share memories, network, and find mentoring opportunities. We had our first 2023 alumnae event in March in Wellington, screening *With the Heart of an Educator*, a film about our RSCJ Sisters. I look forward to meeting more alumnae at further screenings of the film this year.

Can you tell us about your life outside of Baradene?

I am currently restoring a 1965 Hillman Super Minx with my husband, which has been a learning experience, especially learning about the joys of rust repair! It is going to be a modern restoration, so it will have the great vintage style but have modern and reliable running gear. I also love the performing arts and enjoy going to see theatre productions, musical theatre in particular, live music, plays, and dance shows. I have always done some form of dance since childhood, including tap dancing, traditional Croatian Kolo dancing (beautiful costumes!), swing dancing, and I'm now dabbling in ballet for fun and exercise!

Contact Sylvanna at
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GROWING HEART NEWS

Our thanks to all who support Growing Heart.

By donating to our campaigns, making pledges or “one off” gifts, or by making a bequest, your support enables Growing Heart to provide additional funding for Baradene where it is most needed – whether for resources for students which would not otherwise be able to be provided, or for scholarships/awards to ensure equity of opportunity for all students. Thank you so much!

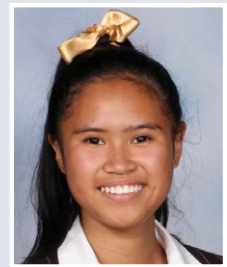
We are delighted to announce that the Hugo Charitable Trust has made another major donation to Growing Heart’s Student Scholarship and Support Fund.



We are very grateful to Maryanne Green and the Trustees of the Hugo Charitable Trust for this generous donation, which will provide a scholarship for a deserving 2024 Year 7 student. The Scholarship will pay the recipients’ College financial contributions and related costs (including for uniform, camps, laptop, music, sport and cultural participation) throughout the seven years of her education at Baradene. The Scholarship will have an immense impact on the recipient’s life, setting her on the path to future success. The Hugo Charitable Trust (hugocharitabletrust.nz) was established in 2017 by Maryanne Green “to continue the legacy of helping others started by her father, Hugh Green.” Growing Heart now administers three Hugo Charitable Trust Education Scholarships.

Congratulations to the 2022 Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship recipient Jodi Orias (Class of 2022).

Thanks to a generous bequest of \$100,000 from Josephine McHugh (née Barnao), alumna and past Principal of Erskine College (Baradene’s sister school which closed in 1985), Growing Heart administers the Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship, awarded each year to a deserving Year 13 student to assist with the costs of their first year of study at a New Zealand university. Jodi has commenced first year Architecture at the University of Victoria in Wellington, and is planning a career in landscape architecture. In Jodi’s words:



“It’s an honour to be the recipient of the Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship for 2022. Receiving this scholarship will help me achieve my goals in becoming an architect. It gives me the opportunity to really invest my time into my studies and achieve at a high level.”

The 2021 Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship Recipient, Cassandra Ekanayake (Class of 2021) has successfully completed her first year conjoint Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Auckland. As Cassandra told us:

“I am incredibly grateful for the Erskine Barnao Fund Scholarship, as it will assist me to achieve my educational goals by easing the financial stress that comes with university.”

Congratulations to the 2022 Deirdre McKay Piano Award Recipient, Olivia Zhu.

Thanks to the generous bequest of alumna Deirdre McOnie (née McKay), this prize is awarded annually to a promising Year 11 piano student to assist with the costs of piano tuition.



2022 Sydney BioTech Symposium

Three enterprising 2022 Year 11 students were jointly awarded a Growing Heart grant to assist with the costs of travel to attend the BioTech Symposium in Sydney in August 2022. There, as finalists, they presented their design project for an automatic hand sanitiser and door opener which aims to reduce hospital-acquired infections.

The 2022 HFC Group Engineering Scholarship was awarded jointly to Sophia Copley and Alex McLauchlan (Class of 2022).



Thanks to a generous donation from HFC Group, this scholarship will assist Sophia and Alex with the costs of their study towards a Bachelor of Engineering degree at the University of Canterbury, which they both commenced this year.



Left: Sophia Copley. Right: Alex McLauchlan.

Makerspace update

The students are making the most of the Baradene Makerspace, made possible thanks to the support of the Baradene community during the 2022 Giving Week fundraising campaign. Will Winter, manager of the Makerspace, says:

“Students are using the Makerspace before, during and after school. We have dedicated lunch times for Years 7-8 and Years 9-10. Classes from Economics, Science, Maths, Languages, English, Social Sciences, and Technology have booked the Makerspace this term. On average, there will be three or more different classes a day using the space, with the same number of students using it outside of class. Most students are able to make something, assemble, and paint it in one day. Others spend a few weeks in their own time making 3D models, such as the 3D brain. One student is making it her goal this year to create a full-size motorised set of angel wings for a costume.”



2023 Growing Heart Fundraising Campaign – fit out of the new gym



Growing Heart's focus this year is to raise funds for the equipment needed for the new gym. See pages 14-15 to find out more about this project. There will be more information on the campaign in the coming weeks!



With the Heart of an Educator

We held a second screening of the film *With the Heart of an Educator: Stories from the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Baradene Convent* at the Empire Cinema & Eatery in Wellington on 22 March. It was a wonderful occasion, and an opportunity for alumnae from Baradene and our sister schools, Erskine and Cottesmore (both now closed) to reconnect and reflect on the unique Sacred Heart education provided by the RSCJ over more than 140 years in New Zealand. Special guests included Sister Anne de Stacpoole RSCJ (Erskine alumna and featured in the film), Principal Sandy Pasley, and Growing Heart Trustee Gavin Rennie. We plan more screenings this year for our Auckland community, and online screenings for those alumnae overseas or unable to attend the Auckland screenings.



Farewell from Development Manager Stephanie Graham (née Mitchell, Class of 1982). After six-and-a-half years at Baradene, Stephanie decided to step down from her role at the end of 2022.

Stephanie says, “I have greatly enjoyed being involved with the development of the Growing Heart Foundation and building wider community and alumnae support for Baradene students. The Foundation is now well established and in a strong position to contribute towards better resources for Baradene. Thanks to the joint efforts of the Development Office and the Alumnae Association Committee, and with the digital platform Baradene Connect now up and running, more alumnae than ever remain connected to Baradene, so I feel now is a good time to ‘pass the baton’. With Sylvanna Andzakovic (see page 36) working full-time in a dedicated Alumnae Relations Manager role and Anna Stone as Growing Heart Foundation Manager, I am sure the Development Office will go from strength to strength. One of the favourite parts of my role was getting to know other alumnae, and I look forward to continuing that connection at Alumnae Association and Foundation events in the future. I will also continue to be involved with *Baradene Heart* magazine, so it’s not really farewell. As all alumnae know, you never really leave Baradene, and Baradene never really leaves you. Thank you to all who have supported me in my role over the years. It’s been a pleasure to work with you.”

Thank you for your support

The Baradene community, through Growing Heart, is playing a very real part in preserving and nurturing Baradene’s special character and “growing our heart”. Cor Unum!

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How to donate

It is now very easy to donate to Baradene’s Growing Heart Foundation. If you are looking for a way to give back to Baradene, simply go to baradene.school.nz/our-community/growing-heart-foundation and donate! Growing Heart supports Baradene by raising funds for the Student Scholarship and Support Fund, the Staff Support Fund, the College Facilities Fund, and through a Trustees Discretionary Fund to safeguard Baradene’s special character.





ALUMNAE NEWS

2022 President Alice Gallagher and student leaders present Mary-Louise Browne with her 2022 Alumnae Meritae Award.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW BARADENE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Karla Brennan (née Smith, Class of 1992) is the newly elected Alumnae Association President. She appreciates that a Sacred Heart Education teaches students to think critically, to communicate effectively, and to collaborate with others. These skills are particularly important in her role as National Restaurant Solutions Group Manager and part of the Senior Leadership team at McDonald's New Zealand. Karla is now a proud alumnae mother, her daughter having just commenced her own Baradene journey in Year 7 (yes, there were a few tears of excitement when dropping her off for the first time). While the uniform may have changed just a little, the spirit and values of Baradene have not.

As the new President, Karla leads the Alumnae Association Committee, which is made up of a dedicated group of alumnae who work hard to keep alumnae connected with the College and other alumnae. They are remarkable women who are a pleasure to work with, learn from, and who truly embody the Cor Unum Spirit. Karla is looking forward to supporting our alumnae community and building connections together.

Alumnae Association President Karla Brennan shares her enthusiasm for the year ahead.

2022 was a year of reconnection for Baradene alumnae. One of the Alumnae Association's primary values is to provide a sense of community and connection among all alumnae. After more than two years of social distancing, virtual events, and remote work, everyone was eager to reconnect with each other in person.

It was a blessing to be able to host events such as the Five-Year Leavers' Reunion and the Meritae Award High Tea celebration. We had really missed these face-to-face events as they provide opportunities to build and strengthen relationships among alumnae and are essential for connection, mentorship, and a sense of community. The events are built on long-standing traditions, they give us the opportunity to reminisce about our time at Baradene and our memories of attending them over the years are precious. We look forward to seeing alumnae at events in 2023 and we will be in contact with information and dates soon.

The committee was greatly saddened to lose Viki Cullen, a longstanding and greatly valued committee member, in March. There is a full tribute to Viki on page 42. We would also like to acknowledge our committee member Ann Turnbull, who has stepped down after five years of service. Ann has been invaluable with her knowledge of the school, her leadership and production of *With the Heart of an Educator*, the film about our RSCJ Sisters, and her help with alumnae events, particularly the high tea floral arrangements! Annie, your Cor Unum spirit will be missed, but we feel sure we will see you at many alumnae events in the future.

Thank you to all those who support the Baradene Alumnae Association and assist in reconnecting alumnae and building relationships. Thank you to those who volunteer their time on the Alumnae Association Committee. We are so fortunate to have your support.

Mary-Louise Browne (Class of 1975) is our Meritae Award Recipient for 2022.

Mary-Louise attended the Elam School of Fine Arts, graduating in 1982 with a Master of Fine Arts. She quickly gained recognition for her exceptional talent and became one of New Zealand’s most acclaimed contemporary artists.

Mary Louise uses text in lieu of imagery to convey social and political commentaries and has become well known for her use of text on traditional sculptural forms presenting meticulously chosen words on stone blocks to make single units that progress sequentially. Usually, in these transmutations, the number of letters in each word is consistent, with a single letter changing each time to reveal, in their progression, a witty aphorism.

Two of her best-known works are public commissions: *Byword*,

a series of nine stone benches running the length of Lorne Street in Auckland City, and *Body to Soul*, a granite staircase in the Wellington Botanic Gardens. We are honoured to have a piece of her work at Baradene – *Give to Gift*, the marble sculpture installed on the lawn in front of the Duchesne building.

In 2016, to commemorate the launch of Baradene’s Growing Heart Foundation, Mary-Louise gave generously of her talent and time to design “One Heart” tiles made with marble from the old Baradene Jubilee Wing Chapel.

Mary-Louise was the first director of the Auckland artist-run gallery Artspace and despite achieving great success, she has remained grounded and committed to her roots. She has always been proud of her education at Baradene and credits her time here with instilling a sense of discipline, determination, and a passion for art that has stayed with her throughout her life.



We would also like to acknowledge our 2021 Meritae Award recipient, Sheilagh Fitzgerald (Class of 1968).

Sheilagh’s dedication to her work in education and love for children is legendary. In her work, she brings to the forefront the words of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat: “Be humble, be simple, and bring joy to others.” She is encouraging to those around her, always positive, generous, and committed to all that she does. Thank you, Sheilagh, for helping those around you and sharing the values and the ethos of the Sacred Heart. We presented Sheilagh with her award at the premiere screening of *With the Heart of an Educator* in September 2022.





FAREWELL, DEAR FRIEND

We celebrate the life of Viki Cullen (née Ragg, Class of 1963), AMASC Representative and Baradene Alumnae Association Committee member, who passed away on 5 March 2023.

Victoria Julie Petrie Ragg was born in Fiji on 2 May 1945. Her family were of European ethnicity but had lived in Fiji for many generations. Viki’s father was a solicitor in Ba and Viki enjoyed an exotic and romantic childhood in Fiji. She loved Fiji and maintained a special relationship with her birth country all her life.

Viki came to Baradene as a boarder when she was only eight years old. She travelled each term from Fiji with her older sister Christine “Kiri” Rodwell (née Ragg, Class of 1960). She loved her time at Baradene and made many lifelong friends.

In the 1960s she married her husband, Brian Cullen, and they had four children: Damian, Georgina, Christopher, and Matthew. Viki was devoted to her family and greatly enjoyed becoming a grandmother and then a great-grandmother in later life. Her daughter Georgina Shelley (née Cullen, Class of 1989) also attended Baradene.

Viki was very involved in parish life and was well known and appreciated for her work in Glendowie Parish and later in the Parish of St Michael’s in Remuera, where she gave great assistance to Monsignor Brian Arahill and, following his retirement, to Father Tony Dunn.

Viki remained close to Baradene all her life. She had an unwavering faith and built strong friendships with the RSCJ Sisters who live on site at Baradene, and was a regular visitor to them. She was very passionate about Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat as a faith giver and leader well ahead of her time. Viki also had a family connection to the RSCJ as her cousin, Sister Ragg, was head of the Boarding school at Baradene in the 1970s and 1980s.

Viki was a long-time member of the Baradene Alumnae Association Committee and was still an active member at the time of her death. She was an incredible support to Mel Watson (Class of 1983) and Alice Gallagher (Class of 2008)

during their respective times as President. Her great knowledge about Baradene and her many links in the alumnae community were invaluable.

Her fellow alumnae committee members say, “Viki was the go-to person on the Alumnae Committee. She was a font of knowledge on all things alumnae, both local and global. She generously gave her time to host alumnae in her home, prepare gifts and raffles, send beautifully written cards, and arrange individual leavers’ gifts for the Year 13 students each year. Viki blessed us with her updates on the RSCJ Sisters and kept us all centred on the Sacred Heart and importance of connection with each other. The alumnae committee is immeasurably better off for Viki’s years of service and heart, and we will forever be grateful for her dedication, joyfulness, and genuine love of all things Cor Unum. The gap Viki leaves is immense, but so too is her incredible legacy.”

Viki was also involved with AMASC, the World Association of Alumnae of the Sacred Heart. She was the New Zealand representative for AMASC for many years, a position she held right up until she died. Viki represented Baradene alumnae at many AMASC conferences overseas and was a great advocate for the international alumnae community that AMASC offered Baradene alumnae.



Viki representing Baradene at AMASC (with Alice Gallagher bottom left).

Viki was always focussed on furthering alumnae connection, and at the Alumnae Association AGM in 2022, she expressed a desire for Baradene to take part in hosting an AMASC conference in the future.

Viki's Requiem Mass was held in her beloved local Parish of Saint Michael's on Saturday 11 March. There was a huge gathering of parishioners, RSCJ Sisters, fellow Alumnae Association Committee members (past and present), and alumnae who all came to support her family and farewell their much-loved friend.

Father Tony Dunn officiated and described Viki as "made for friendship" with her warm and engaging personality, ready smile, and genuine interest in people. During the service he presented her with a *tabua*, the polished tooth of a sperm whale, which is a Fijian custom, a mark of respect, and a great honour. She also received a special blessing from Sister Elizabeth Snedden RSCJ. Toward the end of the Mass, alumnae voices joined together to sing Baradene's school hymn, "Heart of our God", in tribute to Viki.



Top: Viki with the 2018 Alumnae Association Committee. Bottom left: Viki with Sister D'Ath. Bottom right: With daughter Georgina at an Alumnae High Tea.



A class photo from 1960.

Back row: Helen Graham, Mary Ann Thomson, Helen Smith, Vivienne Donaldson, Willy Seuren, Margaret O'Shea, Pamela Street, Louise Peters. Second row: Dianne Corbett, Virginia Foote, Michelle Bowkett, Jane Garland, Clemency Ellis, Christine Beckett, Margaret Roach, Margaret Baker, Rosanne O'Loughlen.

Third row: Marie Blake, Julianne Wright, Antoinette Dunne, Christina Coyle, Gillian Peacocke, Julie Beckinsale, Lenore Pulham, Marie Hasler. Fourth row: Anne Meagher, Erin Hales, Annette Beasley, Christine Wilson, Victoria Ragg, Ann Butler, Noline Price, Joan Paul, Dianna Clarke. Front Row: Karen Tanner, Jacqueline Rundell, Josephine Simmons, Susan Obren, Julleen Linehan, Gabrielle Maire, Anne Marie McIlwain, Katherine O'Sullivan.



A COLOURFUL LIFE

The colourful Kingsland home of Louise Hilsz (Class of 2002), which she shares with her partner Ben and Pickle the Pekingese, was featured in the February 2023 edition of NZ House & Garden.

Louise attended Baradene from 1996 until 2002. Two of her older sisters, Ellen and Clare, also attended. At Baradene, Louise studied photography and drama, which fuelled her creative side. She was interested in style from a young age, and remembers admiring Mrs Begg, her drama teacher, who was creative and stylish. Her photography teacher, Miss Dempsey, was also super-stylish (she wore buffalo boots!) and influenced her love of fashion. Louise also credits Baradene's brown uniform for inspiring her love for colour. Nothing she now owns or wears is brown, and the dreaded colour of Baradene's former school uniform was even mentioned in the *NZ House & Garden* article! Louise recalls that on one of her school camps, in Year 7 or 8, the students took part in a fashion show. Her mum sewed her an "epic" look which Louise had designed, and she shaped her hair using soap.

In Year 13, Louise was House Leader for Barat and had great fun putting together the production and costumes for the House Parades. Looking back, Louise says it's not too dissimilar to what she now does with event styling and organising.



Left: Louise in the Year 7/8 school camp fashion show.



Right: Behind the scenes shooting on location at Salvation Mountain in California with BeautyEQ.

Louise's first job after Baradene was working in fashion and retail as manager and buyer for the Sunglass Bar, where she worked for seven years. She completed a Diploma in Business and at age 23, Louise opened her own fashion boutique in Newmarket called Winks, where she sold local clothing brands and vintage pieces.

At Winks, Louise met iconic fashion designer Kevin Berkahn, who became a dear friend and mentor. Kevin introduced Louise to Natalie Bridges, then editor of *Simply You* magazine. The global financial crisis made running a retail store extremely challenging, so Louise closed Winks and was hired by Natalie as a fashion assistant for *Simply You*. She ended up working as the fashion and style editor for the magazine for nine years. Louise then left print and moved to *BeautyEQ*, a digital magazine which she still works for. Louise's career in magazines has taken her all over the world styling fashion shoots on location in Tokyo, London, Hawaii, New Orleans, LA, Palm Springs, Buenos Aires, Paris, South of France, Florence, Rome, South Africa, and Australia. She also does freelance fashion and interior styling for TVNZ, *NZ House & Garden* and, travelling full circle, is a style consultant and digital content creator back at the Sunglass Bar.

During her career, Louise has had the privilege of working for some incredible women who she has remained friends with, and some of whom she now considers family. Louise's advice to young women is to never underestimate the working relationships that you can make and the power of hardworking, strong women; she feels so lucky to have had the opportunity to learn from the best.

Louise is grateful to Baradene for the amazing, loyal, and long-lasting friendships she made at school. Even now, her school friends remain very close to her. They are a "mixed bunch" who have all gone on to be successful, and she is so proud of them all.

You can follow Louise's colourful life on Instagram @louisehilsz

Celebrating the achievements of Baradene alumnae, both in their professional and personal lives.

Eleanor Briggs (Class of 2015) attended the University of Otago, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Science (First Class) in Anthropology, Psychology, and Spanish in 2020. Eleanor spent the final six months of her degree on exchange at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid in Spain. In 2020 Eleanor was accepted into the University of St Andrews, Scotland, to study a year-long Master of Research programme. Delayed due to the pandemic, Eleanor began her Master's in September 2021 and graduated with her MRes in Anthropology, Art, and Perception with Distinction in November 2022.



Congratulations to **Gabrielle Salmon (Class of 2020)**, who was named Advance Novice Champion at the World Down Syndrome Gymnastics Championships held in Ponte di Legno, Italy in December 2022. A fantastic way for Gabrielle to end her Rhythmic Gymnastics career! Gabrielle is pictured in Italy wearing her medal with her coach Lena Malkova.



In recognition for her high level of achievement while studying for her undergraduate double degrees in Bachelor of Business and Communication Studies, **Dominique Koloamatangi (Class of 2016)** was recently acknowledged by the Auckland University of Technology and inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma – the International Honour Society for collegiate schools of business. COVID-19 had delayed the ceremony taking place for some time, and in the intervening period, Dominique has also completed her Master's Degree specialising in Management. She is currently finishing up her role working as a Pacific Student Recruitment Officer at the University of Auckland and will begin a new role with Deloitte NZ as a Programme and Event Coordinator.



Our alumnae staff members **Sherna Matta** and **Stefan Krechowec** met while they were both teaching at Baradene. After they left their roles here, they stayed in contact with each other. They recently got married during the 2022 Term 3 school holidays. In November last year, they came back to the Baradene staffroom to celebrate their marriage with all their Baradene friends.



Zosia Herlihy-O'Brien (Class of 2018) is “delighted and humbled” to have been accepted to study at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Having completed her Bachelor of Music at the University of Auckland, Zosia will begin her Master of Music at the Royal Academy in September this year, studying Violin, with Organ and Conducting as secondary study specialisms. Since 2021 Zosia has been the Director of Music (organist and choirmaster) at St Mark’s Church in Remuera. Before she leaves New Zealand, Zosia has also received two musical fellowships: The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Conducting Fellowship, which brings the opportunity to conduct the NZSO in Wellington, and the Michael Hill Violin Fellowship, involving public masterclasses and performances in Queenstown and Auckland.



Natalia Maria Tuapola (née Schollum, Class of 2014) married **Fionn Thomas Tuapola (Sacred Heart College Class of 2014)** on 11 March 2023 at the McCallum Residence, Clevedon. Monsignor Bernard Kiely officiated at the wedding ceremony.



In November 2022, a group of alumnae from the **Class of 1960** (the Third Form Class of 1956) held a luncheon reunion in the Parlour at Baradene to celebrate their 80th birthday year. Baradene used to have a junior school, and some of these alumnae came to Baradene as five-year-olds, and so have known each other for 75 years. This group has held frequent reunions over the years, and it is amazing that they are still coming together to reminisce about their time at Baradene and share their Cor Unum spirit.



In January **Alice Gallagher (Class of 2008)** and fiancé Blane welcomed daughter Bridie Saoirse to their family. Alice is a teacher at Baradene and is currently on maternity leave, and is also the immediate Past President of the Baradene Alumnae Association.



In October 2022 **Maria Dew KC (Class of 1983)** was appointed as the President of the New Zealand Bar Association. Maria joined the independent bar in 2000 and was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2018. She is a member of Britomart Chambers in Auckland.



1958 Form 5 Class photo

Terry Doonan (Class of 1962) was a boarder at Baradene, travelling to Auckland from her home in Blenheim. She has a long association with Baradene and RSCJ education, as her grandmother and great aunt (who became Sister Baptise, a nun with Sister Aubert) attended Sacre Coeur in Timaru.



In August 2022, Terry went on a Pilgrimage to the 42nd performance of the Passion Play in the German town of Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps. The history of the play goes back to the early 17th century when the plague was spreading through Europe and causing the death of millions. In 1633 the villagers of Oberammergau prayed, vowing that if God spared them from the plague they would perform a play depicting the life and death of Jesus. The village was spared any further deaths from plague and since 1634, the village has performed the Passion Play every 10 years. The play is in German and takes five hours with a three-hour interval. Terry found it very authentic and moving and said the Passion Play choir and orchestra were truly beautiful to hear, like being at an opera.



Trelise Dance (Class of 2022) is joining the Northern Arizona University Swimming team in August 2023, studying Biomedical Science. Trelise has been awarded a four-year fully paid scholarship to both study and swim. NAU Swim & Dive team have just achieved their 10th consecutive WAC conference title win. Coach Andy Johns says, “We’re super excited... Trelise’s breaststroke times are going to be at the top of the conference which will keep that breaststroke group strong.” During her time at Baradene, Trelise competed at the 2018 New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships, winning three gold medals in the 50m, 100m, and 200m breaststroke events. Trelise competed for the United Swimming Club at the 2022 New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships, earning three gold medals in the 100m breaststroke, the 4x50m open medley relay, and the 4x100m open medley relay events. We wish Trelise all the best as she leaves New Zealand to compete for the Lumberjacks at NAU.

Congratulations to the following alumnae on their amazing cricket achievements!

Fran Jonas (Class of 2021) continues to receive recognition for her cricketing potential. In January she was named one of the “Top 10 stars of New Zealand sport under the age of 21” by *Stuff* and as one of the *New Zealand Herald’s* “Five for the future: Rising Kiwi cricket stars to watch”. Fran has had an exciting season of cricket despite an injury which meant she had to withdraw from the ICC Women’s Under 19 T20 World Cup. Highlights included the White Ferns tour of the Caribbean, the T20 and ODI games against Bangladesh, then playing in the ICC Women’s T20 World Cup in South Africa.

Molly Penfold (Class of 2019) has also had a great season. Molly says the White Ferns tour of the Caribbean in October, where they won both the T20 and ODI series, was a definite highlight. Molly was also selected for the ODI squad to play Bangladesh and then joined fellow alumna Fran to represent New Zealand playing in the ICC Women’s T20 World Cup in South Africa in February.



Fran Jonas and Molly Penfold as part of the White Ferns team celebrating their ODI series win against Bangladesh.

In November 2022 Prue Catton (Class of 2021) was named in the NZ Cricket Women’s Development Squad to tour India and play a series of T20 matches against India and the West Indies. This was the first time NZ Cricket had ever sent a women’s development squad away on tour. The team went on to a 2-0 series win against the West Indies cricket U19 team. Prue is one to watch not only for her cricket skills, but for her leadership ability. At age 19 she was named as stand-in Captain of the Auckland Hearts.





In October last year, **Yvette Thomas (Class of 1984)** was delighted to receive first prize in the Caselberg Trust International Poetry Prize. Judge Glenn Colquhoun awarded Yvette's poem *Not what you wanted* the prize, saying, "It sang. It hurt. And it made me recognise the hurt in all of us." Yvette's winning poem was published in *Landfall* 244 (Spring 2022). Yvette has always enjoyed creative writing and started to write poems while she was a student at Baradene, saying, "The first writing prize I ever won was the Baradene Literary Cup in 1982. It meant so much to me. Also, my Form 2 teacher Mr Smith, and my English teacher Miss Barry-Martin, really encouraged me with my writing and instilled confidence. I feel lucky to have had them as my teachers." Yvette was accepted to study for a Masters of Creative Writing in 2022 at the University of Auckland.

In Memoriam

We remember the alumnae and members of the Baradene community who have recently passed.

Evelyn Yvonne Rosser (née Kelliher, Class of 1944) died on 13 August 2022, aged 95. Known as Yvonne, she was the daughter of the late Sir Henry and Lady Evelyn Kelliher. Yvonne attended Baradene from 1936 to 1944. She remembered her Baradene years fondly and maintained lifelong connections with the RSCJ Sisters who taught her and the friends she made. Her three sisters, Iris, Adrienne, and Pamela, and brother Henry (a student during the time the school admitted boys) also attended Baradene. Yvonne married Des Rosser and had two sons, Christopher and Brian, and was much-loved by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robyn Carew (née McClure, Class of 1952) died on 2 November 2022. Robyn attended Baradene from 1947 to 1952, and was Deputy Head Girl in 1952. Many members of the McClure family attended Baradene, and Robyn was at school with many sisters and cousins. She later taught at both Erskine and Baradene. She married and had seven daughters, and was much-loved by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In total, 28 members of the wider family have attended Baradene over four generations, including many nieces, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters.

Alumnae staff member **Virginia Amelia Sylvia Muir** died on 18 September 2022, aged 69. Virginia taught History and Social Studies at Baradene. She was a vibrant teacher, passionate about her subject area and dedicated to bringing history alive for her students. Outside of school, she was mother to her son Will, a great traveller, and a very keen gardener. She was a loyal friend to many teachers at Baradene. Virginia is remembered fondly by many of her students for her exceptional intellect and ability to teach high-level writing skills, along with her flair for fashion and sense of humour.

Erskine College alumna **Charlotte Hester Williams** died in September 2022, aged 78. Charlotte attended two Sacred Heart schools – the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Island Bay in Wellington (later Erskine College), and then, following a family tradition set by her grandmother, mother and three sisters, she completed her secondary education at Woldingham School (previously Roehampton) in Surrey, England. She won an Open Scholarship to Lady Margaret Hall at Oxford University, where she read law. After postings to Brussels and Washington, DC with the New Zealand Foreign Affairs Department, she attended the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, where she came top in her Master's in Economics class. She then transferred to the Justice Department, retiring as a Deputy Secretary. Charlotte gave the address "Women Making a Difference" at the Erskine-Sacre Coeur Centenary celebration in Island Bay, Wellington on 14 May 2005, and captured brilliantly the joys and complexities of being part of those communities. She concluded her speech, "As educated women with a strong background of independent thinking, we can make a difference in our social and political life by exercising independent judgement, drawing on an awareness of how prejudice works and of the need to cross boundaries between different groups, and of accepting an obligation to inform ourselves and to think about how we would see things if we were in the other party's shoes."



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