



ST IGNATIUS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



HEADS UP!

We are HAPPY – HARI

This means that we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus
like Saint Mary MacKillop and

"Find happiness in making others happy."

I am thankful for the happiness I feel inside and the gifts God has given me. I choose ways to make others happy. I enjoy my work and play.

*"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" John 15:11-12
Jesus' Last Supper discourse to his Disciples (John, Chapters 13-17)*

Friday 25th July

Kia ora koutou

OUR FAITH

Sharing the Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

'Lord, teach us to pray.'

Prayer can feel like a mystery. Sometimes we don't know what to say. Other times, we feel like we're talking into a void. But this week, Jesus cuts through all that confusion. His disciples – ordinary people like us – ask him, "Lord, teach us to pray." And in response, he doesn't give them a theology lecture. He gives them the Our Father – a prayer so simple a child can memorise it, yet so deep it can reshape your soul.

Jesus invites us to pray as children of a loving Father – not as beggars hoping for crumbs, but as daughters and sons claiming our inheritance. He shows us that God is not distant or disinterested. God ***listens***. God ***cares***. God ***gives***. God ***provides***. Even when we don't understand the delays or the silence, Jesus tells us to ***keep knocking*** – not because God needs convincing, but because we need transforming.

But here's the challenge: Do we pray with ***expectation***, or with low hopes? Do we seek God's will with open hands, or are we just trying to get God to rubber-stamp our plans? Jesus promises: ***"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."*** That's not a blank cheque. It's an invitation to enter a relationship with God – one marked by ***trust***, ***persistence***, and ***humility***.

This Gospel confronts us with a radical truth: **God wants to give us the Holy Spirit**. Not just good things. Not just help with rent or healing or daily needs. God desires to pour God's life into us, if we'll just be open. That's the core of it. That's the real gift.

www.gpbs.com.au

Eastern Bays Catholic Jubilee Quiz Night

Where: St Ignatius Parish Centre

When: Saturday 2nd August at 7pm

Tickets: \$20 each purchased online via our website www.easternbayscatholic.org.nz

Join us for a fun-filled Quiz Night celebrating the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year and to fundraise for our pastoral area - Eastern Bays.

This family-friendly event will feature engaging quizzes for all ages, exciting raffles and spot prizes. Just bring a plate and your own drinks.

Bring your whānau, friends, and neighbours or simply bring yourself along for an evening of fun and camaraderie.

OUR LEARNING

Timatanga Assembly

Today our junior children gathered together for assembly and Year 1 students led us in prayer and shared their learning about God's creation.

Well done to everyone who received their Celebration of Learning Certificates.



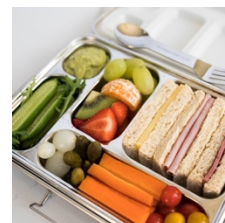
Advance notice of half day

On Thursday 14th of August school will finish at 12pm as staff will be attending a Kahui Ako conference at Sacred Heart College.

We appreciate that this may be inconvenient for some families and will let SKIDS know to see if they can provide care for extended hours on the day.

Plastic Free Mondays

Keep up the great effort with the plastic free lunches on Mondays. Well done to those of you who also manage to make every day plastic free!



OUR PLACE

School Board Elections 2025

This is a reminder that nominations are currently open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the St Ignatius School Board.

Schooled ElectionPilot have been appointed as the Returning Officer for this election.

You should have already been sent a nomination form by email or by post however, if you need additional nomination forms, or forms in Te Reo Māori or a different language, please contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

Nominations close at noon on **Wednesday 6 August 2025**. Nominations can be submitted by email, through the Election Pilot system at www.electionpilot.nz or by returning the completed nomination form to the school office. You may provide a candidate statement and photograph with your nomination (recommended).

The electoral roll is held at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.



Enrolments for 2026

We are currently processing enrolments for children starting school in 2026. The forms can be downloaded from the website www.stignatius.school.nz or can be collected from the school office at 72 Speight Rd. If you are aware of friends or family whose children turn 5 next year, please encourage them to complete the enrolment and preference forms on time. This assists us with our forward planning for 2026.

Applications close on 31st August and acceptance letters go out in September.

OUR PEOPLE

Staff changes

Miss Moeka Yamamoto will be working 5 days a week from next Monday as a Learning Assistant and we welcome her to our staff full-time.

At the end of this term we will be farewelling Mrs Alana Morgan who has recently resigned from her position. Alana has been with us for 6 years as an Associate Principal and SENCO. She has done a great job and contributed a lot to our school over this time. We are very sad to have her leave but excited for her as she moves on to a new opportunity working for the Ministry of Education as a curriculum advisor.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cabato family following the recent death of McKayla's grandfather in the Philippines.

Friends and Family

Move-a-thon fundraiser

Thanks to Ange Sorenson for holding a Fast Fitness class last week. It was great to see many of the children trying something new!

If you haven't signed your child up yet, it's not too late.

Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship from anyone, anywhere!

Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at:

<https://stignatiusschoolmoveathon.raiseit.co.nz/>

Click on the SETUP A FUNDRAISING PAGE button.

If you need any help email help@raiseitfundraising.com for direct assistance

Multiple children in your family? No problem, all children can sit under the same email address. You'll find a button to set up another page while logged in to the fundraising account you created first.

St Ignatius School Code of Conduct

A reminder to please read Our Community Code of Conduct (see below) which is also available on the school website.

Have a great weekend everyone
Kia pai ō rā whakatā

Jane Penney
Principal – Tumuaki

OUR CALENDAR	
Note: for the most up to date information check the calendar on our website https://www.stignatius.school.nz/	
TERM 3, 2025	
Week 3 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6	
Monday 28 th July	Eastern Zone Gymnastics Competition
Monday 28 th July	Plastic Free lunch day
Thursday 31 st July	St Ignatius Feast Day
Friday 1 st August	Whole School Cross Country at Glover Park
Week 4 Te Waipuna Collection Rangitoto Hapu - Years 2 & 5	
Monday 4 th August	Plastic Free lunch day
Wednesday 6 th August	Nominations for School Board close
Thursday 7 th August	School Board meeting 7pm
Friday 8 th August	St Mary MacKillop Feast Day
Friday 8 th August	Whole School Assembly 9am
Week 5 Te Waipuna Collection Tamaki Hapu – Years 0,1 & 4	
Monday 11 th August	Plastic Free lunch day
Tuesday 12 th August	Bay Suburbs Cross Country
Thursday 14 th August	School closed from 12pm due to staff attending conference offsite
Friday 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption
Week 6 Te Waipuna Collection Waitematā Hapu - Years 3 & 6	
Tongan Language Week	
Monday 18 th August	Plastic Free Monday
Wednesday 20 th August	Rangitoto Hapu Mass (Year 2 & 5)
Friday 22 nd August	School Discos
2025 Term dates:	
Term 3 Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September	
Term 4 Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December	
2026 Term dates:	
Term 1 Monday 2 nd February – Thursday 2 nd April	
Term 2 Monday 20 April – Friday July 3 rd	
Term 3 Monday 20 th July – Friday 25 th September	
Term 4 Monday October 12 th -TBC	

St Ignatius Catholic School

COMMUNITY CODE OF CONDUCT

for parents, caregivers, visitors

St Ignatius Catholic School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors.

Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and school visitors that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical well-being, and not harm it in any way. The school's board has set this Code of Conduct as a condition of entry.

The Code of Conduct applies:

- to all conduct, speech, and action, and includes emails, texts, phone calls, social media, or other communication
- while on school grounds or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (such as a camp or sports match).

Standards of conduct

St Ignatius Catholic School expects parents, caregivers, and visitors to:

- treat everyone with respect
- work together in partnership with staff for the benefit of students
- respect and adhere to our school values
- set a good example for students at all times
- follow school procedures to handle any complaints
- adhere to school policies and procedures (such as those listed below), and any legal requirements.

Examples of unsuitable conduct include:

- threats, bullying, harassment
- profanity/offensive language
- insulting, abusing, or intimidating behaviour
- discrimination (e.g. based on ethnicity, religion)
- physical aggression
- deception/fraud
- damaging school property
- smoking or possessing or using alcohol/drugs/other harmful substances on school premises or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (except possession or use of alcohol in accordance with school policy)
- placing unreasonable and excessive expectations on staff time or resources
- pursuing a complaint or campaign, or making defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments, regarding the school, its board, or any staff or students on social media or other public forums
- wearing gang insignia on the school grounds. (This is not allowed under the Prohibition of Gang Insignia legislation, and anyone wearing it will be asked to leave).

Dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct

How St Ignatius Catholic School deals with breaches of our Code of Conduct depends on the nature of the incident and its seriousness, and the process any witness or victim of the behaviour feels most comfortable with. Examples include:

- documenting each instance of behaviour, including the date, time, place, who was present, what was said (verbatim if possible), how any witness or victim felt and/or responded
- holding a meeting with the relevant person, the principal, and/or board chair (or their delegate) or appropriate staff member to discuss the problem and possible resolution
- issuing a warning letter that outlines the problem and required resolution, and reminds them of the possible outcomes of repeated conduct
- arranging a meeting, which may include restorative practices, as an alternative or in addition to the processes above.

Outcomes of breaching the Code of Conduct

If a parent, caregiver, or visitor acts or speaks in a way that contravenes the Code of Conduct, possible outcomes may include:

- The school, through the board, may ask a person to leave the school premises by revoking their permission to be on the school grounds, then asking them to leave under section 3 of the Trespass Act 1980.
- Unacceptable behaviour of a criminal nature will result in the police being informed. For example, under section 139C of the Education Act 1989, it is a criminal offence to assault, abuse, or intimidate a staff member within the presence or hearing of any student while on school premises or in any other place where students are assembled for school purposes. Other instances of criminal offending may occur where drugs are involved, an assault has occurred, or a person persists after being trespassed off school grounds.
- In the case of behaviour amounting to harassment, a restraining order may be sought.
- In some instances, it may be appropriate to refer behaviour to a third party for resolution. For example, a Facebook comment that contravenes this policy may result in a report to Facebook. If unacceptable behaviour occurs at a sports event or sports venue, then it may be appropriate to involve the governing body of that sport, event, or venue.

A promotional poster for Orakei Junior Volleyball. The background is dark blue. A large white circle in the upper half contains the text 'Orakei Junior Volleyball' in a colorful, stylized font. To the right of this circle, there are two overlapping circles: a light blue one with the text 'Volleyball for Years 5 to 8' and a yellow one with 'Quality Coaching'. Below the white circle, there are colorful silhouettes of five children in various volleyball poses (jumping, reaching, etc.) and several colorful volleyball balls (yellow, green, purple, blue, red).

Orakei Junior Volleyball

Volleyball for Years 5 to 8


Quality Coaching

Volleyball is a global game that is growing fast in New Zealand schools.

Locally, there are now great programmes for students in Years 5 to 8 catering for all levels.

For more information and to register please go to:
www.sporty.co.nz/orakeijuniorvolleyball

"ALONE AGAIN ? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 5-7 September. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organization that provides support for the grieving single again, and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The cost for 2 nights' accommodation, meals, and materials and follow up event is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 30 JULY. For further information please phone Karena, evenings on 021802352. www.beginningexperience.org.nz"



widowed
separated
divorced

begin
your
journey
moving
through
grief

a
weekend away
for a lifetime
of change

Friday evening
to Sunday
afternoon

Cost: \$350
Early Bird: \$325
(six weeks prior)
Accommodation, meals
and course materials included.

For further information please contact:
Karena (evenings): 021 802 352

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